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University of San Diego selects new provost

By CATHERINE
MACRAE HOCKMUTH
The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA — The University of San Diego has selected a new provost following a months-long, nationwide search that ultimately led just 10 miles up the interstate.

USD President Mary Lyons announced Tuesday that Julie Sullivan, who is currently on the faculty of the University of California, San Diego, would take over the provost position effective July 1, 2005.

Sullivan serves on the faculties of UCSD's Rady School of Management and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies, and will continue those duties for the remainder of the academic year. She replaces Anne Donnellan, who became interim provost last June following the departure of Frank Lazarus.

Lazarus, who was USD provost since 1996, is now president of the University of Dallas. Sullivan will be the university's third provost since the 1972 merger of San Diego University and San Diego College for Women. Sister Sally Furay was provost from 1972 to 1996.

A search committee led by Bethami Dobkin began looking for a new provost last May and eventually interviewed 11 semifinalists.

"Dr. Sullivan emerged from our nationwide search process as someone whose extensive acade-

mic and administrative backgrounds, as well as her proven leadership abilities, have prepared her well to take on this immensely important leadership position at USD," Lyons said.

Prior to joining UCSD's faculty, Sullivan spent 17 years at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, holding faculty and administrative positions. Sullivan served as interim dean, senior associate dean, associate dean of the master of accounting program, director of the Center for International Business Education and Research, and director of the Center for Innovation in Learning.

As provost and vice president of academic affairs, Sullivan will be the university's chief acade-

mic officer, responsible for leading all academic programs and colleges, and establishing the new Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies.

Sullivan said defining the vision of the new school would be challenging. "When you think about the word peace, it could almost encompass everything the school does," Sullivan said Wednesday. "The concept of peace is a very broad concept. It does not simply mean the absence of conflict."

Developing sustainable peace in the world requires political regulations and laws as well as economic opportunities, infrastructure and access to medical

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the school of business and a founding dean for the School of Peace Studies. Business School Dean Curtis Cook has announced his intention to return to the faculty.

Sullivan received her bachelor's degree in business administration in 1978, her master's in

accounting in 1979 and her doctorate in business administration in 1983, all at the University of Florida. Sullivan was the Ernst and Young Distinguished Professor at UNC's Kenan-Flagler School of Business.

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EXECUTIVE SPOTLIGHT

Julie H. Sullivan

UC San Diego professor **Julie H. Sullivan**, Ph.D., was named provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of San Diego. She will succeed interim provost **Anne Donnellan** on July 1. Sullivan is on the faculties of the Rady School of Management and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies at UCSD, and previously served as interim dean, senior associate dean, and director of the Center for International Business Education at the University of North Carolina. Sullivan was also an Ernst & Young distinguished professor, associate dean and associate professor at UNC. "Dr. Sullivan emerged from our nationwide search process as someone whose extensive academic and administrative backgrounds as well as her leadership abilities have prepared her well to take on this immensely important leadership position at USD," USD President **Mary E. Lyons** said in an announcement regarding Sullivan's appointment. "I am completely confident that she is well suited intellectually, philosophically and administratively to lead the academic divisions of our institution and I am delighted she will be joining us." As provost and vice president of academic affairs, Sullivan will be the chief academic officer at the university, responsible for leading all academic programs, including the College of Arts and Sciences and the



schools of Business Administration, Education, Law, and Nursing and Health Science. Sullivan will also lead the university's efforts to establish the new Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies.



LINDA VISTA

Sullivan named provost at USD

Julie H. Sullivan, a management and business professor at UC San Diego, has been named provost at the University of San Diego.

As provost, Sullivan will serve as the Catholic institution's chief academic officer and second-highest ranking administrator. She will be responsible for leading all academic programs at the school, which has about 7,000 students.

Since 2003, Sullivan has been on the faculty at UCSD's Rady School of Management and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies. Before that, she taught and held administrative positions at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

She received her bachelor's degree in business administration, her master's degree in accounting, and her Ph.D. in business administration, all from the University of Florida.

Sullivan replaces interim provost Anne Donnellan and former provost Frank Lazarus, who became the president of the University of Dallas in July.

She is married to Robert S. Sullivan, who is dean at UCSD's Rady School of Management.



Thursday, December 2, 2004

USD selects new provost

Dr. Julie Sullivan of UCSD chosen

By Ingrid Hernandez-Monroy
NEWS EDITOR

After months of searching for a qualified person to fill the position of USD's new provost, President Mary Lyons announced this week that the position will be filled by Dr. Julie Collins Sullivan.

Sullivan is currently a professor at the University of California, San Diego in the Rady School of Management. She will begin her duties as Provost at USD in July 2005.

She previously worked at the University of North Carolina, where she assumed a variety of responsibilities, including the Ernst and Young Distinguished Professor, Co-director of

the Center for Innovation and Learning, Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research, Senior Associate Dean and Interim Dean.

Sullivan's long list of scholarly publications, presentations, and records of public service caught the attention of the search committee because her achievements reflect a desirable model for the University's aspirations as an academic community.

Dr. Bethami Dobkin, department chair of communication studies, served as a facilitator during the search committee meetings, and a coordinator for the interview processes for the provost

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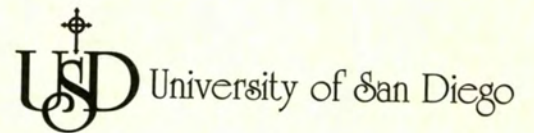
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position. Long hours of intensive interviews, phone conversations and lengthy deliberations finally paid off when Sullivan was selected for the position.

"Our job was to bring her [Lyons] a slate of qualified candidates to choose from," Dobkin said about the search committee. The search committee began their work with a diverse pool of candidates from all over the country and a wide variety of institutions and ethnic backgrounds.

"I think she will do an excellent job," Dobkin said. "She's bright, energetic, talented, and I think she has a commitment to excellence."



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APRIL 23, 2005

The University of San Diego Alumni Honors fêtes recipients of the Author E. Hughes Award for Career Achievement, the Mother Rosalie Clifton Award for Volunteer Service to USD and the Bishop Charles Frances Buddy Award for Service to Humanitarian Causes. Black-tie. 619-260-4819.



World News in Brief

Sisters to President: Make Poor a Priority

ST. LOUIS – The U.S. head of the Society of the Sacred Heart has asked President George W. Bush to make the poor and vulnerable a priority in U.S. domestic and international policy. In a Nov. 19 letter to Bush, Sister Kathleen Hughes said she was speaking “on behalf of 435 religious of the Sacred Heart in the United States who are deeply concerned about the policies of our government and their effect on the poor.” Noting God’s special love of the poor and vulnerable, she wrote, “In order to make God’s love visible in this world, we must embody this love for the poor, not only in our own lives, but also, in particular, in our public priorities and policies.” She cited the harsh warning of the prophet Isaiah to those who “enact evil statutes ... so as to deprive the needy of justice and rob the poor of their rights.”

PHILANTHROPY

San Diego State University's College of Business Administration's Real Estate Program is the recipient of a \$100,000 pledge from Grubb & Ellis/BRE Commercial. The pledge will be combined with other donations to help fund a faculty professorship in real estate.

The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation will honor several San Diego charities this holiday season with donations totaling \$300,000. Employees at Sycuan chose charities such as Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, Mothers Against Drunk Driving, the Jackie Robinson YMCA and the East County Boys & Girls Club to receive donations of more than \$10,000.

Trans-West Network Solutions and Teldata teamed up to sell tickets to the "Night Out With the Gulls" special event, scheduled for Jan. 15, to benefit the Human Development Foundation. The Encinitas-

based organization focuses on assisting local underprivileged and minority youths achieve greatness through education and opportunity.

The San Diego Council on Literacy received a \$50,000 donation from community partner Washington Mutual. The San Diego Council on Literacy, founded in 1981, includes more than 20 literacy programs and is considered one of the leading literacy cooperatives in America.

Donald and Darlene Shiley pledged \$4 million to support UCSD's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center. The donors hope to further the center's Alzheimer's disease research by providing endowment and current-use funding for faculty support, research projects and clinical trials. In recognition of the gift, the campus will name the facility the Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

CALIFORNIA

Stem cell committee at 22; five more to go

Governor nominates his choice to head it

By **Bruce Lieberman**
STAFF WRITER

A committee that will oversee \$3 billion in funding for stem cell research grew from 11 members to 22 yesterday.

State officials announced the series of new appointments in preparation for the committee's first meeting Friday. The new members included UCSD neuroscientist Leon Thal and San Diego biotechnology executive Tina Nova — bringing the number of San Diego representatives on the committee to five.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who appointed Thal, also nominated Robert Klein to serve as committee chair. Klein is the Portola Valley real estate executive who helped write Proposition 71, the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Act, and led the campaign for it.

Schwarzenegger also nominated Edward Penhoet, co-founder of the northern California biotech company Chiron Corp., as vice chair.

"I am committed to transparency . . . public oversight and accountability, and the highest ethical and medical standards possible," Klein said yesterday in a prepared statement.

"It's pretty sure that Mr. Klein will be the chair," said state Sen. Deborah Ortiz, D-Sacramento. She supports Proposition 71 but has proposed new regulations on how the oversight committee and working groups under it should conduct their business.

By Friday, the committee must have 27 members. State Treasurer Phil Angelides had not announced his five appointees late yesterday.

Naming a chair and vice chair for the Independent Citizen's Oversight Committee, or ICOC, will be among the first orders of business when its board members convene in San Francisco.

The committee will begin talks on how to oversee the \$3 billion in tax money that's primed for investment over the next decade in research facilities statewide. Members, too, are expected to discuss how they will maintain public accountability and manage revenues related to royalties and licenses generated by stem cell research.

Another item on the agenda is where to build the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine — the state headquarters for stem cell work. Lobbying by scientists, biotechnology executives and others to place the institute in their area is expected to be intense.

The list of 22 committee members tallied yesterday included an array of talent, from scientists and medical school deans to biotechnology executives and movie executives who also volunteer as advocates for research into autism, cancer and other diseases.

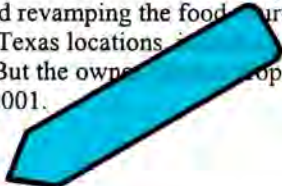
Stem cells can morph into cells with specific purposes, such as nerve cells in the brain, islet cells in the pancreas and all the cells from

SEE **Stem cell, A15**

Regional playoffs

Both MacArthur and Irving qualified for the 5A Region I state football playoffs for the third straight season, marking one of the best periods of football success in school district history. From 1983 to 1991, MacArthur made the playoffs seven times, while Irving's best decade was the 1990s, with four appearances. Since 1990, there have been eight occasions when two Irving ISD schools have made the playoffs in the same season, with 2002 the lone year that MacArthur, Irving and Nimitz all played an 11th game.

Irving Mall

Irving Mall, which sees about 10 million shoppers annually, got a multimillion-dollar makeover this year, adding Circuit City as a new anchor and revamping the food court. The mall also added several clothing stores and replaced KB Toys – which closed many of its Texas locations – at its mall location. It's currently full with no vacancies among the roughly 150 stores in the mall. But the owner,  Property Group, is still seeking an anchor to replace J.C. Penney, which has been vacant since June 2001.

Changing faces

- Dr. Francis M. Lazarus was inaugurated in October as the seventh president of the University of Dallas. Dr. Lazarus, 59, has been vice president for academic affairs and provost of the University of San Diego. He replaced interim president Robert M. Galecke, who succeeded the Rev. Monsignor Milam J. Joseph in December.

- Trustees tapped Robbin Wall, principal at Sam Houston Middle School for six years, to become principal of The Academy of Irving ISD during its inaugural year as a stand-alone campus. Mr. Wall, who had sat on a district improvement committee that helped establish the campus, replaced John Brown, the school's first principal, who announced his retirement.

- Larry Boyd is the city's new top cop after Lowell Cannaday retired last fall. While Chief Boyd comes to Irving as an outsider, there's evidence that he's up to the challenge of being chief. He has experience – he spent 22 years on the Arlington police force. And he has support – city officials say he's qualified and the best fit for the job. Chief Cannaday ended a police career of 38 years, 10 of them spent as head of the Irving force.

- Chris Wallace is the new president and CEO of the Greater Irving-Las Colinas Chamber of Commerce after James Spriggs retired. Mr. Wallace, an Irving resident, was vice president of administration with the Las Colinas Association. Mr. Spriggs planned on leading the chamber for 30 days. The job lasted nearly 10 years. "He's just Mr. Chamber," said Ike Guest, a former chamber chairman.

Saying 'no' to booze

Irving stores can't sell beer and wine because voters in September rejected sales.

About 63 percent of voters said no to alcohol. Voters in south Irving were most likely to vote against the proposition, and voters in far north Irving overwhelmingly supported it. More than 18,400 voters cast ballots – the biggest turnout in a citywide election since 1996.

Supporters cited city revenue and resident convenience; opponents said sales would harm the city's quality of life.

Mustangs anniversary

The Mustangs of Las Colinas turned 20 this year.

City officials, residents and art enthusiasts celebrated the 20th anniversary in October. Also in attendance: Robert Glen, the mustang sculptor.

The galloping mustangs are used in convention brochures, travel literature and informational pieces about Texas. Local businesses have used them, as well. A museum in Williams Square dedicated to the mustangs attracts about 20,000 visitors annually.

College of Arts and Sciences

MONROE, MI
SUNDAY 25,301
DEC 5 2004

DETROIT, MI
SUNDAY 710,036
DEC 5 2004

POUGHKEEPSIE, NY
SUNDAY 51,443
DEC 5 2004

QUINCY, MA
TUESDAY 64,935
DEC 7 2004

Internet a way of life for youths

4154 Kids who came of age online take digital living to next level

This is the first in an occasional series looking at a generation of young people who've grown up with the Internet, how they use it and how it has influenced them.

By **MARTHA IRVINE**
AP national writer

CHICAGO — Even when he's asleep, Scott Kearnan is hooked into the Internet. He just turns down the volume on his computer, so he's not awakened by the "brrring" of a late-night instant message.

"It's become something for me that's almost like a telephone. I may not use it, but it could ring anytime," says the 22-year-old from Mendon, Mass., who works for a search-engine marketing company. "If I don't have it, I feel cut off."

For 21-year-old William Herbert, the Internet has replaced newspapers and TV weather reports (he visits Weather.com every morning). He pays his bills online, registers for classes, books airline and train tickets, checks TV listings, buys movie tickets and gets travel directions.

"My parents, when we would go on road trips, would get a booklet with travel directions that were printed and mailed. Can you imagine? Mailing away for travel directions?" asks Herbert, a senior at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts who's studying business and highway design.

It's one small indication of just how far the Internet has come — and how its existence is taken for granted by a generation of young Americans who "have not known life without it," says Malcolm Bird, head of America Online's services for kids and teens.

Young people are now the

savviest of the tech-savvy.

"Students are continuously connected to other students and friends and family in ways that older generations never would have imagined," says Steve Jones, chairman of the communications department at the University of Illinois at Chicago and a senior research fellow with the Pew Internet & American Life Project.

Take Suhas Sridharan, whose introduction to the Web came as a sixth-grader in South Carolina.

"Now I think even my 'senior self' in high school would be surprised how much I use the Internet," says Sridharan, a 17-year-old freshman at Emory University in Atlanta, where the Web is woven into the framework of students' lives via a system called LearnLink.

Assignments are dispersed online. Students are much more likely to do research online than use the library. And even the proverbial class handout has gone the way of the Web.

So when Emory's computer server went down for a few hours one evening this fall, you would've thought the world had come to an end. "A lot of people were at loose ends," Sridharan says. "They couldn't do their homework."

As time and innovations move ahead, many young people only see the Internet becoming that much more vital.

It's the sort of reach that would've been "unfathomable, not even 20 years ago," says Susannah Stern, a professor of communication studies at the University of San Diego who has studied young people's Internet habits.

"For them, accessing information is easy," she says, not-

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ing that the Internet also opens up a chance for teens and 20-somethings to communicate with people who are different from them, "people in another state or country, or kids at school they don't talk to."

Andreea Johnson, a student at Central Michigan University and a regular Web user, says bad experiences make some people, including the grandmother who raised her, wary of the Internet.

"Are you kidding? She would never get an e-mail account," Johnson says, laughing. "I think some older people still think of it as the devil — like it's kind of evil."

But the Internet also has produced many unexpected benefits. Stern, for instance, notes that the Web provides an anonymous outlet to troubled young people who want to talk about their feelings from suicide and mental illness to drug disorders.

"There's nowhere for a lot of kids to go, there's no hanging out on the corner. So the Internet is a place for kids to figure out who they are," she says.

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Metro Movers To Watch In '05

In a coming year of economic and political excitement, here's a collection of leaders with some interesting prospects for 2005



John Chalker, founder of the Alliance in Support of Airport Progress in the 21st Century

air cargo travel demands for the next 50-75 years.

The mission? Find a site of at least 3,000 acres with rail-transit integrated into the design. When he's not busy tilting airport windmills, Chalker is managing director for San Diego's LM Capital Group LLC, a money management firm with nearly \$2 billion in assets. The company's clients range from CALPERS to Shell Oil and Coca Cola Enterprises.

"Two great things that I hope to accomplish in 2005 are to again, as in 2004, try to double the size of the assets under management at LM Capital Group, and increase the effectiveness of ASAP21 in advocating for a new airport by expanding and energizing the membership."

A Cool Head And Talent For Steering San Diego's Rising Telecom Industry

Just promoted from executive director to CEO of the San Diego Telecom Council, Julia Wilson is positioned to gain national attention as the San Diego region moves to solidify its position as a telecom/wireless hotspot.

The telecom industry employs 40,000 San Diegans and is one of a few key industries that will determine the health of the region's future economy. As council head, Wilson already has brought the various local telecom constituents together to create a telecom community recognized for the "best networking in town."



Julia Wilson, CEO of the San Diego Telecom Council

prise in San Diego She enjoys leveraging the interests of diverse players in the community to higher visibility for the telecom industry.

"The one great thing I want to accomplish next year is putting San Diego on the international map as the place to come when foreign telecom companies wish to buy technology, form partnerships or establish a U.S. presence," Wilson says. "This international spotlight will foster the growth of our industry and thus the economic strength of San Diego."

Not Just Another San Diego Expert In U.S.-Mexico Relations

When Mexico is in the news, look for the national media in 2005 to turn to University of San Diego political scientist David Shirk. At age 33, he's already a leading expert on Mexico and U.S.-Mexico relations. The Wall Street Journal and National Public Radio were just two of the media organizations which sought his commentary during the San Diego mayoral election.

As director of USD's Trans-Border Institute, Shirk is working on a binational affairs briefing program that will bring state and local lawmakers from both sides of the border together this spring to discuss economic, environmental and other challenges. "Since 9/11 relations have



David Shirk, director of USD's Trans-Border Institute

become more challenging because of security concerns but San Diego and Tijuana must continue to work together as a region, and binational understanding is critical," Shirk says.

An even bigger project lies ahead. Shirk is coordinating a project with scholars from 50 other universities on reforming Mexico's justice system. Recommendations will be presented to Mexico's Senate that is working on major reform legislation.

New BBB Chief Is Building A Better Digital Connection To San Diego Consumers

When Sheryl Charleston found from research that the vast majority of San Diego consumers believe local companies are only "somewhat ethical" — a reflection of the post-Enron era — she vowed to do something about it. As president and chief executive of the San Diego Better Business Bureau, a job she's held since July 26, she led efforts to develop a strategic plan for the next three years to get more consumers to use the BBB to learn more about businesses before making buying decisions.

Charleston, 39, hired Steve Castle, formerly with Adelphia, as director of information, and charged him with improving the agency's

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Political Lunacy

Carl Luna's observations on California politics

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Mr. Potter is Winning

I watched the perennial holiday chestnut, "It's a Wonderful Life," the other day. There was George Bailey, as he is every year, struggling to keep the old Savings and Loan afloat. There was the malicious Mr. Potter, a truly covetous old sinner, trying to put Bailey out of business. There was Clarence the angel showing, once again, that our world is a better place for the George Bailey's amongst us. It's too bad that in today's world the Potters are beating the Baileys, hands down.

Old man Potter dismissed the Bailey Savings and Loan as a kind of privatized social welfare program for dumb poor workers who couldn't cut it on their own. "And what does that get us," he asked? "A discontented, lazy rabble instead of a thrifty working class. And all because a few starry eyed dreamers stir them up and fill their heads with a lot of impossible ideas? Don't the Rush Limbaughs or Tom Delays say the same thing today?"

Labor laws, social welfare, retirement benefits, guaranteed healthcare, workplace safety laws, consumer protection--all are dismissed by our modern Potters as so much misplaced sympathy offered to the undeserving by the foolishly starry eyed, thinking that is at best naïve and at worst dangerous. Any mention of social welfare on AM radio is now associated with Bolshevik Socialism – want to give workers a guaranteed living wage or put any limits at all on the worst excesses of the market and you're labeled as an advocate of Gulags and

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International Merton Meeting 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.



Christmas concert illuminates depot

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MARINE CORPS RECRUIT DEPOT SAN DIEGO, Calif.(Dec. 17, 2004) -- Brig. Gen. John. M. Paxton Jr., depot and Western Recruiting Region commanding general, with the help of some children, threw the switch Friday night to light the depot's Christmas tree before Marine Band San Diego's holiday concert.

Depot chaplain, Navy Captain Timothy T. Morita gave the opening prayer and the band kicked off modern and traditional Christmas tunes. The University of San Diego Choir accompanied the band.

The band's rendition of Peter J. Wilhousky's "Carol of the Bells" featured an inventive electric guitar solo by newcomer Cpl. Sean Manning.

The concert also featured a song from the new movie, "The Polar Express," and a Marine's version of "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

In addition to the civilians, Marines and sailors in attendance, the depot's recruits took a break from training to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Toward the end of the performance, the band led Christmas carols and the recruits sang along. The carols included "Joy to the World," "Deck the Halls" and "Jingle Bells."

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Photos included with story:



Chief Warrant Officer Edward Hayes, band officer, directs Marine Band San Diego in a Christmas song. Photo by: Cpl. Jess Levens



Cpl. Ashley Unfried pipes away in a Christmas carol, in which recruits sang along at this year's Christmas concert. Photo by: Cpl. Jess Levens



Gunnery Sgt. Brian E. Poe (right) and Staff Sgt. Sean G. Schmidlin watch from backstage as the band plays at the Commanding General's Christmas Tree-Lighting Ceremony Friday night. Photo by: Cpl. Jess Levens



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Tips for online job hunting

Knowing what not to do can give you inside track

Claire Bush

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When Kaley Plante moved to the Valley two years ago, she needed a job, "and fast." Plante, who holds a degree in biology from the University of San Diego, turned to online sites such as careerbuilder.com and monster.com.

She landed her job as an office manager for a group of naturopathic physicians in Scottsdale after about a week.

"I applied for about two dozen positions and was called back right away on this one," Plante said. "After a background check, I was hired within a few days."

Plante, who spends her days managing the clerical and administrative tasks for a three-physician office, said her current position dovetails nicely with her career plans. In 2005, she will begin her postgraduate training as a physician's assistant.

"The job I have now is in my field of interest and will help me get where I want to go," she said.

Online job resources are just a click away, according to Chris Miller, a supervisor at the North Seventh Street location of the Phoenix Workforce Connection. One of the newest services offered by the office is arizonavirtualonestop.com, which pulls in job boards from dozens of sources. These include newspapers, online job databases and America's job bank, a national job service that is updated nightly. Those unfamiliar with the Internet can still access the site, Miller said.

"If someone doesn't know how to use the computer, we can look up jobs for them," Miller said.

There are five "one-stop" job service centers in the Valley. To find the one nearest you, go to workforce.az.gov or look in the blue pages of the phone directory under "State of Arizona - Department of Economic Security."

In the world of online job hunting, sometimes it's easier to know what to do when you know what not to do. Recruiters such as Miller say there are several common mistakes online job seekers make:

- Using only the "biggies." Although job databases such as monster.com and jobing.com are good places to start, employment experts advise "thinking outside the box." Widen your online job search to include professional associations, trade groups and governing agencies related to your job interest. Newsgroups or "listservs" related to your field will offer job boards as well. Company Web sites are another good source of available positions. For suggestions on sites to visit, do a Google search with your work interest in keywords.



Heating up the lab

Professor honored for teaching, service

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By JOE VARGO / The Press-Enterprise

Paul Jasien's chemistry students at Cal State San Marcos might see a Cheeto vaporized in class, learn how the body reacts with alcohol to cause a hangover, discover why snowflakes have six sides or dissect the chemicals that make up cigarette smoke.

Although lots of what he teaches deals with equations and formulas that at first glance appear theoretical, Jasien said he's determined to bring chemistry into the everyday lives of his student.

His peers and the undergraduates enrolled in his beginning and advanced chemistry classes say Jasien has more than succeeded.

The Temecula resident was honored with the university's top faculty prize, winning the 2004-05 Harry E. Brakebill Distinguished Professor Award. The honor recognizes teaching, research and service to the university and community.

Students use words like "extremely challenging," "charismatic," "intense" and "approachable" to describe Jasien.

One student who wrote a letter to the Brakebill selection committee said he was convinced that Jasien kept a bed in his office because the professor spent so much time there.



Kurt Miller / The Press-Enterprise

Chemistry professor Paul Jasien of Temecula was recently honored for his teaching, research and service.

Townsfolk

PAUL JASIEN

AGE: 47.

RESIDENCE: Temecula.

FAMILY: Wife, Carol; daughter, Emily, 11; son, Chris, 8.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Received the top faculty award for 2004-05 at Cal State San Marcos for teaching, research and service to the community, university and profession. The chemistry professor is a former research scientist in the private sector.

"He has the ability to take something incredibly complicated and break it down into something simpler so we can process the information," said Allen Brooks, 44, of Escondido, a senior studying to become a teacher. "I'm not a chemistry major, and it's important I've got a teacher who recognizes there are rocket scientists and there are regular people enrolled in the class. I'm not getting an A in his class, but I'm learning a lot."

Mary Allen, 41, a chemistry major from Carlsbad, called Jasien "so enthusiastic about his work it's contagious."

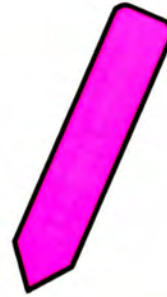
"I want to work hard," Allen said. "I want to tackle the tough material."

Jasien, 47, calls the Brakebill honor the most prestigious of his career, which includes stints as a research scientist and as an instructor at the University of San Diego before arriving in San Marcos in 1991. He said he's most proud of the kind words from students and former students who nominated him

for the faculty honor and wrote letters on his behalf.

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School of Business Administration

Can business ethics be taught?

By Craig Barkacs

We may never know if Barry Bonds intentionally took steroids to boost his performance to achieve one of the most remarkable athletic careers in the history of baseball. But we do know that the temptation to cheat to get ahead isn't limited to sports. Unfortunately, over the last year we have seen many examples of business leaders getting in trouble for allegedly bending the rules for personal gain.

In October, Martha Stewart checked in at Alderson Federal Prison Camp in Alderson, W.Va., to begin serving her five-month sentence for conspiracy and obstruction of justice for lying about a stock trade. The Enron indictments are turning into a slew of successful prosecutions. And finally, it looks like New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer's crusade against corporate crime may have uncovered another legal morass, this time related to widespread bid-rigging in the insurance industry.

These and other business scandals have filled the headlines over the last year, triggering such regulatory responses as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, for example. Less noticeably, these transgressions also have sparked renewed calls for business schools to formally examine ethics. The hope is that MBAs will enter or re-enter the business world equipped with some sort of moral compass, in addition to the more traditional business management skills that form the core of most MBA programs.

This leads to an interesting and obvious question: Can business ethics be taught?

The cases cited above were not exactly gray areas, and it would seem the individuals involved certainly knew when they crossed the line. Most of us know right from wrong at a very young age, and by adulthood, have devel-

oped the tools to figure our way through most ethical issues we are likely to face.

So how can successful, intelligent business people make what are obviously bad ethical judgments? Were Stewart and the others just bad people, finally exposed for the unethical business people they were at heart? Probably not. Then what got them in trouble and how can the rest of us learn from their examples?

Studies have shown recurring themes among individuals like these who make poor ethical judgments. First, there is what is called super optimism. This is the notion that anything is possible and the transgression will go undetected. This is accompanied by a sense of entitlement — the individuals feel they have worked hard to earn special treatment and various rewards. They deserve them, and the regular rules just don't apply.

Add to the above that in most business cases, individuals engaged in these types of behaviors are very bright people. As we all know, however, very bright people can be very good at rationalization or concocting excuses.

Certainly nothing can stop an individual who willingly crosses the line to satisfy motivations such as greed. Ethical lapses, however, often occur in a gradual incremental process. This is, in fact, the most insidious kind of trap — when people begin making excuses, infrequently at first. But as one unethical lapse leads to another, a pattern develops. In this scenario moral lapses become more pronounced over time. The next moral lapse doesn't seem so much worse than the preceding one. But the final lapse is always a great distance from the first one, by any measure.

Business schools can equip managers with tools that encourage ethical decision-making in the workplace.

One of the first things ethics training can do is teach people to recognize when they are rationalizing. Smart people have a reservoir of excuses they can conjure up as needed. We can teach people to realize when they are using these excuses to justify doing the wrong thing.

We also can teach people to remove them-

selves from a situation so they can more objectively analyze their decisions. Under pressure or stress, we all tend to lose the ability to step out of the moment. With training, it is possible to be more self-critical, to ask: "If I weren't making this decision. If I were on the other side of this, how would it appear? Would I prescribe the same course of conduct?"

Formal ethics training also introduces business leaders to the different levels of moral reasoning. Are you following a principle or are you calculating what will create the best outcome, i.e., the greatest good for the greatest number? This enables businesspeople to be more conscious of the decisions they are making and gives them a framework for selecting the best course of action.

To revisit my original question: Can business schools effectively teach ethics? The best we can hope to do is explore ethical issues, engage individuals in more self-analysis, teach them to be more critical, and remind them to examine motivations. Given a formal moral framework, business leaders will be more cognizant of moral reasoning and will be better able to avoid rationalization and self-deception when making ethical choices.

It's clear that an examination of ethics should be a part of business leadership training because good business ethics start at the top. Individuals take their cues from upper management, and there is no substitute for upper level management conducting themselves appropriately.

In my experience, students who come out of a workplace or industry where ethical behavior is not observed often retreat to a fall-back position of cynicism. This is corrosive to a business and very difficult to overcome.

Leadership by example is very powerful, but in today's demanding business environment, it is imperative for business schools and business leaders to articulate ethics policies. We can't leave wiggle room for super-optimists, or for overachieving rationalists. The marketplace demands ethical behavior, and business leaders who practice it will see their companies reap rewards over the long term.

Barkacs teaches business ethics at the University of San Diego's Masters of Science in Executive Leadership program.

Top execs seem a little out of touch on business ethics



A conversation about business ethics is like talking about the weather: Everyone has an opinion, but they seem to be powerless to change it.

Corporate accounting and financial scandals of recent years have demonstrated the lack of ethical behavior in numerous companies, but even well-intentioned oversight such as the Sarbanes-Oxley Act seems a bit off the mark when it comes to day-to-day behavior.

Now, the Center for Ethical Business Cultures at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis is hoping to change that. It has developed an integrity study to help senior executives assess the ethical environment within their organizations.

That's important because corporate

surveys repeatedly say that executives believe their companies operate much more ethically than their employees think they do. Gantz Wiley Research's WorkTrends 2004 report shows that 71 percent of senior executives believe their companies act ethically, compared with 61 percent of supervisors and only 43 percent of front-line workers.

"It's one of the most consistent things we have seen, year after year," says Bob Shoemake, director of programs for CEBC. "Senior leaders seem to think things are much better than they really are."

CEBC hopes its 28-question survey of employees will provide senior management with candid glimpses of rank-and-file perceptions about business ethics.

As an example, the survey asks employees whether the people they work

with are more concerned about doing the right thing than they are about producing short-term financial results. Employees are asked to evaluate that on a scale of one to five.

It also has an integrity checklist, which employees can refer to regularly through the work day to make certain they are staying true to ethical standards.

"Sometimes, leaders hear what they want to hear, or what they hear is colored by their anxieties or perspectives, or maybe no one tells them the truth," Shoemake says. "We hope this will be a valid assessment that will help them see clearly what is going on in their companies."

That's a good start, says Marc Lampe, a professor of business ethics at the University of San Diego.

"But it has to go deeper than that," Lampe says. "I'm always asking my

students to raise their hands if they are ethical, and all their hands go up. The truth is that we are human beings, and we can rationalize or trick ourselves into thinking we are ethical when we might not be. We know that we're not ethical all of the time."

Lampe thinks many corporate leaders only give lip-service to ethics. Unless they are committed to improving ethics, they often foster an environment that does nothing to encourage proper behavior.

"Ethics is not just a slogan in a mission statement," Lampe says. "It's something an executive is committed to, gets educated in and then hires people who believe in those ethics."

"Unfortunately, ethics often show up at the bottom of the list when executives list their priorities. I think we have to include the term 'denial' when we talk about this."

Any workplace conversation about ethics is good. The CEBC assessment is one way of unplugging communication channels, but how executives use that information to improve their companies matters most.

The responsibility for workplace ethics is the burden of everyone. As individuals we must not only act ethically in our jobs, but we must call it to the attention of supervisors and executives when operating systems, policies or circumstances pressure us to stray.

As executives, the burden is heavier. They not only have to establish standards and enthusiastically work to promote them throughout the company, but they have to continually challenge themselves to make certain they are adhering to what they preach.

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Final MBA Projects Go Beyond The Thesis And Into The Workplace

Capstones are a way for students to test what they have learned in near 'real world' situations

By LIZ SWAIN

MBA students often finish their studies by taking a capstone course or doing a final project that demonstrates what they learned in business school. They might tackle a work-related project or serve on a consultant team for a local organization. Some compete in online business simulations. For others, creating a business plan has replaced the thesis usually associated with a master's degree.

Debbie Veale started working at T-Systems International about the time she started her capstone course at University of Phoenix. She had been hired in September 2003 as an administrative assistant at the company, which manufactures drip irrigation systems for agricultural use. Veale's duties included managing projects for her boss, and she was assigned to map out the company's order process system.

She turned the assignment into her six-week

capstone course. Veale interviewed company officials and researched creation of an internal supply chain. "I narrowed the focus for six weeks and expanded it after the class," she says. Her bosses "were very encouraging. That's why I was hired. They were very happy to get someone completing an MBA." While the project was temporarily shelved last year, Veale again is working on it, this time in greater depth.

Capstone projects like Veale's benefit students and their employers, says Michael Reilly, chair of the College of Graduate Business and Management at the Phoenix San Diego campus. "A capstone course with a summative project provides the students with an opportunity to apply all they have learned to solve a real or model business problem using a business interdisciplinary approach," he says.

National University

As an MBA student at National University in 2002, technical writer Kai Schumann fulfilled his capstone requirement by writing a business plan for the nonprofit San Diego Oceans Foundation. Some classmates created business plans for fictitious companies, but Schumann wanted to aid the foundation where he already was involved in projects like the reintroduction of white sea bass into local waters. Schumann served as the foundation's vice president when in graduate school and made it his goal to provide a "workable business plan" that would help the foundation with grant applications.

"It's very easy to make a business look great on paper," he says. "Doing it for a real organization takes a lot more care. I'm sure it helped the foundation obtain grants."

Schumann's efforts were praised by assistant professor Kenneth Goldberg. "He was asked to do a business plan and provided a meaningful contribution to the community," he says.

A job transfer took Schumann out of the area after graduate school, but he is back in San Diego and expects to be named foundation president in January. His goals include updating the business plan. "It's a living document. As president, I already know I have changes to make," says Schumann, who works for



Chuck Luby, manager of proposals and marketing at General Atomics, was at first skeptical of San Diego State University MBA students serving as consultants. But the company took on a team and Luby says the results were 'a smashing success.' (photo/lambertphoto.com)

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San Diego State University

At SDSU, teams of MBA students serve as consultants to organizations ranging from the Marine Corps to La Jolla High School. Consulting on issues such as the feasibility of converting La Jolla to a charter school serves as a substitute for writing the traditional thesis, says Ken Marino, head of the College of Business graduate program. Businesses pay a \$3,500 stipend for the student consultants, money that Marino says is placed in the business dean's discretionary fund. Teams of three to four students are supervised by faculty members with expertise in areas such as accounting. Each student must work on the project at least 150 hours, says Jeff Glazer, director of the Aztec Business Alliance.

Glazer has placed student consulting teams



Robert Sullivan, dean of UCSD's Rady School of Management, says executive mentors transform classroom experience into business relevancy. (photo/lambertphoto.com)



Students meet twice weekly in USD professor Gary Whitney's capstone course, where each of the eight rounds represents one year in the life of the business. (photo/lambertphoto.com)

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DeVry University

The capstone at Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University is the creation of a business plan. Students team up and may work in pairs, says Thomas Horstmann, San Diego campus dean. During the final week of the semester, students give oral presentations to a faculty panel. Horstmann says most plans are for fictitious businesses. However, some students create plans for potential businesses.

UCSD Rady School of Management

Capstone courses and projects are usually associated with the end of a graduate program. There's a different emphasis at

UCSD's Rady School of Management. "Real-world" projects and case-based studies aren't limited to the final course, says assistant dean JoAnne Starr. "The goal is to be integrative."

Students in the Rady School's first MBA classes started classes in September. The charter students are cohorts in the two-year Flex-MBA program designed for working professionals. They work in learning teams of five to six students, says Dean Robert Sullivan. The teams bring together people from diverse backgrounds and industries. These teams are guided by executive mentors who will help transform "classroom experience into business relevancy," says Sullivan.

Core courses in the program include "Managerial Economics" and "Leadership, Values and Team Management in Technology-Driven Firms." The

"From Lab to Market" course is described on the Rady Web site as a "mini-capstone." In the four-unit course, students work through in-depth cases. Topics covered in the course include evaluating commercial potential of a new technology, what venture capitalists want, typical funding stages, recruiting and managing the founding team, intellectual property strategy and the sales and marketing of new products.

Planning, analysis and teamwork are among the lessons learned as students put into practice lessons learned in business school. Whether they participate

in a business simulation or serve as consultants for an actual organization, the emphasis is on applying a business education to a "real-world" setting.

Cal State San Marcos

At CSU San Marcos, students in the capstone course work in three-member teams on final projects. Their goal is to take one problem in depth from start to finish, says Keith Butler, MBA program director. The MBA project may be a business plan or a feasibility study, but "the key part is a real-world solution to a problem."

Students may address a prob-

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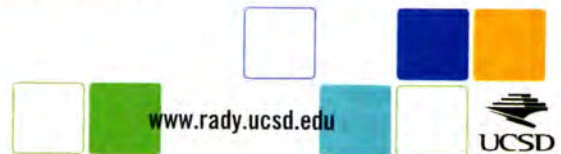
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lem from the workplace. Butler says "a fair amount" of projects are for nonprofit organizations. Some people base projects on starting or marketing a foundation, and one student created a manual about staging fund-raising golf tournaments. While the manual was aimed at one organization, it was written so it could be marketed to other businesses.

National Graduate School

A master's business project (MBP) is woven into the MS degree in quality systems management at National Graduate School. The project is targeted to an organization and may be the student's workplace, says Laurie Broedling, a professor who serves as a faculty adviser.

The project is the subject of three MBP courses in the one-year degree program. The remaining nine courses cover subjects such as team dynamics and strategic planning. In the first MBP course (Project Management), a team of three to five students selects a

project to improve. National began offering its degree program at the U.S. Coast Guard base this year, and Broedling says some projects target simplifying the acquisition process for the Fleet Industrial Supply Center. Aspects of this process include reducing cycle time. The next MBP course is Focused Analyses, and the final course is Assessment Results. Teams will give their final presentations on graduation day.

Chapman University

Rhonda Fuller completed her MS in human resources degree at Chapman University by taking a comprehensive, day-long exam. The test "is answered in essay format," says Fuller, Hollandia Dairy human resources manager. "Studying for it is to recap a huge body of knowledge. As an older, well-established company, many HR processes were already in place when I came on board three years ago. My knowledge, sharpened and updated through my master's training, helped me

update many of these existing processes."

Although Fuller didn't have a final project, she says that an earlier course assignment was beneficial. Her compensation class project was to create an organization from the ground up and formulate a comprehensive compensation program. "There was a lot of research that went into the project," she says. "We could not rely upon one or two salary surveys and sometimes data was very hard to find. This was a great, hands-on project."

University of San Diego

USD is among the campuses

where the MBA capstone is a course which students participate in an online business simulation. Students work in teams during the 13-week course. The teams represent five fictitious businesses that manufacture products ranging from inexpensive toys to aerospace sensors. The game is played around the world, and students can monitor the decisions of other companies on the Internet.

Students meet twice weekly in USD professor Gary Whitney's capstone course, where each of the eight rounds represents one year in the business' life. Since September, Paul Baker's team has

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tackled issues such as whether to focus on a market segment or to sell more products to a wider audience. Should money be spent on research and development? Will the company issue stocks and bonds? In November, union contracts were up for renewal. "If labor costs rose to \$30 an hour, we'd sit back and think, 'What are other companies going to do?' I really like doing this. It places you in the shoes of senior executives," says Baker, a product line manager at Motorola. "I started the MBA to get the position I'm in now."

Baker learns this month how his imaginary business fared. In addition to offering the simulation course, Whitney says that USD hosts a business simulation competition that attracts students from around the world.

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Electrical-shock dangers measured in a variety of ways

Electricity can be measured in a variety of ways, but experts say no single measurement gives an accurate picture of the danger of a shock.

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What is the difference between the electricity in a Taser stun gun and a lightning strike? How does either compare to a car battery?

Scientists say the answers are complicated.

Because electricity is measured in a variety of ways -- like watts, volts and joules -- each of them is important to understanding exactly how powerful a shock is. And even armed with all the numbers, some experts say there are types of electricity that haven't been studied enough to know when they are safe.

Some things are known. The sting from a static shock after walking across a carpet, then touching a metal doorknob, can be as high as 25,000 volts. That shock isn't dangerous.

The voltage measures the force with which the energy is delivered, but the actual amount of energy must be measured, too. In the case of a static shock, only a tiny amount of energy, measured in joules, is delivered, so no damage is done. A 100-watt light bulb requires 100 joules of energy to light up for one second.

By contrast, a car battery typically holds about four million joules of electricity, but it doesn't deliver that energy with enough force to do much damage because it has only 12 volts.

"You've got two factors: You've got this reservoir of energy and you've got the voltage, which is the driving force," explained Michael Morse, an electrical engineering professor at the University of San Diego and an expert on electrical injury. "That kind of defines the risk of electricity."

If one measure is high and the other is low, the risk is less than if both are high, as in the case of lightning, which delivers one billion joules at 100 million volts or more.

So where does a Taser stun gun like the one that county police used on two children recently fall on the continuum of danger? Its joules are low, just 1.76, but its volts are high, 50,000.

Does that make it safe? Taser International says yes. The company says that in addition to its low level of energy, the device delivers a unique high-frequency charge that is less dangerous than the more common charge found in household electrical outlets.

Some experts worry about the Taser, specifically because it uses that high frequency, which has not been studied as extensively as other, more common forms of electricity.

"With household electricity, we know what's dangerous and what's not -- you know you don't want to stick your hand in an electric socket," Morse said. "The problem with Tasers is, I don't think we do know what's dangerous and what's not dangerous."

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Housing prices in county won't wilt, economist says

By **Emmet Pierce**
STAFF WRITER

San Diego County's red-hot housing market will cool down but not burn out in 2005, University of San Diego economist Alan Gin said yesterday at a conference sponsored by the school's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

Despite a rising inventory of for-sale homes, consumer demand will keep prices strong, he said. Gin noted that the home-building industry has been unable to keep pace with the county's rising population. Despite modest construction gains in recent years, the region has a deficit of about 65,500 housing units, he

said.

The local economy added about 16,000 jobs this year, Gin said. In recent months the unemployment rate has dipped below 4 percent, creating an environment most economists consider to be "full employment."

In his 2005 forecast, Gin said the local economy will outperform the rest of the nation and gain 15,000 to 20,000 jobs. However, with most growth expected in the services sector, many jobs will not pay well for a region with sky-high housing costs.

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November to an overall median of \$487,000. Even so, they were about 23 percent higher than a year earlier, according to Data-Quick Information Systems.

Gin dismissed the idea that the county's high home prices may have created a real estate bubble that will burst. There is no reason to believe that prices will drop steeply, he said.

Gin's optimism was echoed by Leslie Appleton-Young, chief economist for the California Association of Realtors, and Dowell Myers, director of the University of Southern California School of Public Policy.

Appleton-Young forecast that statewide home values will increase by a healthy 15 percent in 2005. She said she had not worked out a specific figure for San Diego County. She noted that widespread use of adjustable-rate mortgages has kept consumers in the costly marketplace.

Myers said entry-level buying would keep California's housing market vital in 2005.

"That is what is keeping the market strong, this infusion of new population at the bottom of the pyramid that is pushing its way up through upward mobility," he said outside the conference. "They shore up the market from the bottom."

Appleton-Young said continued job growth is important to the housing industry. "You don't have a demand for housing if you don't have a demand for jobs," she said. "That's a strength here."

About 350 people attended the center's fifth annual Residential Real Estate Conference at Hahn University Center at USD.

Lucetta Dunn, director of the state's Department of Housing and Community Development, told participants that population growth would continue to place demands on the housing industry. There are about 500,000 new California residents each year, and 80 percent of the growth is from births, she said.

Dunn, a builder by profession, called on local governments to designate enough land for housing to meet their communities' needs for the next two decades. She said she didn't accept the argument that some communities are built out and have no room for more housing. Growth is coming and should be planned for, she said. She called for an emphasis on urban infill development.

The optimism at the conference contrasted against a national report yesterday from the U.S. Commerce Department. It said that housing starts drop-

ped about 13 percent across the nation last month, the biggest dip in nearly 11 years.

Gin said his sunny projections for San Diego County were no guarantee of prosperity. He cited several issues that could change the outlook.

A weakening of the national economy or a sharp rise in interest rates could have a big impact, he said. Also troublesome to a community with many long-distance commuters are high oil and gasoline prices. Gin said every 10-cent increase in the cost of a gallon of gasoline takes \$7 million per month out of the San Diego economy. "If gas prices go up 50 cents a gallon, that is \$35 million."

Turning to government, Gin said San Diego has yet to feel the full impact of the fiscal crisis at City Hall. He foresees the possibility of higher taxes, service cutbacks and delays in city infrastructure projects. San Diego's financial woes came to light in January when the city acknowledged errors and omissions in its 2002 financial statements.

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Region's economy remained strong in 2004

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NORTH COUNTY ---- The sunlight is just as warm, the beaches just as inviting, and the fish tacos just as tasty as they have ever been ---- although freeway congestion means that you will take longer to get to them.

The economy continued to perform well, technological and business advances made headlines, recovery from last year's wildfires proceeded, and the overheated residential real estate market apparently came to a soft landing.

To their pleasure, North County cities such as Escondido found their once-frumpy downtowns suddenly chic.

On the debit side, North County lost computer maker Gateway Inc., which moved from Poway to Irvine. Its departure gave companies and government planners another reason to worry about the quality of jobs in this high price tag part of the state.

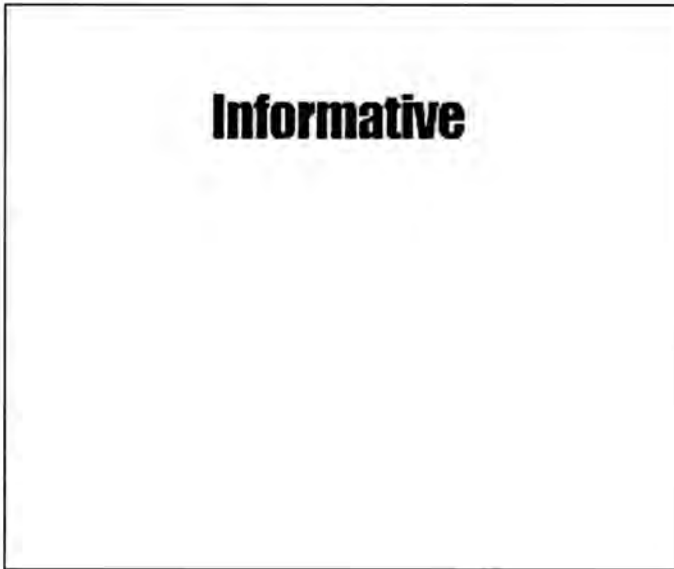
And the war in Iraq continued to produce a steady stream of casualties with no end in sight. While tragic to the service members and families, the war effort has tapped into San Diego County's strength in producing high-tech war gear such as the Predator and Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicles.

That is North County at the end of 2004, on balance the best year we have had in this young century.

Commercial real estate

Manhattan on the Pacific, anyone?

The long overhang of surplus office and industrial real estate from the tech crash nearly dried up in 2004. Even Carlsbad, which used to have one of the highest vacancy rates in North County,



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dipped to the 10 percent vacancy rate where developers begin to plan new construction.

The Staubach Co.'s third-quarter report listed San Diego County as having the country's highest rental rates out of 28 metropolitan areas for industrial and research and development/flex space, with respective rates of \$8.48 and \$14.43 per square foot. The county had the third-highest rate for Class A office space, \$31.05 per square foot. It was exceeded only by Washington, D.C., with a rate of \$31.47 per square foot, and New York City, with \$47.79 per square foot.

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With a continuing strong economy, the biggest question for developers at the end of the year was where, not if, to build. The answer: literally reach for the sky, as in multistory construction. Building out ---- developing more available land ---- will soon be out of the question.

So Carlsbad and other cities that limit construction height will face a difficult choice: either raise the height limits at the risk of obstructing views, or keep the limits and lose out on potential jobs.

Residential real estate

Once again, the oft-predicted bursting of the real estate bubble didn't happen.

After years of double-digit price increases, sanity at last set in during 2004, and the year ended with what some experts called a cooler, more sustainable home market.

North County's housing market reached a frenzied peak this spring. Throngs of desperate would-be home buyers stampeded for the few homes on the market. Prices, not only in North County but statewide, rose to levels that would scarcely be believed a few years ago.

The median price for all existing homes in North County peaked in July at a staggering \$540,000 and then started gradually falling.

By late spring, more homes began streaming into the market in response to the high prices, but the number of buyers decreased. Buyers, confronted with a relative glut of homes, started taking their time and being picky. Sellers had to learn the long-lost art of actually working to make a sale.

Demand for condominiums and other attached housing strengthened in North County, because condos are generally less expensive than detached housing.

Oceanside, Carlsbad and Escondido's newly fashionable downtowns suddenly flowered with such concepts as lofts and mixed-use condo construction. At last, it seems, the hollowing out of downtowns caused by the spread of suburban shopping malls is being reversed. The new Signature Theater complex in Escondido and a growth in the city's arts scene is turning around old views of Escondido as just a bedroom community without much of interest.

Retail

North County demonstrated its innate schizophrenia on the subject of so-called big-box retail, with San Marcos residents mounting a successful effort to kill off one of two initially approved Wal-Mart stores planned for opposite corners of the city, while the Carlsbad City Council began a flirtation with the idea that perhaps huge stores make sense for a community that can see the end of its developable land.

San Marcos, of course, is no stranger to retail development, as anyone who drives past the intersection of San Marcos Boulevard and Highway 78 can attest. Large-scale stores have opened there in the past year, including a Best Buy that competes with a king-size Fry's located a few blocks away, and a Lowes that vies for the same customers as the Home Depot already established in the neighborhood. Creekside Marketplace, as the city-owned shopping center where San Marcos Boulevard crosses Grand Avenue is called, also features a variety of eateries.

The big-box issue will have to be decided in the future in Carlsbad, but this year, the city became the site of North County's first so-called lifestyle mall, a trend that is reshaping retail development around the country. The Forum, located near El Camino Real and Calle Barcelona, mimics an

old-fashioned downtown, with stores and eateries ranging from chichi to prosaic ---- absolutely nothing downright demode, mind you ---- fronting on sidewalks and streets with median parking and nary a parking meter in sight.

Labor

A strike against Vons supermarkets by the union representing grocery clerks, and a retaliatory lockout of unionized employees by Ralphs and Albertson's supermarkets, lingered through January and February and led to changes in consumer shopping patterns that have not been reversed in the 10 months since the strike was settled.

The year opened with the Jan. 1 disclosure by the North County Times that some Ralphs supermarkets secretly had rehired locked-out workers under phony names and Social Security numbers. By March 6, the workers were forced to accept an offer from the three chains that set up separate wage and benefit scales for new employees and called for grocery workers to pay some of the cost of their basic health care for the first time. Many of those same workers became embittered when the same grocers agreed to a contract with their union in Northern California that avoided the two-tier system and worker health-care contributions.

Shoppers surprised the chains by taking their business to stores that were not entangled in the labor strife, such as Stater Bros. and Major Market, Henry's and Trader Joe's. Stater Bros. announced in December that in 2004, its stores earned about \$1 billion more than the year before, probably because it gained customers during the strike who continued to shop there after it ended.

Wireless

Qualcomm, we can hear you even louder now.

San Diego's wunderkind of the late '90s tech bubble is once again a Wall Street favorite. The wireless giant's stock rose by more than 60 percent in 2004, reaching a per-share price in the low \$40s, and rising past \$70 billion in total stock value. Qualcomm even briefly rose past Amgen in value.

It wasn't just Qualcomm. Small wireless ventures throughout the county, and specifically in North County, got funding from venture capitalists or were bought out. Some were spinoffs of Qualcomm, but all benefited from the giant Q's gravitational attraction. Sequoia Communications in Rancho Bernardo, which counts Qualcomm alumni among its employees, raised \$15 million in early December.

And you can thank or curse Qualcomm when airlines begin allowing cell phones during flights, because the company has been developing that technology for years.

Biotech

North County's most glamorous industry got a giant boost in November when federal regulators approved the sale of Tysabri, the multiple sclerosis drug of Biogen Idec. That is because Tysabri will be made in a large manufacturing plant now under construction in Oceanside.

In Carlsbad, Oceanside's more upscale neighbor to the south, Invitrogen Corp. continued its Pac Man-like acquisition spree. The largest was a previously announced takeover of BioReliance Corp. for \$430 million in cash, in addition to assuming \$70 million in debt.

On Nov. 2, biotechies salivated with the passage of Proposition 71, which authorized selling \$3 billion in bonds to pay for embryonic stem cell research. Companies from outside of California rushed to set up offices in the state to get a portion of the funding. The San Diego-based life sciences trade group Biocom began an aggressive campaign to locate the research effort's headquarters in the county.

Biotech giant Amgen Inc. of Thousand Oaks also set up a \$100 million venture capital fund in San

Diego.

Energy

North County drivers learned that the old adage "what goes up must come down" only partially applied to the price of gasoline this year. We started the year with the low-price leaders among gas stations selling regular unleaded for slightly more than \$1.50 per gallon. Today, those same stations range between \$1.90 and \$2, and at that level are markedly cheaper than they were just weeks ago, when prices hovered in the \$2.30s.

If gasoline soared in the spring and remained aloft throughout the year, at least we were spared the rolling blackouts of a couple of years ago. Continuing improvements in the availability of electricity for the San Diego region probably mean the blackouts won't return next summer. But rates could start drifting upward if San Diego Gas & Electric Co. is forced to shoulder what it calls a disproportionate share of the cost of long-term electricity contracts signed by the state to end the chaos of deregulation gone wild.

A new power plant in Escondido will help; but it, like all new generators, is fueled by natural gas -- and the price of that skyrocketed this year.

What's ahead

More of the same for San Diego County: low unemployment and higher housing prices. That is the forecast from the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate at the University of San Diego. Unemployment is expected to stay between 3.5 percent and 4 percent, and the total number of jobs to grow by about 15,000 to 20,000.

But what kind of jobs will these be? The Burnham-Moores Center report foresees more service sector jobs and fewer manufacturing jobs. Service sector jobs, such as in retail and tourism, generally don't pay enough to enable workers to afford homes. Manufacturing is being hurt by the rising cost of land and the trend toward outsourcing.

For a "would you like fried with that" nightmare, read the California Employment Development Department's list of jobs with the greatest projected growth in the state. First on the list is retail sales workers, followed by food preparation and serving, and then cashiers.

The list continues with software engineers in fourth place, followed by customer service representatives and computer support representatives (those people who tell you the answer to any problem is to reformat your hard drive and reinstall Windows). Next are janitors and cleaning, registered nurses, office clerks, and general and operations managers.

San Diego County has enjoyed a long run of good news, with its diversified economy carrying forward even through the height of the tech collapse.

But in 2005, the county may find coping with success without choking on its byproducts the hardest job of all.

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Economists: Home prices will continue to climb, but more slowly

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SAN DIEGO ---- Home prices will continue to appreciate in North County and in the rest of San Diego County in the coming year, though not as fast as they did in 2004, a group of economists and graduate students predicted at a residential real estate conference Thursday.

The gathering at the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate listened as speaker after speaker said there simply is no evidence to support the notion that the region is experiencing a housing bubble that might burst at any time.

"Housing bubble" is a term used to describe panic- or greed-driven buying that pushes prices to artificially high levels. When the buying fervor subsides, prices tumble because economic factors such as scarcity do not support them, and the bubble is said to have burst.

"My conclusion is that the San Diego economy will outperform the rest of the state, and though the single-family housing market will cool, it will not collapse," said Alan Gin, a professor of economics at USD. "My outlook is for relatively stable housing prices, slowing in their rate of growth."

Gin said that instead of seeing prices fall, he expected to see the length of time needed to sell a house gradually lengthen.

He added that being an economic forecaster in San Diego is a lot like being a weather forecaster in San Diego: "How many ways can you say '70s, with no rain'?"

Gin cautioned, however, that there is a wild card in the region's economy in the price of gasoline, and that it had the potential to tarnish the luster of regional economic growth.

"If you increase the price of gasoline 10 cents, it takes \$7 million per month out of the San Diego economy," he said. Then, noting that gas prices could reach the \$3 level next summer, he said that a 50-cent bump would sap the economy to the tune of \$35 million per month.

But directing attention to the question of a real estate bubble, "It's Economics 101," he said, explaining that a shortfall in the region's housing supply even as demand keeps rising means that prices will continue to be bid upward.

The conference dealt with the San Diego region as a whole. But many of the graduate students, who are enrolled in a class in quantitative forecasting techniques, focused their attention on limited geographic areas. Their projections for most of those areas mimicked the anticipated

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Housing conference focuses on California oxymoron: affordable housing

By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN
The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA — The problem: How to build enough affordable housing for California's exploding population and mollify your neighbors. There is no easy solution.

The issue was a primary theme at the Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate conference at the University of San Diego Thursday.

Lucy Dunn, director of California state housing, began with a letter to Gov. Schwarzenegger from a Northern California couple who complained that even with a two-person income of \$100,000, they couldn't even afford a single-bedroom, single-bath home in their hometown.

A University of Southern California report has projected California, which has about a 36 million population today, will have about 45 million people by 2020 and the growth won't stop then.

Dowell Myers, director of USC School of Policy Planning and Development, said California in 2020 will be the equivalent of adding the population of California in 1990 and Florida in 2000. Dunn concurs that California will continue to see such rapid growth.

"It will be the equivalent of adding a new city of Long Beach every year," Dunn said.

Statewide, Dunn said there is a greater than 350,000 housing unit shortfall. Dunn shares an oft quoted number that San Diego is underbuilt by about 100,000 housing units, and expects the gap to continue to widen without substantial changes in public policy.

"The fact is you're not built out

unless you have passed an anti-sex ordinance in your town," Dunn said.

Dr. Alan Gin, a USD economics professor, said the shortfall has been running at about 65,000 units each year since 1991.

The numbers may be in dispute, but all at the conference seemed to agree with Dunn's assessment that restricting the amount of housing only makes it more expensive, and that one only has to look what has happened along the Northern California coast.

"In Goleta, the median housing price for a two-bedroom unit is \$1 million and they are in panic mode," Dunn said.

She said the lack of affordable housing is having some strange impacts around the state. For example, she said the Orange County Business Council says it is not going to promote new businesses because affordable housing isn't available.

"Excuse me, you are the Orange County Business Council. Aren't you supposed to promote business?" Dunn commented.

Dunn said lack of housing close by also has social impacts and cited the mom or the dad who can't be there for their kid's Little League or Girl Scout function because they spend four hours on the freeway each day heading to and from Temecula. People have been willing to make the sacrifice.

"You need a house with a backyard for the kids and the dog. Some call that sprawl, others call that the American dream," Dunn said.

Dunn said it is important to

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Tech industry in comeback, economists find

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

For California businesses, 2005 may not quite be a year of wine and roses. But it will at least be a time of beer and daisies, according to economists at the Anderson Forecast of the University of California Los Angeles.

In an economic forecast yesterday, Anderson Forecast senior economist Christopher Thornberg — who came up

with the “beer and daisies” analogy — said 2005 will be a “solid but not spectacular year,” marked by a 1.6 percent increase in jobs, 4.8 percent growth in retail sales, and an unemployment rate hovering at about 6 percent.

“2004 has been a very good year so far,” Thornberg said. “Payroll and household income are up, debt and office vacancies are falling, and tax revenues are growing. . . . All in all, and the outlook for 2005 is solid for the state.”

But, in a reversal of the last few years, Northern California will outperform Southern California, which is poised for a slowdown in job growth, Thornberg added.

And he warned that a number of stumbling blocks could slow the state’s progress, including an out-of-control state budget, mounting consumer debt, an unsustainable bubble in housing prices and an expected slowdown in the national economy.

Alan Gin, economist at the University of San Diego, agreed with Thornberg’s assessment, adding that much of California’s economic health next year will depend on the national economy.

“Right now, it looks like the national economy will slow down in the first half of 2005 and pick up in the second half,” he said. “You could expect to see

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Several factors could slow state economy in '05

the same thing happening in southern California.”

California’s recent growth has been fueled by the general upturn in the U.S. economy, as well as a comeback in the tech industry, which has breathed new life into Silicon Valley and San Francisco, which were hit hard by the dot-com crash of 2000.

One sign of the recovery: taxable sales increased in San Francisco, Santa Clara and Alameda counties by about 8 percent this year. That’s roughly the same pace as San Diego, but far ahead of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara counties, where sales grew by 5.6 percent.

Northern California will see jobs increase by 1.5 percent to 2 percent next year and could recover completely by 2006, unless the national economy slows down too much, Thornberg said.

But Southern California, which has enjoyed much stronger growth than Northern

California in the past few years, seems poised for a slowdown, especially if people start cutting back on what they spend on consumer services, which have evolved into a Southern California specialty.

If another national downturn begins, San Diego, Orange, Ventura, Riverside and San Bernardino counties will likely experience worse economic results as consumers tighten their pocketbooks.

“It used to be the Bay Area holding California back,” USD professor Gin said. “But in terms of selected sectors, such as the housing market, Southern California will cool off.”

Another major problem facing the state is the looming budget deficit.

In a separate report yesterday, Anderson Forecast economist Michael Bazdarich said the “subterfuge and gimmicks” that politicians in Sacramento have used to tame the budget deficit have had limited effects.

“Most of the progress that we’ve seen has happened because of the improvements in the economy and a rise in taxable income,” he said. “I’m not sure we’re going to see that next year.”

Bazdarich’s colleague, Thornberg, predicted that economic growth, which rose 5.6

percent this year, will slow to 5.2 percent next year.

“Arnold Schwarzenegger inherited a \$9.2 billion deficit when he came into office, but the first thing he did was cut the (vehicle license fees), which raised the deficit even higher,” Bazdarich said, referring to a fee raised by Gov. Gray Davis to add \$5.2 billion to the state’s coffers.

“It’s one thing to make that kind of cut when the state has a surplus, but another thing when it’s in deficit,” he said. “In the meantime, the easy budget cuts have been done, the easy revenue increases have been done, and it’s going to be pretty hard to shave the last \$7 billion off the deficit.”

Scott Anderson, senior economist at Wells Fargo Bank, said pressures related to the budget deficit will continue to be a problem through 2005. But he added that a greater threat may be a slowdown in the housing market, which could lead to layoffs at mortgage, construction and real estate companies.

Though the Bay Area has begun performing better, California still hasn’t come out of its soft patch, he said. “There’s growing job weakness in Southern California — Orange County, San Diego and Los Angeles,” he said.

But Thornberg thinks An-

derson is overly grim.

“When you remove the Bay Area from the mix, California can be shown to be performing slightly better than the U.S. overall since the start of the downturn,” he said. “And while the Bay Area has certainly suffered dramatically since the tech bust began, what may be more impressive is how well it is recovering.”

Thornberg said the state’s recent economic performance looked worse than it really was because the state was doing so well before the last downturn.

“It’s all a function of perspective,” he said. “If you go back to 1998, you’ll see that California has performed much better than the rest of the states. And even since 2001, we’ve done much better than the rest of the nation for household wealth.”

He added that despite all the problems in Santa Clara County — the heart of Silicon Valley — it still has the seventh-highest household income in the country.

“How can you lose 20 percent of your work force and still be close to the top?” he asks.

San Diego ranks 93rd on the list of the top 200 counties in household income.

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SANDAG develops snapshot of county

By: EDMOND JACOBY - Staff Writer

The San Diego Association of Governments on Thursday unveiled a draft report that looks at the state of the county's economy and quality of life, an important first step in evaluating how well its governments implement their general plans.

The report documents an apparent public ambivalence to public transit, which has been declining in popularity since its ridership high-point in 2001; the number of miles of roadways that don't meet expected standards, up from 22 percent to 25 percent in the last two years; to the number of hours wasted every year by commuters because of traffic delays, which rose from 14 in 1996 to 26 in 2002.

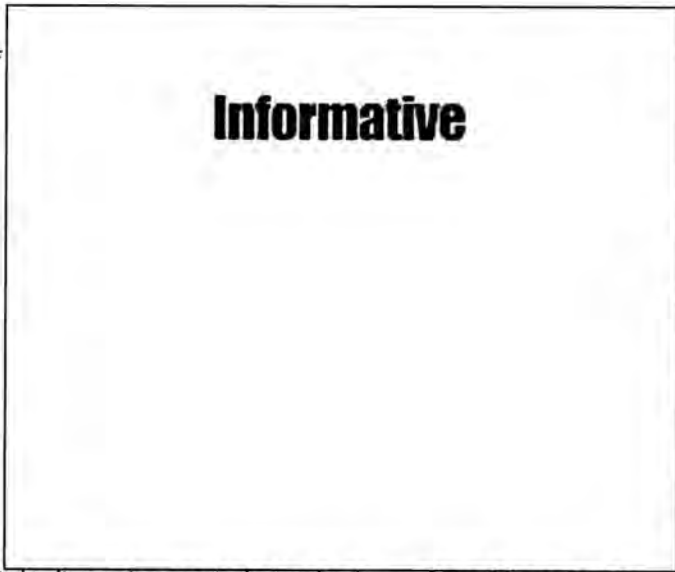
Not everything is getting worse, according to the report: Crime rates, though up slightly every year since 2000, are well below figures for the middle of the last decade.

The report is fundamentally a statistical scrapbook. It contains a collection of snapshots that the local governments can use to judge whether they are accomplishing the goals embodied in their general plans.

Each government in the county has adopted a general plan, which combines into one document all of its separate plans for the development of real estate, transportation, commerce and environmental preservation within its boundaries.

The baseline monitoring report is part of SANDAG's comprehensive plan, an overarching model the association adopted as a guide on which all of the governments in the county could agree. It attempts to quantify a wide range of data, from the size of beaches to transportation issues, from border conditions to economic well-being.

"The cities and the county are required to update their general plans to conform to the comprehensive plan," said SANDAG spokesman Garry Bonelli.



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"As they do this, they look at how well they are working with their neighbors and how they are doing achieving the goals of the general plans," he said. "The baseline monitoring report is an attempt to establish something for the politicians to agree on as a policy barometer."

Housing affordability, the report notes, is in decline, and an ever-larger slice of family income must be dedicated to putting a roof over every family's head, the report shows. More than 35 percent of San Diego County's residents have to pay a third or more of their income for a place to live, according to the report.

Housing vacancy rates are rising as the real estate market cools, and one in 11 San Diego County households was overcrowded in 2003. That figure is the same as it was in 2002.

"Housing affordability went down, which wasn't a surprise to anybody," said Beth Jarosz, the economist who headed the SANDAG team that wrote the report. "But I was surprised by the ratio of new jobs to new housing. It makes San Diego look job poor, which it isn't."

The report shows that San Diego County is creating more new homes than new jobs. It notes a dip in new job creation in 2002 and 2003, and the perpetual shortage of housing in San Diego makes job creation figures look weaker than they really were, Jarosz said.

As the number of jobs in an economy declines, the number of new homes built also usually declines. But in the San Diego County economy, housing is in such short supply that reducing the number of new jobs created does not significantly affect demand, she explained. It's here is a waiting line for new homes, and slowing the growth of jobs merely slows the speed at which the line gets longer, she said.

University of San Diego economics professor Alan Gin agreed that the low ratio of new jobs to new homes --- 2.42 new jobs per new home from 1990 to 2000, dropping to less than one new job per new home in 2003 --- does not reflect the strength of the local economy, and said that while the report has weaknesses, it can be a useful tool for evaluating how well planning goals are being met.

"Is this useful as a planning tool? I think so. You've got a lot of data out there, and when you get it all in one place and look at it together at once you can use it very effectively for planning and evaluation," Gin said.

Not everyone agrees.

Jack Jyser, chief economist for the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corp., who studies San Diego's economy as a part of the greater Southern California economy, says he's not sure the data is timely enough to be a reflection of the world as it presently exists.

"It's like driving down the road and you ask how you're doing, and somebody looks at the way you were doing at milepost 40 and tries to tell you how things are going at milepost 60," Kyser said.

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Holiday Gift as Gas Drops Below \$2 a Gallon

But Scrooge likely to return come the New Year
12/23/2004
by Larry M Edwards

SAN DIEGO -- Consumers and businesses received a holiday gift at the pump this week: The price of gasoline drifted to its lowest level in months.

But industry analysts say their tanks should be topped off before the year ends. Prices are likely to go up in January -- and they could soar to record territory come spring.

More than 100 San Diego-area gas stations reported selling regular, unleaded gas for less than \$2 a gallon and some as low as \$1.89 this week, according to the San Diego-based **Utility Consumers' Action Network**.

Still, the average price per gallon remained above the \$2 mark at \$2.181, down from \$2.24 the previous week.

The lower prices have everything to do with industry accounting practices and nothing to do with holiday benevolence, however. The oil companies deplete supplies to reduce their year-end inventory tax bill, so December typically has the lowest prices of the year. Shortages in January are likely to push prices back up.

Combined with aggressive pricing, vehicle operators are reaping the benefit of the year-end price slump, if only short-term. Price cuts by Arco, the biggest by this year, were prompted by aggressive competition from unbranded independent dealers, UCAN reported.

But "this may be the cheapest gasoline we see in years," said UCAN's gasoline project manager, Charles Langley.

"Inflation, a weak dollar, cuts in OPEC production and lack of competition at the refinery level make the possibility of \$3-a-gallon gasoline in the spring of 2005 very likely," Langley said.

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Industry analyst Bob van der Valk concurs. "We do not have enough refinery capacity in California in order to keep up with increasing demand," he said.

He expects gas prices to level off a few days before Christmas and the remainder of the year as demand from holiday travellers picks up.

But early next year the oil refineries begin their switch from the winter formulation to the more expensive summer formulation beginning Feb. 15, explained van der Valk, who is known as **The Gas Guy**.

"The solution to lower gas prices is to keep refineries up and running in good maintenance," van der Valk said.

He suggests the oil companies coordinate refinery maintenance and scheduled closures through the California Energy Commission to keep refineries from closing at the same time and causing sudden supply shortages of gasoline and diesel and the resultant price spikes.

Costly gasoline not only hits vehicle operators' pocketbooks, it's also a drain on the economy, said Alan Gin, economics professor at the University of San Diego.

"For every 10 cents increase in the price of gas, it takes \$7 million a month out of local economy in terms of spending," Gin said. And consumer spending is what drives our economy.

"So, a one-dollar increase would take \$70 million of spending power out of San Diego's economy each month -- that's \$840 million a year," he added.

Last week, Orange County reported the lowest average price of regular unleaded in California at \$2.123 a gallon, 6.8 cents less than the previous week, according to the **Automobile Club of Southern California**.

Drivers in the Central Coast area that includes Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc were paying the highest price at \$2.278 a gallon but significantly less than the record \$2.57 reported on Oct. 10, the auto club reported.

A year ago the average price of regular, unleaded gasoline in California was less than \$1.60 a gallon.

Nationally, the U.S. Energy Department pegged the average price of unleaded regular at \$1.984 a gallon, about 3 cents lower than last week.

To date, the average price of a gallon of regular, unleaded gas sold in San Diego County for the year is \$2.20, an all-time high for San Diego and possibly the nation, according to UCAN.

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San Diego County job growth is solid

By: EDMOND JACOBY - Staff Writer

Unemployment took another dip in San Diego County last month, falling from 3.7 percent to 3.4 percent according to the California Employment Development Department.

Because a certain number of people are changing jobs at any given time, any rate below 4 percent is considered by economists to be virtually the same as zero unemployment.

Across California, unemployment stood at 5.6 percent in November; the unemployment rate nationwide was 5.2 percent.

Tabulations based on the number of employees reported by employers showed that nonfarm employment in San Diego County swelled by 3,100 jobs in November, primarily because trade, transportation and utilities companies added 3,800 jobs during the month. Some of those job gains were offset by losses in other industries, the report reported.

The trade category includes retail jobs, which was as merchants stepped up hiring in advance of the holiday season. Retail employment gained about 3,300 jobs during November 2003. Clothing stores accounted for most of that gain, while department store and general merchandise store employment remained flat, according to the figures.

"It's just basically more good news for San Diego," said Alan Gin, an economics and business professor at the University of San Diego.

"If you look at the increases from November 2003, we're up about 20,000 jobs," he said. "That's not spectacular, but employment is growing at a pretty good clip."

Growth also came from the government and from educational and health services, while job losses for the month occurred in the leisure and hospitality industries as tourism declined from summer highs to winter levels; construction employment also fell from October to November. Comparing last month with November 2003, however, construction recorded the largest gain of any industry; at 9,100 jobs, the growth in construction was nearly half of all job growth year-over-year.

Gin said that the number of jobs created is important, but so is the quality of the jobs created. Low wage jobs are not necessarily a boon to the economy, and he cautioned that many of the new jobs in the U.S. economy and in California might be precisely that. However, with such strong year-over-year growth in construction, San Diego appears to be gaining solid, well-paying jobs.

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County's housing prices in pullback

3-month drop nothing unusual, analyst says

By Roger M. Showley
STAFF WRITER

San Diego County housing prices dipped \$2,000 last month to a median \$487,000 but were still more than 23 percent ahead of where they stood a year ago, DataQuick Information Systems reported yesterday.

However, the slight decline was overshadowed by a \$10,000 drop from August

to November in the median price of single-family resale homes, the largest segment of the market.

Last month's median for resale homes stood at \$515,000, compared with the all-time high of \$525,000 three months earlier. It was the first time since 1998 that the median price for existing homes had dropped three months in a row.

DataQuick analyst John Karevoll explained the three-month downturn as a normal late fall and winter event, with prices in November and February typically lower than those recorded in August.

More significant to him was the level of sales activity. There were 4,350 sales last

month, the third-most active November on record since locally based DataQuick began keeping track in 1988.

"The market is still incredibly strong and incredibly balanced and in a state of a sort of 'divine equilibrium.' It's astonishing," Karevoll said. "We keep looking for signs of a turn, and we're just not seeing it."

To meet the high cost of housing locally, four out of five home buyers are choosing adjustable-rate mortgages, which carry lower initial interest rates than fixed-rate loans, Karevoll said.

Interest rates are becoming more of a

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San Diego County house prices and sales

MEDIAN PRICES	Nov. '03	Oct. '04	Nov. '04	Change from
				Nov '03 to Nov. '04
Single-family resale	\$418,500	\$516,000	\$515,000	23.06%
Condo resale	\$289,000	\$375,000	\$370,000	28.03%
Newly built*	\$440,000	\$525,000	\$530,000	20.45%
All combined	\$393,000	\$489,000	\$487,000	23.92%
SALES				
Single-family resale	2,437	2,458	2,284	-6.28%
Condo resale	1,104	1,009	963	-12.77%
Newly built*	1,147	1,291	1,103	-3.84%
All combined	4,688	4,758	4,350	-7.21%

*Includes condo conversions

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Local inventory would take 70+ days to be sold

concern since the Federal Reserve began boosting short-term rates six months ago. It added an additional quarter-percentage point yesterday, bringing the federal funds rate that banks charge each other to 2.25 percent.

Mortgage rates have yet to reflect this upsurge, but borrowers with adjustable-rate mortgages could feel a bite in their monthly payments because adjustments are typically tied to short-term rate changes.

Elsewhere in Southern California, San Bernardino County posted the highest year-over-year price increase of 34.6 percent to \$284,000, while Los Angeles had the lowest, up 22.7 percent to \$416,000. Orange County rose 23.8 percent to \$541,000, and Riverside County was up 29.1 percent to \$346,000.

Also tracking home prices in the San Diego area is Sandicor Inc., the local real estate industry's multiple listing service that covers about two-thirds of the market monitored by DataQuick. For November, Sandicor put the median home price here at \$490,000.

Month-over-month prices may be down in San Diego County because there are more homes for sale. According to Sandicor, there were 9,129 listings on the market yesterday, compared with an average 3,754 in December last year.

At current sales rates, the current inventory of homes on the market would take more than 70 days to sell, compared with 26 days last year.

Of course, housing prices throughout the county vary widely, depending on location, size of the property and its age.

The DataQuick figures showed that some areas — El Cajon, La Mesa and San Diego's inner-city neighborhoods of City Heights, Golden Hill and Logan Heights — had record prices in November for single-family resale homes.

But other areas, such as Del

Mar, La Jolla and Rancho Santa Fe, reached their peaks months ago and have backed off from those highs, in some cases by hundreds of thousands of dollars.

David Asbury, a McMillin Realty agent in Carlsbad, where an all-time peak of \$730,000 in the 92008 ZIP code occurred in May, said top-level prices have flattened out while entry-level homes continue to appreciate.

"What I see now is consumers are being a little bit more motivated to pick the better deals," Asbury said. "Before, anything we'd put on the market would get any offer."

But he said Carlsbad remains a desirable place to live, and he sees no letup in interest.

"I think we're going to see, after this winter, a lot of people moving out here again, especially if the Chargers go to the Super Bowl," he said. "I got quite a few calls last time the Chargers were doing real well. They think about this destination as a place to live."

Lou Galuppo, director of the University of San Diego's residential real estate program, which is holding a 2005 outlook

conference tomorrow, said the current price lull is likely to last up to six months but does not portend a severe decline of 25 percent to 50 percent.

"My crystal ball doesn't look past 24 months," Galuppo said. "In the next three-month time period, we might see housing prices continue to dip but accelerate right back out of it."

On the other hand, while household incomes in San Diego are at the national average, the region's home prices are roughly double the national level. The result is a high cost of living that has made it difficult for companies to recruit employees and has led to some households moving to states where housing is cheaper.

For that reason, DataQuick's Karevoll said San Diego is "the talk of the economic community out there."

"Everybody's watching San Diego very carefully to see how far the rubber band can be stretched before it snaps," he said.

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John Moores to be keynote speaker at annual breakfast

John Moores, chairman of JMI Realty, the real estate subsidiary of **JMI Services Inc.**, the investment management company of the John Moores family, is slated to be the keynote speaker for the annual Deal Maker Awards breakfast.



Moores is also owner of the San Diego Padres, and his vision for the new downtown San

Diego ballpark and surrounding redevelopment district has ignited an exciting renaissance that is being acclaimed nationwide.

In June of 2004, University of San Diego announced a \$5 million gift for the endowment of the USD Real Estate Institute. Burnham Real Estate and John Moores each contributed \$2.5 million to support the Real Estate Institute's vision of becoming a world-class real estate center. The USD Real Estate Institute has been renamed the Burnham-Moores

Center for Real Estate.

Moores' current affiliations include chairman of the Board of Regents, the University of California System, board member of the Campaign Foundation of San Diego State University; trustee of the UCSD Foundation; trustee of the Carter Center of Emory University; advisory board, San Diego Hall of Champions; chairman, Neon Systems Inc.; trustee, The Scripps Research Institute; co-chairman, John Burnham & Co.; and chairman, JMI Services Inc.

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Personnel moves in San Diego County

The University of San Diego School of Business Administration Alumni Association has elected the following members to its alumni service and advisory council: **Bill Brennan** of Barney & Barney, **Burt Brigida** of California Bank & Trust, **Tim Bubnack** of Silicon Valley Bank, **Robin Felix** of Titan Corp. and **Julie Zures** of Kyocera Wireless Corporation.

Robert R. Supple has established Supple Insurance Services in downtown San Diego. The Insurance brokerage will provide commercial property and casualty insurance to manufacturers, design professionals, accountants, building owners and other businesses. Supple was previously with Cavnac & Associates, which he co-founded in 1992.



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Classes start for Cal State San Marcos' first doctoral students

By: BRUCE KAUFFMAN - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- A group of educators who would be the first to earn doctoral degrees that carry the imprimatur of Cal State San Marcos started school Wednesday.

Some 18 school administrators from throughout San Diego and Riverside counties ---- no less than 12 of them working in North County institutions ---- gathered at UC San Diego for their first class in a three-year program that would end with being granted doctoral degrees in educational leadership.

The degree is being awarded for the first time in a partnership three years in the making between Cal State San Marcos, San Diego State University and UCSD. A reception and the first class were held at the Ida and Cecil Green Faculty Club on the UCSD campus in La Jolla.

One of their professors, Jennifer Jeffries, said she fully expected all of them to graduate. Carefully selected from a group of about 35 applicants, the class was told it is expected to defy the odds, wherein only a third of those who embark on a doctoral program ever end up with a degree.

Noting that she sensed the group, known as a cohort, was both "excited and anxious," Jeffries, a former superintendent of the Fallbrook elementary school district who is now on the faculty of the College of Education at Cal State San Marcos, said that emotional state was "the perfect place to be."

She told the students they were already proven, competent professionals with demonstrated leadership skills and success. Like a snake, she said, they were about to shed their skin and make a leap in their intellectual and emotional growth.

"Ultimately, this will help open you up to whole new ways of thinking," said Jeffries, who



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will teach the doctoral candidates a course this academic quarter called "rethinking leadership." She also told them "the fate and future of public education is in the hands of people like you" and that they must bring their "best thinking" into play in order for the public schools to thrive.

The new degree is the only one being offered in educational leadership by public universities in San Diego. The University of San Diego, a private institution, offers a similar degree. The cost for the UC-Cal State program is about \$21,000 over three years. The last year of the program would be devoted to writing a dissertation and the buildup to that taking place in classes on Friday nights and all day Saturday and study done both with traditional texts and online.

Members of the cohort from North County, who include superintendents, assistant superintendents and principals, come from San Marcos, Poway, Oceanside, Escondido, Carlsbad and the San Pasqual and Pauma/Valley Center districts. All of them plan to keep their jobs while they study for their doctorate in educational leadership.

One, Michelle Lustig, is a social worker with Casey Family Programs in San Diego and an adjunct faculty member at Cal State San Marcos.

Luis Ibarra, principal of Laurel elementary school in Oceanside, said he entered the program to gain the skills "to better inspire my teachers" to help students improve. He said his own focus would be on how the job satisfaction of the faculty relates to the achievement posted by the students. He said he would look at how "empowering the teachers ... making them part of the solution," would improve the "school culture."

The program begins three years after the University of California and the state Legislature agreed to double the number of doctoral graduates in education by the year 2010.

Cal State San Marcos President Karen S. Haynes said the program will enable the candidates to "translate the best theory into practice." Both UCSD and SDSU have other doctoral programs in education, but none in educational leadership. This is the first doctoral program in which Cal State San Marcos has been involved, what San Marcos Provost Robert Sheath called the addition of a "compelling element to our academic mission."

A second cohort is expected to start in January 2006.

Aside from Oceanside's Ibarra and the Casey Family Programs' Lustig, the North County members of this first group include Brian Bristol, superintendent of the Julian Union High School district; John Collins, deputy superintendent of Poway Unified; Jeff Felix, superintendent of the San Pasqual district; Andres Santa Maria, assistant principal of Valley Middle school in Carlsbad; Karen Rizzi, assistant superintendent for Escondido High School District; and Peggy Johnson, assistant superintendent for the Pauma/Valley Center district.

Also, Kevin Holt, assistant superintendent in the San Marcos Unified district; Stacy Everson, director of special programs in the Fallbrook Elementary district; Rebecca Wardlow, principal of Creekside elementary in Poway; and Melavel Robertson, director of secondary curriculum for the Poway district.

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AT AGE 30, BELLY UP TAVERN IS A MAINSTAY OF THE MUSIC SCENE — 'IT'S LIKE HAVING THE FILLMORE IN YOUR BACK YARD'

By David L. Coddon
ASSOCIATE NIGHT&DAY EDITOR

Fittingly, it all started “over several pitchers of beer.” Former high school classmates Dave Hodges and Greg Gilholm got a sudsy brainstorm that fateful day in 1974 to open a beer bar. Hodges, who'd just finished accounting school at the University of San Diego, and Gilholm, who'd been working as a bartender in L.A.'s South Bay, figured they had a foundation for saloon-keeping and for business, and when they subsequently acted on their brainstorm and found a vacant Quonset hut on Solana Beach's Cedros Avenue, they “fell in love with it,” Hodges recalls.

Their cronies didn't think much of their chances for success, and perhaps neither did Hodges, who chose to christen the games bar that he and Gilholm opened the Belly Up Tavern.

It's 30 years later. Who's laughing now?

The Belly Up is San Diego County's longest currently operating club, and it's much more than that: “It's become a cultural icon,” says Hodges, a modest man reluctant to grab credit.

But as the Belly Up marks its 30 years in business, credit is due to not only Hodges, Gilholm and eventual second partner Ted Schulz, but to a blues player named Randy Godfrey who, Hodges says, “really brought music to the Belly Up,” and to the original talent buyer, the late Mac Falk, and many others.

Before we turn this into just the kind of overblown testimonial that Hodges — who sold the Belly Up's name and assets last year to restaurateur Steve Goldberg and his partner, Phil Berkovitz — wouldn't want, consider the simple roots from which the club sprang.

If you want to see what the “original” Belly Up looked like, and was intended by Hodges and Gilholm to be, pay a visit to Joe Jost's, an 80-year-old tavern on East Anaheim Street in Long Beach.

“We basically stole all of their ideas,” Hodges, 57, recalled, “down to the menu, the beer, the wine, the pickled eggs, the Polish sausage sandwich. We took everything they had and brought it down to Solana Beach.”

And when, a couple of years after opening, Hodges and Gilholm realized



Belly Up co-founder Dave Hodges had humble ambitions for the establishment when he opened it 30 years ago.

they'd have to do live music to compete in a growing North County entertainment market, the Belly Up underwent an identity shift. It became not merely a beachy beer-and-arcade bar, but a venue for experiencing live music — from country to blues to Dixieland.

Not long after Hodges became landlord for not only the Belly Up but for a talent agency headed by Falk and Kevin Morrow (now of the House of Blues), the club's musical profile began to climb. In time, major acts across genres would play the Belly Up — and yet the big 'ol barn (capacity 600) never stopped being a community hangout, where there were days set aside for swing dancing or even meetings.

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— *Compiled by Robin Scott*

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ULI Young Leaders will welcome Chairman Harry Frampton to San Diego for our January event where he will share about his experiences and the importance of leadership in the community. Following the speaker, there will be a presentation about exciting new opportunities, programs, and upcoming events for San Diego's Young Leaders in 2005. (Event code 8132-0517). **Organization:** Urban Land Institute(ULI) **Information:** Jennifer Whitelaw (800) 321-5011 jennifer@whitelaw-marketing.com **Cost:** \$15.00- \$20.00 **When:** Hours: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM **Where:** University of San Diego, Founders Hall, 5998 Alcala Park, San Diego, 92110

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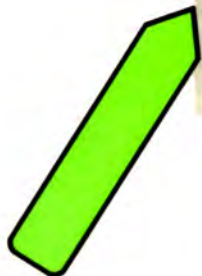
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Dr. Alan Gin, *Associate Professor of Economics, University of San Diego*

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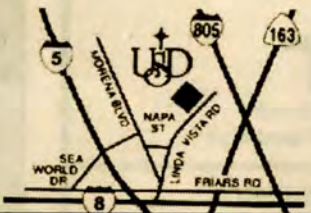
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School of Law

High court's road show in session in San Diego

Law, high school students attend arguments at USD

By **Dana Littlefield**
STAFF WRITER

To an outsider, it seemed a lot like facing a firing squad. In this case the ammunition was intellectual — questions rather than bullets — but the outcome was nearly as consequential.

One by one, prosecutors and defense lawyers stood before a panel of seven California Supreme Court justices to argue legal issues that could affect the outcome of many future court cases.

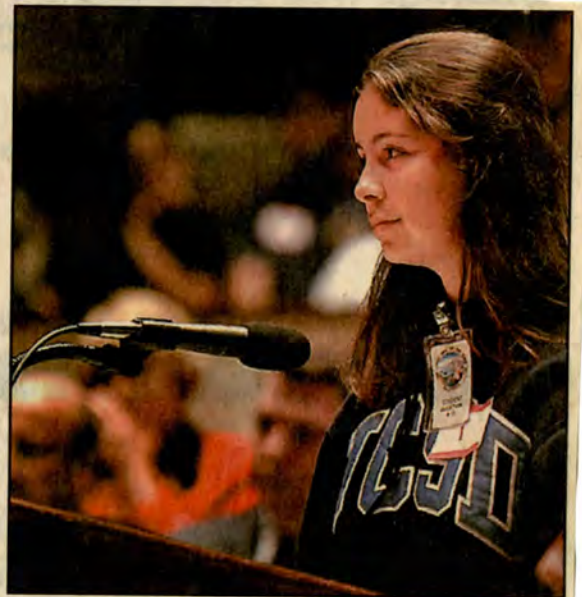
As each lawyer spoke, the justices

repeatedly interrupted to question them on hypothetical scenarios, pinpoint matters that needed clarification or catch contradictions that seemed to undermine the argument.

"It's very exciting," said Xiomara Costello, a deputy attorney general from Los Angeles who participated in the proceedings. "It's not often that attorneys get the opportunity to argue before the state Supreme Court."

The justices assembled yesterday as part of a two-day special session at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the University of San Diego campus. The event, which continues to

SEE **Court, B10**



Associate Justice Marvin R. Baxter fielded a question yesterday from Jacqueline Lisle, a student at the Preuss School at UCSD. She asked, "Is it more democratic to interpret the Constitution based on contemporary views, or its original intent?" To which Baxter replied, "You throw me the zinger!" Don Kohlbauer / Union-Tribune photos



More than 1,000 law students and high school students attended the special session of the Supreme Court yesterday in San Diego, held in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the University of San Diego's School of Law. *Don Kohlbauer / Union-Tribune*

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Limits of right to represent oneself argued

day, is being held in conjunction with a 50th anniversary celebration of USD's School of Law.

The Supreme Court regularly meets in Los Angeles, Sacramento and San Francisco, where it is based. However, the justices occasionally hold oral argument sessions in other cities as part of an outreach program meant to improve public access and understanding of the court system.

"Our goal has been to better acquaint the public with the role of the courts and to better acquaint the courts with the concerns and interests of the public," Chief Justice Ronald M. George said yesterday.

Throughout much of the

morning, high school students filled the back of the session hall, some dressed in suits and dress shoes to reflect the decorum of the occasion. Although some students lamented having to sit through lengthy arguments, others appreciated the chance to see California's highest court in action.

"I think it's a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Yvonne Gutierrez, 17, a Hoover High School senior who attended the session with her government class. "I think it's really cool."

One of the topics discussed during the morning session was whether prosecutors can argue contradictory theories of the same murder in separate trials to convict two men of the crime. Another dealt with whether a death-row inmate who says he's mentally retarded can be executed.

A third case pertained to whether a trial judge can revoke a defendant's constitutional right to represent himself in court if that defendant engages in misconduct outside the

courtroom.

Deputy Attorney General Costello argued that in this case the defendant was given documents he wasn't entitled to and used information contained in them to intimidate potential witnesses and fabricate an alibi. Because of his misdeeds, the defendant should lose the right to defend himself in court, Costello said.

However, San Francisco attorney Chris Redburn argued that there are other remedies, rather than revoking a defendant's right to self-representation.

After listening to both arguments, Paris Wade, a 20-year-old student from Clarita Career College near Santa Clarita, said she agreed with Costello. She said she reached her decision after pondering the justices' questions — and gaining insight she and her classmates will use as they study to become paralegals. "This is just a treat for us," she said.

USD hosts state Supreme Court session

By CATHERINE
MACRAE HOCKMUTH
The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA — The California Supreme Court convened in San Diego Tuesday for a special oral argument session hosted by the University of San Diego School of Law.

The two-day event is part of a yearlong celebration of the law school's 50th anniversary and was first proposed last year by law professor Hugh Friedman.

The state Supreme Court hears oral arguments one week each month from September through June, and splits the time between its headquarters in San Francisco and Los Angeles. The court also holds two special sessions each year in Sacramento, and in recent years began taking the show on the road to alternative locations. The court has met in San Jose, Fresno and Orange County.

The Supreme Court has held an oral argument session at the university once before during the 1970s, according to law school Dean Daniel Rodriguez.

"This visit is the capstone to what has been a wonderful year-long series of events, including visits of four of nine U.S. Supreme Court justices," Rodriguez said. Justices Antonin Scalia, Sandra Day O'Connor, John Paul Stevens and Clarence Thomas have addressed the law school's students and faculty over the last year. In 2001, the law school hosted the Court of Military Appeal, which is based in Washington, D.C. The state

Supreme Court's special session is the last major event of the 50th anniversary celebration.

The court's special sessions in San Diego and elsewhere are part of a larger community outreach effort to "better acquaint the public of the role of the court" and better acquaint the court with the public's concerns, said Chief Justice Ronald George.

Judith McConnell, administrative presiding justice of the 4th Appellate District, Division One, who helped the law school coordi-

nate the visit, said 1,200 high school and college students from San Diego County are attending, and holding classes alongside the court proceedings. All high schools in San Diego and Imperial counties were invited to participate in what is believed to be one of the largest public education events in state court history.

At Tuesday's morning session, 10 of the students even had the opportunity to question the jus-

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trices — something lawyers participating in oral arguments cannot do.

The students asked the justices lofty legal questions and sought personal career advice. How do they separate their moral beliefs from the facts of law? How do they balance the individual rights against the rights of the government? How does a high school student become an attorney and eventually a state Supreme Court justice?

Dean Rodriguez said he hopes young people, many of whom probably have never met a lawyer, would be inspired by the opportunity to witness oral arguments before the state Supreme Court. "It wouldn't surprise me if we see some future lawyers out of this event," Rodriguez said.

Students at more than 30 other high schools are watching the session from their classrooms on the California Channel. Session organizers

have dispatched teams of judges and lawyers to each participating class to lead discussions about cases and issues before the court.

At the top of the court's agenda Tuesday was whether a criminal prosecutor may argue contradictory factual theories in separate trials to obtain death sentences against two defendants who committed a single murder. The issue arose following the severed trials of Peter Sakarias and Tauno Waidla, Estonian men who were convicted in Los Angeles for the 1988 murder of an Estonian-American woman named Viivi Piirisild.

The pair was convicted of breaking into the victim's home and then attacking her with a hatchet and kitchen knife when she returned home. During each trial, the prosecutor, Steven Ipsen, argued that each man had administered the fatal blow with a hatchet even though both theories could not be true. Ipsen used the argument to urge jurors to deliver death sentences

during the penalty phases of the trials.

Arguing on behalf of the state, Michael Keller, from the office of the attorney general, said the prosecutor's strategy was appropriate and cautioned judges not to issue a rule that forces prosecutors to stick with a single strategy unless new evidence is uncovered during the time period between severed trials. Moreover, Keller said a falsity of evidence only exists when the prosecutor deliberately argues something as a fact that he or she knows to be false. In this case, the prosecutor did not know who actually delivered the fatal blow.

Waidla's attorney Sean Kennedy said the prosecutor should not be allowed to argue that evidence is conclusive when it is not. Sakarias' attorney Cliff Gardner said the prosecutor had manipulated the evidence and "cherry-picked" the facts in order to obtain a death penalty in both cases.

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Road Rules for Hedge Funds

By Frank Partnoy

LAST Friday, Carl C. Icahn, one of Wall Street's perennial players, filed a lawsuit against a large hedge fund, accusing it of stock manipulation in a take-over battle. The suit came just a week after the Securities and Exchange Commission posted new rules requiring hedge funds to register with the agency.

Should hedge funds be the next frontier for financial regulators? The answer is yes, as long as the oversight isn't overzealous.

The most important players in today's financial markets, hedge funds are also the least understood. They are not, as one might suppose, funds that hedge their bets through a prudent combination of investments.

The first hedge fund, it is believed, was a 1949 investment partnership established by Alfred Winslow Jones that reduced risk by buying one stock while shorting another in the same industry. But even early imitators became more notable for borrowing money to speculate than for hedging.

Today's hedge funds, which use borrowing and complex financial derivatives to bet on, say, currency devaluations and corporate mergers, are the biggest market movers. When shares

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sharply rise or fall, these funds typically account for the bulk of trading involved.

Many hedge funds claim that they do a kind of low-risk trading known as arbitrage — exploiting small price differences between similar types of securities. But the highest-profile hedge fund to claim such an approach, Long-Term Capital Management, collapsed in 1998 after it borrowed 100 times its capital and lost more than \$1 billion selling options. Hedge funds claiming to do arbitrage were also implicated in the recent mutual fund scandals.

Until recently, regulators were unconcerned about these funds, because the average individual investor considered them off limits. Hedge funds might lurk in a dark corner of the market, regulators reasoned, but the wealthy people that invest in them have financial advisers and do not need a government-subsidized flash-

light. Besides, hedge-fund trading can improve market efficiency and liquidity. When Kmart and Sears announced a merger last month, for example, hedge funds were the first to bet on the take-over by buying and selling shares. Such quick-trigger trading helps ensure that shares are neither under- or overvalued.

But during the past five years hedge fund assets have grown by 260 percent, and that dark corner has expanded. There are now more than 7,000 hedge funds, with combined assets of about \$1 trillion. Today's hedge fund investors include one in five pension funds — as well as many charitable foundations and university endowments, institutions that on average put more than 10 percent of their assets into the funds. And individuals invested more in hedge funds last year than did all of these institutions combined.

As the funds proliferate, regulators have become more concerned. After all, the typical hedge fund is a black box: investors simply put their money into whatever strategies and securities might be within. After a long study, S.E.C. officials confirmed that the hedge fund industry is fast growing and highly profitable: fund managers typically charge a 2 percent fee plus 20 percent of any gains. But regulators didn't learn much more. Understandably, then, William H. Donaldson, chairman of the S.E.C., proposed the baby step of requiring registration. Registration will provide at least basic information — who runs a fund and how much money is under management, for example.

Yet the virulent opposition to registration — two of the five S.E.C. commissioners, supported by dozens of

comment letters, filed a 30-page dissent — is also understandable. The fear is that the S.E.C. will gain a toehold and then impose unduly onerous rules.

Heavy-handed regulation is particularly unwise in the case of hedge funds. Not all hedge fund managers are gamblers. Besides, costly rules would send some fund managers offshore. An appropriate balance would be to use the registration process, which is to begin in February, to develop a centralized database — one that resembles the S.E.C.'s corporate database. Over time, the agency could pressure fund managers to add details about their strategies, holdings, risks and returns.

Investors could use the information to understand and compare what is in the black boxes. Regulators could use the data to determine whether hedge fund strategies pose a risk of a systemwide collapse. Meanwhile, regulators should continue to root out fraud in the industry. During the past five years, the S.E.C. has brought 51 cases in which hedge fund advisers are accused of defrauding investors, and more private plaintiffs are likely to follow Mr. Icahn's example.

Required disclosure and anti-fraud enforcement, the twin pillars of securities regulation, will work well for hedge funds. Financial markets of any kind do not function well in the dark.

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Museum board dealing with stolen art controversy

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SAN DIEGO — The San Diego Museum of Art's board of trustees met Monday to discuss the ongoing investigation into whether one of its paintings was stolen from a Mexican church.

The item was on agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting, said spokeswoman Susannah Stringam, who declined to elaborate on whether trustees would receive a briefing from the museum's Executive Director Derrick Cartwright.

The museum has retained San Diego attorney Jerry Coughlan with the law firm **Coughlan Semmer & Lipman** to assist in determining whether the artwork is in fact the same piece that was stolen from a small church in Hidalgo, Mexico, four years ago. Coughlan said it would be premature to comment on the investigation.

Following the board meeting, the museum plans to hold a press conference Tuesday.

The museum acquired the painting, "Expulsion from the Garden of Eden," through a dealer in 2000. The 18th century painting depicts the expulsion of Adam and Eve by an angel.

Cartwright, who recently became the museum's executive director, has said the artwork would be returned to its owners in Mexico if it proves to be the stolen piece. "A strong commitment to the highest professional standards and an equally longstanding commitment to mutually respectful

relationships with our Mexican colleagues must ultimately characterize our decision-making," Cartwright said in a prepared statement released Dec. 1. "The staff of SDMA is prepared to do everything it conceivably can to assist legal and cultural officials in making this determination."


Whether the museum faces any criminal liability for the acquisition is uncertain. Under state and federal stolen property laws, a buyer is only criminally liable if he or she knew the item was stolen. Lack of due diligence in reviewing

an object's history is not a crime.

Proving knowledge of the theft is a tall order particularly in the art world, where short-staffed museums must often rely on dealer-provided "provenance" records to assess an object's ownership and history.

The task is more difficult in less developed countries that may not be as organized about reporting lost or stolen treasures to one of several databases such as The Art Loss Registry, according to Burt

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Lazerow, a professor at the University of San Diego Law School, who teaches courses in art law. However, Lazerow said most of these registries, like most museums and collectors, focus their theft research on Nazi looting in Germany leading up to and throughout World War II. The San Diego Museum of Art's own provenance research statement says the museum is focused on objects in its collection that were acquired after 1932, created before 1946 and changed ownership between these dates.

In buying "Expulsion," the museum said it relied on records provided by an expert in Colonial Latin American painting that were carefully reviewed before the purchase. The museum has declined to say how much it paid for the painting and has said little about its acquisition procedures. Stringam said an acquisition committee comprising board members approves all acquisitions.

The museum's record of art purchases is varied, ranging from just a few thousand dollars to several hundred thousand in any given

year between 1998 and 2003. According to museum's financial records, as reported on International Revenue Service form 990, the museum spent \$4,200 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2000, and \$771,029 in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, on artwork. The museum spent \$101,622 on art in the 2002 fiscal year, compared with \$219,955 the following year.

Lazerow, the USD law professor, said the person who acquired the painting in question could be liable to the museum for the purchase price if it has to return the piece. Lazerow said it is unusual for museum directors or trustees to approve acquisitions unless they are particularly significant.

Lauren Mack, a spokeswoman with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or ICE, declined to comment on whether the museum is being investigated. Mack said only that the investigation is ongoing and includes how the painting got here. The case was referred to ICE about one month ago by the Justice Department, which was contacted by Mexican authorities.

"There's an awful lot of compli-

cations when you start going internationally" to acquire art, said Lazerow. The difficulty of assessing the art's origin is just one of them. Collectors and museums must also understand the laws in various countries, including how different countries view the exportation of art. Lazerow said there are three schools of thought on the subject.

While the United States is pro-free trade, others, such as Italy, Greece and South America generally prohibit exports of objects that are part of the national patrimony. A third group, which includes the United Kingdom, says exporters must notify the government of international art deals and first give nonprofits within their own country an opportunity to raise the funds to purchase the items.

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Appellate court upholds curbs on runoff pollution

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A state appellate court yesterday upheld the ability of San Diego's water pollution agency to impose some of the nation's most stringent regulations to curb urban runoff contamination.

The ruling by the 4th District Court of Appeal rejected the arguments offered by the San Diego Building Industry Association, which contended that urban runoff restrictions adopted in 2001 exceeded the state's authority under the federal

Clean Water Act.

"What this will do is put teeth into the Clean Water Act ... and breathe new life into ongoing efforts to clean up our coastal waters as well as inland waters, lakes and streams," said David Beckman, an attorney for the Natural Resources Defense Council in Los Angeles.

"The reason this is so important is because municipal storm water is the number one source of water pollution in the state," he said.

Developers said the ruling

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Issue involved water agency's authority

will cause housing costs to escalate and place a financial burden on local governments to solve a problem that is better addressed regionally in a private-public partnership. The builders association lost its initial lawsuit in Superior Court last year.

Under the rules, developers must install storm-drain filters, silt-removal basins and other so-called "best management practices" intended to reduce bacteria, oils, fine metals and other pollutants from being flushed to the sea by rain or other random sources of water.

Local governments also are required to establish public education programs and increase inspections at building sites to ensure the rules are being followed.

The key issue at stake was whether San Diego's water-quality agency can require builders and local governments to remove pollutants from urban runoff that foul waterways and the ocean when it rains.

Attorneys for developers argued that federal law allows compliance as long as those responsible for urban runoff make efforts "to the maximum extent practicable" to reduce pollutants, even if those efforts fail.

But the San Diego Regional Quality Control Board adopted a much broader standard by requiring developers and cities to do whatever is necessary to achieve measurable results. Any runoff causing a body of water to exceed state standards for swimming or wildlife is technically a violation.

"It's the difference between swimming in water that is actually clean or water that someone has made an effort to be clean," Beckman said. "This ruling says that it's results that matter, not merely effort."

The appellate ruling clears the way for the state's eight other regional water-quality boards to adopt the same tough regulations spearheaded in San Diego.

Beckman expects the ruling will influence the outcome of several similar lawsuits. The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, which adopted clean-water standards similar to San Diego's, has at least five lawsuits pending against it, he said.

San Diego regional board chairman Jack Minan, a University of San Diego law professor, said the ruling could have a ripple effect even beyond California's bor-

ders.

"There's no question this is hugely significant," Minan said. "To my knowledge, this is the first time a California court or perhaps any court in the United States has upheld this type of prohibition."

In its unanimous ruling, the three appellate justices said the builders' association "failed to meet its burden to establish (that) the state water board abused its discretion" or that "the permit requirements were impracticable under federal law or unreasonable under state law."

The court also rejected the developers' contention that the storm water rules could cause severe financial problems and a possible "shut down" of local government operations.

"These doomsday arguments are unsupported," the justices wrote.

San Diego County's 18 cities have grudgingly increased spending to follow the rules for the past three years. They were not parties to the building association's argument before the appellate court.

Jerry Livingston, staff counsel for the association, said that, despite the appellate ruling, the regulations adopted in San Diego go beyond what Congress intended and won't result in cleaner water.

"What you have here is a nonelected body dictating how limited public funds are going to be spent," he said. "It's going to be a huge burden for cities and local government."

The rules are illogical, Livingston argued, because the storm water made cleaner by the small treatment systems simply becomes mixed with polluted runoff as it flows downstream in municipal storm drains.

"The Building Industry Association supports all reasonable and practical efforts to control storm water discharges. But what it cannot support is a permit requirement that the regional board has admitted is unattainable," said David Mullen, an attorney for Latham & Watkins, which argued the lawsuit on behalf of the builders.

"This is not what Congress intended when it amended the Clean Water Act in 1987 to set a different standard for storm water discharges," he said.

The appellate ruling, he said, "has rewritten congressional intent."

The builders association has not yet decided whether to appeal the ruling to the California Supreme Court, he said.

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Citing Prop. 64, Firms Seek to Kill Lawsuits

At least a dozen unfair-competition cases that existed before the measure's passage have come under challenge.

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Corporations are trying to kill a raft of lawsuits filed under California's Unfair Competition Law, claiming that the suits were invalidated when voters approved Proposition 64 last month.

The ballot measure made it harder for businesses to be sued over deceptive advertising and other fraudulent practices under the law, which corporate interests have long attacked as an invitation for unscrupulous attorneys to file so-called shakedown lawsuits against businesses.

Since election day, **Daimler-Chrysler**, **Mercury General Corp.**, **Kwikset Corp.** and other companies have asked state judges to dismiss at least a dozen pending unfair-competition cases. More challenges are expected.

"It's a great opportunity to wipe out cases that shouldn't be in the courts," said John Sullivan, director of the Civil Justice Assn. of California and co-chairman of the Proposition 64 campaign. "These are the kind of cases the voters wanted to get rid of that benefited lawyers primarily."

Opponents of Proposition 64 — mainly environmental and consumer rights activists — accuse business of pulling a bait-and-switch with voters by trying to apply the amended law

retroactively.

New laws, whether approved by the Legislature or voters, usually aren't retroactive unless they contain specific wording that says otherwise. Neither the pro-Proposition 64 TV ads bankrolled by corporations nor the text of the initiative itself said the law would apply to cases pending in the courts.

Business "should be playing by the rules that were in place when the cases were actually filed," said Bill McGavern, a Sierra Club lobbyist. "They certainly didn't tell the voters they were planning to cut off remedies that were in place in cases that were already in the system."

Foes of the ballot measure were clearly under the impression that losing the initiative fight wouldn't derail important Unfair Competition Law cases already on the docket.

The Environmental Protection Information Center, based in Garberville, Calif., sued Pacific Lumber Co., a unit of **Maxxam Inc.**, on election day to ensure that its case would get a hearing under the old law.

The suit, which alleges that Pacific Lumber violated state logging laws by harming fish and animal habitat, couldn't be filed under the revised law. Under Proposition 64, plaintiffs in unfair-competition cases must prove that they have personally suffered loss or injury because of a company's behavior — and the plaintiffs in the Pacific Lumber case are essentially fish and other wildlife.

Pacific Lumber, which has yet to file an answer to the complaint, said Thursday that it intended to challenge the lawsuit on the ground that it was invali-

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[*Lawsuits*, from page C1] dated by Proposition 64.

The businesses backing Proposition 64 always intended to apply the new law to pending cases and purposely chose not to tell voters, said Fred Hiestand, general counsel for the Civil Justice Assn. of California, a tort-reform lobbying group that helped sponsor Proposition 64. The campaign's political consultants didn't want to stray from their message that frivolous lawsuits against small-business owners were bad for the state's economy, he said.

That was the message Newport Beach attorney Dan Sigler got when he sent an e-mail to the Proposition 64 campaign headquarters in September asking whether the law would be applied retroactively. A few hours later, he received an unsigned response: "No, it will not. But it will keep small businesses from being victims of shakedown lawsuits in the future."

Sigler, who has defended companies in several unfair-competition cases, said the e-mail exchange suggested that the Proposition 64 backers "were being a little bit devious." If they had wanted to make the law retroactive, he said, they should have included that in the ballot measure.

Proposition 64 campaign co-chairman Sullivan said his group didn't mislead anyone. He said there was a legal difference between calling a law retroactive — meaning it could be used to overturn past court decisions and verdicts — and saying it applied to pending cases.

He said the campaign purposely avoided such technicalities to keep it simple for voters "as simple as possible."

Trials judges have ruled on both sides of the issue, and

Opponents of Proposition 64 accuse business of pulling a bait-and-switch with voters by trying to apply the amended law retroactively.

lawyers say none of the cases are likely to be resolved without a definitive ruling from the California Supreme Court. Two cases, involving automaker **Daimler-Chrysler** and insurer **Mercury**, are before two different Courts of Appeal and could be good candidates for Supreme Court review, attorneys said.

One argument for dismissing pending unfair-competition cases is that the right to sue is granted by the Legislature or the voters and can be taken away at any time by passing another law, said Lisa Jean Perrochet, an Encino attorney. She also contended that Proposition 64 couldn't be applied to pending cases because it made "procedural" changes regarding who has standing to sue but doesn't limit the "substantive" right of truly injured parties to recover damages.

Such reasoning is legal hair-splitting, said Robert Fellmeth, director of the Center for Public Interest Law at the University of San Diego and an expert on the Unfair Competition Law. What could be more substantive than taking away someone's right to sue? he asked.

"I don't think it's a close question," Fellmeth said of Proposition 64. "It's not retroactive."



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Firms' drive on lawsuits attacked

Critics say Prop. 64 is being used to purge pending cases.

By Kevin Yamamura -- Bee Capitol Bureau
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Companies are trying to use a voter-approved November initiative limiting lawsuits against businesses to purge pre-existing cases from California courts, despite assertions by consumer groups that Proposition 64 should not apply.

The Unfair Competition Law cases range from a suit against State Farm charging that the company illegally sets higher rates for previously uninsured drivers to a claim against Anheuser-Busch and Miller Brewing that argues the companies target children in their advertising.

The companies have argued that because the parties that brought those suits are barred from doing so under Proposition 64, the suits should now be dismissed.

Under California law, initiatives approved by the voters take effect the day after the election unless otherwise specified. But legal experts disagree as to whether an initiative such as Proposition 64 that does not specifically discuss retroactivity can be used in pending cases.

Some Superior Court judges have decided that Proposition 64 does apply to cases filed before the Nov. 2 election, while others have ruled that the initiative cannot be used to stop such cases. Lawyers expect the state Supreme Court will have to clarify the matter.

The initiative represented a significant win for businesses, automakers and car dealers that had long fought trial lawyers and public-interest groups in the Capitol to change a state law regarding who can sue companies for unfair practices.

Proposition 64 limited that right to those who suffer actual damages from a company's actions and to public prosecutors. Previously, outside public-interest groups and trial lawyers were able to file claims even though they had not suffered actual harm.

Consumer advocates have criticized companies for invoking the initiative in pending cases because they believe backers of the initiative never specified the law would be used that way.

"Proposition 64 was marketed as an initiative to stop the filing of shakedown lawsuits against small businesses, and the fact that large corporations are using it to halt existing cases and even meritorious cases is completely the opposite of how they billed it," said Steve Blackledge, legislative director for the California Public Interest Research Group.

But the corporate-based coalition that supported the initiative and helped it pass by an 18 percent margin insists that it never misled voters.

John Sullivan, a chairman of the Yes on 64 effort and president of the business-backed Civil Justice Association of California, said the campaign's message was focused on protecting businesses from dubious lawsuits. He added that talking about whether the new law would apply to existing lawsuits was unnecessary.

"It was something we hadn't thought of that much because we were so focused on getting (Proposition 64) passed," Sullivan said. "At one point we did consider whether we wanted to keep the initiative as clean as possible and that we didn't want to have excess language on that or any other issue."

Sullivan disagreed with critics who say companies are trying to apply Proposition 64 retroactively. He said the "retroactive" term should apply only if companies were trying to overturn judgments rendered before the election, which is not the case here.

Robert Fellmuth, a law professor at the University of San Diego who has reviewed the state's unfair competition law, said he doesn't believe the initiative should be applied to pending cases. Regardless, he said the state Supreme Court needs to review the matter immediately.

"It's unfair to both sides to put a case in limbo after a year or two of work," he said.

Environmental and consumer groups assert that the initiative stripped them of an important protection they used to stop business practices that harm the public good, particularly as a pre-emptive practice in cases where damage could not be shown until many years later.

Companies described the measure in a heavy advertising campaign as a way to protect small businesses from frivolous lawsuits. Television ads often pointed to one egregious example in which a rogue Southern California law firm demanded that mom-and-pop stores pay money upfront to avoid facing unmerited legal claims.

Supporters, which included major automakers, insurers and other corporations, gave more than \$12 million to the Proposition 64 campaign. Among those were State Farm, which gave \$200,000 to the effort and is among the companies attempting to remove cases based on the new law.

Opponents of Proposition 64 point to an e-mail the campaign sent in September to Dan Sigler, an attorney based in the city of Orange, as proof that the initiative's proponents never intended it to apply to pending cases. Sigler had asked whether the new law would be applied retroactively.

A Proposition 64 campaign worker responded anonymously, "No, it will not. But it will keep small businesses from being victims of shakedown lawsuits in the future."

Sigler, who represents companies as defendants, called the latest court attempts "a case of real deception."

Sullivan disputed that claim.

"I can't imagine any competent lawyer thinking an e-mail from a campaign staffer with no identification has any bearing on the law," Sullivan said.

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County counsel in step with court trend

By Emily Fancher

Wednesday, December 08, 2004 - and Amy Yarbrough, STAFF WRITERS If San Mateo County opens its court hearings for abused and neglected children to the public -- as the County Counsel is proposing -- it will join a nationwide movement toward more openness in a mostly secretive system.

At least five states have opened their juvenile courts systems in the last decade, with few reported problems and some benefits.

But, if the county hopes to join the openness movement, it must first overcome the objections of local privacy rights advocates, and it must resolve whether state law allows such routine public access.

The battle over privacy rights vs. public rights will take place before county Juvenile Court Judge Marta Diaz. The County Counsel turned to Diaz with its request to open juvenile dependency hearings. The request was a reaction to harsh criticism of the child welfare system stemming from the death of

8-month-old Angelo Marinda, who was killed by his father while a ward of the county.

Diaz said she would invite arguments on the issue during hearings she must conduct before ruling on the county's proposal.

The hearings are likely to include perspectives from those who believe more public scrutiny is healthy for the system and warnings from those who fear that vulnerable children will be further hurt if they are exposed to public attention.

The latter concern is without merit, according to officials in one state where juvenile courts have been opened.

"It was pretty apparent early on that it was a non-issue," said Erin Sullivan Sutton, director of Minnesota's Division of Child Safety and Permanency, which opened hearings in 2001. "The sky was not going to fall and the kids were not going to be hurt."

But the question of further harm may be more difficult to answer. It is unclear, according to some experts, whether California state law will even allow San Mateo County to open its hearing process.

"State law is ambiguous at best," said Professor Robert Fellmeth, director of the Children's Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law.

Under state law, all hearings are presumed closed, with a few exceptions. Parents or guardians can, with the agreement of the child, allow the public into the courtroom. A judge can also grant access to those who "have a direct and legitimate interest in the particular case or the work of the court."

Presumably, Diaz could determine that the press and public do have a legitimate interest.

But John Digiacinto, who heads the county's Private Defender Program, said children's well-being outweighs the public's interest. His group plans to oppose the move to open the proceedings.

"Our obligation isn't to the greater benefit of society, it's to our clients," Digiacinto said. "The privacy interest of our clients is our ethical obligation."

Former Assembly member Darrell Steinberg thinks that giving the public more access will help the kids. Public scrutiny can shed light on the inadequacies of the system, such as overburdened social workers, he said.

Last year, he sponsored legislation to create a pilot program in three counties to open juvenile hearings, though the bill was stalled in committee.

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State getting more gripes about real estate agents

Licensing agency lacks adequate staff for timely investigations

- Todd Wallack, Chronicle Staff Writer
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The state is drowning in complaints about real estate agents.

The Department of Real Estate, which licenses brokers and salespeople, said it received more than 10,000 complaints in the fiscal year ended June 30, up 29 percent from the previous year and up one-third from three years ago.



Meantime, the licensing agency has reduced its enforcement staff during the past few years because of a state hiring freeze, even though it now oversees more real estate agents. It has 90 full-time workers in its enforcement division, three fewer than in 2001.

"We are really struggling" to keep up with the workload, said William Moran, the agency's enforcement chief. "All the deputies are carrying higher caseloads than they can realistically manage."

The agency had a backlog of 3,663 complaints as of June 30, down slightly from 2003, but double its total four years ago. And more than one-third exceeded its goal of processing complaints in six months; 9 percent were older than a year.

Why the increase in complaints? Moran wasn't sure. But one likely factor is the growing number of people becoming real estate agents, lured by skyrocketing housing prices and the lack of jobs in other industries. Since 2001, the number of licensed real estate agents climbed by one-fourth to 393,750 as of June.

Still, Moran said he didn't have any specific data breaking down the types of complaints or explaining the increase. The numbers the agency does release are muddled.

For instance, in addition to counting complaints by consumers, Moran said the complaint statistics include cases where the agency has flagged license applications because of a criminal conviction or other problems. Moran said he couldn't break out how many of last year's complaints actually came from the public.

The agency's public reports are sketchy. In a newsletter distributed each fall, the agency normally lists only one year of data, with no mention of how the figures differed from previous years or why. The Chronicle made the comparison by collecting reports from multiple years.

"I don't think (their reports) provide much accountability," said Julie D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director of the University of San Diego's Center for Public Interest Law, a watchdog group that monitors California licensing agencies.

By contrast, the state Medical Board publishes more-detailed statistics each year, including an explanation for any significant changes from one year to another.

The real estate agency also said it wouldn't provide a copy of its complaint database to The Chronicle so that the paper could attempt to analyze the type of complaints it receives. Still, Moran said, "We have nothing to hide."

Moran said the agency is simply reporting the data the same way it has for years.

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State's oversight of doctors blasted
Report criticizes Medical Board as slow, secretive

- Todd Wallack, Chronicle Staff Writer
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The state's Medical Board isn't doing enough to protect the public from bad doctors, according to a report ordered by the state, which found that it takes years for the agency to investigate complaints, and the public is kept in the dark in the meantime.

California lawmakers plan to hold a hearing next month to look into the findings of an independent watchdog group that found the board takes an average of nearly three years to fully investigate complaints and discipline doctors for poor medical care — and close to four years if doctors appeal.

In addition, the report found, the agency often compounds the problem by failing to disclose negative information about doctors, including medical malpractice settlements, misdemeanor convictions and board decisions to refer investigations to prosecutors.

The hearing comes two years after the state Legislature commissioned an investigation into the board's enforcement program. The probe had been prompted by a series of articles in The Chronicle and other newspapers raising questions about the Medical Board's disciplinary and public disclosure practices.

"It's amazing," said Sen. Liz Figueroa, chair of the state Senate's Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection Committee, which is holding the Jan. 25 hearing. "We knew there were some serious problems with the Medical Board, but not to this extent."

The 294-page report, which was released last month, was written mainly by Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, the administrative director for the University of San Diego's Center for Public Interest Law, a watchdog group for state licensing boards. Fellmeth was tapped to investigate the Medical Board's enforcement program as part of the reform legislation sponsored by Figueroa two years ago.

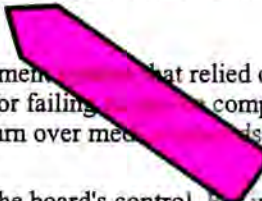
Fellmeth's report faulted the board for a fragmented enforcement program that relied on outdated manuals and an antiquated computer system. It also criticized the board for failing to pursue complaints aggressively. For example, the board rarely goes to court to force doctors to turn over medical records, the report said.

But the report also noted that many problems were beyond the board's control. For instance, the report said the board has been hurt by a statewide hiring freeze, which forced it to eliminate 44 positions, including 29 in its enforcement unit. In addition, the state hasn't increased the board's licensing fees in more than a decade, hindering its ability to restore positions or recruit expert witnesses to help it prosecute bad doctors.

"I have never seen any agency go 11 years without a fee increase," Fellmeth said.

Moreover, the board is also restricted from giving the public more information about physicians under a cloud.

Two years ago, the agency voted unanimously to support legislation to tell the public immediately after referring an investigation to the state attorney general for prosecution, instead of waiting months for the attorney general to file the paperwork. The board also decided to disclose any misdemeanor convictions against doctors related to medical care, as well as any medical malpractice settlements in its files since 1997.



In the face of objections from the California Medical Association, a trade group that represents doctors, state lawmakers decided in 2002 to keep pending accusations secret.

Lawmakers also ordered the board to keep misdemeanors off its Web site and to tell consumers about malpractice settlements only when a doctor has settled at least three or four cases (depending on the doctor's speciality) for more than \$30,000 since Jan. 1, 2003. So far, just seven doctors have met the criteria, the report found.

Figueroa vowed to try next year to require the board to disclose more information about doctors.

"It's awful," she said. "People know more about their auto mechanics than they know about their physicians."

Medical Board Executive Director David Thornton said the board, which is composed mostly of physicians, also continued to support more disclosure.

"The board feels that the more information you give the public the better, so they can make a more informed decision," Thornton said.

CMA President Dr. Robert Hertzka said he was worried the board could unfairly tarnish a doctor's reputation by posting plans to refer complaints to prosecutors. Such complaints might not actually result in prosecutions, he noted.

"We are very cautious about what goes on the Medical Board Web site," Hertzka said. "Once they go on the Web site, they have a certain air of finality."

Hertzka also questioned the need for the public to know about more medical malpractice settlements, saying many good doctors are forced to settle suits. However, he said, the group would support the disclosure of some criminal misdemeanor convictions, so long as they are related to a doctor's practice.

In addition, Hertzka said he was skeptical of the group's need for a license fee increase, saying the board has "blown" millions of dollars on optional programs in the past. The board recently decided to ask the Legislature to require doctors to pay \$100 more per year for their license. The board spent \$38.5 million in the last fiscal year.

"The case hasn't been made" for a fee increase, Hertzka said. "We retain suspicion that they could run their shop better."

But Thornton said the CMA hoped to limit the board's revenue so it wouldn't hire more investigators. "CMA's public posture is that they want a strong Medical Board," Thornton said. "The reality is that they want a less vigorous enforcement program."

In any case, the board has already begun to implement many recommendations to speed up its disciplinary process, such as seeking fines against doctors who ignore its requests for records. And it is working with the state attorney general's office to team investigators with prosecutors earlier in the disciplinary process.

Thornton, however, pointed out that many medical cases are complex, involving an array of documents, interviews and court hearings. As a result, the process may never be as speedy. But Thornton said the board could still go to court immediately to suspend a doctor's license if it believed a bad doctor could hurt patients.

"I don't think the public is at risk," Thornton said. "We are careful at looking at the doctors who do pose a danger."

The report is posted on the Medical Board's Web site at www.medbd.ca.gov.

CHART:

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Doctor's deceit unpunished

CALLED A 'THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH,' HE STILL PRACTICES

By Mary Anne Ostrom
Mercury News

In the spring of 2000, a doctor placed the wrong embryo in a Campbell woman's womb, and kept it a secret until the baby was 10 months old. He may even have tried to cover up his mistake by immediately giving her emergency contraceptives without telling her, the attorney general now alleges.

Yet, 3 1/2 years after a whistle-blower alerted the Medical Board of California, and after two lengthy state investigations, Dr. Steven Katz continues to operate Fertility Associates of the Bay Area in San Francisco and Marin County -- with no sanctions.

Katz, 41, will not face his first disciplinary hearing until January, despite licensing officials from the state Department of Health Services concluding 15 months ago that he "imposed a significant threat to public health."

A Mercury News investigation has found that state oversight of a California fertility industry that performs more than 11,000 embryo implants a year is lax. The quality-control system now in place favors doctors over patients. The California Department of Health Services has only two inspectors to monitor the state's 300 tissue labs, a figure that includes 50 fertility labs. And RESOLVE, the nation's largest fertility-patient network, refers patients to fertility doctors but does not adequately monitor their performance; it kept Katz on its referral list long after his story became public, and removed him only after the Mercury News asked about its continuing association with Katz.

The lack of action against Katz is "really unbelievable," said David Magnus, co-director of Stanford University's Center for Biomedical Ethics. If the doctor did give Susan Buchweitz birth control without telling her, "this isn't just a civil matter, it's a criminal act," he added.

Katz has not been charged with a crime, but the attorney general's accusations could lead to Katz's license being revoked or suspended after the January hearing.

Katz did not answer requests for interviews. His attorney, Brock Phillips, wrote in an e-mail that at the 15th hearing on the state attorney general's accusations, he "will fully disprove many of the inflammatory allegations."

But the case is one example of how slow the state is when it comes to investigating and taking action against doctors. A just-released report by a Legislature-appointed independent monitor, Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, concluded that the state's Medical Board allows doctors to delay investigations, sometimes for years, while continuing to practice. It takes three years and nine months, on average, to mete out serious discipline -- "too long to protect the public." A joint state legislative committee will review the findings in a hearing scheduled for early next year.

Meanwhile, Buchweitz's nightmare continues. The wrong embryo Katz implanted belonged to a Northern California couple, who have filed suit seeking custody of the boy, now 3. The husband had provided the sperm for the embryo that produced her son, giving him a claim. The custody battle is scheduled for a February trial in Santa Clara County Family Court.

Wrong embryos

• Decision for secrecy

For much of her 40s, Buchweitz, a commercial office decorator, had tried to become a mother. Following a recommendation, she went to Katz. Her first implant failed. On the morning of June 15, 2000, Buchweitz, then 47, arrived at Katz's clinic, still clinging to hope she might conceive.

No one disputes that somehow that morning, the lab director, Imam El-Danasouri, handed Katz the embryos belonging to the Northern California couple, who also had an implantation scheduled that day. Katz and his lab director, who has since sold his Palo Alto home and moved his practice to Germany, are now blaming each other in court filings for the mix-up. But when it happened, they agreed to keep the botched transplant secret from Buchweitz and the Northern

California couple. Katz later told Buchweitz he initially kept silent because he wanted to "leave it in God's hands."

One year after the embryo mix-up, an anonymous whistle-blower reported it to the medical board, which began to investigate Katz.

According to the attorney general's document listing accusations, the medical board's investigation reached a point where it was going to make Katz's actions known to Buchweitz and the Northern California couple. Only then did Katz visit their homes in late 2001 and confess to the embryo mix-up.

"It is so sad" that Katz is still treating patients, Buchweitz said. "This could happen to someone else."

Little pink pills

• Doctor denies nurse's story

Buchweitz and the Northern California couple sued Katz and El-Danasouri, the lab director, for malpractice. The possibility that Katz gave Buchweitz birth control pills to prevent the pregnancy surfaced in depositions.

Katz in his deposition said that he unwrapped the pills and thought about giving them to Buchweitz, but didn't. "I was unsure what to do," he said. "I left it to nature, or if people believe in God."

A nurse on Katz's staff said in her deposition that she saw Katz give Buchweitz "little pink pills" and believed they were the birth control drug Levlén.

Buchweitz says she does not remember all the medications she was given that day.

Katz's insurance company settled Buchweitz's malpractice claim in early August for \$1 million, without the doctor admitting fault.

A medical board spokeswoman said the case's "highly complex" nature and the need to subpoena some patient records contributed to the delay in seeking disciplinary action against Katz. The attorney general alleges Katz "actively concealed the error made in his medical office from the patients and the medical board for his own protection." It accuses him of "dishonest acts," gross negligence and making "false statements."

"To allow somebody to continue practicing who we know has lied shows a breakdown in the system that is designed to protect the consumer," said Buchweitz's attorney, Nancy Hersh.

No license

• Record-keeping was sloppy

A year after the medical board began investigating Katz, the Department of Health Services launched a parallel investigation into the in-office fertility lab director who had handed Katz the wrong embryos.

At the time of the embryo mix-up, the lab Katz was working with did not have a state license. And the director, El-Danasouri, admitted to state health services investigators that he sometimes failed to record what happened to embryos in the lab and didn't "make any effort" to confirm the identity of the patients when delivering embryos to Katz for implantation -- both major violations of acceptable protocol, say fertility specialists.

After El-Danasouri left the lab, Katz applied for a license to run the facility by himself in August 2003. Health Services replied in an unusually stern denial letter, telling Katz he "imposed a significant threat to public health."

Katz quickly solved the problem by recruiting a new lab director, Charles Cornwell of Utah. But licensing officials said no. They questioned how independent Cornwell would be after they learned he was going to pay Katz just \$1 a month in rent on lab space valued at \$9,700 a month.

Cornwell appealed the decision, and department lawyers overturned their own licensing chief's decision. They licensed Cornwell in October 2003 after he agreed to restrict Katz's access to the lab by installing a computer fire wall and locking the door between the lab and Katz's office.

The settlement said the agreement would "avoid the delay and uncertainty of litigation." But the licensing chief disagreed with the decision.

The San Francisco Examiner

News

Juvie court heads into uncharted territory

Questions surround proposal for open court proceedings.

By **Justin Nyberg** | Staff Writer

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REDWOOD CITY -- The most secretive branch of the San Mateo County court system would throw open its doors under a proposal by top government officials that has legal watchers on all sides of the issue scratching their heads about whether it can -- or should -- legally be done.

At issue is whether Judge Marta Diaz, the presiding judge of the juvenile court, has the authority to open all juvenile court proceedings to the public, as has been requested by the county's lead attorney, Tom Casey.

State law requires juvenile court proceedings to be closed, unless judges decide to open individual cases at their discretion.

However, the question of whether the presiding judge can issue a blanket order opening all cases before they even exist puts San Mateo County in uncharted legal waters.

"We don't know if it's legal. It hasn't been litigated yet," said Gerry Hilliard, managing attorney for the private defender program, which represents family members accused of wrongdoing in juvenile dependency cases. The program opposes the move.

Open proceedings exist in some states. However, no county in California allows public observation of juvenile court cases, where crimes such as child abuse are often discussed alongside intimate topics, such as whether someone is a good parent or whether someone is emotionally neglecting their children.

Supporters of open juvenile court proceedings say it will help speed reforms, especially in the wake of the tragic death of 8-month-old Angelo Marinda, a toddler the court failed to protect from his fatally abusive father in 2002.

"We need to give the public every confidence that everything that can be done is being done to serve the needs of the children in the system," said county manager John Maltbie.

Opponents of an open juvenile court say that allowing the press and public to watch juvenile cases constitutes an invasion of privacy and requires an unprecedented interpretation of state law.

"The law, as it is written right now, provides the mirror opposite about [what] the county counsel is trying to do," said John Digiacinto, who administers the private defender program.

An attempt to change the state law to open juvenile court proceedings died in a legislative

subcommittee this year.

"We were trying to modify the state law, so I don't know whether local governments have the right to do it on their own," said former Assemblyman and attorney Darrell Steinberg. "Sounds like a case ripe for the appellate court."

Since the case has implications for how broadly judges can interpret legal rights, attorneys and courts around the state are closely watching what happens in San Mateo County.

"If other counties catch on to this and it becomes a trend, we don't see anything wrong with it," said Deborah Marley, staff attorney with the Child Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego school of law, which supports the proposal. "If someone challenges it, then a higher court will have to decide that."



Diaz would not say whether she plans to hold a hearing on the issue, or whether that hearing be open to the public.

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Court should permit medical marijuana

Some activities are beyond federal reach

December 1, 2004

We've never been fans of medical marijuana laws. Maybe it's because the practice of sucking in smoke of no particular dosage is the sort of primitive, unhealthy "treatment" that modern medicine has properly left behind. But if a majority of people want such laws - and in 11 states, including Colorado, they do - by what right does the federal government stop them?

The obvious answer is that government can regulate drugs under the Commerce Clause of the U.S. Constitution. But what if the marijuana used by certified patients is grown entirely within the state in which they live? And what if the program is carefully limited so that its impact on the illegal market for marijuana is imperceptible? Congress has no authority granted by the Constitution to regulate an activity that is totally intra- state, non-economic in nature and specifically permitted by state law.

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Such at least is the argument made Monday before the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of chronic-pain sufferers in California, and we find it unexpectedly persuasive. We may not like medical marijuana laws as public policy, but we recognize a principled case for reasonable federalism when we hear one.

In other words, much more is at stake in the court's eventual decision in *Ashcroft vs. Raich* than the survival of the preferred treatment of some patients in chronic pain. The very legal boundaries between the federal government and the states could also be adjusted.

As University of San Diego law professor Lawrence Solum explains on his Web site Isolum.blogspot.com, "In a sense, this case has its roots in the New Deal era" when the court began expanding the reach of Congress.

in the 1950s through the 1980s," Solum writes, "the conventional wisdom was that the Supreme Court had removed virtually all limits on Congress's power under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution. So long as there was a 'rational basis' or even a 'conceivable rational basis' for Congress's action, it would be within Congress's legislative power. It was therefore a shock when the Supreme Court decided two cases in the 1990s that struck down federal statutes on the grounds that they were outside of Congress's power to

regulate interstate commerce."

In those cases, the court overturned congressional attempts to outlaw guns within 1,000 feet of local schools and to federalize crimes of sexual assault. Congressional regulation under the Commerce Clause had to involve "economic activity," the court said.

Most news reports said only two or three justices seemed sympathetic to the case for a medical marijuana law. The others raised a number of concerns, including the integrity of federal bans on certain drugs, the difficulty in distinguishing between medical and non-medical uses and the implications for federal regulation in other areas, such as the environment. These are all serious issues, but the lawyer for the chronic-pain sufferers, Randy Barnett, seemed to offer a satisfactory answer for each. (Should you wonder: No, federal regulation would not be swept willy-nilly off the books).

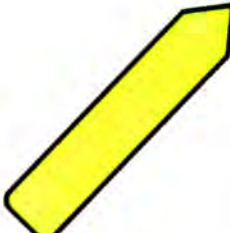
When the court issues its decision next year, we hope it recognizes that the issue of federalism it revived in the 1990s will have little meaning if it doesn't apply to a program sanctioned by state voters and likely to have no discernible effect on the federal government's legitimate interest in regulating (or suppressing) drugs in actual commercial markets. You don't have to be a states-rights enthusiast to appreciate medical marijuana laws as a fairly modest expression of decentralized liberty.

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International Tax Conference set for January at USD School of Law



On Jan. 27 and 28, 2005, the University of San Diego School of Law will host the Procopio International Tax Institute — a two-day conference featuring sessions on U.S. tax law for U.S. and Mexican attorneys, accountants, corporate tax directors, banking and financial advisers at multinational investors, and real estate specialists. Attorneys and other financial executives responsible for Mexican or U.S.

business operations may also attend.

The institute will take place both days at the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the USD campus.

No prerequisites or advance preparation is necessary. For more information about the institute, please contact Johanna Blevins at (619) 515-3290 or jb@procopio.com.

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Tax conference

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Jurist's Soothing Voice, Easy Smile Keep Parents Calm

Family-Law Commissioner Sought Bench to Escape Business Side of Practice

By Jason W. Armstrong
Daily Journal Staff Writer

SAN BERNARDINO — Superior Court Commissioner Michael J. Torchia admits that it's hard to stay emotionally detached from the people in his family law calendar. Almost daily, he sees shattering marriages and sobbing parents worried about losing custody of their children.

"You're often making very hard decisions, like deciding where a child should live and which parent a child should live with," said Torchia, who sits in San Bernardino. "Those are by far the most difficult cases to decide."

But Torchia, who practiced family law as a lawyer, said he stays "very low-key," even when faced with outbursts that all too frequently go along with such cases.

"I have to be that way because I'm dealing with so many people who are really excited or angry," he said. "The [bench officer] shouldn't get emotional, too; you don't want the courtroom to feel like it's not under your control."

Attorneys say Torchia's soothing voice and easy smile helps to calm worried or angry parties.

Brian J. Holohan, a Redlands sole practitioner who specializes in family law, said he's never seen Torchia get excited in court.

"He really is a fine bench officer," Holohan said. "He doesn't get personally involved or emotional, even though he's dealing with cases in which the parties are really upset."

Linda R. Okeson, who practices family law in Riverside, agreed.

"I've never seen him fly off the handle," said Okeson, a sole practitioner.

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"He has a very good balance of control versus giving people an opportunity to speak without letting them get out of hand," she said.

One family law attorney, who declined to be identified, said the commissioner appears to have "a real understanding of the impact he is having on people's lives."

"There's not a day that passes in his courtroom where he's not dealing with a difficult outburst of some sort or a critical child issue or a family's finances," the attorney said.

"But [Torchia] articulates what he says to the people in front of him without being excited or denigrating or unduly critical," the lawyer added. "I think he has an outstanding judicial demeanor."

Linda K. Trautman, a San Bernardino family law attorney, said Torchia doesn't rush his rulings.

"His thoroughness is mind-boggling," Trautman, a sole practitioner, said.

"When he takes a case under submission, he takes a lot of time to review all the facts and evidence," she said. "He does his own research in addition to the points and authorities presented to him, which is really impressive."

Torchia, a Pennsylvania native, and his two brothers grew up in Riverside. His father was a barber, and his mother was a nurse. As a youngster, Torchia said, he was fascinated by history and enjoyed studying the presidents.

"From a very young age, I was intrigued by politics and the courts," Torchia, 48, said. "That's what made me choose law [as a career]."

He attended the University of Southern California, during which time he spent a year in Washington, D.C., interning at the Department of Justice. He graduated with high honors, with a bachelor's degree in political science, in 1978.

Three years later, Torchia earned his law degree at the University of San Diego School of Law.

After passing the bar in 1981, he joined Hutton, Adams & Forthun, a Colton general practice firm, as an associate. He was a partner with the firm from 1987 to 1992, then operated a solo practice in Colton and Redlands until the San Bernardino Superior Court judges appointed him a commissioner in January 2003.

Torchia tried mostly family law and probate cases as an attorney, but he also handled some criminal defense and business matters.

Trautman, who tried family law cases against him before he took the bench, said Torchia wasn't overly aggressive as a attorney.

Profile

Michael J. Torchia
Superior Court Commissioner
San Bernardino

Career highlights: Elected commissioner by San Bernardino Superior Court judges, 2003; sole practitioner, 1992-2003; partner, Hutton & Torchia, 1988-92; partner, Hutton, Adams & Torchia, 1987-88; associate, Hutton, Adams & Forthun, 1981-87

Law school: University of San Diego School of Law, 1981

Age: 48



DA's heir apparent readies to campaign

PACHECO: He'll continue his work as a prosecutor while working to succeed incumbent Grover Trask.

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By MIKE KATAOKA / The Press-Enterprise

Since returning to the Riverside County district attorney's office in late 2002, Rod Pacheco's profile has steadily risen.

The public will see even more of him in 2005 as Pacheco gears up for an election campaign still more than a year away.

After three terms in the California Assembly, Pacheco joined the district attorney's management ranks two years ago and was groomed to succeed six-term incumbent Grover Trask.

With Trask's blessing, Pacheco announced his candidacy in August and so far is unopposed for the March 2006 election. But Pacheco, an assistant district attorney, said he is taking nothing for granted.

Nor is Pacheco expecting Trask, who has two years left in his current term, to leave office early and turn over the reins to him.

"I've encouraged him to stay," Pacheco said. "The election is up to me to convince voters that I should continue on" as district attorney, he said.



out of the office.

Pacheco said his legislative experience broadened his perspective, so when he resumed his career as a prosecutor, he had new ideas for fighting crime, especially gangs.

He helped secure state funding for a unit specializing in prosecuting crimes against peace officers.

Pacheco also took a harder line on plea-bargaining, which some defense lawyers criticized.

Trask, who intends to complete his current term, said Pacheco shares his vision for the district attorney's office as an innovative place for career prosecutors to thrive. Pacheco is equipped to succeed him, Trask said, because of his leadership ability in and

2005: People to Watch

Jeff Stone,
Riverside County Supervisor

Stan Brown,
Retired Air Force Brig. Gen.

Jerry Lewis,
Congressman

Evelyn Hernandez Valentino,
HIV/AIDS activist

Arturo Delgado,
San Bernardino USD

Steve and Debi Cifelli,
Philanthropists

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Community Action

ROD PACHECO

Age: 46



Background: Riverside County assistant district attorney, three-term state assemblyman, 12 years as a Riverside County prosecutor, University of San Diego School of Law, UC Riverside, senior fellow at UCLA School of Public Policy and Social Research, co-chairman of statewide "No on Prop. 66" committee.

Personal: Married, four children.

Why he matters: Favorite to be elected district attorney in 2006.

Quote: "My campaign has started already. I've had a fund-raiser and secured endorsements from elected leaders. But my campaign and my role of assistant district attorney are entirely separate. There's only one district attorney, Grover Trask, and I don't exceed the bounds of my authority."

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THE CHUMASH | SUDDEN WEALTH



CASH FLOW: Chumash tribal members toast the opening of the new casino last year in Santa Ynez. "Enrolled" members receive a share of profits, nearly \$30,000 each per month.

SPENCER WEINER *Los Angeles Times*

A Life of Payouts, Not Handouts

Casino riches recast the Chumash landscape. Tribal members, with spending power like never before, confront new challenges.

By **GLENN F. BUNTING**
Times Staff Writer

SANTA YNEZ, Calif. — Growing up on the reservation, Kenneth Kahn waited in line with his mother for brick cheese, powdered milk

and other government surplus food. He does not have a college degree or a paying job.

Yet at 27, he has accumulated more wealth than many working Americans will see in a lifetime. Every

month, Kahn receives a check for nearly \$30,000 — his share of profits from the Chumash Casino Resort.

Scattered in his yard on the reservation here are a silver Range Rover, two oversized pickup trucks, a high-powered speedboat and a pair of all-terrain vehicles. He owns a vacation home in Lake Tahoe and recently paid \$1.6 million for a five-

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They are also investing in higher education. Now, there are just four college graduates among the band's members. But in recent years, tribal subsidies have helped nearly 100 Chumash attend a university, community college or trade school.

Last year, the band achieved two "firsts" when one Chumash descendant enrolled in Stanford University and another graduated from law school at the University of San Diego.

Like many Chumash elders, Eva Pagaling could never have hoped to leave Santa Ynez for college. She worked for many years on an assembly line, packing frozen broccoli into food cartons.

Pagaling still lives on the reservation, in the modest, stucco house she and her late husband bought in 1979. She still remembers the excitement of moving into the home, her first to have electrical outlets and natural gas.

As she ticked off the improvements in her life since the casino opened, Pagaling also spoke of the disorientation brought on by so much wealth.

She maintains her bearings, in part, by clinging to old habits. Pagaling still buys \$6 shirts at thrift shops and discount stores. "I love Wal-Mart," she says. "I don't care if I have money or not. I want to be the way I always was."

Pagaling keeps putting off plans to buy a four-wheel drive sport utility vehicle to make the trip to her Lake Tahoe vacation home. She confesses to lingering regrets about the thousands of dollars she spent on a flat-screen television.

"I'm used to being poor and not

having enough," she says. "I know I can afford things. But for me, to spend that money... It's difficult."



School of Nursing



BIobytes: KATHY JAMES, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO



Kathy James is an associate professor of nursing at the University of San Diego's Hahn

School of Nursing and Health Science. She is a women's health and family nurse practitioner who has main-

tained a private weight-management practice for 24 years. James, who has a doctorate in nursing science, received the Public Health Championship Award in 2003 for her commitment to obesity care. She also has her own Web site, <http://www.askdrkathy.com>, with tips for quick, high-energy meals and snacks.

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

<http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/public/web/index.htm>

Check out Overweight and Physical Activity. This section has great information for help with obtaining a healthy weight and learning portion control."

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<http://www.americaonthemove.org>

"Buy a pedometer and begin a more active lifestyle. This site has great handouts on how to eat 100 fewer calories, how to add 2,000 steps a day, charts to track your steps and easy tips for healthier meals."

WebMD

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"Search 'Holiday Eating' and click on 'Holiday Trimmings' for great ideas to en-

joy the holidays without a 10-pound weight gain. This site is fabulous for information on any health concerns. Also, check out the Diet and Nutrition heading for answers to common nutrition questions."

Office of Dietary Supplements

<http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov>

"Dietary supplement news changes monthly on what helps and what doesn't. For a reliable source, refer to this Web site. Click under Health Information – you'll find the latest reports."

MayoClinic.com

<http://www.mayoclinic.com>

"A lot of information can be found here. Go to the 'Food and Nutrition' center. Under 'Take Control' you will find 'Healthy Cooking' with Thanksgiving menus. You can get easy-to-read information on special diets as well."

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Other

Annual San Diego symposium hasn't raised the profile of little-noticed Kyoto Prizes as founder had envisioned

Local group works to keep connection to awards program



The 2004 Kyoto Prizes were awarded Nov. 10 in Kyoto, Japan. Laureates have come to San Diego since 2002 to speak at an annual post-awards symposium, where attendance has been underwhelming at best. *Kyoto Prize Committee*



Kazuo Inamori began the annual Kyoto Prizes in 1985.

By Peter Rowe
STAFF WRITER

KYOTO, Japan — Kazuo Inamori is a billionaire and Buddhist priest, a hard-headed tycoon and soft-hearted philosopher, a consensus-builder and boat-rocker. He is a study in contradictions, as is his relationship with his home-away-from-home.

He is enchanted and frustrated by San Diego.

He still hopes that this city will be the key to his dream: interna-

tional recognition and respect for the Kyoto Prizes, annual awards he established to honor global leaders in advanced technology, basic sciences, and arts and philosophy. Attached to each award is a sizable check — 50 million yen, or \$486,000 — and even larger hopes.

“We would like to believe that our endeavors are contributing to building a brighter future for humankind,” Inamori said.

Outside Japan, though, humankind has been slow to notice.

Since 2002, in a bid to win the world's attention, Inamori has sent Kyoto Prize laureates to speak at an annual post-awards symposium in San Diego.

The problem is the world has taken little notice. Ditto, most of San Diego.

“Some sessions drew only 20 to 30 people,” said Tom Fat, a San Diego restaurateur who helped organize last year's symposium and related events.

SEE **Prize, A22**

The 20th annual prizes were bestowed last month during lavish ceremonies in Kyoto, Japan's ancient cultural capital. A San Diego delegation attended, anxious about losing the symposium to another city and eager for one more chance to make it work — but were they too late?

"I hope we see you in San Diego next year," one delegate told Heisuke Hironaka, a retired Harvard professor of mathematics and a Kyoto Prize executive committee member.

"Again?" Hironaka replied. "They were talking about last year being the last time in San Diego."

In the end, Inamori agreed to let San Diego host the Kyoto Laureate Symposium for another three years. The next is March 2-4.

But the Californians, led by Fat and real-estate magnate Malin Burnham, believe the extension is San Diego's last chance to be a part of Inamori's dream.

Why should San Diego care?

Why should anyone care about the dream of an engineer who grew up on the far side of the Pacific, a sickly child in a poor family from an obscure Japanese town?

Beyond death

At the age of 13, Kazuo Inamori was diagnosed with tuberculosis. The scourge had already killed two of his uncles, and the boy believed he was next.

This was in 1945, and his hometown, Kagoshima, offered many ways to die. Food was scarce and disease rampant. The night of June 17 and the next morning, U.S. B-29 bombers raided this southern Japanese port. By dawn, almost half of the city was rubble.

One day, the bedridden boy was visited by a neighbor. She brought a set of the works of Masaharu Taniguchi, a Buddhist thinker. Devouring the books, Kazuo forgot about life's inevitable destination and began pondering the varied routes along the way.

The war ended. The boy recovered. Japan's defeat meant hard times for the family, and an older brother and a younger sister left school to work. But Kazuo, an indifferent scholar, was ordered to continue his studies.

"My siblings made that sacrifice," he said. "I studied very, very hard and my academic scores rose to the top."

Still, he was not exactly on the fast track. He attended a so-so college and, after being turned down by several major corporations, took a job with a small Kyoto ceramics manufacturer.

The company offered low wages, uncertain finances and frequent strikes. Inamori responded in traditional Japanese fashion: He worked days, nights and weekends, developing new ceramic products for TV sets and other electronic devices.

In 1959, clashes with the director of engineering led Inamori to defy corporate Japanese tradition. He quit. Even more astonishing, seven colleagues walked out with him. Then, with the equivalent of \$10,000, they founded Kyoto Ceramic Co. Ltd., later shortened to Kyocera.

The first years were tough. In 1961, 11 senior scientists presented Inamori with an ultimatum signed in blood. They demanded guaranteed wages, with generous raises, for the coming years.

He refused, but countered with a supremely Japanese offer: "I will share the benefits of the company so your difficult life will improve. And if we are very, very successful and I do not share with you the benefits of our work and discoveries, then you can kill me."

Inamori occasionally gambles and consistently wins. In 1985, he bankrolled a rival of the government-subsidized telecommunications giant and former monopoly NTT. His startup, KDDI, now owns 21.3 percent of Japan's mobile phone market.

As for Kyocera, its ceramics are found in everything from computers to medical equipment. In the fiscal year that ended in March, the corporation posted sales of \$10.96 billion.

Now semi-retired, Inamori is alive and — like all who followed him from the beginning — very, very rich.

Seduction, Japanese-style

In a hillside villa above Kyoto's ancient palaces and temples, guests reclined on cushions in a cedar-paneled room. Through floor-to-ceiling windows, gardens gleamed in the starlight. At the front of the room, geishas swayed to a shamisen's mournful twang.

"They show only a little bit of skin," a Japanese businessman sighed. "So erotic!"

The food was superb. The booze was unlimited. The service was unmatched — at the door, three valets helped guests out of their shoes and into slippers.

And this was just one of several galas Inamori hosted during the week surrounding the 20th presentation of the Kyoto Prizes.

There was the banquet, attended by Her Imperial Highness Princess Takamado, eight ambassadors, dozens of university presidents and deans, hun-

dreds of corporate executives.

There were the laureates' lectures, delivered in cavernous Kyoto International Conference Hall.

There was the prize ceremony itself, also in the conference hall, a spectacle complete with symphonic fanfares, a children's choir and a whirling "Dragon God" in crimson robes.

Most of these events were not "erotic," but they were uniformly seductive. They all affirmed that the Kyoto Prizes are a *Big Deal*, a *Major International Event* that is — remember this phrase — "the equivalent of the Nobel Prizes."

As a young engineer, Inamori dreamed "that I might win the Nobel Prize with my research." But the 103-year-old prizes, established by Alfred Nobel, are awarded in six fields defined by the Swedish scientist and inventor's will: chemistry, physics, physiology or medicine, literature, economics and peace. Nothing for engineers or musicians, computer scientists or researchers of industrial ceramics.

In 1984, Inamori established the Inamori Foundation with 20 billion yen — or about \$86 million — of his savings. The next year, the first Kyoto Prizes were awarded to two American scientists, one French composer and one Swedish institution: the Nobel Foundation.

Since then, the awards have honored dozens of luminaries, from primate researcher Jane Goodall in 1990 to pop artist Roy Lichtenstein in 1995. In fact, San Diego can claim three laureates: Sydney Brenner, a molecular biologist at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, 1990; Kurt Wuthrich, a structural biologist at Scripps Research Institute, 1998; and Walter Munk, an oceanographer at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 1999.

But it is difficult for a relatively new international prize to gain international attention. The competition is ferocious.

In 2001, for instance, the Norwegian government instituted the annual Abel Prize, dubbed "the Nobel Prize for Mathematics."

The Fields Medal, established 65 years before by the International Congress of Mathematicians, makes the same claim. The Fields, though, is awarded once every four years and then only to mathematicians who have not yet turned 40.

Math isn't the sole field trying to

elevate its top prize to stratospheric heights. The Pritzker Prize (founded in 1979) is "architecture's Nobel." The Turing Prize (1966), "computer science's Nobel." The Templeton Prize (1972), "religion's equivalent of a Nobel Prize." The Ramon Magsaysay Award (1958), "the Asian equivalent of the Nobel Prize." The Stockholm Water Prize (1991), "the equivalent of the Nobel Peace Prize in the field of water conservation."

There's even the Noble Prize (2001), awarded by the United Cultural Convention of the United States.

How, then, to judge the Kyoto Prizes' stature?

a) Ask the winners.

"I think in the United States, its recognition came a little on the slow side," said Dr. Alfred George Knudson Jr., a Philadelphia-based cancer researcher and the 2004 Kyoto Laureate in Basic Sciences. "I think now it is being recognized as a different kind of prize, because of the breadth of the creativity being recognized."

b) Better yet, ask the locals.

"Not only in Japan," Inamori said, "but in every country in the world, if a local award is set up, it is usually local people who are honored. . . . Sometimes, we've gotten criticism from Japanese people that too few laureates are Japanese."

Of the 65 Kyoto Prizes awarded to individuals to date, eight have gone to Japanese. Americans top the list with 29. Inamori insists that this kind of nationalistic score-keeping is irrelevant.

"The critical thing is the contribution to the whole of mankind. That makes national borders meaningless. If we focus on the contributions to all mankind, you have to think in terms of the globe."

c) Better still, ask history.

The Nobel Prizes have had more than a century to become the gold standard of international awards. Perhaps it is too early to assess the Kyotos.

Still, there are signs that the Kyoto selection committee is shrewd and informed. To date, four Kyoto laureates — including Salk's Brenner and Scripps' Wuthrich — later received Nobels. Only one person has received a Kyoto *after* taking the Nobel.

Inamori is not wasting his yen. But does his passion translate in San Diego?

The Kyoto what?

Business first brought Inamori to San Diego in 1971, and business has kept him coming back. His trips became more frequent after Kyocera's North American headquarters was moved to Kearny Mesa in 1975. Today, he averages four or five visits a year.

These are tightly focused excursions.

"Actually, my route is from the airport to the hotel to the company to the plant. I know some restaurants where we eat. I went to the zoo. I've visited SeaWorld, but where else, I don't know.

"But . . . I love San Diego very much."

In 1996, the University of San Diego bestowed an honorary doctorate of humane letters on Inamori. He responded by inviting Alice Hayes, then USD's president, to attend the Kyoto Prize ceremonies in Japan.

She did, several times, and perceived a kinship between the prizes' humanistic spirit and the goals of USD's new Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

In February 2002, all but one of the 2001 Kyoto laureates came to the institute for three days of lectures, concerts and panel discussions. It was the first year of the post-award symposiums in San Diego.

The next year's laureates also visited USD. Though architect Tadao Ando's speech was sold out, many sessions were sparsely attended. Unhappy with the turnout, Inamori began to consider his options.

Some felt that a re-evaluation was overdue. To publicize the Kyoto Prizes, doesn't it make sense to abandon San Diego for a major U.S. media market, such as New York or Los Angeles?

"Yes, it could be that way," Inamori allowed. "However, for the Kyoto Prize it is important that it be where there are people who understand and love the Kyoto Prize. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and passion expressed by former President Hayes."

Upon hearing of Inamori's dismay over the poorly attended events, restaurateur Tom Fat began thinking of ways to raise the symposium's profile. Then he called Malin Burnham.

"I want you to help me put on a gala," he told the retired real-estate magnate.

Moreover, San Diego's universities and high-tech and biotech firms could trumpet their advances in two areas honored by Kyoto Prizes: advanced technology and basic science.

What would sell San Diego on the Kyoto Prizes?

"Promotion and exposure," Burnham decided.

This year, the San Diego symposium opened March 3 with the gala dinner envisioned by Burnham and Fat. Scholarships of \$10,000 apiece were awarded to three Tijuana students and three San Diegans. The laureates appeared at USD, as well as at the University of California San Diego and San Diego State University.

Burnham, though, wants more. In Kyoto last month, Inamori to establish a prize in the University of San Diego Inamori Institute of San Diego.

"This would promote the Kyoto Prize on a permanent basis here in San Diego," Burnham said. "And it could encourage scholars to do research and write papers and give lectures on Dr. Inamori's philosophy, on his concerns for peace and justice and brotherly love around the world."

Is this possible?

"We may not be able to reach a conclusion," Inamori said last month, "but I am very happy to continue the conversation."

He smiled. A considerate host, Inamori has mastered the art of hospitality. The night after the prize ceremonies, he invited 100 guests to Warin-an, Kyocera's guest house. After the wine was poured and before the geishas danced, the billionaire host went from table to table serving lean steak and fat scallops.

The diners included the laureates; Japanese businessmen; a dozen San Diegans, including Burnham, Fat and representatives of USD and UCSD; and officials from Case Western University and Alfred University. The Cleveland and upstate New York universities have received large donations from Inamori.

And both are capable of hosting a symposium.

The guests boisterously toasted the 2004 winners of the Kyoto Prizes: cancer researcher Knudson; computer scientist Alan Curtis Kay; and Jurgen Habermas, a German philosopher.

Then the San Diegans lowered their glasses and silently pondered what Inamori's long-term plans might be.

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Duane Morris signed as USD's new general counsel

By CATHERINE
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The Daily Transcript

LINDA VISTA — National law firm **Duane Morris** has signed a five-year, exclusive agreement with the university to serve as USD's outside general counsel.

The Philadelphia-based law firm opened its San Diego office last year and now has 20 U.S. offices and one in London. California law firm **Luce Forward Hamilton & Scripps**, which is based in San Diego, has had the general counsel contract with the university for the past six years.

Paul Bissonnette, vice president for finance and administration at

USD, said the university needs a large law firm to provide a wide range of legal services including general business advice and litigation, patents and intellectual property, and gifts and estate tax planning. With more than 1,100 employees, the university also requires substantial labor and employment law services, including how to handle pensions and compensation.

"Any institution that has a national reputation and is a research institution needs more and more attention, especially in California with (its) complex

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labor laws," Bissonnette said.

Bissonnette said the university reviews its contracts every five to six years and that the decision was not based on attorney Robert Copeland's departure from Luce Forward over the summer. The general counsel selection process took a year.

Copeland, now a partner in Duane Morris' San Diego office, will oversee the firm's contract with the university. Copeland said the firm offered USD a fixed rate retainer fee that provides for unlimited access to legal services, keeping the university's legal

expenses down.

Duane Morris' willingness to provide USD with access to its attorneys across all practices, even those outside San Diego, for the fixed rate was a significant plus for the firm, Bissonnette said.

Bissonnette declined to state the exact value of the contract, but said it would cost hundreds of thousands of dollars annually. "We look forward to the new relationship, but by the same token, we've been very pleased with Luce Forward," Bissonnette said.

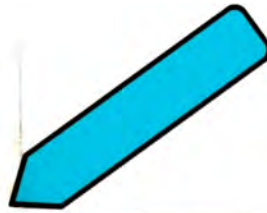
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University of San Diego Follows Counsel

By Lorelei Laird

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When the University of San Diego decided this fall to change its outside general counsel, one thing stayed the same: the presence of corporate attorney Bob Copeland.

Copeland led the team of attorneys that served the university's legal needs when he was at San Diego's Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps. But after moving this fall to Duane Morris in San Diego, he helped his new firm secure the contract and again plans to lead the university's legal team.

"I think they regard me as a really good quarterback for them," Copeland says. "They got their quarterback back."

Duane Morris will represent the private Jesuit university for five years, effective Jan. 1. The university will consult Duane Morris on a range of legal needs including general business advice, employment and labor, taxes and trusts, and intellectual property.

Paul Bissonnette, the university's vice president for finance and administration, says Luce Forward's contract came up for review automatically, not because the university was dissatisfied with the firm's services.

"Periodically, every five or six years, we go out for a general review of our contract to see if the cost of that contract can be re-



ROBERT COPELAND

evaluated and find out there are better ways to do business," he says. "Duane Morris was seeming to align themselves a little bet-

ter with our thinking and needs."

A call for comment on the switch to Luce Forward managing partner Bob Bell was returned by business and real estate partner Chuck Hellerich, a former managing partner of the firm.

"The overall relationship that we've enjoyed with the university has been terrific, and we continue to value that relationship," he says. He declines to comment further.

Copeland says Duane Morris, a Philadelphia-based firm that arrived in San Diego last year, is "tickled" to be chosen despite its relative newness to the city.

"It has been a wonderful client relationship for me in all of the years at Luce Forward, [and it was] certainly high on my list of priorities to try to win the university's work once I moved to Duane Morris," he says. "It was fortuitous that they had decided to put their legal services out for a request for proposals just about the time I came over here."

Copeland handles business transactions at Duane Morris, specializing in corporate finance, securities, mergers and acquisitions, and real estate.

Duane Morris is a full-service firm with 14 attorneys in its San Diego office. In all, it has 550 lawyers in 17 U.S. offices and London.

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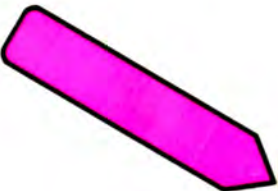
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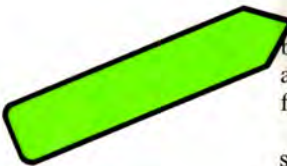
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USD retains legal adviser

The University of San Diego has retained Duane Morris as outside general legal counsel. The five-year contract begins Jan. 1 and was awarded following a competitive bidding process. Duane Morris will provide USD with a legal advice on such things as general business, real estate, litigation, intellectual property, academic policy, public safety, finance, employee benefits and donations.



USD Counsel: Duane Morris LLP has been retained by the University of San Diego as its new outside general legal counsel, effective Jan. 1.

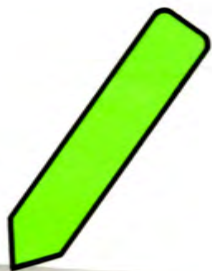
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The University of San Diego first opened in 1949 as a Catholic women's college and, since that time, has grown to be an innovative and academically honored school. On the lovely campus with Spanish-style architecture, academic standards are enhanced by scientific research, community clinics and international think tanks for social change. About 7,300 students are enrolled, three-fourths of whom receive some type of financial aid.

Two years ago, the university launched a \$200 million fund-raising campaign to ensure a brighter and more interesting future. Past president Dr. Alice Hayes and current president Dr. Mary Lyons, with the board of trustees, set the goals of permanent funding for more professorships, attracting more diverse students and creating forums to advance science, culture and society. Last year, just under 2,000 students graduated, including 350 with law degrees and 450 with other advanced degrees.

The university hopes to raise \$19 million to fund student scholarships, \$22 million for faculty endowments and \$76 million for schools, centers and institutes. USD also needs \$61 million for new buildings and \$12 million for athletic scholarships and facilities. So far, the university has raised \$135 million, including a \$50 million gift from the late Joan Kroc to fund the Institute for Peace and Justice. Alumni and friends, such as Donald and Darlene Shiley and the late Helen Copley, have contributed.

"We have been honored with gifts from San Diego's leading families, gifts that reflect their consciences and commitment to the future and to San Diego," says campaign trustee Hank Nordhoff.

The university's programs and students reach far into the community. The USD School of Law is home to a permanent public interest professorship, endowed by Sol and Helen Price. The Children's Advocacy Institute, headed by Professor Robert Fellmeth, protects children's rights through the courts and legislature. Law students work for the San Diego County Public Defender helping abused children. The university's nursing program has created a three-year program for those who have degrees in other fields and want to go into nursing; the program allows the students to work as nurses after completing the first year.

"USD is a Catholic institution, with close ties to the San Diego diocese," Nordhoff says. "But the university first and foremost is the home of thoughtful and thorough education, which we hope will be tinged with strong human and moral values."

For further information, call 619-260-4820. ■



Grading the schools

The Tobacco-Free Communities Coalition, led by the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imperial Counties, scored 13 San Diego County colleges and universities on their anti-smoking policies.

School	Grade
Point Loma Nazarene Univ.	A+
San Diego State University	A-
Palomar College	B
University of San Diego	B
UC San Diego	B-
CSU San Marcos	D
Cuyamaca College	F
Grossmont College	F
Mesa College	F
MiraCosta College	F
Miramar College	F
National University	F
San Diego City College	F

SOURCE: The American Lung Association

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Report on tobacco sets off smoke alarm

Study findings rankle college administrators

By Cheryl Clark

The report card, the first of its kind in California, graded 13 colleges and universities throughout the county. It was set for distribution at a news conference today.

"Whether you're young or old, you deserve protection against second-hand smoke and you deserve to be protected against subtle influences to start smoking," said Debra Kelley, vice president of the American Lung Association of San Diego and Imper-

al Counties.

The nonprofit conducted the study with help from about 35 anti-tobacco groups and partial funding from the state Department of Health Services.

"It's not just students who are affected," Kelley added. "Faculty and other employees suffer as well."

But administrators for several schools with failing grades said the association got very little right.

These administrators said their campuses were penalized for not having policies that in fact exist. Others accused the researchers of unfairly targeting colleges that serve working students with a diverse age mix.

And several administrators said they didn't know about the report card until this week.

"We feel ambushed by this," said

SEE Tobacco, B4

spokesman Hoyt Smith of National University. He criticized the grading system as inappropriate for a school catering primarily to older, working adults.

The report is the first effort in California to grade how well each college's tobacco policy meets or exceeds state tobacco laws. As many as 30 tobacco-related questions were posed by the lung association's Tobacco-Free Communities Coalition.

The coalition said it reviewed each college's catalog and Web site, made on-campus visits and placed numerous calls to administrators before determining the school's ranking.

Compiled for nearly three years, the report card gave an A+ to Point Loma Nazarene University, an A- to San Diego State University, a B to Palomar College and the University of San Diego, and a B- to the University of California San Diego. Cal State San Marcos got a D.

National University, San Diego City College and the Cuyamaca, Grossmont, Mesa, MiraCosta and Miramar community colleges received an F.

Some campuses flunked because they didn't have or failed to produce written policies that, for example, prohibit the sale of tobacco, tobacco advertising or tobacco sponsorships. Some did not have written bans against smoking in campus housing, stadiums, stairways, dining facilities or parking lots.

Points also were lost if a college lacked police enforcement provisions or if the school didn't offer smoking-cessation programs.

Other factors that contributed to low scores included: having ashtrays within 20 feet of a public building's doorway; students, workers or faculty members smoking in entryways; observation of a school employee smoking in a school-owned vehicle on campus; and cigarette butts seen in no-smoking areas.

Kelley said the colleges were sent their initial grades in March along with a 30-page letter. Nearly all had flunked. The letter and subsequent phone calls informed the colleges that they had eight more months to make corrections or provide documentation of policies.

Several schools, including San Diego State and the University of San Diego, did just that and raised their grades, Kelley said. Cal State San Marcos, Palomar College and UCSD improved simply by providing more information.

Local Colleges Getting the Business From Students

Education: SDSU Reports 48,000 Applications For Fall '05 Semester

■ BY CONNIE LEWIS

Enrollment in the business college at the county's largest university has increased in the last few years, and if applications for undergraduate admission are any indication, the trend will continue.

"In the fall of 2001, we admitted 487 new students to the upper division major," said Patricia Dintrone, the assistant dean of student affairs for San Diego State University's College of Business Administration. "In 2002 we admitted 650. In 2003 we admitted 695 and in 2004 there were 785."

During the current fall semester, 5,473 students are majoring in business at San Diego State.

The school's total enrollment is 33,000. Yet it recently received undergraduate applications far exceeding that number.

Between Oct. 1 and Nov. 30, when all schools in the California State University system accepted applications online for fall admission, SDSU logged a record 48,625 applications, according to a tally taken by the school on Dec. 4.

Among 37,185 applicants who were first-time freshmen, 18.1 percent, or 6,719 declared a business major. That compares with 16.6 percent, or 5,571 first-time freshmen among 33,496 who applied for fall admission in 2003.

There were also 11,440 transfer students who applied online, and 19 percent of them listed business as a major for the upcoming fall semester vs. 1,982, or 18.7 percent of 10,530 transfer applicants for fall 2004.

There are two chief reasons more students

are entering the business college, Dintrone said.

"It reflects an increase in enrollment at the university overall, and it also reflects the strength of the business program and its reputation," she said, citing a late summer edition of *U.S. News & World Report*, which ranked the school's international business program No. 7 in the country.

Impacted Campus

While the CSU system has declared San Diego State technically "impacted," meaning that it can turn students away, there is an overall push to hire more faculty members, including more for the business college — particularly since many retired recently, Dintrone said.

At present, there are 77 faculty members, down from 98 in 1999.

"We had a lot of faculty who retired over the last year," she said.

While expectations are that the trend of

more students entering the business college will continue, their curriculum choices have changed.

"The most popular major to declare last year was finance," she said.

"Those students might become stockbrokers or personal finance planners or work in a financial planning department of a full-service bank," Dintrone added. "Certainly, students perceive a greater availability of jobs in the financial field.

"But the popularity of that may also be related to the fact that some of our other majors have become distinctly less popular."

Drop In IT

The biggest decline was in information technology courses.

Real estate classes gained in popularity, and there were "slightly" more accounting majors this year than the year before. Meanwhile, the

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Education: Business Courses Popular

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number of marketing majors has held steady, as has the amount of management majors, she added.

As of Dec. 9, numbers for the online application period had yet to be totaled at Cal State San Marcos.

An exact tally of how many students are enrolled in CSU San Marcos' business college was not available at press time. But university spokesman Rick Moore said there were 839 "full-time equivalents" in the fall of 2004, vs. 811 in the fall of 2003. That figure represents both part- and full-time students.

The university's overall enrollment dipped, however, to 7,365 this year from 7,708 in 2003, because administrators decided to accept fewer applicants due to a cut in state funding.

Before last year, the trend had been increasing, Moore said, citing a total of 7,627 students enrolled in the fall of 2002.

Regina Eisenbach, the associate dean of CSU San Marcos' business college, said management and marketing is the most popular major, followed by accounting, high-tech management, finance and global business management.

The University of San Diego, a private school, has set a deadline of Jan. 5 for receiving freshman applications, while transfer students have until March 1.

According to USD spokeswoman Liz Har-

man, 2,500 undergraduate applications for the fall 2005 semester had been received by Dec. 9.

"This is about the same number we had a year ago at this time," she said. "However, the number of SAT scores sent in by students, a precursor to applying, is up by about 15 percent, so that may signal an increase in applications."

This fall, the university had 1,127 undergraduates majoring in business administration — relatively unchanged from 2003, when there were 1,129 undergrad business majors.

"Our engineering department is also part of our business school," Harman said. "Overall in both business and liberal arts, I don't see any major increases or trends in any particular majors, although the number of students studying accounting has jumped about 60 percent since 2001 from 118 to 187."

USD's undergraduate enrollment for the fall semester was 4,908, up from 4,803 in the fall of 2003.

UCSD's Rady School of Management opened this fall to offer part-time students a master's degree in business. Starting in the fall of 2005, it will offer an M.B.A. to full-time students, said university spokeswoman Keri Minehart.

UCSD has plans to offer an undergraduate business minor, but no timeline has been set, she said.

'The Bachelor' star Firestone invests in Gaslamp restaurant

By Maria C. Hunt
FOOD WRITER

Add Confidential to the short list of San Diego restaurants where celebrity sightings might be on the menu along with eligible singles.

Andrew Firestone, the tire company heir who captured millions of viewers while rejecting two dozen women as "The Bachelor" on the ABC reality dating series, is one of the investors in the restaurant and lounge that is slated to open early next year at 901 Fourth Ave. in the Gaslamp District.

Firestone, a graduate of the University of San Diego who lives in San Francisco, is teaming up with college buddy Darren Moore in the venture.

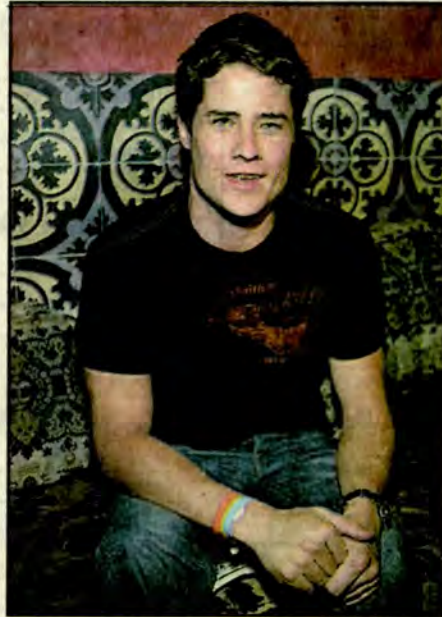
"I went to school in San Diego," Firestone said yesterday in a telephone interview. "Any excuse to get back to San Diego, I'm jumping on it. It seemed like a great project."

Besides putting up a chunk of money from his family's Firestone tire and winery fortune, Firestone, 29, will be using his fame to help attract people to Confidential, Moore said.

"Meet Andrew" is one of the first features popping up on his own Web site, www.andrewfirestone.com, and playing host to diners apparently will be much of what Firestone will be doing at the restaurant, with his background in the winery business as a decided asset.

"Andrew is going to be a big piece of elevating the image of the restaurant," said Moore, a San Diego financial planner and real estate agent.

TV viewers came to know Firestone



Andrew Firestone is an investor in Confidential, a restaurant scheduled to open early next year. *Getty Images*

as the third buff bachelor to star on the reality dating show.

In "The Bachelor," 25 women vie to win the bachelor's heart. In the end, Firestone became engaged to contestant Jen Schefft, but the pair broke up several months later. Schefft has apparently bounced back and is set to become "The Bachelorette" in the next installment of ABC's spinoff TV series beginning next month.

Firestone is the great-grandson of tire

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'Bachelor' plans to lead wine, food education

entrepreneur Harvey Firestone and the son of pioneering California vintner Brooks Firestone and former British Royal Ballet soloist Catherine Boulton Firestone.

Recently, he has worked as the spokesman for the Firestone Family Estates, the family's winery and brewery based in Los Olivos, appearing at supermarkets and liquor stores. And in the recent book "The Experts' Guide to 100 Things Everyone Should Know How to Do," he directs readers on how to properly open a bottle of wine.

Since he's so closely associated with his family's Firestone Vineyard — he was seen sipping Firestone wine on "The Bachelor" and even took dates to the winery — Firestone will visit the restaurant for wine-related events.

"I think that's what's being used, my knowledge of wine and food," he said. "That's more important than a TV show

I was on. I plan to be involved in wine education and food education."

"He will be involved with hosting some of the different dinners and things," operating partner Merritte Powell said. "People associate him with wine nowadays. . . . We talked about doing a wine-tasting dinner scenario."

Since earning a degree in business administration from USD in 1998, Firestone has maintained a friendship with classmate Moore, who along with Powell and chef Chris Walsh are the primary partners in the restaurant.

"They had always had some dialogue about doing some business together," said Powell, who has opened downtown lounges including The SideBar and Thin. "As we were looking for investors, Andrew expressed some interest, and we brought him down and showed him the project, and he wanted to be a part of it."

Confidential, spread out on two levels, will feature a small plate, tapas-style, menu drawn from international cuisines served among a mix of traditional dining tables and low sofas. Walsh, formerly of Cafe W and California Cuisine, will be the executive chef.

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CHRIS WALSH,
chef and partner

very eclectic global mix of ingredients and presentations but keeping more to not needing a knife to eat," Walsh said. "It's going to be warm and kind of cutting edge at the same time."

Walsh said Firestone, the sales manager of his family's winery, is one of several investors in Confidential. With his brother, Adam, Firestone owns two Santa Barbara County restaurants.

"Andrew loves what he's doing, and he wants to continue to do that," Moore said. "He kind of wants to branch out. He wants to get into other ventures afforded to him by his rising celebrity status."



New Birmingham-Southern president takes office

The Associated Press
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) – Birmingham-Southern College's new president, David Pollick, took office Saturday in a campus inaugural ceremony.

Pollick is the United Methodist school's 12th president. He succeeded Neal Berte, who retired in July after 29 years as president.

With Southern's enrollment at 1,400, Pollick said he wants to increase that figure by 400 students by 2007.

He would attract new students by adding unusual and distinctive national programs.

Pollick, a Navy veteran of the Vietnam war, had been president of Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Penn. since 1996. A graduate of the University of San Diego, Pollick obtained his doctoral degree from the University of Ottawa in Canada.

His wife, Karen Bentley Pollick, is a concert musician and composer.

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Who's Who: Peter and Sylvia Berens

* 22 December 2004

Working together and also living together isn't such a bad deal. Just ask Peter and Sylvia Berens, co-founders of Apunix Computer Services (San Diego).

Married for 26 years, the couple shares a similar educational background; both hold doctorate degrees from the University of San Diego. In fact, the two met while attending college. Peter, a graduate student, and Sylvia, an undergraduate teaching assistant, were assigned to teach the same introductory chemistry class to science and pre-med majors.

Turns out the two had "very similar values and ideas we wished to impart on the students," explained Peter. The Berens have been together ever since.

Peter started Apunix in 1981 to capitalize on his extensive knowledge of the UNIX operating system. Meanwhile, Sylvia completed her PhD and briefly worked as a college professor. Unfortunately, the school went bankrupt and (fortunately) Sylvia joined her husband full-time at Apunix.

From molecular modeling to kiosks

Apunix originally stood for Array Processors running under the UNIX operating system, Peter Berens explained. He first used array processors in research at UCSD, pioneering work in computer molecular modeling. Bell Labs was one of the first Apunix customers.

The company's focus has been to develop leading-edge software, hardware, and cross-platform solutions. Its turnkey kiosk solutions can be found in a variety of markets including gaming, hospitality, tourism, healthcare and education. Apunix has received many industry awards from Frost & Sullivan, KioskCom, Kiosk magazine and Kiosk.org.

"It (Apunix) started out as just the two of us for the first several years," said Peter Berens of the company he owns with his wife. "Over the years we slowly grew the company to where we now employ over 20 full-time employees." Several of the employees have been with the company for more than five years.

According to Peter Berens, a typical day for him and his wife includes coming into the office during the late morning. No, the couple doesn't necessarily like to sleep in. San Diego traffic is "horrendous" so the Berens opt to drive into work after rush hour and stay late most evenings.

While they may share a home and a business, at work the Berens maintain separate domains. Sylvia handles the marketing, customer relations and employee issues. Peter's in charge of the more technical aspects of the company.

"Our days are very busy as our company is a very dynamic environment," said Peter Berens. "Our employees tell us it is a stimulating environment, with lots of interesting projects and development going on." Both Berens remain excited by new challenges and ongoing research and development.

There are definite advantages to working together, according to the Berens. "We only need one hotel room when we travel," Sylvia noted.

Peter and Sylvia are frequently invited to speak at various tradeshow and conferences. Their presentations often reflect the fact that they know each other very well. "We are uniquely able to weave in and out from both a marketing and technical

Diane Bell

Bits & bites

Before Monday's official swearing-in ceremony in Sacramento, newly elected 76th District Assemblywoman Lori Saldana is inviting her volunteers to a local swearing-in celebration today at USD. It's Saldana's way of saying thanks.

It's also a reunion with her three sisters — Linda Scott of Flagstaff, Lisa Saldana Hager of Miami and Leslee Clark of Pennsylvania. The foursome

haven't been together for a decade, says Frank Saldana, Lori's dad, a longtime reporter with the *San Diego Evening Tribune*. . . .

San Diego Councilman Brian Maienschein was scheduled to host the annual Rancho Bernardo Community Foundation luncheon last week as he has in past years.

The morning of the event, however, the councilman was diverted to the hospital because his wife, Janna, went into labor. Their daughter, Brenna Kelly, was born at 2:14 p.m. that day.

The Rancho Bernardo group wasn't left entirely without their councilman, though. His replacement emcee took the podium hiding behind a homemade mask of Maienschein's face.

Diane Bell's column appears Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays. Fax items to (619) 260-5009; call (619) 293-1518; e-mail to diane.bell@uniontrib.com; or mail to The San Diego Union-Tribune, Box 120131, San Diego 92112-0191.

Diane Bell

Angels bearing gifts

It paid big time for 19-year-old University of San Diego freshman Jenna Jay to go shopping. She won a four-day trip to Sweden for two during her first visit to the IKEA store in Mission Valley. Jay credits her mom, visiting from Indiana, for encouraging her to enter the IKEA/Volvo-sponsored contest.





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2005 NAWBO San Diego Bravo! Awards -- Call for Nominations

SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 16, 2004--The National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) San Diego Chapter, is now accepting nominations for its 2005 BRAVO! Awards. Submissions are being accepted for consideration through January 15, 2005.

The BRAVO! Awards honor exceptional San Diego women business owners for their accomplishments, innovation, tenacity, integrity and leadership. Recipients of BRAVO! Awards will be presented at a ceremony and reception at 6:30 p.m. on March 16, 2005, at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Center at the University of San Diego.

The BRAVO! Awards are NAWBO San Diego's most prominent and well-attended event. NAWBO invites nominations from anyone who knows a successful woman entrepreneur deserving of the honor of Woman Business Owner of the Year, Advocate of the Year and NAWBO Supporter of the Year.

"The BRAVO! Awards are an excellent chance to recognize the outstanding and influential women making an impact on business in San Diego today," said Alicia Owens, president of the San Diego Chapter of NAWBO. "NAWBO is grateful for the opportunity to honor the successful women entrepreneurs throughout our community."

Barbara Bry, a renowned San Diego entrepreneur, will be the keynote speaker for the event. Bry was a co-founder of Proflowers.com, the founding CEO of Voice of San Diego, co-founder and board member of ATCOM/INFO, and founder of UCSD Athena, San Diego's organization for women technology and biotech senior executives.

The event is sponsored by Sempra. Additional sponsors are being sought. Companies interested in hearing the benefits of sponsoring BRAVO! should contact Sharon Gray, event chair, at 619-230-3878.

Tickets to BRAVO! are \$60 per person. Hors d'oeuvres will be served as well as hosted wine, soft drinks and a dessert bar.

Nomination forms can be found online at www.nawbosd.org/images/bravonominatform_05.pdf. Fax nominations to Sharon Gray at 619-230-3878 or mail to Union Bank of California, 530 "B" St., Suite 1200, San Diego, CA 92101.

About National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) San Diego Chapter

NAWBO is the only nonprofit organization dedicated to researching and meeting the needs of women business owners worldwide. It has 8,000 members worldwide and California NAWBO has nine chapters with over 1,000 members. Membership is open to sole proprietors, partners and corporate owners with day-to-day management responsibility. Active members who live in a chapter area automatically join both the chapter and national NAWBO.

NAWBO San Diego membership benefits include monthly meetings with educational speakers and networking with peers and prospects, award celebrations, training conferences, leadership and management training, local public relations exposure and access to a state and national network of women business owners.

Corporate NAWBO sponsors include Metropolitan Water District, Principal Financial Group, Progressive Funding, San Diego National Bank, Sempra Energy and Union Bank of California.

NAWBO Mission: To promote, educate and support women business owners in achieving success.

For more information on NAWBO San Diego visit the Net: www.nawbo-sd.org.

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Elliott Gibbons, son of Joanne and Carl Gibbons, University of Montana undergraduate exchange scholarship, \$6,848.

Zach Halcumb, son of Keith Halcumb, Jamestown College scholarship, \$2,000; and Jamestown wrestling scholarship, \$1,000.

Emily Hempelmann, daughter of Vickie and Steve Hempelmann, Gonzaga University regent scholarship, \$6,000 (renewable); Dauna Leigh Bauer scholarship, \$2,000 (renewable); Eastern Washington University honors scholarship, \$3,000 (renewable).

Mathesen Hoss, son of Rhona Sen Hoss and Schuyler Hoss, National Football Foundation, Clark County Chapter, \$2,500; Washington Promise scholarship, \$2,000; and TODAY Foundation scholarship, \$500.

Karlee Hess, daughter of Diane Wagner, Pacific Lutheran University scholarship, \$8,000; and PLU music scholarship, \$1,000.

Jennifer Johnson, daughter of Yon and Ron Cusick, University of San Diego, trustee scholarship, \$12,000 (renewable); Ohio State University scholarship, \$1,800 (renewable); OSU National Buckeye scholarship, \$4,500 (renewable).

Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Gail and Bob Jones, University of Puget Sound dean's scholarship, \$12,000; and Willamette University Scholar, \$11,000 (renewable).

Melissa Ju, daughter of Frenees Ju, Case Western Reserve University, \$22,000 (renewable); Case national merit, \$2,000 (renewable); Washington Scholar, full tuition to any Washington school; University of Washington national merit, \$5,000; and UW undergraduate scholar, \$2,400.

Theresa Kurtz, daughter of Mary and Dave Kurtz, University of Idaho undergraduate exchange, \$6,284.

Chris H. Lovely, daughter of Patricia Parker-Lovely, University of Washington College of Forestry, \$16,000; Columbia Presbyterian Church, \$1,000; Scottish Rite, \$500; Washington Promise scholarship.

Gina Lubanovici, daughter of Monica and Mitch Lubanovici, Northwest University volleyball scholarship, \$1,000; Northwest University academic scholarship, \$2,000.

Jeff Lund, son of Natalie and Mark Lund, Harvey Mudd College scholarship, \$20,625.

Bryan Lund, son of Natalie and Mark Lund, University of Washington achievement award, \$1,500.

Eric Lund, son of Natalie and Mark Lund, University of Washington scholar award, \$2,400; UW achievement award, \$1,500.

Lindy Merida, daughter of Kathy Merida, University of Idaho presidential scholarship, \$750; University of Idaho exchange scholarship, \$6,284 (renewable); University of Arizona excellence scholarship, \$5000 (renewable).

Jonathan Metz, son of Judy Best, Western Washington University piano area





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How are you going to pay for your college education?

The steep cost of higher learning forces students, parents to get aggressive as scholarship deadlines near

By Jennifer Larson
The Desert Sun
December 23, 2004



For high school seniors thinking about their futures, applying to college is just the first step. Once accepted, they also have to find a way to pay for their four or five years of higher education -- an expensive prospect.

And boy, do they know it.

Morgan Hall, 17, knows she's going to have to find some way to scrape up as much as \$26,000 to pay for her first year at her first-choice school, the University of San Diego.

"That's pricey," said the Palm Desert High School senior, wincing slightly.

Breeanna Fujio, 17, a senior at La Quinta High School, is already thinking about how to accumulate \$38,000 to pay for a year at Harvard University, should she be admitted.

"Any private school is going to be around the upper \$30,000 range, the lower \$40,000 range," she said.

As the college application process winds down for many other high school seniors like Hall and Fujio, the process of finding money to pay for college is gearing up.

That's especially tough because of changes to federal law for the 2005-06 academic year that mean at least 1.3 million low-income students will receive smaller Pell Grants, the nation's primary financial aid grant.

In addition, 89,000 students or so who otherwise would be getting some Pell Grant money will get none, according to two new analyses conducted in part by the American Council of Education.

High school counselors are encouraging students to apply for a number of scholarships to help lessen the potential financial burden of college.



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- Fill out the FAFSA, or Free Application for Federal Student Aid, to apply for state and federal grants, as well as work-study and student loans. Although the deadline to apply for federal financial aid with the FAFSA is June 30, the California deadline to apply for state financial aid is much earlier: March 2.
 - Check in with the counseling center at your high school. Most schools maintain scholarship notebooks or post notices about scholarship applications.
 - Check out scholarships offered by the colleges and universities you're applying to. Look at their Web pages for more information on how to apply.
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Athletics

Creighton bait got Fish to bite

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Viewing film of USD games and preparing the scouting report on the Toreros for this afternoon's game got a little eerie at times for Creighton assistant basketball coach Brian Fish.

"I'd see Brice Vounang make a move and I'd stop the film and start to make a note and then catch myself and think — 'I'm not coaching him now,'" Fish said recently by telephone from Omaha, Neb. "It is going to feel a little different, being back in San Diego and, when the game's over, thinking that either way it works out I could have been sitting on the winning bench."

Fish was USD coach Brad Holland's No. 1 assistant in the Toreros' NCAA Tournament season of 2002-03. He held the title of associate head coach in last year's 4-26 comedown.

And in early August, Fish made a sudden departure to become an assistant to Creighton's Dana Altman. Fish returns today to the Jenny Craig Pavilion, duty-bound to help the 9-3 Bluejays against a group of

...ely responsible for bringing to San Diego as USD's recruiting coordinator, in a contest he helped schedule.

Fish's departure was so sudden — the Creighton offer was made firm on a Friday in early August and he accepted it, notified USD and departed by Monday — that it was never fully explained.

"There was never one reason why I left," said Fish, 38. "I had four or five opportunities to leave in my two years at San Diego and the only one I was willing to look at and give serious thought to was with Coach Altman."

Fish first worked for Altman as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Marshall, in 1989-90 and had stints assisting Altman at Kansas State (1992-93) and Creighton (1994-95). He spent six years as an assistant to Billy Tubbs at TCU before coming to USD.

"I thoroughly enjoyed working there," Fish said. "Brad is a great coach and still one of my best friends. I talk to him on the phone several times a week. I liked the rest of the staff and I

Creighton at USD

When/where: Today, 4:35 / Jenny Craig Pavilion
Records/series: Creighton 9-3, USD 7-5 / Creighton 3-0
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Update: USD has a four-game winning streak going into its final nonconference game. Since being inserted into the starting lineup, junior forward Nick Lewis has led the four-game surge, averaging a team-best 17.8 points and 7.8 rebounds. . . Creighton started 7-0, including wins over Missouri, Ohio State and Xavier, before hitting a slight depression.

— HANK WESCH

felt close ties with the players."

At USD, Fish had issues with its general policy of issuing only year-to-year contracts for assistant coaches. And he grew weary of a role as the designated disciplinarian on the staff that it appeared would never change.

Creighton offered a multi-year contract at considerably higher pay and a chance to re-join Altman at a program that has played before more than 8,000 fans in its last 35 home games, is fresh from drawing 14,235 at the one-year-old Qwest Center for Tuesday's win over Bradley and has qualified for postseason play the last seven seasons.

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Toreros extend streak at Creighton's expense

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- Each victory in what has now become a five-game win streak for the University of San Diego men's basketball team seems more impressive than the last. And with each one, the Toreros seem a more legitimate member of what seems to be the strongest West Coast Conference lineup on record.

USD's mounting resume stockpiled a second eye-catching victory on Friday as the Toreros closed their nonconference season by upending one of the nation's top midmajor programs. Walk-on point guard Avi Fogel scored a career-high 22 points and USD soundly defeated visiting Creighton 82-70 at Jenny Craig Pavilion to show its name belongs on the list of WCC powers.

"This is pretty much where we want to be," said Fogel, a Torrey Pines High graduate, "but I think we can get a lot better."

The victory came three days after USD (8-5) ventured to Wyoming as a 10-point underdog and shocked a Cowboys team that rarely loses at home. And it came against Creighton (9-4), a team that beat the Toreros by 35 points in Omaha, Neb., last season and has been to five NCAA tournaments in seven seasons.

"We couldn't feel better about ourselves going into conference play. We finally got rid of the ghosts of last year," said USD coach Brad Holland, whose team went 4-26 in 2003-04. "Winning at Wyoming was phenomenal and to come home and answer that against a great Creighton team with no letdown, I thought was significant."

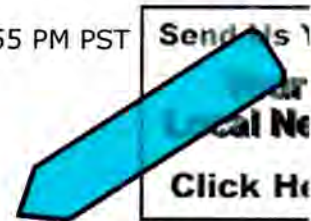
The five-game win streak is the Toreros' longest in four seasons, and, throughout it, USD has consistently displayed a new formula for extending it.

On Friday, the frontcourt-oriented Toreros benefited from their backcourt's strongest showing of the season. Fogel made 7-of-9 shots from the field and calmly navigated Creighton's full-court press.

USD committed 27 turnovers in last season's 79-44 loss to Creighton, and Holland set 17 turnovers as Friday's benchmark. The Toreros committed only 13.

"Now," Holland said, "we've got a press-breaker in Avi Fogel."

The Toreros also now seem to have a roster with players capable of converting clutch baskets. Wing-turned-shooting-guard Corey Belser twice silenced a budding-Creighton run with a 3-



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pointer, while guard Ross DeRogatis and forward Nick Lewis each did it once.

USD built a 10-point lead in the first half and led by as many as 17 in the second half. Creighton never got closer than nine points after halftime.

Center Brice Vounang scored 14 points as five Toreros reached double figures.

Lewis added 12 points, while DeRogatis and Brandon Gay contributed 11 and 10 points, respectively.

But for the fifth-straight game, the Toreros won with their defense. Belser finished with seven steals as USD forced 19 turnovers and held a usually efficient Creighton team to 40 percent shooting from the field.

"We don't worry about nobody now," Vounang said. "We've got it now. We know what it takes to win, even on the road."

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For rising Toreros, vengeance is theirs

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- With his team two days past a victory and its upcoming opponent featuring a former assistant coach his players exactly like, Brad Holland delivered a simple reminder to his University of San Diego men's basketball players on the eve of their matchup with Creighton and former Toreros assistant Brian Fish.

"It's USD versus Creighton," Holland said of today's game at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Asked if his message had anything to do with Fish, whom many Toreros found abrasive during his two seasons as USD's top assistant, Holland repeated the edict.

The message clearly was not delivered to avert a USD letdown following a 95-88 victory at Wyoming on Tuesday. The Toreros (7-5) have plenty of motivation for today's game.

In addition to Fish, who departed USD for Creighton (9-3) in August, the Toreros have a 79-44 loss at Creighton last season to avenge.

There's also the name recognition Creighton carries. The Omaha, Neb., school annually has asserted itself as one of the nation's most dangerous midmajor programs, reaching the NCAA tournament five of the past seven seasons.

"A letdown? No," USD forward Brandon Gay said, laughing. "You always want to get back at teams that kill you like that."

For the most part, USD has accomplished that of late and developed quite a mental toughness in the process. In winning four straight, USD has avenged 2003-04 losses to Northern Arizona and UC Santa Barbara. The Toreros avenged a November setback to San Jose State earlier this month and ended a 22-game road losing streak in the process.

They won at Wyoming when their two leading scorers, Gay and Brice Vounang, fouled out. They beat Northern Arizona despite a lethargic offense. And they showed an uncharacteristic proficiency from 3-point range in defeating UC Santa Barbara.

"This is a group that in a months time has grown to believe mentally that we can win every game," Holland said. "We're a confident basketball team now."

Children age 13 and under will be admitted free to today's game if accompanied by a paying adult.

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Toreros report

Friday: vs. Creighton

• WHAT: Men's college basketball

• TIPOFF: 4:35 p.m. at the Jenny Craig Pavilion

• RECORDS: Creighton 9-3; USD 7-5

• TV: 4 SD

• UPDATE: The University of San Diego enters its final nonconference game with a four-game winning streak and a practically healthy roster for the first time since the season opener. G Brett Melton (sprained ankle) is available to play and F/G Floyd North (stress fracture) will dress for the game, though he will play only in an emergency. North practiced for the first time since mid-November on Wednesday. The anticipated return of both Melton and North will give the Toreros the 10-man rotation coach Brad Holland anticipated before the start of practice. ... Creighton rattled the undermanned Toreros with a relentless full-court press during a 79-44 victory in Omaha, Neb., last season. Holland expects the Bluejays to employ a similar approach today. ... Creighton went 7-0 to start the season and was as high as No. 2 in collegeinsider.com's Mid-Major Top 25 rankings. The Bluejays since have lost three of five, including a setback to Wyoming, a team USD beat Tuesday. G Nate Funk (16.2 points per game) leads Creighton in scoring. F Kellen Miliner averages 11.2 points.

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Toreros get big win on the road

USD hits free throws
to upset Wyoming.

By Richard Anderson
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

LARAMIE, Wyo. — USD didn't mind playing on the road after three straight wins at home. As it turned out, the Toreros certainly didn't seem to mind playing at 7,220 feet.

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Wyoming
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USD, after shooting 62 percent from the field in the first half, held off a hard-charging Wyoming team 95-88 last night at the

Arena-Auditorium.

The win was the Toreros' fourth straight and fifth in six games. USD is 7-5 heading into Friday's home game against Creighton.

"I've been here for 11 years and I just told my team that this is one of the top five wins on the road that I have experienced in my career at San Diego," Toreros coach Brad Holland said. "If you look at Coach (Steve) McClain and the nonconference and overall record here, this is a tough place to win."

USD built a 10-point lead by half-time and a 15-point edge early in the second half before holding off Wyoming with strong shooting

SEE **Toreros, D7**



USD's Avi Fogel (left) grabs Wyoming's Jay Straight as both try to run down a loose ball in the teams' nonconference game. Michael Smith / Associated Press

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Holland calls road win at Wyoming one of best ever

from the free throw line.

Wyoming (6-4) cut USD's lead to 86-84 with 45 seconds left, but the Toreros hit 9-of-10 free throws down the stretch to win.

The victory was USD's second on the road this season after going winless away from home last season.

"This is a good confidence builder, because to be a good team you have to win on the road," said Toreros center Nick Lewis, who led all scorers with 19 points. "It's easy for anybody to win at home in front of the home crowd. You really learn a lot by playing on the road."

The Toreros were 32-of-43 from the free throw line, including 25-of-33 in the second half.

"Coach really makes a point of emphasis in practice that we do a lot of free throw shooting," Lewis said. "We have to make so many free throws or we have to run sprints. You have to step up and know that you're going to make it. That's how you win on the road."

There were nine lead changes and six ties early in the game, but USD used a 13-4 run, with nine points coming from Brandon Gay, to take control. In fact, after Wyoming cut the lead to 27-26, the Toreros outscored the Cowboys 21-13 for a 48-38 halftime lead.

San Diego hit 19-of-28 from the field in the first half and all five of its three-point attempts.

USD took that momentum in the second half and led 57-42 on four points by Brice Vounang, a three-pointer by Corey Belser and a basket by Mike Shepherd.

Wyoming chipped away at the lead, but it wasn't until the final five minutes

that the Cowboys made a serious run. A three-point play by Belser was the final field goal for the Toreros at the 5:44 mark as they hit 20 free throws from that point on.

"The thing I am most proud of is that we played through officiating, a hostile environment and against a tough basketball team," Holland said. "We kept battling. We stuck with what we were doing, kept playing hard and kept defending. This was a really good win for our club."

USD finished the game shooting 56 percent from the field, and Vounang collected 17 points. Belser and Ross DeRogatis had 15 points each and Gay 13.

"We just have some good shooters and good players. We were on tonight, but it's been like that for the last couple of games," Gay said. "We just had to come out and play. We needed to get some wins. We're trying to rebuild from last year. We just had to win, disregarding everything else."

SUMMARY

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	24	4-9	3-5	9	0	5	13
Vounang	26	7-16	3-5	6	1	5	17
Lewis	25	5-6	8-10	4	0	4	19
Fogel	32	2-4	4-6	0	7	3	8
Belser	36	3-4	8-11	10	2	3	15
Melton	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Hubbard	20	1-1	2-2	1	2	4	4
DeRogatis	24	4-6	4-4	0	4	4	15
Shepherd	12	2-4	0-0	1	1	5	4
Totals	200	28-50	32-43	36	17	33	95

Percentages: FG .560, FT .744. 3-Point Goals: 7-11, .636 (DeRogatis 3-4, Gay 2-3, Lewis 1-1, Belser 1-2, Shepherd 0-1). Team Rebounds: 5. Blocked Shots: 2 (Belser 2). Turnovers: 20 (Vounang 5). Steals: 9 (Vogel 3). Technical Fouls: None.

Wyoming	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Leven	25	3-13	5-6	3	0	4	12
Williams	16	2-5	4-7	3	2	5	8
Dunn	31	5-14	7-12	12	1	5	17
Sherrell	29	6-11	4-5	2	2	3	18
Straight	40	5-10	4-7	3	7	5	15
Webb	20	1-4	4-4	4	2	2	6
Lewis	7	0-2	0-0	1	0	1	0
Anderson	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wabington	30	6-9	0-0	7	2	2	12
Totals	200	28-68	28-41	41	16	30	88

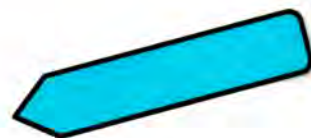
Percentages: FG .412, FT .683. 3-Point Goals: 4-20, .200 (Sherrell 2-6, Straight 1-4, Leven 1-7). Team Rebounds: 6. Blocked Shots: 4 (Williams). Turnovers: 13 (Straight 5). Steals: 5 (Straight, Webb 2). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (7-5)	48	47	- 95
Wyoming (6-4)	38	50	- 88

Attn-6,748. Officials-Bob Staffen, Mike Giarratano, Shawn Leigh.

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NCAA Game Summary - San Diego at Wyoming



Laramie, WY (Sports Network) - Nick Lewis netted a game-high 19 points in leading the University of San Diego Toreros Wyoming Cowboys, 95-88, in non-conference action from Arena Auditorium.

Lewis was 5-of-6 shooting from the field and sank 8-of-10 shots from the free throw line for San Diego (7-5).

Brice Vounang chipped in with 17 points in the winning effort, while Corey Belser tallied a double-double with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Ross DeRogatis contributed 15 points off the bench and Brandon Gay netted 13 points and nine rebounds.

Dion Sherrell scored 18 points for Wyoming (6-4) and led five Cowboys in double digit points. Alex Dunn had a double-double with 17 points and 12 rebounds, while Jay Straight added 15 points and seven assists.

Steve Leven and Derek Wabington netted 12 points each in the losing effort, as the Cowboys could not overcome just 4-of-20 shooting from long range.

The lead changed hands several times in the first half of play, but it was the Toreros who held a 48-38 advantage heading into the break.

San Diego converted 16-of-20 free throw attempts in the final three minutes of the game, helping it come away with the seven-

The Toreros hit on 56 percent of their shots from the floor and 7-of-11 from three-point range, as they were able to get away with turnovers.

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Men: Aztecs at Iowa State

When/where: Tonight, 5 PST; Hilton Coliseum

Records/series: SDSU 5-5; ISU 6-2 / tied 2-2.

TV/radio: Available through ESPN's Full Court Package/ XPRS (1090 AM)

Update: Senior forward Chris Walton, out with a sore hip/groin since the season opener, made the trip and practiced yesterday. He is questionable for tonight. Senior wing Travis Hanour (knees) is available. The Aztecs have three remaining games (tonight and home to Providence on Friday and South Dakota State on Monday) before opening Mountain West Conference play at BYU on Jan. 8. Senior center Chris Manker returns home tonight. Manker spent three years at West Des Moines Valley High, 40 minutes south of Ames . . . Iowa State sophomore guard Curtis Stinson is the fastest player in school history to reach 600 career points, doing so in just 37 games. Stinson and fellow sophomore guard Will Blalock (13 ppg, 3.7 rpg) form one of the nation's best backcourts. Senior center Jared Homan (15.8 ppg, 9.1 rpg) needs eight blocks to become the school's all-time leader and overtake NBA player Kelvin Cato (189 career blocks).

- ED GRANFY

Men: USD at Wyoming

When/where: Tonight, 6, Laramie, Wyo.

Records/series: USD 6-5, Wyoming 6-3/ First meeting

Web cast: www.usdtoreros.com

Update: USD takes a three-game winning streak forged at home into its final road game outside West Coast Conference play. The Toreros are 1-4 in games away from their own Jenny Craig Pavilion and 5-1 at the JCP, where they'll return for a New Year's Eve game against Creighton on Friday. In the past three games as a starter, all wins, junior forward Nick Lewis has averaged a team-best 17.3 points and nine rebounds and fellow front-liners Brice Younang (15 ppg, 7 rpg) and Brandon Gay (14.3, 5.7) have contributed strongly as well. Wyoming has won two straight, at Creighton (68-64) and at home over Washington State (49-47). Senior guard Jay Straight leads the Cowboys with a 16.1 ppg average, 7-0 center Alex Dunn has averaged 11 points and 8.4 rebounds. The Cowboys are 4-0 at their 15,000-seat Arena-Auditorium where the altitude can prove physically taxing and the enthusiastic crowds can be intimidating.

- HANK WESCH

Women: Surf 'N Slam Tournament

When: Tonight, USD vs. Vermont, 6; Ole Miss vs. Marquette, 8. Thursday's tournament championship game at 8, with consolation game at 6.

Where: Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: USD 5-5; Vermont 3-4; Ole Miss 7-3; Marquette 7-3

Web casts: www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: After three games on the road, the Toreros return home for the first time in three weeks to host their fourth annual tournament. Despite a sore back, freshman center Amber Sprague is leading the team with 14.5 points per game, while junior guard Tiara Harris is coming off a 16-point, seven-rebound performance against Air Force.

USD makes it three straight wins at home

Defense *the difference*
in victory *over* UCSB

By **Hank Wesch**
STAFF WRITER

There's no place like home for the pre-holidays.

That was the case, anyway, for the USD men's basketball team, which completed a sweep of a three-game homestand with a 71-63 victory last night over UC Santa Barbara before 1,171 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

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powerful front line of 6-10 Nick Lewis, 6-8 Brice Vounang and 6-8 Brandon Gay, the Toreros put together their first three-game winning streak since February of 2003 and set their record above .500 (6-5) for the first time since the end of the 2002-2003 season.

Lewis had 20 points and 11 rebounds, his second straight double-double and the sixth of his USD career. Vounang also doubled up with 15 points and 10 rebounds and Gay contributed 13 points and six rebounds.

"The reason we are where we are, winning four of the last five, is because we've really bought into the defensive end," said Toreros coach Brad Holland. "We're really playing good defense."

"That coupled with the fact that Nick Lewis has really come on with his offensive and defensive game and been very productive."

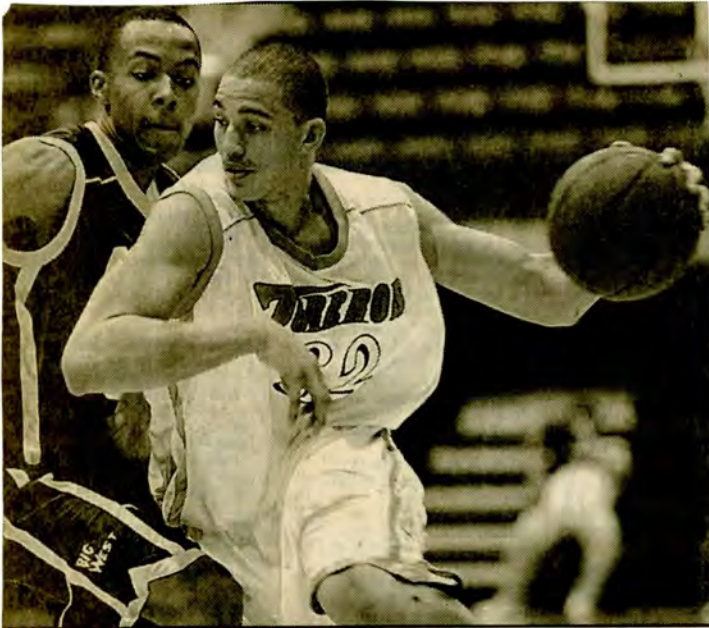
The Toreros also got 10 points off the bench from junior transfer guard Ross DeRogatis, nine of them providing a first-half offensive boost when he

SEE **Toreros, DB**

USD forward Brandon Gay finds himself sandwiched in between UC Santa Barbara's Josh Davis (left) and Casey Cook. Gay found enough room to score 13 points against the Gauchos.

Jim Baird /
Union-Tribune





USD's Corey Belser drives to the basket, but he made the biggest impact on the defensive end. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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Team over .500 for first time since 2002-03

went three-for-four from behind the arc.

"My role is to come in and play hard defense and give us a spark," said DeRogatis, who matched his personal scoring high of three times previously this season. "Tonight, Avi (Fogel) was penetrating and I got good kick-out passes from him and Brice.

"And if I'm open, I should be able to hit that."

USD had stretches of several minutes of dominance dulled by seconds of inattention and should have led by more than the 41-34 it did at halftime.

The Toreros jumped to a 9-0 lead in the first 3:44 and were up 11-1 when they allowed four quick points on a jumper and a turnover inbounding the ball to let the Gauchos overcome initial inertia.

Then, after rebuilding the advantage to 41-29, USD gave up five points in the final 2.8 seconds of the half. The sequence was: a three-point play by UCSB guard Joe See when fouled on a layup, a USD throw-away inbounding the ball and a layup at the buzzer by the Gauchos' Derek Rasp on an inbounds play.

The Toreros outshot and out-rebounded UCSB in the half and committed fewer turnovers. Vounang had 12 points and seven rebounds by the break, Lewis 10 points and four rebounds.

UCSB cut the lead to 41-38 by scoring the first four points of the second half. But a short-range basket by Lewis and a three-point play by Fogel restored order for USD. Thereafter, when UCSB (2-5) would show any signs of making a threatening run the Toreros

would have an answer, often generated by their persistent defense.

Junior forward Corey Belser shut down the opposition's most dangerous player for the third game in a row, limiting UCSB's Josh Davis to seven shots and eight points, four below his average.

DeRogatis, who hails from Mansfield, Texas, transferred in from Oklahoma State last year. He spent much of his red-shirt season on the Toreros bench next to the injured Belser and watched one loss after another.

"Me and Belser would sit there and promise each other it wouldn't happen again this year," DeRogatis said. "We're trying to switch emphasis to being more of a defensive-oriented team and we're finding that with defense comes victories."

The pre-holiday homestand completed, the Torero players will scatter to their own homes for the next three days.

SUMMARY

USD 71, UCSB 63

UCSB	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Cook	26	2-8	4-7	1	0	4	8
Turner	8	0-1	0-0	0	0	4	0
Davis	32	3-7	2-4	2	1	2	8
Harris	19	1-6	0-0	3	1	2	2
Oliver	29	5-7	0-0	1	2	1	12
Rasp	10	2-3	0-0	2	1	1	4
See	31	5-10	5-6	4	2	2	17
Goettsche	24	5-10	0-0	11	0	3	10
Chambers	6	0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
Moore	15	1-2	0-0	4	0	2	2
Totals	200	24-56	11-17	29	7	21	63

Percentages: FG .429, FT .647. 3-Point Goals: 4-13, .308 (Oliver 2-2, See 2-6, Cook 0-1, Chambers 0-1, Rasp 0-1, Harris 0-2). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Harris, Goettsche, Moore). Turnovers: 16 (Harris 4). Steals: 10 (Cook 4, Davis 4). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	27	4-6	2-2	6	1	3	13
Lewis	26	7-12	5-5	11	1	3	20
Vounang	38	5-14	5-7	10	1	3	15
Fogel	30	2-6	1-1	2	5	1	5
Belser	31	1-2	0-0	0	1	2	2
Hubbard	9	2-2	0-0	3	0	1	4
Derogatis	29	3-7	1-2	1	1	1	10
Shepherd	10	1-1	0-0	0	0	2	2
Totals	200	25-50	14-17	33	10	16	71

Percentages: FG .500, FT .824. 3-Point Goals: 7-9, .778 (Gay 3-3, Derogatis 3-5, Lewis 1-1). Team Rebounds: 0. Blocked Shots: 3 (Lewis, Fogel, Belser). Turnovers: 18 (Vounang 4, Fogel 4). Steals: 8 (Lewis 2, Vounang 2, Belser 2). Technical Fouls: None.

UCSB (2-5)	34	29	63
USD (6-5)	41	30	71

Attn-1,171. Officials-Jim Stupin, Michael Scyphers, Deron White.

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Men: UC Santa Barbara at USD

When/where: Tonight, 7, Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records: UCSB 2-4, USD 5-5

Series: UCSB leads 12-5

TV/Web cast: 4 San Diego / www.usdtoreros.com

Update: Final game of a three-game Toreros home stand that has produced two prior wins, the last 65-56 over Northern Arizona on Saturday. USD is 4-1 at the JCP . . . Brice Vounang continues to lead USD in scoring (17.5 ppg) and rebounding (7.3) with a field-goal percentage of 58.9 (73-for-124) . . . Half of UCSB's losses have come while visiting schools that are West Coast Conference rivals of USD – 72-56 at San Francisco and 62-56 at Pepperdine. UCSB also lost at Wisconsin and at home to San Diego State after defeating the Aztecs in overtime at Cox Arena in the Nov. 19 season opener . . . UCSB ended a four-game losing streak with a 55-46 home victory over Montana on Saturday. Senior forward Casey Cook recorded his second career double-double (12 points, 12 rebounds) to key the win.

– HANK WESCH

Women: USD at Air Force

When: Today, 1 p.m.

Where: Clune Arena, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Records: USD, 4-5; Air Force, 3-6

Series: First meeting

Web cast: www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: Air Force lost to Utah State 72-68 at home on Dec. 4, a team USD defeated 71-68 earlier this season.

– NICOLE VARGAS

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USD guard Avi Fogel pressures Northern Arizona's Stephen Garnett in the Toreros' 65-56 win. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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Toreros rule boards

By **Hank Wesch**
STAFF WRITER

The USD men's basketball team, to borrow a classic Chuck Berry line from the song "Maybelline," has done started back doin' the things it used to do. Namely, rebound and play defense.

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And the return to perennial Toreros strengths that were weaknesses in a miserable 2003-04 season, has resulted in three wins in their past four games with the latest being 65-56 over Northern Arizona before 1,013 yesterday afternoon at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

In leveling its record at 5-5, USD outrebounded NAU 44-31 overall and had 14 offensive boards to the Lumberjacks' seven. Two of those offensive rebounds came on a possession that started with 1:30 remaining and USD leading 61-56. Maintaining possession forced NAU to foul Ross DeRogatis with 21.8 seconds left and his subsequent two free throws iced the game.

The Toreros played man-to-man defense the full 40 minutes, something they hadn't done in many games the past two years, and pushed NAU (5-5) into 17 turnovers, several at critical times. The visitors were held to 24 points and 29.6 percent shooting in the second half.

USD defensive ringleader Corey Belser limited NAU's Kelly Golob — the player who hit 10 three-pointers in a 91-81 Lumberjacks victory over USD a year ago in Flagstaff, Ariz. — to 11 points.

SUMMARY

USD 65, Northern Arizona 56

NAU	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Garnett	19	2-5	1-4	5	1	3	5
Boykin	31	5-11	0-1	6	1	1	11
Landry	13	0-1	2-2	3	0	3	2
Golob	37	4-7	2-3	3	1	3	11
Feuerbach	34	4-9	2-3	3	5	2	11
Hill	10	1-3	4-4	2	0	1	6
Stevens	26	1-7	2-2	1	3	3	4
McCurdy	18	3-8	0-0	2	0	0	6
Hooks	10	0-2	0-0	2	0	2	0
Van Patten	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	20-53	13-19	31	11	18	56

Percentages: FG .377, FT .684, 3-Point Goals: 3-10, .300 (Boykin 1-1, Golob 1-3, Feuerbach 1-6). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 2 (Golob, Hooks). Turnovers: 17 (Stevens 5). Steals: 8 (Boykin 3). Technical Fouls: None.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	20	5-10	0-0	4	2	2	11
Lewis	33	4-13	4-5	10	2	2	13
Vounang	28	9-15	2-4	8	0	4	20
Fogel	21	1-3	0-0	4	4	0	2
Belser	39	1-4	4-6	13	2	2	6
Hubbard	19	1-2	0-0	2	0	2	3
DeRogatis	27	2-8	4-4	1	2	3	10
Shepherd	13	0-3	0-0	0	0	4	0
Totals	200	23-58	14-19	44	12	19	65

Percentages: FG .397, FT .737, 3-Point Goals: 5-18, .278 (DeRogatis 2-6, Hubbard 1-2, Lewis 1-3, Gay 1-4, Shepherd 0-1, Belser 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocks: 7 (Lewis 2, Belser 2). Turnovers: 17 (Vounang 4). Steals: 8 (Belser 8). Tech Fouls: None.

NAU (5-5)	32	24	-	56
USD (5-5)	33	32	-	65

A-1,013. Officials—Ken Ditty, Chuck Jannelli, Michael Greenstein.

Golob was 4-for-7 overall, 1-for-3 from three-point range. Belser tied a career high with 13 rebounds and had six points, two assists, two blocks and three steals as well.

Afterward, the Toreros wanted to talk about defense first and everything else later.

Brice Vounang, who carried the Toreros offensively in the second half, scoring 15 of his team-high 20 points, agreed with a suggestion that it might have been the best overall team performance in his 38-game Toreros career.

"In this game we showed a lot of toughness on defense," the 6-foot-8

senior center said. "If you don't play good defense, it's going to be tough to get the offense going. If you don't get stops, it's going to be difficult for you to come through (and win)."

Said Belser: "I think that, as a team, we're starting to realize that defense is going to make us win games and make us a successful team."

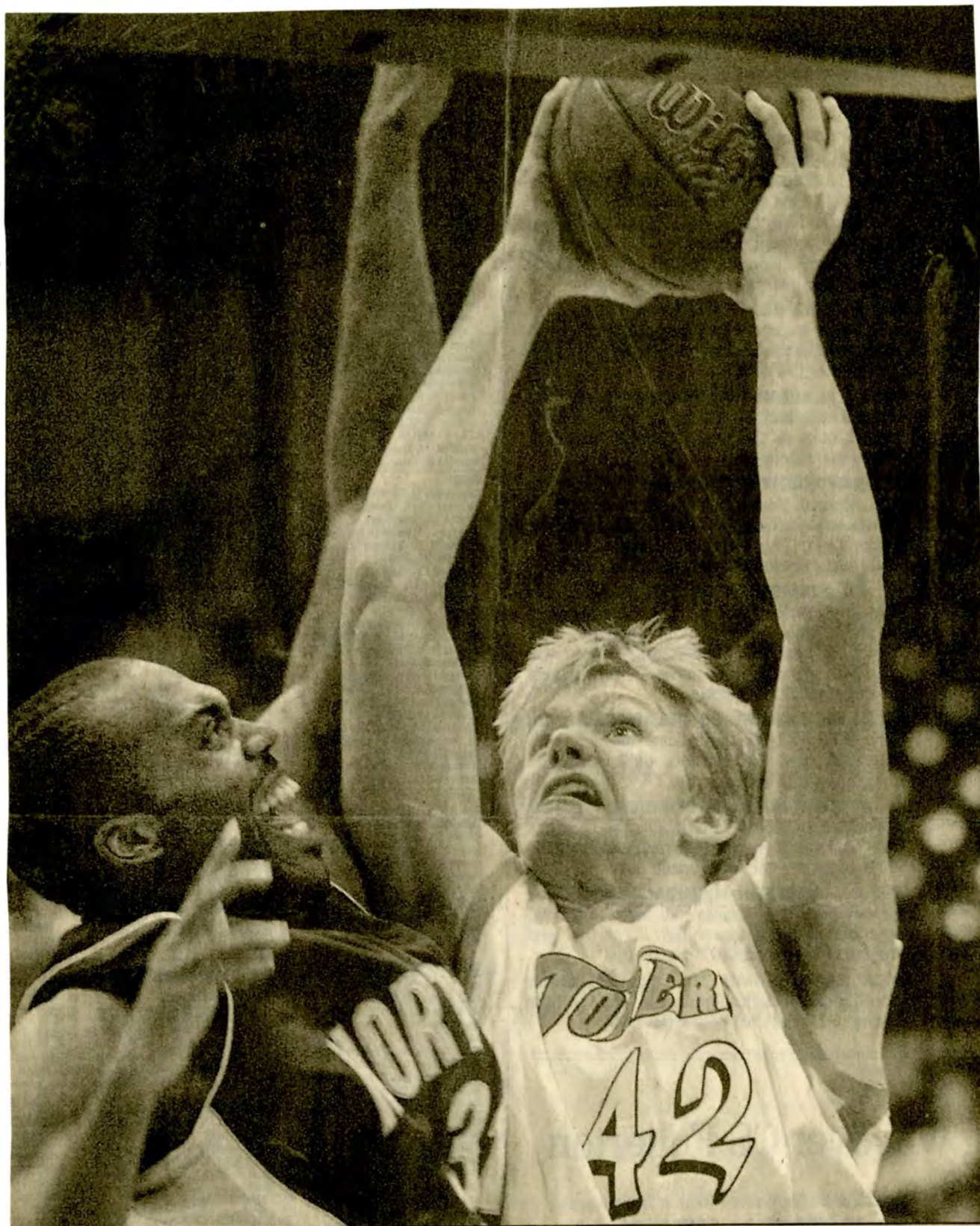
And coach Brad Holland said: "I'm really proud of our defense. Our kids worked very hard all week, even with finals (exams), and we beat a good basketball team tonight. We were not good defensively last year, and we've really concentrated on becoming a better defensive ballclub."

The Toreros outrebounded NAU 22-15, which included a 7-0 advantage on the offensive end, and needed every one to hold a 33-32 edge at half-time.

Junior forward Nick Lewis, who turned in the sixth double-double of his career (13 points, 10 rebounds) had seven points and six boards in the half. In addition to Vounang and Lewis, the Toreros got double-figure scoring from Brandon Gay (11) and DeRogatis (10).

The lead changed hands twice and the score was tied on three other occasions in the first 6:09 of the second half before USD moved away from a 44-44 tie with a basket and free throw by Vounang. NAU would cut the lead to one, but get no closer.

The Toreros got a boost in the backcourt by the return from injury of Michael Hubbard, who had missed the last five games. Hubbard played 19 minutes and contributed a second-half three-pointer that brought the Toreros a lead, a steal and a block.



USD's Nick Lewis, who had 13 points and 10 rebounds, goes up for a layup against Clyde Hooks. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*



USD's Belser enjoys run of bragging-rights games

By Hank Wesch, STAFF WRITER

In March of 2003, there was a good case for USD sophomore forward Corey Belser being the best defensive player in the West Coast Conference.

Belser turned heads by sticking like epoxy to Gonzaga guard Blake Stepp, the WCC Player of the Year, and limiting Stepp to 10 points on 3-for-15 shooting in the Toreros' 72-63 conference tournament final victory that clinched an NCAA Tournament berth.

Out all last season with a knee injury, Belser was sorely missed every game of a 4-26 campaign. But the poster game of them all might have been a 91-81 loss at Northern Arizona in which NAU junior guard Kelly Golob hit 10 three-point shots in scoring 30 for the winning Lumberjacks.

So the key matchup in tonight's USD-NAU game at the Jenny Craig Pavilion figures to be Belser on Golob. And, coincidentally, it's a matchup of players who are of more than passing acquaintance.

"Golob's a guy that was on the same AAU team with me," said Belser, a 6-foot-7 junior from Tacoma, Wash. "Last year I listened to the (USD-NAU) game on the Internet and I couldn't believe he hit all those threes against us. He was the guy who played behind me on that AAU team.

"He was always a great shooter and I'm sure he's gotten a lot stronger and a lot better since high school. So it's a challenge for me (defending) a hometown, local guy."

Belser's second such challenge, it turns out, in six days.

On Monday, Belser went up against Eastern Washington's Marc Axton and limited a player who came in averaging 19 points a game to eight shots and 15 points. Four of the points came in the final 2½ minutes of a 75-56 USD victory.



Corey Belser

"Axton's got a chance to be the Player of the Year in the Big Sky Conference, and Corey did a tremendous job on him," USD coach Brad Holland said.

Said Belser: "We lost to (Axton) in our high school championship game. We played on the same AAU team, so I know him and his game very well. There's respect between us and there is satisfaction in knowing that you shut him down, and when we go home and I see him next time he'll remember that."

Belser tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the Toreros' final exhibition game before the 2003-04 season. He jumped unopposed to rebound a missed free throw and came down awkwardly on a leg that had previously troubled him with shin splints and foot problems.

"I heard two pops and the knee locked up," Belser said. "I knew it was bad by the way it swelled up so quickly in the training room."

He had surgery three days later. The first three months required 1½ hours of rehab work six days a week. After that it was every other day for six months.

"I didn't really feel comfortable with it, knowing it was secure and it wasn't going to go out on me, until about the second week of practice (early November)," Belser said. "After a while, you don't think about it anymore."

Holland estimated, and Belser concurred, that he's only about 85 percent back to his physical abilities before the injury. But playing defense is, Holland said, 90 percent mental. And Belser is 100 percent committed.

"He's a tiger out there. He has great desire to get it done on the defensive end," Holland said. "He takes great pride in it."

The desire was kindled and the pride built in one-on-one games back in Tacoma with older brother Chris, who went on to play wide receiver at the University of Idaho, and his father, Aaron.

"We never wanted to have each other score, and I carried that over to team basketball," Belser said. "I take it personally when I'm assigned to guard somebody."



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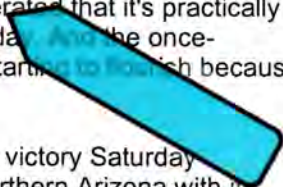
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Toreros rely on defense in win over Lumberjacks

By: DAVID HAMMEL - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- The improvement in the University of San Diego men's basketball team has become so accelerated that it's practically apparent from day to day. And the once-hapless Toreros are starting to flourish because of it.



USD captured an ugly victory Saturday afternoon, abusing Northern Arizona with its defense throughout, then bludgeoning the Lumberjacks with the offense of burly center Brice Vounang in the closing minutes of a 65-56 win at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Vounang tallied 15 of his game-high 20 points in the second half. That included a three-minute stretch late in the game when he scored six straight USD points to turn a 55-52 lead into a 61-54 advantage with about two minutes to play.

But while Vounang emerged in the second half, the defense, which has become the team's rallying cry, was a force throughout as USD (5-5) claimed its second-straight victory and third in four games.

"As a team, we're starting to realize that defense is what's going to make us win games and make us a tougher team," said junior forward Corey Belser, the poster boy for USD's new defense-oriented approach.

Belser, the defensive stalwart the Toreros sorely missed during their 4-26 campaign last year, played all but 34 seconds of the game. In that time, he matched his career-high with 13 rebounds, recorded three steals and blocked two shots.

And he again nullified the opponent's biggest offensive weapon. Kelly Golob, who scored 30 points in last season's 91-81 Toreros' loss at Northern Arizona, finished with just 11 points under Belser's pesky watch.



USD's Corey Belser tries to hang on to the ball as Northern Arizona's DeJuan Stevens, left, and Kyle Feuerbach reach in during the first half at USD on Saturday.

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For the game, Northern Arizona (5-5) shot just 37.7 percent, committed 17 turnovers and watched USD grab a staggering 14 offensive rebounds.

"We were not good defensively last year. We've really concentrated on being a better defensive ballclub," USD coach Brad Holland said. "We've gotten actually a little bit better the last 10 days. ... I like where our defense is going."

Forward Nick Lewis recorded a double-double with 13 points and 10 rebounds for USD, while Brandon Gay scored 11 points. Guard Michael Hubbard returned from a calf injury to bolster the Toreros' perimeter defense with his athleticism.

Whether it was USD's best game in the past 21 months is debatable, but it certainly was the Toreros' grittiest victory of the last two seasons.

A team that as recently as last month seemed unable to overcome anything prevailed Saturday despite an offensive ineptitude it seemed unable to shake.

The Toreros shot just 39.7 percent from the field, committed 17 turnovers and at times struggled to find open shots.

The teams traded leads throughout the first half, which ended with USD ahead 33-32. Northern Arizona seized the lead early in the second half, but Hubbard hit a 3-pointer that gave the Toreros a 42-40 lead with 14:17 to play. USD never trailed again.

"We're growing up a lot, confidence is growing especially," Vounang said.

"(Earlier in the season), we came out for the game a little scared to play defense. But right now, we're having fun doing that."

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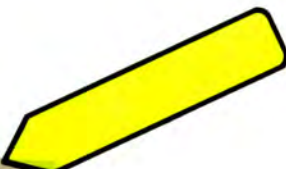
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Men: Northern Arizona at USD

When/where: Today, 4 p.m. / Jenny Craig Pavilion
Records/series: NAU 5-4, USD 4-5 / NAU leads 8-7
TV/Webcast: 4 San Diego / www.usdtoreros.com
USD update: The middle game of a three-game homestand that began with a 75-56 win over Eastern Washington on Monday. USD is 3-1 at the JCP . . . Health watch: Guard Michael Hubbard is expected to return after missing five games with a calf injury; guard Michael Kirkpatrick is out with a knee injury that may require surgery; forward Nick Lewis got a "stinger" in the shoulder in practice but hopes to play; guard Brett Melton (ankle) will not play but could return next week; forward Floyd North III (leg) is out for another week.
NAU update: The Lumberjacks have won three of their last four, the most recent being a 96-57 rout of Willamette a week ago . . . NAU returns six lettermen, one starter from last year's 15-14 team that defeated USD 91-81 at Flagstaff.

– HANK WESCH

Men: SDSU at Loyola Marymount

When/where: Tonight, 7 / Gersten Pavilion, Los Angeles
Records/series: SDSU 4-4, LMU 5-2 / SDSU leads 30-25
TV/radio: 4 San Diego / XPRS-AM (1090)
SDSU update: The Aztecs have lost three straight after winning four straight . . . Head coach Steve Fisher said he expects to have a final determination on the status of senior point guard Wesley Stokes late next week. Stokes is academically ineligible. Final exams ended yesterday . . . Sophomore forward Marcus Slaughter (19.5 ppg) is trying to become the first Aztec to lead a conference in scoring since Anthony Watson in 1985-86.
LMU update: Another good team from the West Coast Conference. The Lions shoot 43 percent on three-pointers and force nearly 20 turnovers a game . . . Brandon Worthy (14.3 ppg) is a sophomore guard who could give SDSU fits attacking off the dribble.

– ED GRANEY

SDSU women vs. CSU Fullerton

When: Today, 2.
Where: Cox Arena.
Records: SDSU 2-3, CSUF 1-5.
Web casts: www.goaztecs.com
Series: SDSU and CSUF are tied, 17-17.
Outlook: After a week off, the Aztecs begin a preholiday swing that includes three games in six days. CSUF enters with few wins but plenty of rest, with its last game played on Dec. 3.

– NICOLE VARGAS

Week in review: San Diego's TV ratings

	Network	Rating	Share
SATURDAY			
College football (Heisman Trophy)	ESPN	5.1	10
Golf (Target World Challenge)	ABC	2.4	7
College basketball (Stanford-Mich. St.)	CBS	1.6	5
College basketball (SDSU-Cal)	Ch. 4	1.0	2
College basketball (USD-USC)	Ch. 4	0.7	1
SUNDAY			
Pro football (Chargers-Bucs)	Fox	30.7	59
Pro football (Eagles-Redskins)	ESPN	9.0	15
Pro football (Seahawks-Vikings)	Fox	8.9	21
Pro football (Oak.-Atl./Ind.-Hou.)	CBS	8.5	21
Golf (Target World Challenge)	ABC	1.5	3
Pro basketball (Lakers-Magic)	FSN	1.0	2

WEEKDAY: Pro football (Titans), Mon. on ABC: 14.8/24. High school football championship, Tue. on Ch. 4 - Div. II: 1.9/4; Div. I: 1.4/2; Div. III: 0.7/2; Div. IV: 0.1/0. "Prep Pigskin Report," Tue. on KUSI Ch. 9/51: 1.5/4. College football (New Orleans Bowl), Tue. on ESPN: 1.1/2.

Source: Nielsen Media Research. Each rating point represents 10,257 households in San Diego County. Share is the percentage of TV sets in use tuned to a specific program.

Confident Lewis boosts USD win

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Lately, there have been signs the old Nick Lewis — the one who made the All-West Coast Conference Tournament team as a freshman two years ago — may be back at USD.

Toreros 75

E. Washington 56

And the tentative, short-confidence Lewis of much of last season and early this season may be gone from the Toreros basketball team — and good riddance.

Lewis and Brandon Gay had 19 points apiece and the new-look-by-necessity Toreros defeated Eastern Washington 75-56 before 753 last night at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The victory to open a three-game home stand was USD's fourth against five losses this season, significant because the win total matches that for all of 2003-04.

"I don't want to hear any more about (last season)," said USD coach Brad Holland. "We're looking to go well beyond that (win total)."

The 19 points were one short of a career high for Lewis, a 6-10 junior, and he also had six rebounds, tying his high this season. Gay had seven rebounds to go with his 19 points as USD's big men dominated EWU (2-5), outscoring the Eagles front-line starters 48-34 and leading a 32-20 Toreros rebounding advantage.

USD inserted Lewis into the starting lineup for the first time this season and employed a one-guard set, with Avi Fogel at the point, out of necessity. Senior three-point shooting specialist Brett Melton sprained an ankle in practice on Sunday and is expected to be out for 1-2

SUMMARY

USD 75, Eastern Washington 56

E. WASH.	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Axton	38	4-8	5-5	2	1	2	15
Beitinger	24	6-13	0-0	2	0	3	12
Butorac	31	3-5	1-1	6	0	2	7
K.Smith	18	2-4	0-0	1	0	2	18
Loe	18	0-2	0-0	3	5	2	0
Scheffler	16	2-6	0-0	0	0	3	5
Henkel	18	2-3	0-0	3	1	2	4
Pariseau	17	1-3	0-1	0	3	1	3
McCullough	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Wortham	2	1-1	0-0	1	0	0	2
Nicholas	15	2-2	0-1	1	1	2	4
Totals	200	23-47	6-8	20	11	19	56

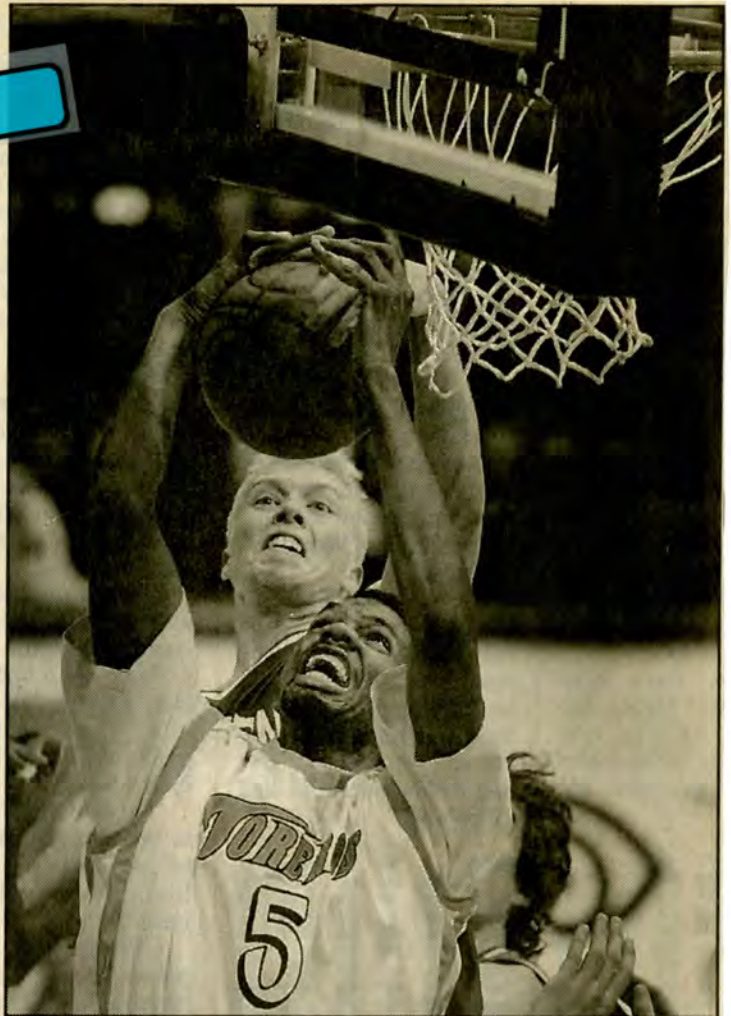
Percentages: FG .489, FT .750. 3-Point Goals: 4-13, .308 (Axton 2-4, Pariseau 1-2, Scheffler 1-5, Beitinger 0-1, Loe 0-1). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Beitinger, Butorac, Nicholas). Turnovers: 22 (Axton 6). Steals: 5 (Henel 3). Technical Fouls: K.Smith.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	31	8-18	2-2	7	2	3	19
Lewis	32	7-10	3-3	6	2	0	19
Vounang	19	5-7	0-0	3	1	2	10
Fogel	24	3-5	0-0	2	4	5	6
Belser	38	2-6	0-0	3	4	4	5
Derogatis	30	3-5	0-0	1	3	1	7
Traaen	2	0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
White	3	0-0	2-2	1	0	0	2
Shepherd	20	2-4	3-4	4	1	3	7
Bonifer	1	0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
Totals	200	30-57	10-11	32	15	18	75

Percentages: FG .526, FT .909. 3-Point Goals: 5-16, .313 (Lewis 2-4, Belser 1-3, Derogatis 1-3, Gay 1-4, Fogel 0-1, Bonifer 0-1). Team Rebounds: 4. Blocked Shots: 1 (Lewis). Turnovers: 15 (Fogel 5). Steals: 7 (Gay 3). Technical Fouls: Belser.

Eastern Washington (2-5)	26	30	-	56
USD (4-5)	34	41	-	75

A-735. Officials—Dave Libbey, Bruce Hicks, Rick Batsell.



USD's Brandon Gay (front) battles Eastern Washington's Paul Butorac for rebound. Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune

weeks.

It didn't look too good for USD when leading scorer and rebounder Brice Vounang played only one minute and 40 seconds of the first half — the time it took to accumulate two fouls and be relegated to the bench.

But Lewis more than did his part in filling the Vounang void, scoring 12 first-half points on 4-of-5 shooting that included 2-of-3 from three-point range. And Gay contributed eight in the period as the Toreros, without Vounang, built a 34-26 half-time advantage.

"The fact we only had Brice for two minutes and still led by eight at halftime was significant," Holland said.

Lewis, who had contributed only three points and five rebounds in a Nov. 27 loss to San Jose State at home, has scored

in double figures three times in five games since then, with last night qualifying as his best performance of the season.

"I got back to the gym, put in extra work on my shooting and basically got my confidence back," said Lewis, who came in averaging 7.8 points and four rebounds per game. "My teammates helped me. They said, 'You're struggling, but keep shooting it. We'll get your confidence back.'"

Lewis said not only he, but the team as a whole, may have been suffering a crisis of confidence early this season. But wins like last night have restorative properties.

"We forgot what it was to win. But we're starting to realize what we need to do and fall into roles," Lewis said. "We're

back on our home court now for a while, and I think we're back on the right track."

Eastern Washington had the initial momentum and moved out to a 9-2 advantage in just over three minutes. But USD cut into the deficit sparked by three-pointers by Corey Belser — who also contributed a demon defensive effort on EWU standout Marc Axton — and Lewis.

The Toreros got their first lead, 18-17, on a runner in the lane by Fogel with 10:50 to play in the half, quickly built an eight-point advantage and maintained it to the buzzer.

The second half was a steady Toreros pull-away. Vounang returned, played 17 minutes of it and scored all 10 of his points.

USD lets down its guard

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

An emotional week ended happily for USC interim coach Jim Saia and Trojans sophomore guard Lodrick Stewart.

USC
87

Toreros
75

An emotional game ended with USD coach Brad Holland and senior frontcourt players Brice Vounang and Brandon Gay swallowing possibly more frustration than ever. And they've swallowed a lot in posting a cumulative 7-31 record over one full season and eight games into the next.

Saia got his first victory in his second game in charge following the firing of Henry Bibby on Monday. Stewart scored 27 points and was named the game's Most Valuable Player as USC (3-3) defeated USD 87-75 in the opener of the San Diego Slam doubleheader at Cox Arena.

"It has been a hard week," Stewart said. "We lost our head coach. My twin brother (Rodrick) will be leaving tomorrow (transferring to Kansas). He wanted me to have a good game. And I wanted to win for Coach Saia, my new dad."

All that sentiment was wasted, of course, on the folks at USD (3-5).

"This game was there for the taking, and we didn't step up and grab it — that's pure and simple," said Holland, who was very blunt in placing the bulk of the blame.

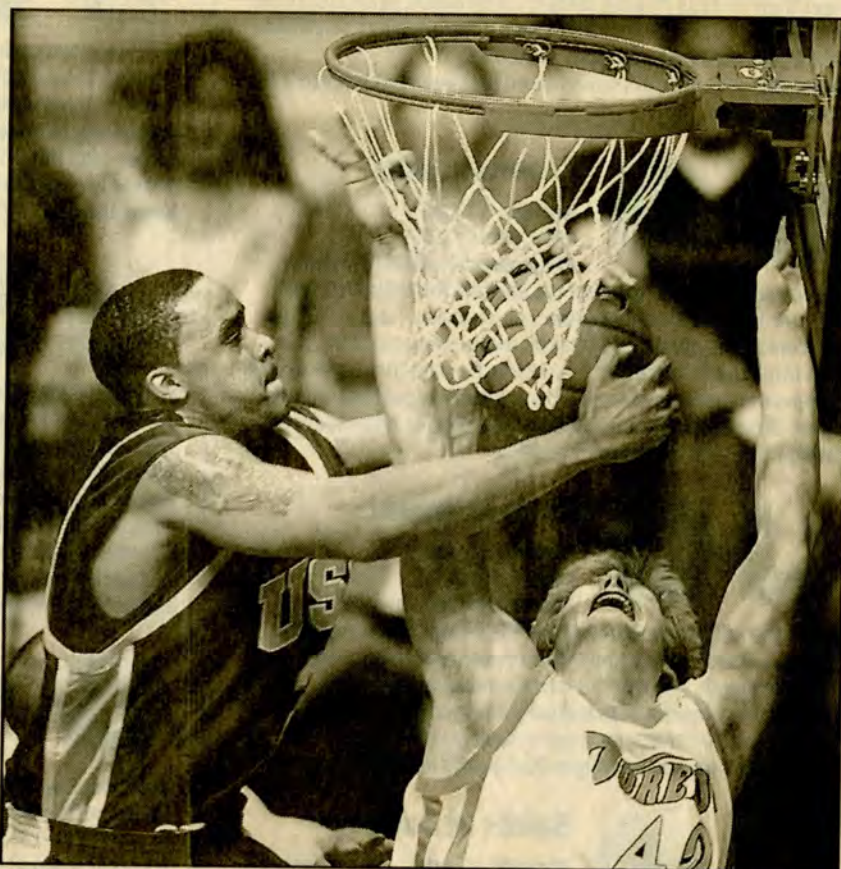
"Our guard play was less than desirable tonight," Holland understated before getting warmed up.

"We were very ineffective in getting the ball to the point of our offense where we could run our offense. We succumbed to their pressure way too easily, we had too many unforced errors and our guards did not do a good job in taking care of the basketball and running our offense."

"We all played a part in this loss, though."

USC stunned the Toreros with a 7-0 burst in the game's first 1:44 and held that same seven-point edge, 47-40, at the end of the first half.

The Trojans got a breakaway layup by Errick Craven off the opening tip — a defensive miscue by Avi Fogel, Holland said — and tacked on a three-pointer by Lodrick Stewart and



USC's Nick Curtis gets the ball but also is called for a foul as USD's Reed Doucette tries to shoot in the second half. Sean M. Haffey / Union-Tribune

a jump-hook basket by Nick Curtis while the Toreros were getting off one contested jumper that missed and committing three turnovers in the opening 1:44.

USC would go on to open a 20-12 lead in the first nine minutes with 11 of the 20 points coming off turnovers.

USD spent most of the time from the eighth minute of the first half to the eighth minute of the second chipping away at USC leads and even, on three occasions, managing to draw even.

But when the Toreros got to 35-35 with 3:49 to play in the first half, USC scored seven straight. And when USD knotted it 55-55 with 12:53 remaining, Stewart hit a jumper to ignite a 10-1 Trojans run that put the game away. USD missed three shots, committed five fouls and contributed three of its 18 turnovers during that Trojans burst.

"Our defense opens up our offense," Stewart said.

"Very frustrating," said Gay. "They

hit shots that were uncontested. It's all on us."

Stewart's 27 points came on 11-for-19 shooting, including 5-for-11 from beyond the three-point line. He was one of five Trojans in double figures, the most surprising being former football player Gregg Guenther, who had a career-high 16 rebounds to go with 11 points.

Vounang had 26 points and nine rebounds, Gay 16 and eight. But while the Trojans were shooting 54 percent overall and 40 percent on three-pointers, USD hit 44.4 and an anemic 27.8 from beyond the arc. The Toreros made 2-of-9 threes in the first half, 3-of-9 in the second.

"We missed a lot of open shots," Holland said. "Somebody has to step up and start making shots."

The Toreros guards were a combined 5-for-24 with Brett Melton going 2-for-12, Fogel 3-for-9 and Ross DeRogatis 0-for-3.

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SUMMARIES

USC 87, USD 75

USC	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Curtis	35	3-5	5-6	6	1	2	11
O'Neil	19	1-2	1-4	1	1	2	3
Stewart	38	11-19	0-1	2	3	4	27
Craven	25	6-11	1-1	5	3	5	14
Pruitt	36	5-8	0-1	3	8	1	12
Young	16	4-8	0-0	3	0	4	9
Geunther	27	3-7	5-6	16	1	3	11
Craven	4	0-1	0-0	0	1	0	0
Totals	200	33-61	12-19	36	18	21	87

Percentages: FG .541, FT .632, 3-Point Goals: 9-22, .409
 (Stewart 5-11, Pruitt 2-5, Craven 1-3, Young 1-3). Team Rebounds:
 0. Blocked Shots: 5 (Geunther 3). Turnovers: 21 (Geunther 7).
 Steals: 10 (Craven 4). Technical Fouls: Stewart, Lodrick.

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	30	6-12	4-5	8	2	4	16
Belser	32	2-4	0-1	2	4	3	5
Younang	35	12-17	2-2	9	2	3	26
Melton	31	2-12	1-2	4	1	2	7
Fogel	29	3-9	5-6	4	3	4	13
Kirkpatrick	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
DeRogatis	22	0-3	0-1	3	5	1	0
Lewis	16	3-6	2-3	3	0	2	8
Totals	200	28-63	14-20	36	17	19	75

Percentages: FG .444, FT .700, 3-Point Goals: 5-18, .278 (Fogel
 2-4, Melton 2-7, Belser 1-2, DeRogatis 0-2). Team Rebounds: 3.
 Blocked Shots: 3 (Gay 2). Turnovers: 18 (Gay 4, Fogel 4). Steals: 13
 (Gay 4). Technical Fouls: None.

USC (3-3)	47	40 - 87
USD (3-5)	40	35 - 75

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USD MEN'S SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
Dec. 12	E. Washington	7:05 p.m.	
Dec. 18	N. Arizona	4:05 p.m.	4SD
Dec. 22	UC Santa Barbara	7:05 p.m.	4SD
Dec. 28	at Wyoming	6:05 p.m.	
Dec. 31	Creighton	4:35 p.m.	4SD
Jan. 7	at *-Pepperdine	7:05 p.m.	
Jan. 9	at *-Loyola Marymount	1:05 p.m.	FSN

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Point guard decides to stick with commitment to Toreros

By: - North County Times

The University of San Diego men's basketball team completed the fall signing period by adding a player it thought it had lost.

Houston-area point guard Brandon Johnson signed with USD on Nov. 17, the final day of the fall signing period, after informing coach Brad Holland on the first day of the period that he planned to discuss other options with his family.

"Usually, that means they're not coming," Holland said.

The muscular 5-foot-10 Johnson, a senior at Willowridge High in Missouri City, Texas, joins Pinnacle (Ariz.) High wing Ray Murdock, De Soto (Kan.) High shooting guard Danny Brown and Seward County (Kan.) Community College forward Adam Tanner in USD's fall signing class.

Tanner is a 6-8 freshman at Seward from Victoria, Australia. He will have three years of eligibility with USD. The Toreros have one scholarship remaining for the spring.

"Johnson, Murdock and Brown, we think, can help us right away," Holland said. "Tanner is going to need some time to develop. We've tried to get a player at every position. Now we've got to get to work and find a center."

--- David Hammel

No Sockers game

The Sockers' game at Monterrey was postponed because the arena wasn't available. The Sockers return home to play the Cleveland Force at 7 p.m. Saturday.

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Event at SDSU stirs memories of past holiday tournaments

By Ed Graney, STAFF WRITER

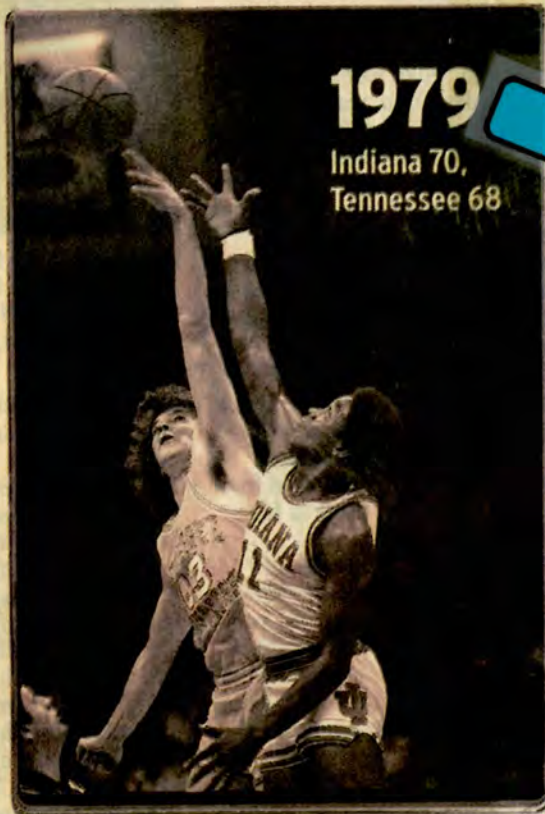
The objective really hasn't changed in 28 years, but the venue certainly has. San Diego remains a city that often needs to be educated on college basketball, which a tournament setting can help achieve. Better yet, the Sports Arena is now replaced by the new Valley View Arena.

The inaugural San Diego Slam plays out tonight when USD meets USC at 5 and Cal plays San Diego State at about 7:30, a one-day format organized by SDSU and the San Diego International Sports Council.

There is some history here. From 1976 through '92, SDSU hosted a two-day, regular-season tournament. Attendance never lived up to expectations and sponsors changed over the years — the Cabrillo Classic became the Holiday Bowl Classic, which became the McDonald's Classic, which became the Texaco Star Classic — but not until the end did the fields shrink in stature.

"Back then, the basketball community was in its infant stage," says Frank Aronoff, former assistant athletic director at SDSU who helped organize the past events. "Nobody ever thought San Diego could play on a national level. We were trying to bring basketball up locally by the bootstraps while also helping the Aztecs grow as a program.

"(SDSU) had trouble scheduling good teams and the idea was to bring a lot of people to town during Christmastime. We really had some terrific participants."



Before achieving NBA stardom, Isiah Thomas led Indiana past Kevin Nash and Tennessee as a freshman in the 1979 Cabrillo Classic opener. *Union-Tribune file photo*



GAME 1

**USC (2-3)
vs. USD (3-4)**

Today, 5 p.m.
Cox Arena

TV/Webcast: Ch. 4
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www.usdtoreros.com



GAME 2

**Cal (4-3)
vs. SDSU (4-2)**

Tonight, 7:30
Cox Arena

TV/Radio: Ch. 4 San
Diego, XPRS (1090
AM)

SEE **Slam**, D7

Aztecs, USD vs. Pac-10 foes

Want players? Isiah Thomas. Mark Aguirre. Sleepy Floyd. Dale Ellis. Detlef Schrempf. Terry Cummings. Michael Cage. Joe Barry Carroll. James Edwards. Michael Brooks. Elden Campbell. Sam Vincent. Ed Pinckney. Ronnie Lester. Clyde Bradshaw. William Bedford.

Want coaches? Bob Knight. John Thompson. Rollie Massimino. Terry Holland. Gary Williams. Jud Heathcote. Ray Meyer. Don Haskins. Marv Harshman. Dana Kirk.

Want teams? DePaul played here in 1980 when it was No. 1. Penn lost both of its games here in 1978, the same season it reached the Final Four. One season after Indiana defeated Tennessee 70-68 in the 1979 tournament, the Hoosiers won a national title.

But the event's fate was linked too strongly to that of SDSU's program, and as the latter faded so, too, did the tournament's usefulness. The last one was held in Peterson Gym and included a visiting field of North Florida, Washington State and Azusa Pacific.

"Unfortunately, (SDSU) took a step backward," Aronoff said. "Now, under Coach (Steve) Fisher, hopefully that has all changed."

The format is different from the past, when opening winners and losers played each other the following evening. But fewer games hardly means fewer dollars this time around. Fans will

Past tournaments

Tournament champions and MVPs of SDSU's previous holiday basketball tournaments from 1976-1992. MVPs are from winning team unless noted:

- 1992:** Washington St. (Eddie Hill)
- 1991:** South Carolina (Joe Rhett)
- 1990:** Lamar (Anthony Bledsoe)
- 1989:** Villanova (Chris Walker)
- 1988:** Tennessee (Dyron Nix)
- 1987:** SDSU (Tony Ross)
- 1986:** Mississippi (Charles Prater)
- 1985:** Memphis St. (William Bedford)
- 1984:** Boston Col. (Michael Adams)
- 1983:** Virginia (Othell Wilson)
- 1982:** Villanova (Stewart Granger)
- 1981:** SDSU (Zack Jones)
- 1980:** DePaul (Mark Aguirre)
- 1979:** Indiana (Isiah Thomas)
- 1978:** Iowa (Wolfe Perry, Stanford)
- 1977:** SDSU (Kim Goetz)
- 1976:** Washington (James Edwards)

pay a flat fee of \$45 and officials this week spoke of possibly drawing close to 10,000.

But should ticket prices remain the same for future events, this much is certain: A marquee team will be needed to annually pique local interest. This year, it's an event. Whether wallets open next year may depend on the participating teams.

Sports Council President Joe Moeller said his organization and SDSU will split profits evenly but that the council assumed all initial risk in landing sponsorship.

"Our vision this first year is to create a great event for San Diego and the participating schools," Moeller said. "I think the (one-day) format is good. The evolution of the

event probably will change over time. We'll look at the good things from this year and try to enhance them and probably toss aside the things that don't work.

"We felt (\$45) was certainly a sound economical choice. You get to watch two local schools and two Pac-10 teams. You get to attend a Slam Fest celebration beforehand. You don't get those things at a regular game. This is unique."

And still, it is the teams that carry this kind of event.

The field for next season hasn't been announced, but it won't be easy securing a marquee program. Most elite teams spend Saturdays in December either playing other Top 25 opponents on national television or staying home to blow out inferior teams in guaranteed games.

SDSU — beginning at Cal next season — will annually return a game to its Slam opponent.

Arizona is a possibility in coming years. Other high majors have shown interest, but most say they couldn't participate until 2006 at the earliest. For this, organizers next season might have to find two matchups that would draw the most regional appeal.

A Fresno State-SDSU matchup comes to mind. Another team — say, Nevada-Las Vegas — would be an interesting draw in the other game.

"I know (SDSU and the Sports Council) have worked extremely hard to make everything leading up to the games a major league affair," Fisher said. "Now, it will be up to the teams to provide the kind of entertainment fans pay to come see."

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When/where: Tonight, 7:30, Cox Arena (San Diego Slam)

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When/where: Today, 2, Peterson Gym

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Bears are too much for Aztecs

By: MIKE SULLIVAN - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- The first-ever San Diego Slam was billed as a showcase event for college basketball in San Diego. Instead, it was an occasion when the two local Division I programs got slammed.

Host San Diego State and the University of San Diego both succumbed to Pacific-10 programs on Saturday. The Aztecs fell 60-57 to California in the nightcap before an announced crowd of 8,978 at Cox Arena.

USC defeated the Toreros 87-75 in the first game.

The Aztecs had a chance to force overtime in the final seconds but freshman guard Matt Thomas saw his 3-point attempt carom off the rim as the final horn sounded.

"Everything was good except for the final score," Aztecs coach Steve Fisher said. "Tonight was awful for us. Cal's happy. We're not real happy about the end result."

"The event itself was run with great efficiency and a lot of class."

Cal's DeVon Hardin was named the game's Most Valuable Player. He paced the Bears (5-3) with 11 points.

Torrey Pines High product Rod Benson had just nine points. But he scored Cal's final eight points to help the Bears hold off the Aztecs (4-3).

The Aztecs pulled within 56-53 on Brandon Heath's driving hoop with 48 seconds left. Benson hit two free throws four seconds later and added a dunk with 18 seconds left to make it 60-53.



SDSU's No. 50 Mohamed Camara looks up for the shot as Cal's No. 35 Devon Hardin defends Jamie Scott Lytle
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Lincoln alum McGuire fits on Cal team of brains, Braun

By Ed Graney
STAFF WRITER

Tournament schedule

Tomorrow at SDSU (All games on 4 San Diego)

USD vs. USC, 5 p.m.

Cal at San Diego State, 7:55 p.m.

Ben Braun is a basketball coach and not a Hollywood producer, which is probably best. He would struggle type-casting mainstream films. He would seek far too much versatility.

You see this kind of resourcefulness in Braun's roster at Cal, specifically in a sophomore forward out of Lincoln High.

Dominic McGuire will help lead the Bears against San Diego State tomorrow night in the second game of the San Diego Slam at Cox Arena. He will

help lead them as one of those adaptable players Braun seeks each recruiting season.

"We try not to classify players at specific positions," Braun said. "There is a mistake in doing that. A basketball player is a basketball player. Find out his strengths and play to them."

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Injury-depleted Golden Bears to face Aztecs

(McGuire) could literally play every position on the floor if he wanted and do a decent job. He is not a dominant player in any area, but he's a guy who brings good skills and works extremely hard.

"He really has the potential to be much better. He really has only scratched the surface."

McGuire is doing what he sought upon departing Lincoln, which is to say playing for a Pac-10 program in California. The 6-foot-8 forward has started all seven games and averages 5.4 points and 5.0 rebounds for a team that has been up at times and down at others.

It's not an unexpected trend — a 4-3 record including wins over UC Riverside and at BYU and home losses to Saint Mary's, UNLV and Colorado — for a team that lost its best player before one ball was dribbled this season.

Sophomore forward Leon Powe underwent a bone graft in

April, when it was thought he might return for Pac-10 play. But knee ligament surgery didn't follow until early September, after which it was determined he would miss the season.

Powe's first season was amazing — averages of 15.1 points and 9.5 rebounds, Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, one of the nation's best rebounders — even though Powe didn't practice much last season because of the knee.

"Everyone has to step up their games for us to equal what Leon could do himself most nights," said McGuire, who played with SDSU sophomore Marcus Slaughter on an AAU Select team. "I think our chemistry is better this year. I think everyone is on the same page and has the same goals."

McGuire played football since age 6, dreamed of NFL glory and was a quarterback on the Lincoln JV team when a teammate's helmet struck his elbow during practice and tendinitis set in. "At that point, I was getting taller, so I figured basketball was a better choice," McGuire said.

He and Torrey Pines High alum Rod Benson (13.3 ppg, 4.0 rpg) are two of just eight healthy scholarship players Cal has today. The Bears also lost

point guard Ayinde Ubaka (broken foot) in a victory over Southern on Nov. 23. He is out until mid-January.

"Our challenge is how competitive we are and how well we play as a team, how scrappy we can be," Braun said. "I'm an optimist. Our players are optimists. We're all competitors. We're not the only team in the country that's going to lose players this year."

Walton update

It is still unknown when or if the Aztecs' **Chris Walton** will return this season, but recent therapy on his hip flexor/groin injury showed positive results.

Walton hasn't played since the season opener against UC Santa Barbara on Nov. 19. The senior forward underwent deep tissue massage three times this week.

"It feels better," Walton said. "The minute I am able to get on the floor, I will. I want to play basketball as soon as I can."

Walton has postponed a trip to Philadelphia, where he was to meet with Dr. **William Meyers**, a specialist at Drexel University. Should he make the trip and it is determined he needs surgery, Walton would be done for the season.

"I want to exhaust all options in San Diego before I go out there," he said.

There remains the possibility Walton will not return and apply to the NCAA for a sixth year of eligibility. SDSU has copious notes and test results about a hip stress fracture that cost Walton the 2002-03 season. But even the player isn't sure he would apply or pursue a professional career in Europe or the States.

"A (sixth year) might allow me to have the senior year I dreamed about," Walton said. "But there also comes a point where things outside basketball point to moving on with your life. Depending on how (the injury) reacts the next couple weeks, we'll see then what the future holds."

Annual Walton drive

For the third straight year, Walton will spearhead a drive to collect canned goods, home products and toiletries for HIV-positive and AIDS patients in San Diego County. Fans can donate products tomorrow before and during each game of the San Diego Slam. USD plays USC at 5, with the SDSU-Cal game to follow. For ticket information, call (619) 283-7378 or go to www.goaztecs.com.

USD ends long road drought in San Jose

By Jody Meacham
 SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

SAN JOSE — Corey Belser was the only player among USD's five starters last night who knew what it felt like for the Toreros to win on the road.

**Toreros
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**San Jose St.
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After Belser did his part in USD's 74-60 victory in the Event Center at San Jose State — only a couple of points but big defense during 34 minutes on the floor — everybody on the roster

knows the feeling today.

"I didn't really think about it that much," said Belser, who also had a big defensive night on Feb. 22, 2003, in an 81-63 victory at the University of San Francisco. "But now that you mention it, it feels great."

Since that long ago win against USF, the Toreros had lost 23 straight games on the road.

"We never ever spoke about it," USD coach Brad Holland said of the team's last road win. "What we talked about was doing the things each individual could do to make us win. We tried not to focus on outcomes but what was going to get us there."

The two key differences from 10 days ago, when the Spartans left the Jenny Craig Pavilion with a 71-70 victory, were that Belser held Spartans forward Marquin Chandler to 14 points this time and USD center Brice Vounang poured in 25.

In the previous game, Brandon Gay wasn't nearly as successful defensively on Chandler, who scored 26 that night, and Vounang was flat, with one field goal and 10 points.

"Corey did a great job on Chandler," Holland said. "We wanted to try to mix our defenses a little better, and mixing in with a zone helped us. One of the

reasons we wanted to do that was to stay out of foul trouble" that claimed Belser in the first meeting.

Getting the decision required some help from the Spartans (3-3), who made only three of their first 12 field goal attempts and shot just 41.7 percent from the floor for the game. USD (3-4) pulled out to a 10-point lead midway through the first period. Still, the teams were tied 28-28 at halftime.

But that was the last time the game was close.

Vounang hit a pair of field goals in the first 64 seconds of the second half to start a 26-9 Toreros' run that effectively settled the contest. He had 15 of his points in the final half.

"We had exactly the same plan as we did when we were down in San Diego," Spartans coach Phil Johnson said. "We just didn't have the juice tonight to get the job done."

SUMMARY

USD 74, San Jose State 60

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	14	2-9	0-0	4	3	5	4
Belser	34	1-4	0-0	5	6	2	2
Vounang	35	10-14	5-7	9	0	1	25
Melton	35	5-12	0-0	5	2	0	13
Fogel	30	2-2	3-4	2	2	3	7
Kirkpatrick	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Derogatis	17	3-5	0-0	3	3	1	8
Shepherd	7	0-1	0-0	1	0	2	0
Lewis	26	5-9	4-4	6	1	2	15
Totals	200	28-56	12-15	34	17	6	74

Percentages: FG .500, FT .800. 3-Point Goals: 6-18, .333 (Melton 3-8, Derogatis 2-4, Lewis 1-3, Belser 0-1, Gay 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 0. Turnovers: 21 (Vounang 6). Steals: 11 (Melton 5). Technical Fouls: None.

SAN JOSE STATE	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
McFadden	35	5-12	1-2	2	2	2	14
Chandler	36	6-13	2-3	6	2	4	14
Misko	13	0-2	0-0	2	0	3	0
Gardner	29	0-3	4-4	2	3	1	4
Elam	35	5-10	1-2	0	2	2	14
Watson	12	1-2	1-1	0	2	0	3
Guilbeaux	24	2-3	1-2	4	2	1	5
Fresby	16	1-3	4-4	3	0	2	6
Totals	200	20-48	14-18	22	13	15	60

Percentages: FG .417, FT .778. 3-Point Goals: 6-18, .333 (McFadden 3, Elam 3). Team Rebounds: 22. Blocked Shots: 1 (McFadden). Turnovers: 20 (Gardner 8). Steals: 5 (McFadden 3). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (3-4)	28	46	74
San Jose State (3-3)	28	32	60

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Men: USD at San Jose State

When/where: Tonight, 7:35 / San Jose

Records/series: USD 2-4, SJS 3-2 / USD leads 5-4

Web cast: www.usdtoreros.com

Update: The Toreros' road losing streak was extended to 23 games with a 92-83 loss at Texas-Arlington Saturday . . . Brice Vounang (15.7 ppg, 7.3 rpg) leads USD and ranks sixth in the WCC in both categories . . . San Jose State has lost to Santa Clara and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo since its 71-70 win at USD.

MARK WESCH

Women: USC at USD

When/where: Tonight, 7 / Jenny Craig Pavilion

Records/series: USD 3-3, USC 3-2 / USC leads 2-0

Web cast: www.usdtoreros.com

Outlook: After going 1-2 on its most recent road trip, USD returns home. Amber Sprague, who scored a career-high 27 points in USD's 73-53 victory over UC Riverside, leads the Toreros in scoring (15 ppg). USC features a balanced offense led by Jamie Funn (10.4 ppg).

– NICOLE VARGAS

Women: SDSU at Nevada

When/where: Tonight, 7 / Lawlor Events Center, Reno

Records/series: SDSU 2-1, UNR 2-3 / SDSU leads 2-0

Web cast: www.goaztecs.com

Outlook: This is the Aztecs' first visit to Reno. Junior Michelle Elliott is leading the way in scoring (14.5 ppg); freshman Ashley Cheesman is the team's top rebounder (8 rpg).

– NICOLE VARGAS

Toreros fall behind by 22, drop 23rd straight on road

By Julie Rich
 SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

ARLINGTON, Texas — And the streak goes go.

USD's furious second-half comeback could not overcome a 22-point half-time deficit in

Texas-Arlington
92

Toreros
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USD (2-4) lost its third straight game and 23rd consecutive road game despite six players scoring in double figures.

Brice Vounang scored 15 of his team-high 18 points in the second half. Brandon Gay (14), Avi Fogel (12), Corey Belser (10), Brett Melton (10) and Ross DeRogatis (10) all added double figures.

UTA (4-2) got 86 of its 92 points from the starting five — Steven Thomas (26), Jarrett Howell (20), Stephen Floyd (18), Jermaine Griffin (12) and Brady Dawkins (10).

UTA scored the game's first 10 points and made 10-of-11 field goals to take a 24-7 lead in the first 6:13 of the game. The lead swelled to 25 (53-28) after two Thomas free throws with 1:33 to play in the half.

"I thought our first-half defense was the key to our early success," said UTA head coach Eddie McCarter. "We were able to create some easy shots, and we were able to counter their size by attacking the basket."

Said USD coach Brad Holland of the road losing streak: "Oh, sure, our team is trying to figure out how to win. Until you start winning, it is going to have an effect.

"For the fourth time this season we have dug ourselves a hole we could not get out of due to a poor first-half performance. Our first-half effort was so poor; we showed little purpose defensively."

USD went on a 14-3 run to open the second half to cut the 54-32 halftime deficit to 57-46 after a Vounang jumper with 15:40 to play.

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BRAD HOLLAND
 USD head coach

A pesky trapping press converted 14 second-half turnovers into 17 points. USD used an 8-0 run in the final four minutes to pull within two at 85-83 after a Melton three-pointer with 2:54 to play. But the Toreros missed their final six field-goal attempts and final four free throws down the stretch.

"We have a bad habit of coming out slow in the first half," said DeRogatis. "We better pick (our intensity) up or we are going to have a tough season ahead of us."

USD will try to snap the streak Tuesday at San Jose State. Tip-off is at 7:30 p.m.

SUMMARY

Texas-Arlington 92, USD 83

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	20	5-10	2-2	4	0	5	14
Belser	39	3-6	3-4	5	2	3	10
Vounang	29	8-17	2-4	3	3	3	18
Melton	19	4-9	0-0	3	0	5	10
DeRogatis	32	3-7	2-2	1	3	5	10
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Fogel	27	2-6	8-10	2	4	3	12
White	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Shepherd	7	2-2	0-0	1	1	0	4
Lewis	18	1-6	3-4	4	0	1	5
Totals	200	28-66	20-26	26	13	27	83

Percentages: FG .424, FT .769. 3-Point Goals: 7-20, .350 (Gay 2-3, DeRogatis 2-5, Melton 2-7, Belser 1-1, Vounang 0-1, Lewis 0-1, Kirkpatrick 0-2). Team Rebounds: 2. Blocked Shots: 2 (Gay, Belser). Turnovers: 8 (DeRogatis 2). Steals: 10 (Belser 3, Fogel 3). Technical Fouls: USD—Team.

TEX-ARL	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Griffin	25	5-5	2-3	4	0	2	12
Thomas	35	5-7	16-17	8	3	1	26
Howell	36	4-6	10-12	8	5	4	20
Dawkins	36	3-7	2-5	2	7	4	10
Floyd	36	5-7	6-6	6	1	1	18
Epps	11	0-3	0-1	1	0	0	0
Guidry	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Henderson	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Posey	20	2-5	2-3	2	0	5	6
Totals	200	24-40	38-47	39	16	18	92

Percentages: FG .600, FT .809. 3-Point Goals: 6-13, .462 (Howell 2-2, Floyd 2-3, Dawkins 2-6, Epps 0-2). Team Rebounds: 8. Blocked Shots: 3 (Thomas, Howell, Posey). Turnovers: 22 (Dawkins 7). Steals: 4 (Dawkins 4). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (2-4)	32	51	-	83
Texas-Arlington (4-2)	54	38	-	92

A-612. Officials—Tom O'Neill, Art Brown, Brent Sherrod.

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Basketball: Aztecs coast past Toreros

Not in nearly 30 years.

That's how long it had been since San Diego State University had such a large margin of victory in the crosstown basketball series.

It happened again Wednesday night as the Aztecs routed the USD Toreros 83-63 before more than 6,000 fans at Cox Arena.

There's almost always a close score in the matchup of city rivals, but this time the outcome was clear midway through the second half.

The Aztecs pretty much did everything right, especially

on defense. And there was intensive pressure on the wings.

All of which makes Steve Fisher a happy coach.

"I was hopeful we could do that, but I was also a little nervous," he said. "Anyone who has seen us play knows that is our best effort of the season. And it was by far our best defensive effort."

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**Men's Basketball:
USD at Texas-Arlington**

When / where: Today, 1:05 / Arlington, Texas
Records / series: USD 2-3, UTA 3-2 / USD leads 1-0

Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com

Update: The Toreros, who have lost two in a row, will be looking to end a 22-game road losing streak dating to their NCAA Tournament loss to Stanford in March 2003. USD went winless away from the Jenny Craig Pavilion last season and is 0-2 this season (at Arizona and SDSU) . . . Forward Brandon Gay (15.6 ppg), who suffered a mild concussion and missed the second half against SDSU, has recovered and is expected to start . . . The UTA Mavericks have home wins over Texas-Permian Basin and Texas Wesleyan, the latter on Tuesday, a win at New Mexico State (88-67) and road losses to Texas Christian and Wyoming Steven Thomas, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, is the team's top scorer (17.4).

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Toreros are foul in Texas

By: North County Times staff and writers reports

ARLINGTON, Texas --- Texas-Arlington raced to a 17-point lead in the game's first six minutes, fouled out three University of San Diego starters and dealt the Toreros' men's basketball team its 22nd straight road loss, 92-83 on Saturday.

Texas-Arlington (4-2) never trailed in racing to leads of 10-0 and 24-7. The Mavericks led 54-32 at halftime, then watched the Toreros self-destruct after a spirited rally in the second half.

The Toreros opened the half with a 14-3 run to cut the lead to 57-46 on a jumper by Brice Vounang (18 points). Brett Melton's 3-pointer with two minutes, 54 seconds to play capped an 8-0 run and closed the gap to 85-83. But the Toreros (2-4) didn't score again, missing their final six field-goal attempts and four free throws.

It was a similar ending to last week's loss to San Jose State, in which USD missed all four of its free throws in the final minute and lost by a point.

"Our team is trying to figure out how to win," USD coach Brad Holland said.

Forward Steven Thomas led Texas-Arlington with 26 points.

Brandon Gay scored 14 points for USD, but he fouled out in just 20 minutes. Melton (10 points, 19 minutes) and point guard Ross DeRogatis (10 points, 32 minutes) also fouled out. Backup point guard Avi Fogel (Torrey Pines High) finished with 12 points, four assists and three steals with no turnovers.

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His name is Chris Manker.

He is a shooting guard in a giant's body, a 7-foot anomaly who has become San Diego State's go-to guy contrary to basketball convention, virtually by default.

His newfound prominence is due primarily to Chris Walton's lingering groin strain. But Manker has seized his opportunity as if by stranglehold, playing against big-man stereotype with startling long-range accuracy.

Seeing it is not necessarily believing it. Seeing it is scratching your head and saying, "Huh?"

"Because I'm a 7-footer, they automatically assume I'm going to play with my back to the basket," Manker said last night at the Aztec Arena. "Then I come off the bench and catch them off-guard."

Manker scored 22 points in the Aztecs' 83-63 drubbing of USD last night, including their first nine points of the second half, and

he did it primarily from the perimeter. He made three three-point field goals and sank all six of his shots inside the arc.

In the space of four games, Manker has moved from cult hero to core product. He has mitigated Walton's absence with consistent scoring (17.8 points per game) and confounded coaches accustomed to scouting 7-footers for their post moves.

"He's playing like the King of the World

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Manker isn't your typical seven-footer

right now," said SDSU coach Steve Fisher.

Well, that much might be a stretch. The King of the World should have a more powerful inside presence and a higher rebounding rate. But Manker is already a royal pain to guard. Considering how far he's come, and how quickly, a little hyperbole is inevitable.

A year ago, he was "Super Manker," a gawky role player whose popularity with the students far exceeded his contributions to the team. They wore T-shirts with his face on Superman's caped body. He attracted a lot of attention for a guy who averaged 3.4 points per game.

Now, he has earned it.

"I have to step up," he said. "I have to fill big shoes. We definitely miss Chris Walton."

Hard-pressed to reach the weight level expected of post players, the 225-pound Manker has recognized that his path to the pros must be skill rather than size. If he succeeds in making himself an outside shooting threat, he will endeavor to develop the ball-handling skills that will allow him to compete away from the basket.

In a sense, he is reinventing himself on the fly.

"I played with (SDSU's) Travis Hanour in high school and he was shooting threes, so I didn't need to," Manker said. "Freshman year in college, I started working on my range, doing a bunch of shooting stuff."

Some of it is genetic. Manker's father, Steve, was a 7-footer at the University of Pacific with a soft shooting touch. A lot of big guys have too many moving parts to be effective from the outside, but the Manker family has always shown good form.

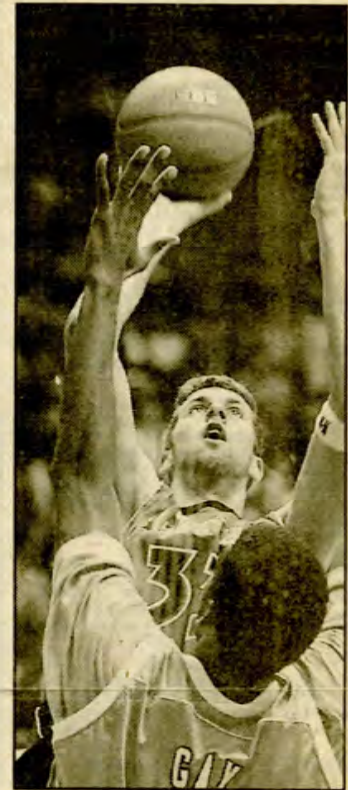
What's changed lately for Chris Manker is that his shot has gotten quicker without a corresponding decline in accuracy. He's beating his dad in their one-on-one challenges, as well as many of his Aztec teammates.

Asked last night if Manker could play the shooting guard position, SDSU point guard Brandon Heath responded in the affirmative.

"Most definitely," Heath said. "He shoots the lights out of the gym. If he keeps shooting like that, I'm going to keep feeding him."

If he keeps shooting like this, Super Manker will deserve the moniker.

"He's always been weak and thin," Fisher said. "And I think now as a fifth-year senior, he's got a little strength about him. But the most important thing he's got now is the confidence



USD and Brandon Gay offer little resistance to 7-footer Chris Manker, who scored 22 points for the Aztecs.

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if he makes a mistake that he's going to have the opportunity to stay in long enough so that he can continue to play well. He's playing with great confidence right now."

He's taken giant steps.

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Aztecs put on a clinic

Heath's 26 points, Manker's 22 spark SDSU over Toreros

By Ed Graney
STAFF WRITER

The basketball series that had been so close of late became a mismatch last night.

The game that almost always produces a close score was over through the second half.

San Diego State beat USD every way imaginable, culminating with an 83-63 final before 6,132 at Cox Arena. It was SDSU's largest margin of victory in the series since 1975, and it came in surprisingly comfortable fashion.



SDSU 83, USD 63

"I had no idea it was going to be like this," said SDSU sophomore forward Marcus Slaughter. "We just made them do things they didn't want to do."

Intense defense — which SDSU played all night — will do that.

USD (2-3) was severely hampered when senior forward Brandon Gay (five points, three rebounds) left with 58.6 seconds remaining in the first half because of a mild concussion. He didn't return, taking from the Toreros one of their two main options.

The other, senior center Brice Voungang, had a quiet 15 points and six rebounds before fouling out. SDSU (3-1) limited Voungang with the physical presence of junior center Mohamed Camara inside and intense pressure on the wings.

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"I was hopeful we could do that, but I was also a little nervous," said SDSU coach Steve Fisher. "Anyone who has seen us play knows that is our best effort of the season. And it was by far our best defensive effort."

Numbers support it all.

The Aztecs shot 54 percent to 42 for USD. SDSU owned the edge in rebounds (38-24), second-chance points (21-12), points off turnovers (24-18) and blocks (6-1).

Slaughter (12 points, 12 rebounds) had his fourth career double-double; Chris Manker continued his stellar play with 22 points (including the first nine after intermission) and six boards; junior guard John Sharper scored a career-high 13; and then there was Brandon Heath.

The guard who as a freshman last season scored 27 and single-handedly beat the Toreros down the stretch,

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Aztecs beat rival for the third straight time

had a game-high 26 last night. He shot 8-of-15 and again exposed USD guards off the dribble.

"It's always going to be my mind-set to go right after guys," Heath said. "In this game, I tip my hat to our coaching staff. They knew everything USD was going to do down to a T. I just think we just outcoached them."

Brett Melton scored 16 for USD and made 4-of-8 threes, but the looks he and teammates received grew tougher as the game wore on. Nick Lewis added 11 second-half points in place of Gay, but there's no question USD became much easier to read and defend with the latter out.

"We weren't effective," said USD coach Brad Holland. "We weren't good enough in transition and on the boards. (SDSU) did a good job in transition. They have some long-armed athletes. We can't let this discourage us or let it linger in our minds."

The win allows SDSU to match its best start in 20 years and puts a temporary end to the exciting finishes when these teams meet. The previous four meetings were decided by a

combined 17 points.

SDSU has now won three straight after dropping eight of nine to USD.

"Don't be talking lopsided," Fisher said. "All I know is we got blown out of their gym my first year here and then lost two more. If we played them tomorrow, it would probably be like the (previous) four games. That's what basketball is like. They're a good team."

Which got beat every way last night.

SUMMARY

SDSU 83, USD 63

USD	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Gay	17	2-6	0-0	3	3	0	5
Belser	38	3-6	1-2	3	1	3	7
Voungang	36	7-13	1-1	6	0	5	15
Melton	32	6-11	0-0	1	2	4	16
Derogatis	31	2-6	0-0	3	5	3	6
Fogel	20	1-5	0-0	2	3	1	2
Shepherd	3	0-0	1-2	0	0	0	1
Lewis	23	5-15	0-0	5	1	0	11
Totals	200	26-62	3-5	24	15	16	63

Percentages: FG .419, FT .600. 3-Point Goals: 8-21, .381 (Melton 4-8, Derogatis 2-3, Gay 1-3, Lewis 1-4, Fogel 0-1, Belser 0-2). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 1 (Lewis). Turnovers: 15 (Voungang 4). Steals: 7 (Belser 2, Voungang 2). Technical Fouls: None.

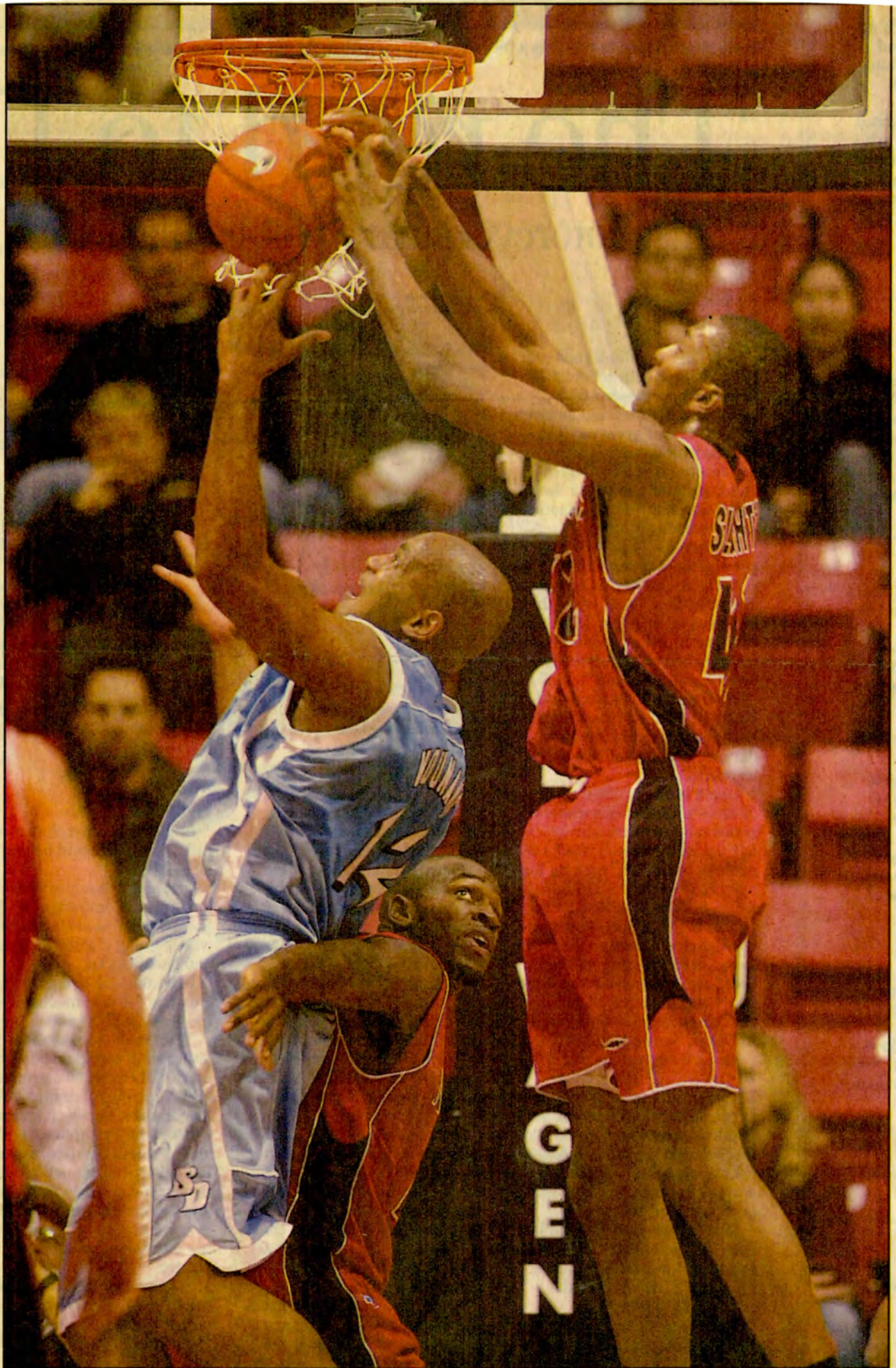
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San Diego State	Min	FG-A	FT-A	R	A	F	Pts
Manker	32	9-13	1-1	6	2	1	22
Slaughter	35	4-9	3-5	12	3	4	12
Camara	31	2-2	0-0	5	1	3	4
Heath	34	8-15	7-8	3	5	2	26
Sharper	33	4-8	2-2	1	1	0	13
Johnson	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
Weinstein	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Smith	6	0-1	0-0	2	2	0	0
Davis	6	1-1	0-0	2	0	0	2
Thomas	17	2-7	0-2	5	1	4	4
Ines	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	200	30-56	13-18	38	15	11	83

Percentages: FG .536, FT .722. 3-Point Goals: 10-24, .417 (Heath 3-5, Manker 3-7, Sharper 3-7, Slaughter 1-3, Smith 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Team Rebounds: 1. Blocked Shots: 6 (Manker 3). Turnovers: 17 (Slaughter 4, Heath 4). Steals: 7 (Camara 2, Sharper 2). Technical Fouls: None.

USD (2-3)	27	36	-	63
SDSU (3-1)	38	45	-	83

A-6,132. Officials—Scott Thornley, Mike Littlewood, Bobby McRoy.



USD's Brice Vounang battles Marcus Slaughter (right) and Trimaine Davis for a rebound. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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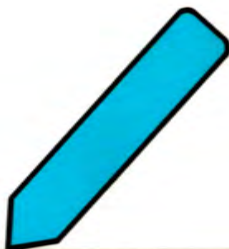


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Gay's untimely exit hurt USD

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

The downward turning point for USD in last night's game against San Diego State came with 58.6 seconds left before halftime.

Forward Brandon Gay, the team's leading scorer with an 18.3 point average entering the game, got caught in a stampede of fast-breaking Aztecs. Gay was knocked on his back and then had a sneaker planted just above his left eye.

The result was what was termed a "mild" concussion and a siege of dizziness that rendered the 6-foot-8 senior from Missouri City, Texas, out of action for the second half.

Without one of their best athletes and strongest offensive threats, the Toreros, trailing 38-27 at halftime, couldn't muster significant scoring runs in the second half in falling 83-63 to their crosstown rivals.

The loss of Gay, however, was not an excuse that coach Brad Holland and the Toreros players found handy to use.

"Of course it hurt us," said Holland. "Put his 15, 20 points

in the game and lets see what happens. But it's one of those things.

"I told the team at halftime we would be outmanned, and we'd just have to deal with it. I thought our guys played extremely hard, but it's hard for us to be effective. We weren't good enough in the transition game and on the boards."

The Aztecs got 12 second-chance points to two for USD in the first half, 18 points in the paint to USD's six.

The Toreros said that even knowing they'd have to play the second half without Gay, who Holland said was experiencing dizzy spells and was in no condition to participate, was not as daunting as it might have appeared.

"We weren't down," said junior forward Nick Lewis. "It hurt in terms of bodies (available), but we do have a four-man rotation up front and it's up to us to step up."

Lewis scored all of his 11 points in the second half, including USD's first five points of the period. He also had five rebounds. The Toreros were led by Brett Melton's 16 points.

Brice Vounang chipped in 15 and a team-high six rebounds.

Melton had 11 in the first half, nine of them on 3-for-4 shooting from three-point range.

"My shot was falling," Melton said. "We knew from scouting San Diego State they would always trap the post and we would have some opportunities to get open on the perimeter."

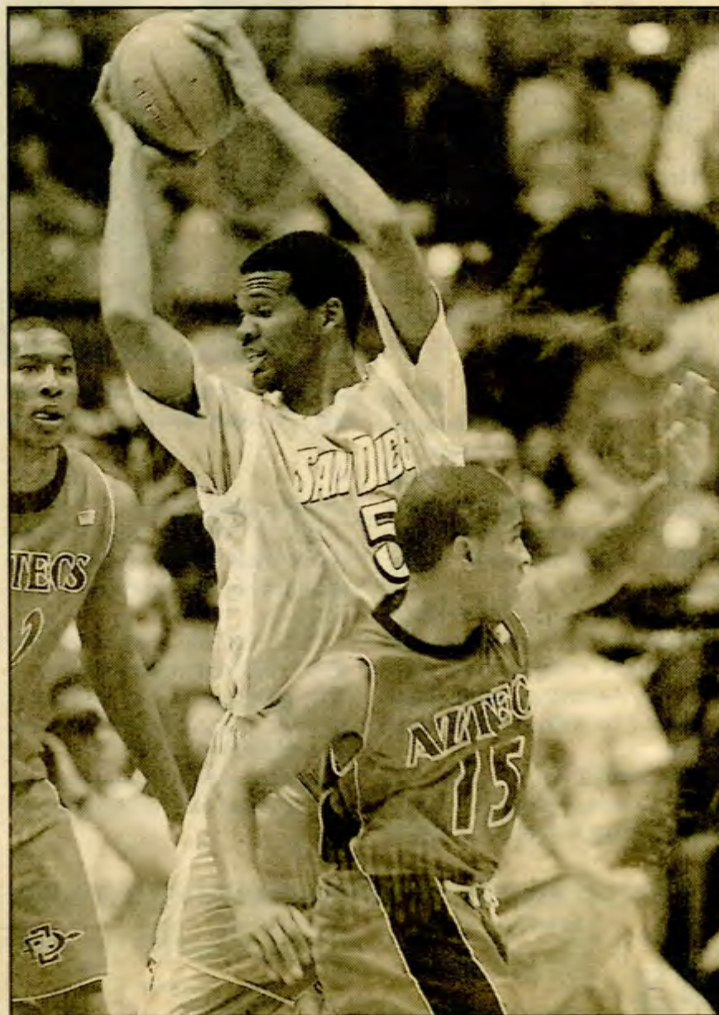
The Toreros, who have been in San Diego for four games since their season-opening loss at Arizona, have two road games in the next six days, at Texas-Arlington on Saturday and at San Jose State on Tuesday.

"We just have to put this game behind us, move on and try to get better," Holland said.

North update

A bone scan Floyd North III had Tuesday on his injured left leg indicated the junior transfer from Oregon State will be out another three to four weeks.

"It could have been worse," said North, who anticipates a return for West Coast Conference play in January, if not sooner.



Toreros forward Brandon Gay is double-teamed by Marcus Slaughter (left) and John Sharper. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

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Brown takes No. 2 spot in area coaches' poll

By Dean Backes, Reporter

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2004

In pre-season coaches' poll, Gardner-Edgerton's Ryan Highfill was selected as the Frontier League's top player. But De Soto senior Danny Brown gave the 6-foot-1-inch senior Bronco guard a run for his money. Highfill earned top billing by garnering 74 points from the league's boy's basketball coaches. Brown tallied 72 points. Brown earned five first-place votes to just three for Highfill. But the Trailblazer scored four runner-up votes, while Brown earned just one. The 6-4 Wildcat shooting guard fell short when he was placed as low as fifth on one ballot and fourth on another.

Points were calculated by giving a player 10 points for a first-place selection, nine for a second-place selection, eight for third place, and so forth.

Gardner-Edgerton coach Don Bechard said Highfill had an outstanding junior season for the Trailblazers last year. Last year's All-Frontier League consensus choice led his team with 14 points and four assists last year. He also added three rebounds and 1.5 steals to his line on average every night.

"His work ethic is second to none," Bechard said. "I'm certain he will further develop into one of the top players in the metro this year. He is the consummate student-athlete and an outstanding young man."

Frontier league foe Louisburg and Kansas City Hogan Prep (Mo.) found out just how talented the Trailblazer was last season. Highfill scored 27 points, pulled down five rebounds, and dished out five assists in one game against the Wildcats last year. He butted the Rams for 25 points, six rebounds and four assists.

Brown split with Highfill by being tabbed the coaches' selection as the player in the league around whom they would most like to build a team.

The athletic 175-pounder averaged 17 points a game last season and led the Wildcats in scoring in 15 of the team's 22 games. He missed two games during the 10-12 season because of an ankle injury.

Brown, who has been pegged as one of the top players in Kansas regardless of class the past two years, signed with the University of San Diego to play basketball starting in 2005. The future Torero was the third-leading vote getter on the Kaw Valley All-League basketball team a year ago.

Joining Highfill and Brown on the first team was Baldwin's Jeremy Wright (6-3, guard), who probably won't play until after the holidays because of injury. Also on the first team were Anthony Onofrio and Louisburg's 6-6 senior Jake Worthington.

Worthington punished Wildcat opposition with 10 points and grabbing seven rebounds a game last season. He added two steals and three assists to his line.

Osawatomie junior Aaron French missed the cut for the first team by one point. Joining him on the second team were Spring Hill's Bryan Bollig, Ottawa's Caleb Blakesley, and Anderson County seniors Maurice Washington and Andrew Feuer.

Washington (6-2, senior) averaged 5.6 points and 4.5 rebounds game in 2003-2004, while Feuer (6-3, senior) was reliable for 8.2 points and 6.1 rebounds. He also dished out three assists a game last season.

The third team comprised of Gardner-Edgerton's Dylan Hale, Spring Hill's Jason Murphy and 6-5 Prairie View guard Zach Scribner. Osawatomie's Chad Jones, De Soto's Hunter Noe and Oklahoma football recruit Brody Eldridge (Prairie View) all tied for the final two spots with 10 points each.

Receiving honorable mention were Aaron Hannon (Baldwin), Chad Wagner (Louisburg), Tony Wilson (Central Heights), Austin Bloss (Wellsville), Dan Erlacher (Wellsville) and Thatcher Sterling (Wellsville).

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Schools just might raise ante in rivalry

By Hank W
STAFF WR

In the past six seasons, the USD men's basketball schedule has included home-and-home games with at least one opponent.

The contracts have been with nearby schools Cal State Fullerton (1999) and UC Riverside (2002), medium-distance schools Nevada (2002) and San Jose State (2004) and long-range opponents Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2000) and Southwest Missouri State (2003).

This year, for the first time in Steve Fisher's coaching tenure, San Diego State has scheduled a home-and-home arrangement, with UC Santa Barbara.

So on the occasion of tonight's annual battle for bragging rights between San Diego's two Division I teams, questions were posed to both sides:

Wouldn't it make sense, considering the home-and-home trend, to add a game to the annual rivalry? Wouldn't doing so provide both schools with another competitive preconference contest and fill in one more blank on increasingly hard-to-fill schedules? Wouldn't it provide an additional solid box office payday with travel expenses being not much more than an 18-mile round trip by bus down Interstate 8?

"It makes a lot of sense from a competition standpoint and from a financial standpoint for both universities," USD coach Brad Holland said. "I think it's something we're moving toward and something that is going to happen. Possibly as soon as next year."

Fisher concurs.

"I would want to do it," Fisher said. "I tried to do it last year and maybe (Holland) would say I didn't try as hard this year. But I'm ready to say let's play them home-and-home (each season). A year from now, we have (Texas Christian) coming into our league and we go from 13 to 11 (nonconference)

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USD at SDSU

When: Tonight, 7:05

Where: Cox Arena

Series history: SDSU leads, 19-16

TV/radio: Channel 4 San Diego/ 1090 AM

Recent meetings

1995: Toreros 69, Aztecs 65 (at USD)

1996: Aztecs 87, Toreros 70
(at Sports Arena)

1998: Toreros 52, Aztecs 51 (at SDSU)

1999: Toreros 73, Aztecs 45 (at USD)

2000: Toreros 55, Aztecs 52 (at SDSU)

2001: Toreros 72, Aztecs 67 (at USD)

2002: Aztecs 78, Toreros 72 (at SDSU)

2003: Aztecs 66, Toreros 63 (at USD)

Station fires two

John Fricke, SDSU play-by-play man, and Mike Costa are fired by XPRS-AM, The Mighty 1090. D4

games.

"I don't know how that will factor into the schedule. That could have a bearing on it, but if we are going to play anyone twice in the same season, it would make sense for it to be USD."

Nonconference scheduling isn't that difficult or complicated for major programs from major conferences. The basketball equivalent of BCS schools offer guaranteed paydays significant enough to entice lower-budget programs to come to their arenas, for games with referees arranged for by the home teams with no chance of a return visit by the major school the following season.

Nonconference scheduling isn't easy for the SDSUs and

USDs of the college basketball world, however.

"We don't have the big, big money others do for (guaranteed payouts) to teams," Fisher said. "If we want to get someone to come here and pay them X number of dollars, they go somewhere else and get twice that much. Some programs are told they have to play four (guaranteed) games, and they're going for the highest dollar."

Since USD joined SDSU at the Division I level in 1979 the teams have met every year except 1988, '93, '94 and '97. Some of Fisher's predecessors scheduled USD games grudgingly, however, and considered facing the much smaller crosstown rival to be a lose-lose situation.

A win didn't help the Aztecs' image because it was expected. A loss, however, tarnished the image greatly.

Times have changed. SDSU has taken the past two meetings, by three and six points. But before that USD won four straight and eight of nine.

"People who know basketball

know it's not about how many students are enrolled in your school or what league you are in," Fisher said. "In today's world, people from smaller conferences beat those from bigger ones all the time. It happens every day. I don't worry about that at all. To me, all of that is a nonissue. It would bother me to (lose twice), but I'm bothered when we lose to anyone."

Holland believes it has become a sufficiently strong rivalry that there would be fan support for two games a year.

"I've seen the enthusiasm and the crowd size increase over the 11 years that I've been here," Holland said. "Whether we play one game or two, they'll be very well attended."

So what's stopping it from happening? "Who wants to be the one to give up their home-game advantage (in the once-yearly format)?" Holland said. "Next year, for example, it's their turn to come to our place. That, to me, is the only sticking point. But I think it's something we can work out."

If an agreement is reached by next season, one apparent beneficiary would be USD forward Gyno Pomare. The freshman out of El Camino High, who is redshirting this season, would theoretically stand to be the first county product to participate in the rivalry game eight times in his career.

"I think that would be great," Pomare said."

Notes

The Aztecs' first road game of the season at UC Santa Barbara on Saturday has been moved from 7:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. to accommodate an NCAA quarterfinal men's soccer match at UCSB that night . . . The annual San Diego Police Teddy Bear Drive will collect new teddy bears or cash donations at the doors tonight . . . X-rays and an MRI on SDSU forward **Chris Walton's** groin were negative, but he is still out pending further tests.

Staff writer **Ed Graney** contributed to this report.

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Toreros update: The Toreros had their winning streak stopped at two in a 71-70 loss to San Jose State on Saturday. USD missed numerous chances, including two free throws to tie or win with 0.3 seconds left . . . Seniors Brandon Gay (18.3 ppg, 7.0 rpg) and Brice Vounang (15.3, 8.8) continue to provide solid inside play. Gay is coming off back-to-back 26-point efforts against Occidental and San Jose State . . . Corey Belser (4.3 steals per game) is the defensive specialist, and his matchups against SDSU's Brandon Heath or Marcus Slaughter figure to be crucial . . . Junior forward Floyd North III had a bone scan on his injured left leg yesterday, but results were not immediately available. He will miss a fourth straight game after playing in the opener at Arizona.

Aztecs update: Senior forward Chris Manker, who has assumed the starting position for the injured Chris Walton (groin), had 17 two-point field goals last season. In three games this season, he already has 16 . . . The past four games between these teams have been decided by a total of 17 points. During that span, SDSU holds a one-point edge, 263-262. Five of the past six meetings have been decided by six points or fewer . . . SDSU is 14-8 in the series when designated the home team, but the Aztecs have not won consecutive games in that role since 1984. That year, the Aztecs and Toreros met in January and December . . . SDSU is 28-6 in its past 34 nonconference home games and 27-4 against nonranked opponents in Cox Arena since Dec. 9, 2000 . . . Steve Fisher has 72 wins at SDSU, fifth on the school's all-time coaching list.

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Aztecs reign in city rivalry

By: MIKE SULLIVAN - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- Seldom has San Diego's intracity college basketball rivalry been so one-sided. Ending a streak of four straight close games, San Diego State posted its largest margin of victory over the University of San Diego in nearly 30 years by zooming to an 83-63 men's victory Wednesday night before 6,132 at Cox Arena. The victory was the Aztecs' third in a row in a series in which they have a 20-16 lead.

"It's the best game that we've played to date this season and by far the best defensive effort that we've had for an extended period of time," Aztecs coach Steve Fisher said.

The last time the Aztecs beat USD by more than 20 points was an 84-61 game on Feb. 25, 1975 at the USD Sports Center.

Yet Fisher could recall a more one-sided game in the series ---- his first, when the Toreros trounced the Aztecs by 28 points.

"The last four games," Fisher said, "with two minutes left, one minute left, either team could win. If we played them tomorrow, the same thing could happen."

The Toreros (2-3) played without leading scorer Brandon Gay in the second half. The senior forward suffered a mild concussion late in the first half. Gay, averaging 18.3 points entering the game, had five points before leaving.

"When he's in the game, he puts in his 15 to 20 points, but apparently he got stepped on in the head," Toreros coach Brad Holland said. "I'm not sure (what happened) because I did not see the whole play. He was dizzy and didn't have the opportunity to play, so we were undermanned coming into the second half."



Corey Belser of SDU attempts to score against Marcus Slaughter and Matt Thomas of SDSU Tuesday night at Cox Arena. **Kurtis Kunoth/for the North County Times**
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Gay's absence robbed the Toreros of a key element.

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Center Brice Vounang had 15 points and six rebounds but was bottled up much of the game. Guard Brett Melton led USD with 16 points.

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Brandon Heath scored a season-high 26 points and had five assists for the Aztecs (3-1). Forward Chris Manker added 22 on 9-of-13 shooting, guard John Sharper scored 13 points and forward Marcus Slaughter had 12 points and 12 rebounds.

"We rebounded well tonight and that helped us out a lot," Slaughter said. "But we won this game because of our defense. That's the bottom line."

San Diego State outrebounded USD 38-24. The Aztecs held USD to 41.9 percent shooting. They forced the Toreros into 15 turnovers.

The Aztecs led 38-27 at halftime. USD's Melton tied the game at 17 with a 3-pointer with 10:39 left in the half. Manker's basket with 8:10 left broke the tie and started a stretch in which the Aztecs outscored the Toreros 21-10 the rest of the half.

The Aztecs had a 52-37 lead 4 1/2 minutes into the second half after Heath hit a 3-point shot. But just two minutes later, the Toreros appeared to have made sure the game would remain close.

Vounang and Melton combined for eight points during a 10-2 Toreros spurt to make it 54-47. But Sharper responded with a 3-pointer and the Aztecs enjoyed a double-digit lead for the final 10 1/2 minutes.

"State did a great job of transitioning and rebounding," Holland said. "They got too many easy baskets and second-chance points for us to be in the game."

Both teams return to action Saturday. The Aztecs play at UC Santa Barbara, and the Toreros visit Texas-Arlington.

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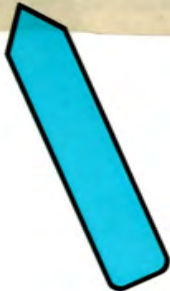


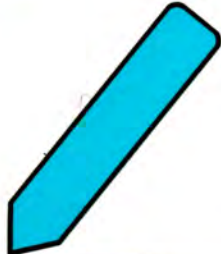
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USC interim coach Jim Saia directs Errick Craven (22) and a Trojans program looking for a new direction. *Phil McCarten / Associated Press*

USC shifts gears with Bibby firing

By **Hank Wesch**, STAFF WRITER

The circumstances surrounding tomorrow night's USD-USC matchup in the San Diego Slam college basketball doubleheader took a turn for the bizarre Monday morning with the firing of USC coach Henry Bibby.

"I understand that the timing of this is unorthodox, just four games into the season," USC Athletic Director Mike Garrett said in announcing Bibby's dismissal. "But I feel strongly that our men's basketball program needs to go in a different direction. And it was obvious to me that the change had to be made now."

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Could Majerus become next coach of Trojans?

USC recently broke ground on a new arena, due to open in 2006. And Garrett's action indicated he didn't want Bibby's perpetually stern face to be the image of leadership put forth to boosters and fans to start a new era.

In eight seasons, Bibby recruited several talented players, produced a 131-111 overall record and guided the Trojans to NCAA Tournament appearances in 1997, 2001 and 2002, with the 2001 squad advancing to the Elite Eight.

But even in the good years Bibby didn't seem to have much rapport with his players and appeared at times to be unnecessarily harsh with his public criticism and disciplining of them.

Coming off 13-17 and 13-15 seasons, Bibby's position to start the 2004-05 season was tenuous at best. Opening 2-2, with

embarrassing losses to North Carolina (by 32 points) and scandal-weakened La Salle, didn't help.

And the internal fussing that had seemed endemic to Bibby teams was evidenced again with the case of twin 6-foot-4 sophomore guards Rodrick and Lodrick Stewart.

An unhappy Rodrick announced his intention to transfer. Lodrick, who had earned a starting position, declared to stay.

Perhaps tellingly, Bibby's ouster didn't trigger resounding cries of protest from Trojans players.

"Coach Bibby demanded perfection," said guard Derrick Craven. "And perfection is pretty hard to come by."

Speculation immediately focused on retired Utah coach-turned ESPN commentator Rick Majerus as a likely Bibby successor. Majerus, who had a .767 winning percentage in 15 years at Utah, has often expressed an attraction to the West Coast lifestyle and a desire to coach in L.A. or the Southern California area. He was a primary candidate for several job openings in recent years.

On Wednesday, two days after the firing, Majerus confirmed that he was interested, had talked and would continue to talk with USC officials.

Also on Wednesday, published reports had Garrett expressing intentions of filling the opening within 10 days to two weeks. Garrett said chances of interim coach Jim Saia, who will guide the 2-3 Trojans in tomorrow's Cox Arena contest, removing the interim label were "remote."

USC has a week off after tomorrow's game before hosting Western Michigan.

In Saia's debut Wednesday, the Trojans lost to Fresno State 71-68. USC shot poorly, surrendered a five-point lead in the final four minutes and came up short on a three-pointer to tie at the buzzer.

Saia, 40, is in his first year at USC. From 1997-2003, he was an assistant at UCLA and it was in that capacity, under Steve Lavin, that Saia (pronounced SIGH-ah) last encountered USD. In the opener to a 2002-03 Bruins season that would end with Lavin's ouster, UCLA lost to USD 86-81 in overtime.



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Cal's Benson sinks SDSU with late buckets

By Eli Miller Daily Californian

Berkeley, CA (U-WIRE) -- In his first collegiate game in front of hometown supporters, Rod Benson didn't dazzle fans with an offensive onslaught he had shown over the Cal men's basketball teams' past four contests.

But he helped the Bears when it mattered most against San Diego State.

Benson scored four of his nine points in the final minute of yet another close game for Cal, preserving a 60-57 victory over the Aztecs in the inaugural playing of the San Diego Slam on Saturday at Cox Arena.

The Bears (5-3) led by as many as 10 points in the second half, but SDSU hung tough with pesky defense down the stretch to cut the deficit to one with 5:55 remaining.

A 6-0 run from Cal supplied some breathing room, but a layup by the Aztecs' Brandon Heath meant the Bears had a 56-53 edge with 48 seconds left.

That's when Benson, who attended nearby Torrey Pines High School, iced the contest. He hit two free throws after SDSU (4-3) fouled Cal players three times in four seconds in order to put the Bears in the bonus and regain possession of the ball. Then, he took an outlet pass from fellow San Diego native Martin Smith and converted it into a breakaway slam for the clinching points.

"At BYU I missed two key free throws down the stretch, and I didn't want to do that again," Benson said. "I had a lot of people pulling for me tonight."

Benson was called for a technical foul on the dunk, when the officials claimed he was hanging

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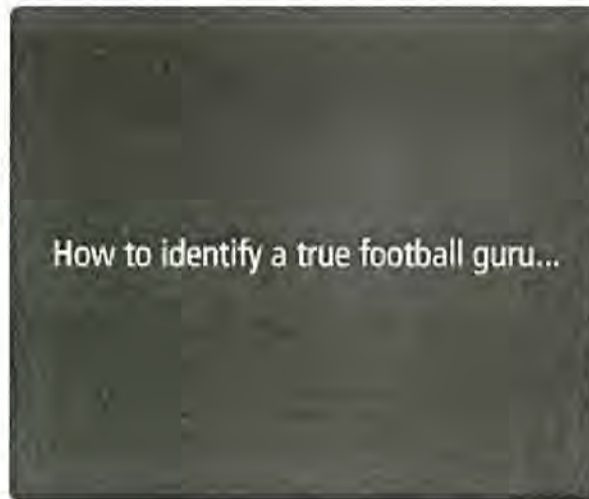
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"It was a lose-lose situation-either fall on my head or get a technical," Benson said.

Cal's true freshman center, DeVon Hardin, added 11 points and five rebounds for the Bears despite battling a head cold. He was voted the Most Valuable Player of the game.

"For a young guy, he's definitely showing signs of progress," Cal coach

Ben Braun said.

Hardin was not the only member of his team playing at less than full strength.

Richard Midgley, the Bears' leading scorer, strained his right forearm in the first half and seemed to struggle with his shooting touch all night. He finished with a season-low six points but tied a career-high with six assists and played with reckless abandon in diving for loose balls.

"That's Richard Midgley. He's just a tough kid," Braun said. "Six assists is a real big number for him."

The most prolific of those assists came at the 8:49 mark of the first half. Midgley launched an alley-oop pass behind the head of teammate Marquise Kately, and Kately made a highlight-reel play to bring the ball back and finish with an emphatic dunk.

Kately scored eight of his 10 points in a productive first half that saw Cal commit only three turnovers, leading to a 37-29 advantage.

The Bears held SDSU to just 33 percent shooting in the first 20 minutes, and 35 percent overall.

Cal's second road win of the season already matches its victory total away from Haas Pavilion last year, when the team only won at Arizona State and Oregon State.

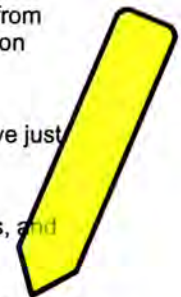
"I think we have more chemistry (compared to last year)," Kately said. "We've just got to get better at handling the pressure."

Forward Marcus Slaughter led the Aztecs with 18 points and eight rebounds, and Heath chipped in with 14.

In the first game of the San Diego Slam, USC held off the University of San Diego 87-75. Lodrick Stewart led the Trojans with a career-high 27 points and nailed five three-pointers, garnering MVP honors.

Cal now has an 11-day break before returning to action at the Golden Bear Classic against Hampton on Dec. 22.

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Aztecs streak on line tonight at Washington

By: MIKE SULLIVAN - Staff Writer

San Diego State's basketball team has put together a nice four-game winning streak against modest foes.

Tonight in Seattle, the Aztecs will face a high-caliber opponent.

The Aztecs (4-1) meet No. 16 Washington, a program that played in last season's NCAA tournament and is expected to repeat that feat this March.

The Huskies (5-1) are certainly battle-tested. While the Aztecs' victories have come against Monmouth, UC San Diego, the University of San Diego and UC Santa Barbara, the Huskies won the Great Alaska Shootout by beating Utah, Oklahoma and Alabama on consecutive nights. Washington's lone defeat was to Gonzaga, which is ranked No. 5 this week.

The Huskies rebounded from the loss by trouncing Eastern Washington 89-56 on Sunday.

"I'm not one of those coaches that says we're glad we lost because we learned from it," Washington coach Lorenzo Romar said after Sunday's game. "I'm not glad when we lose. But we did lose, and when you lose you need to learn from it."

The Aztecs played sensational against UC Santa Barbara in Saturday's 73-55 victory. They led the road game by as much as 36 points.

The winning streak represents a nice turnaround for a team that lost its opener to the same Gauchos and trailed Monmouth by 18 points before rallying for the win.

"That Monmouth game was big," Aztecs assistant coach Brian Dutcher said. "It would have been tough to get off to a 0-2 start. Now we're 4-1 and going to Washington."

Sophomore guard Brandon Heath was named Mountain West Conference player of the week on Tuesday. Heath averaged 23 points, six assists and shot 64 percent from the field in wins over USD and Santa Barbara.

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UCSB Opens Big West Play at Home Against Rivals Long Beach State, UC Irvine

The Gauchos limp into league play with a 2-5 record and a multitude of injuries.

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Game No. 8
Tuesday, December 28, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara Gauchos vs. Long Beach State 49ers
at UCSB's Thunderdome
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Game No. 9
Thursday, December 30, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara Gauchos vs. UC Irvine Anteaters
at UCSB's Thunderdome
Radio: KTLK 1340 AM

Game No. 10
Sunday, January 2, 2005 at 4:00 p.m.
UC Santa Barbara Gauchos at Cal State Northridge Matadors
at CSUN's Matadome
Radio: KTLK 1340 AM

UCSB Opens League Action With Tough 12-Day Run
UC Santa Barbara will open Big West Conference play this week with a pair of home games against rivals Long Beach State and UC Irvine. The Gauchos will play their first league game of the season on Tuesday, December 28 at 7:00 p.m. against Long Beach. The game against the 49ers will open a very difficult five-game in 12-days stretch for UCSB. Over the first 12 days of the league season, the Gauchos will host Long Beach State and UC Irvine, and travel to Cal State Northridge, Utah State and Idaho.

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UCSB enters Tuesday's Big West Conference opener against Long Beach State with a record of 2-5. The Gauchos lost their last game, a 71-63 decision at the University of San Diego on December 22. Since opening the season with an overtime win on November 19 at San Diego State, UCSB has lost five out of six games. Following the win over the Aztecs, the Gauchos dropped consecutive games at Wisconsin, at San Francisco, at Pepperdine and at home against San Diego State. After snapping the four game losing streak with a December 18 home win over Montana, Santa Barbara dropped the game at San Diego. In 2003-04, Santa Barbara posted an overall record of 16-14, a Big West mark of 10-8. The Gauchos finished third in the league's regular season standings and lost to Cal State Northridge in the second round of the Big West Tournament.

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UCSB Struggles Early, Can't Catch-up In Loss At San Diego

In last week's loss at the University of San Diego, UCSB missed two shots on its first possession and then turned the ball over on its next four possessions, falling behind 11-1 in the process. The Gauchos never caught-up, pulling to within one late in the first half, but never closer, losing 71-63. The Toreros sizzled from the perimeter, making 6-of-7 shots from three-point range in the first half, and finishing at 7-for-9, 77.8%. Santa Barbara shot just 42.9% overall and 30.8% from three-point territory. A significant positive note for the Gauchos was the play of junior guard Joe See. See, who struggled through the early portion of the season, scored a season-high 17 points against San Diego, making 5-of-10 shots overall and 2-of-6 from three-point range. Senior guard Chrismen Oliver also had a solid game with 12 points, making 5-of-7 shots from the field and both of his three-point attempts. Junior forward Cameron Goettsche had his first double-double of the season with ten points and 11 rebounds.

Williams Nears 100 Victory Mark At UCSB

The Gauchos' 55-46 win over the University of Montana on Saturday, pulled head coach Bob Williams to within two wins of the 100 win plateau since arriving at UCSB for the 1998-99 season. With two more wins, Williams will become the fifth head coach in the school's history to hit the 100 win mark, joining Jerry Pimm (222), Willie Wilton (205), Ralph Barkey (169) and Art Gallon (122).

The Injury Update

Junior guard Cecil Brown had a false start last week. His right knee, which had recovered from a partially torn medial collateral ligament, was willing, but his left ankle was not. Prepared to make his 2004-05 debut at San Diego, Brown sprained his ankle in practice the day before the game and he is back on the injured list. A timetable for his return has not been determined. Brown is one of three Gauchos sidelined by injury. Reserve sophomore forward David Kennedy has a stress fracture in his right leg, and is expected to remain on the sidelines until some point in early January. Redshirt freshman forward Chris Devine had surgery on his right knee prior to the opening of practice in October and he will be sidelined until late January. Junior forward Cameron Goettsche has played in the last five games. Goettsche missed four weeks, including all practices, two exhibition games and the first two regular season games, with a severely strained groin. Overall, including exhibition games, Gaucho regulars, or projected regulars, have missed 32 games due to injury this season.

Possible Starters - Notes

G - Chrismen Oliver - His 24 assists and 13 turnovers give him the best ratio on the team.
G - Alex Harris - Scored a season-low two points in each of the last two games.
G - Josh Davis - Equaled his career-high with four steals in the loss at San Diego.
F - Cameron Goettsche - Had the third double-double of his career in game at USD.
F - Casey Cook - Produced a career-high four steals against San Diego.

Possible Reserves - Notes

G - Joe See - Scored season-high 17 at USD and has averaged 11.7 ppg in the last three.
G - Michael Chambers - Played six minutes after his first DNP of season vs. Montana.
F - Derek Rasp - One of just two Gauchos at 50.0% from the field. Has gone 9-of-



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Men's hoops look for season sweep over San Diego

San Jose, Calif.-----San Jose State University (3-2) seeks its second two-game winning streak of the season and a home-and-home series sweep when it hosts the University of San Diego (2-4) in a non-conference men's basketball game, Tuesday, December 7, at Walt McPherson Court. Game time is 7:30 p.m. The Spartans defeated the Toreros, 71-70, in San Diego on November 27. You can listen to the game live on this website. Click on the links for the weekly release and cumulative statistics.



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Pokes and Pioneers Meet for 140th Time on Tuesday

Wyoming leads overall series 95-44.

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The Wyoming Cowboys host the Denver Pioneers on Tuesday night, Jan. 4 in the Arena-Auditorium. It will be the 140th meeting between the two Front Range rivals in basketball.

Wyoming (6-5, 0-0 in the Mountain West Conference) holds a 95-44 advantage in the series versus Denver (5-5, 0-0 in the Sun Belt Conference). The series is the fourth longest for Wyoming. UW has played over 100 games against only five opponents throughout its history. The only series that are longer for the Pokes are versus Colorado State (200 games), BYU (159 games) and Utah (154 games). The fifth longest series for Wyoming is against New Mexico (108 games), which is Wyoming's Mountain West Conference season opener this coming Saturday in Albuquerque. Not only is Tuesday's meeting with Denver the 140th in the series, but it marks the 13th consecutive season that the Cowboys and Pioneers have played.

UW enters Tuesday's game with a 4-1 home record this season. Wyoming lost its first home game of the season in its last home outing versus the University of San Diego by an 88-95 score. Denver is 1-4 on the road this season, with its one road win coming at Eastern Washington by a score of 80-61. In DU's last road game, the Pioneers lost at Colorado State, 69-81.

Tuesday's game is set to tip off at 7:00 p.m. Wyoming games are carried on the Cowboy Sports Network beginning with the pregame show one-half hour prior to the game. There will be no television coverage for Tuesday's game.



Senior Jay Straight will look to lead the Cowboys to their seventh win of the year against Denver.



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BYU coach expects a wide open MWC race

By Jeff Call

Deseret Morning News

The Mountain West Conference basketball season opens this weekend, and BYU coach Steve Cleveland, like his counterparts around the league, doesn't know exactly what to expect.

All they know for sure is, the conference will be, once again, highly competitive.

"We (as a league) haven't set the world on fire in the preseason in terms of real significant wins," Cleveland said. "It looks like it's going to be a pretty competitive league. I think the conference is pretty much open and up for grabs. Whoever is able to hold court at home and win some games on the road is going to win this league. It's hard to know. Last year, Air Force won the league in the first half of the season by winning three of their first four on the road."

Through the first five years of MWC play, five different teams have won the regular-season championship. A number of schools could vie for the crown this season.

"I still believe UNLV, Utah, New Mexico and Air Force, just like they picked them, will be (the top teams) initially going in, but we'll see," Cleveland said. "I think people underestimate Colorado State. They're a team with all veterans and had the preseason player of the year last year (center Matt Nelson) that's healthy now."

Cleveland noted that UNLV (6-5), voted the preseason favorite, has played a tough schedule in the preseason. The Runnin' Rebels have lost to Saint Mary's as well as nationally ranked Oklahoma State and Texas.

Two of Utah's (11-3) three losses came at the hands of nationally ranked Washington and Arizona.

New Mexico (13-2) has the league's best record, which includes a defeat to nationally ranked Wake Forest. "(New Mexico) has an outstanding team," Cleveland said. "They have the best player in the league in (Danny) Granger."

Cleveland's Cougars (5-9), who have fallen to the likes of nationally ranked North Carolina and North Carolina State, own the league's worst preseason mark.

Conference play begins Saturday as BYU hosts San Diego State; Air Force entertains Colorado State; and Wyoming travels to New Mexico. Two days later, UNLV visits Utah in the first Big Monday game of the season. The Rebels and Utes were picked to finish 1-2 in the preseason media poll.

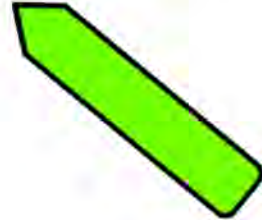
TRENDS TO WATCH: Here are a few trends to be aware of as the MWC enters its sixth season:

- No team with fewer than six wins at home has claimed the regular-season crown. Meanwhile, four of the six teams to go undefeated at home in MWC play have won at least a piece of the regular-season title. The only team to log a perfect home record and fail to win the regular-season championship is BYU. The Cougars did that in 2001-02 and 2003-04.
- In the past three seasons, the regular-season MWC champ has earned five road wins. However, Utah (1999-00, 2000-01) and BYU (2000-01) were able to grab a share of the title with only three victories on the road.
- In four of the past five seasons, the regular-season champ has led the league in team rebounding. The only

exception to that came a year ago, when regular-season winner Air Force ranked last in the MWC in that category.

NOTES: Including Utah's victory over Louisiana State this week, the MWC is 4-1 against Southeastern Conference teams this season . . . Air Force extended its home winning streak to 19 straight games with a 69-46 win over Navy . . . Colorado State is 8-0 at Moby Arena this season and 23-1 on its home court in non-league play the past three years, but is still searching for its first road win of the year . . . New Mexico's Granger has recorded seven double-doubles this season. Granger has scored at least 20 points in eight of his last 10 games . . . UNLV's **Odartey Blankson** has notched three double-double in his last four games and he has six overall this season . . . San Diego State's **Marcus Slaughter** and **Brandon Heath** rank third and fourth, respectively, in league scoring . . . After missing the first five games of the year, Wyoming's **Dion Sherrell** has scored double figures in four of his last five games, including a team-high 18 against the University of San Diego.

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**LOCAL WOMEN'S
ROUNDUP**

**Toreros
can't get
consolation**

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

After a disappointing opening against Vermont two days earlier, the USD women's basketball team

was eager to put together a better start against Marquette.

**Marquette
85**

**Toreros
74**

But even with an improved showing by the Toreros in the first 20 minutes, it was the Golden Eagles who finished ahead in the end, winning 85-74 in the Surf 'N Slam Tournament consolation game at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night.

For the third straight game, junior guard Tiara Harris paced the Toreros (5-7), scoring a season-high 20 points to go with a team-high seven assists, while the consistency of sophomore guard Ashley Voisinet on defense earned her a spot in the starting five.

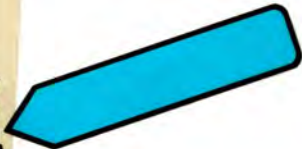
A lack of consistent play from many of the remaining USD players, however, opened the door for Marquette (8-4) to make 12 of its final 14 shots.

"We played better in the first half, but we're still not there," Toreros coach Kathy Marpe said. "Nothing we tried worked (in the second half)."

The Golden Eagles' turnaround, which coincided with a USD scoring drought just over five minutes long, overshadowed a first half that saw the Toreros outrebound and outshoot Marquette by margins of four rebounds and nearly 4 percent in shooting as they built a 35-32 halftime lead.

Four Golden Eagles finished with 10 points or more, led by sophomore forward Christina Quaye with 21.

USD freshman Amber Sprague scored 18, while junior Polly Dong added 11 points.



Toreros' late cold snap gives Vermont Slam win

By Nicole Vargas

STAFF WRITER

After winning its Surf 'N Slam Tournament opener each of the past two years, the USD women's basketball team hoped to make it three straight against Vermont.

Vermont

70

Toreros

62

The Catamounts, though, had other ideas.

Two of the Toreros' more veteran players provided a key spark off the bench in the first half, but they couldn't prevent a late-game shooting drought that allowed Vermont to take a 70-62 victory in front of 742 at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night.

The loss means the Toreros (5-6) will face Marquette, which lost to Ole Miss 80-66 last night, tomorrow at 6 in the consolation game.

"We just didn't finish it," said USD junior Lindsay Helvey, who came off the bench along with sophomore Ashley Voisinet and helped build a 28-25 halftime lead. "They're a good team that plays well together. We have that potential. We just didn't show it tonight."

USD, which built that first-half lead with nine early points by Helvey and six rebounds and two steals by Voisinet, finished with four players in double figures, led by junior guard Tiara Harris.

Harris' season-high 20 points, a week after her 16-point, seven-rebound showing at Air Force, went with a double-double by freshman

Amber Sprague (17 points, 13 rebounds) and 11 points from sophomore Sabine Loewe on 5-of-6 shooting.

But tied at 48-48, USD missed its next six shots from the floor and watched as the Catamounts built their lead to as much as 10 with 1:55 remaining.

"(The Toreros) had to take away their strengths and they didn't," USD coach Kathy Marpe said.

Among those strengths was the hot hand of Vermont senior Lani Boardman, a 6-foot-1 forward who finished with a career-high 27 points. But it was the rebounding of classmate Katie McNamara that made the difference early on.

"(USD) gave up 11 offensive rebounds in the first half, six to one player (McNamara)," Marpe said. "That killed us all game."

Added Helvey, who finished with 11 points: "We need to crash the boards or we're not going to win."

McNamara finished with 11 rebounds, seven on the offensive side, to go with her 10 points, while guard Chrissy Battram built her point total to 12 by making 8-of-10 free throws, five in the final 1:11.

The Catamounts (4-4), who entered the game having already played three nationally ranked opponents, also got a solid performance from Coronado High grad Alexis Castro. The 6-foot forward, who entered the game averaging 2.4 points in eight minutes of play, had three points and six rebounds in 21 minutes.

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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

**Air Force forces overtime,
but USD pulls out victory**

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USD junior guard Tiara Harris, back in her hometown of Colorado Springs, Colo., scored 16 points and grabbed seven rebounds as the Toreros beat Air Force 80-78 in overtime yesterday in front of 302 at Clune Arena.

In 13 minutes of play, USD freshman Amber Sprague scored 13 points on 5-of-5 shooting from the floor. Air Force (3-7) trailed throughout but rallied to force overtime.

Harris scored 16 points and Ashley Voisinet and Amanda Rego added 10 points apiece for USD (5-5).

SDSU takes pounding

SMU (9-1) pounded San Diego State 80-36 in front of 523 at Moody Coliseum in Dal-

las. The Aztecs (3-5) were led by Lindsey Casey with 11 points, seven rebounds, two blocks and a steal. SDSU was 0-14 from the three-point line, and shot just .276 (16-58) from the field.

Top 25

NO. 14 BOSTON COLLEGE 65, SAINT JOSEPH'S 41: Kathrin Ress and Jessalyn Deveny scored 15 points apiece to carry host Boston College over Saint Joseph's. The Eagles (8-1), who opened the season 18th in The Associated Press poll, entered the week with their highest ranking ever. Their previous best was 16th in February 2002. Christine Roth paced the poor-shooting Hawks (2-9) with 11 points. Saint Joseph's, which went 5-of-24 to start the game, shot 23.4 percent (15-of-64).





Air Force women drop overtime contest to San Diego, 80-78

12/23/2004 - U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) -- Despite a late-game rally to force an extra period, the Air Force women's basketball team was unable to pull out the overtime victory, falling to the Toreros of the University of San Diego, 80-78, Dec. 22.

San Diego (5-5) led out to a 12-2 lead, hitting four consecutive three-pointers, and never looked back. Although the Falcons (1-7) came within four points halfway through the opening stanza, they never threatened in the first half, trailing by as many as 12 points. The Toreros shot nearly 52 percent from the field and were a perfect 10-of-10 at the free throw line in the first period, enabling them to take a 45-37 lead into the locker room.

After San Diego again extended its lead to 12 points in the second half, the Falcons began to make their move midway through the period. Air Force finally came within a point of the Toreros at the 5:55 mark when Dawn Higginbotham hit a pair of free throws to bring the score to 63-62. However, San Diego quickly responded, pushing its lead back out to 12.

Down 71-67 with just over a minute left on the clock, Letricia Castillo hit her only three-pointer of the day to bring Air Force back within one. On the other end, San Diego's Sabine Loewe hit one of two free throws to move the score to 72-70, but with just 34 seconds remaining, the Falcon's Jennifer Roesch sank two foul shots to tie the game for the first time. A Torero turnover gave the Falcons an opportunity to win the game in regulation, but a jumper by Lauren Henderson fell just short, sending Air Force to its second overtime game of the season.

The Toreros scored the first four points in overtime to reestablish their lead. Air Force cut the deficit back to one with a three-point play by Alecia Steele but could not get enough defensive stops to take the lead. Despite a last-second basket by Falcon Pamela Findlay, San Diego was able to hold on for the 80-78 victory.

Air Force outrebounded its opponent for the ninth time in 10 games this season and held a distinct advantage on the offensive glass, where it outrebounded the Toreros 21-10. The Falcons also forced 22 turnovers and scored more field goals in the contest (27 to 23). However, San Diego beat them from beyond the arc as well as at the charity stripe. The Toreros were 6-of-15 from long range and 28-of-33 at the free throw line.

Steele scored a game-high 17 points to lead the Falcons, while also adding six rebounds. Castillo recorded 13 points and eight rebounds, while Roesch scored 11 points with five assists and four rebounds. In addition, Henderson grabbed a career-high eight rebounds in the contest to go along with her three points and five assists.

The Falcons will have the next eight days off for the holiday break before returning to action on Dec. 30, when they host service academy rival Navy.

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Former Placer star at home in San Diego

By: Jim McCue

Polly Dong has always loved the comforts of home - family, friends, and the support of a raucous crowd. As the floor general for Placer High School and now running the offense at point guard for the University of San Diego, Dong embraces the cozy confines of a smaller venue and the roar of a packed house.

"There's no place like home," Dong said. "I loved playing in Earl Crabbe Gym and here in San Diego. There are always bigger arenas that we play in, but there is something about the home crowd in a smaller gym."

Dong often drove the Placer faithful into a fever pitch with her aggressive, up-tempo style of play as a Lady Hillman, leading the team to a Sierra Foothill League title and section semifinal appearance while earning league MVP honors as a senior.

While she fondly remembers Placer's home win over rival Del Oro that year, Polly's memory of the electricity in Earl Crabbe Gym for that game and others outweighs the memory of a single victory.

Dong had to wait before she could enjoy the atmosphere of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion due to a broken foot in her first year on campus. Now a redshirt junior, Dong is getting reacquainted with the home crowd.

In her freshman and sophomore years, Dong started at point guard in 48 of 59 games, including all 29 games last year. At the outset of this season, she found herself in the role of the first player off the bench in relief of a freshman who was running the point. Just seven games into the season, Dong returned to the starting five after the coaching staff adjusted the lineup with more experience.

"We went from a pretty young lineup with three freshman starting in the first few games to a more experienced lineup," she said.

Dong immediately rewarded the Toreros' coaches with a solid performance at the Lobo Shootout in the University of New Mexico's famous arena, The Pit. She scored 11 points and dished out eight assists in San Diego's opening win over Utah State, including a pair of free throws with 10 seconds remaining to ice the game. Then, in the tournament final, she added eight points and three assists in a 58-50 loss to the hosts to earn all-tournament honors.

Dong is hopeful that she and the Toreros can continue their improvement this season after a trying 2003-04 campaign in which the team finished 7-22, including a 1-13 mark in West Coast Conference play.

"It was a tough year because we were in so many games, but we couldn't finish them," Dong said. "As a team, we decided that we weren't going to lose those games this year and we are aiming, as always, for a conference title."

Off the court, Dong keeps busy with classwork as a Business Administration major with an emphasis in marketing as well as additional endeavors as a student-athlete. Polly is the school's president of the NCAA's Student

Dong File

Sport: Basketball

Position: Point Guard

High School: Placer

College: University of San Diego

Athlete Advisory Council and is the conference representative for the council, which provides student-athletes with opportunities to speak out about issues and to get involved in their communities. Additionally, the council assists student-athletes with career-building, with workshops for resume writing and networking.

Year: Redshirt Junior

Major: Business Administration

Notable: Earned all-tournament honors at the recent Lobo Shootout in New Mexico

Dong plans to reunite with her local network of friends with a brief holiday visit to Auburn in between a December 22 road game at the Air Force Academy in Colorado and San Diego's annual Surf-n-Slam Tournament which tips off on December 28.

When she is on the court or in the classroom, Dong prides herself as a hard worker - a trait she said was instilled in her by her parents and her coaches throughout her athletic career. But, she adds, love of the game is what keeps her going regardless of the role she is asked to assume on the court.

"I'm going to work hard no matter what," she said. "It doesn't matter if I am starting or coming off the bench, I play because I love to play. And I can't complain about being in San Diego. It is the right school and the right size for me."

Ah, the comforts of home away from home.

Got a tip on a college athlete for Catching Up? Contact Jim McCue at jimmccue16@comcast.net.

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LOCAL WOMEN

Tough times continue at SDSU; USD can't close in

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

A tough week for the San Diego State women's basketball team only got tougher with yesterday's 55-50 loss to Washington State in front of 276 at Peterson Gym.

Washington St.

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Aztecs

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A day earlier, SDSU coach Jim Tomey learned that three sophomores, including All-Mountain West Conference guards Courtney Fritz and Michelle Elliott, would be sidelined with injuries. Fritz (knee) and Erin Jackson (ankle) are gone for

the season, while Elliott (knee) is expected to be out for up to three weeks.

Despite yesterday's defeat, Tomey was pleased with what he saw from his nine remaining players, all of whom saw time against the Cougars (4-3).

"We outrebounded them. We had more steals. We had more assists," Tomey said. "We just came up short."

Paced by freshman forward Ashley Cheesman, who turned in her first career double-double, SDSU (2-3) managed to outrebound the sizable Washington State frontcourt.

Cheesman collected 11 rebounds to go with her 15 points, both game highs, while guard Veronica Shaw pulled down six rebounds.

And despite going down twice with pain in her braced left knee, Shaw came back both times. The junior finished with two blocks and two steals to go with seven points in 29 minutes, giving up just a single turnover.

"I'm tickled with our effort," Tomey said. "You can't ask a team to play any harder."

New Mexico 58, USD 50

New Mexico (6-1) beat USD in the championship game of the Southwest Airlines Lobo Shootout Championship in Albuquerque, N.M.

Amber Sprague had eight points and five rebounds for the Toreros (4-5), who led 26-18 at halftime.

First-half turnovers cost USD women

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

Playing teams in the Pac-10 Conference has been anything but pretty for the USD women's basketball team.

The Toreros fell to USC 68-47 before 375 at Jenny Craig Pavilion last night, dropping their second game to a Pac-10 foe this season.

What started as close game in the first 11 minutes took a turn for the worse for USD by halftime, with the Toreros committing 21 turnovers. By comparison, the Trojans finished the first half with just 12 turnovers.

"It all goes back to turnovers," said USD freshman center Amber Sprague, who led the team with 14 points and six rebounds. "You're not going to win against the worst team in the world with 21 turnovers at halftime."

Those turnovers ignited a USC run that saw the Trojans (4-2) outscore USD 20-0 over a six-minute stretch on their way to a 35-17 halftime lead.

"As soon as they ratcheted on the pressure, we couldn't handle it," said Toreros coach Kathy Marpe. "I think we're good enough to play with these people. We have the skill. It's just that

they get so scared, and we just can't give them that many opportunities."

USD (3-1) played a cleaner second half, committing just 10 more turnovers while getting eight points from freshman guard Amanda Rego.

But it wasn't nearly enough to overcome the lead USC had built with such weapons as forward Rachel Woodward and guard Brynn Cameron, each responsible for 11 points.

Marpe said that was the type of start she had come to expect from West Coast Conference foe Pepperdine before head coach Mark Trakh took over the Trojans this season.

"It was a pretty even second half," said Marpe. "We just have to learn to handle pressure better (early on)."

The Toreros' next game will be Friday at The Pit in New Mexico against Utah State in the New Mexico Tournament.

"New Mexico is one of the hardest places to play in the country," Sprague said. "These are wins we need to get to boost our confidence and prove we're a good team."

Aztecs women lose

Kate Saltmarsh came off the bench to score 14 points to lead Nevada (3-3) past San Diego State (2-2), 74-55, at Reno, Nev.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Trojans Defeat San Diego 68-47

Freshman Amber Sprague scores a game-high 14 points in the loss.

Dec. 7, 2004

SAN DIEGO, Calif. - For the fourth consecutive game, freshman center Amber Sprague lead the University of San Diego (3-4) in scoring, putting up a game-high 14 points on 6-11 shooting. Despite her offensive output, the Toreros fell to the University of Southern California (4-2) Tuesday night at the Jenny Craig Pavilion, 68-47.

Junior Brandi Collato got her team off on a good note, as her three-pointer would begin a 7-0 run by the Toreros to start the game. However, a tough Trojan defense got USC right back into the game. A jumper by USC's Jamie Funn tied the game at 9-9 at the 10:56 mark and the Trojans took a 35-17 halftime lead.

Although they were down in the second half, the Toreros still displayed a great amount of hustle and heart. San Diego finished the game on a 17-7 run, with five points coming from freshman Amanda Rego.

Sophomore center Sabine Loewe grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds while Sprague added 6 boards for USD. Rego contributed an all-around solid effort, totaling 3 assists, 3 steals and 3 boards to go with her 8 second half points. The Trojans were led by Rachel Woodward and Brynn Cameron, each with 11 points.

San Diego next plays on Saturday, December 11th at the New Mexico Tournament held on the campus of the University of New Mexico. The Toreros will face Utah State in the first round with New Mexico taking on Bowling Green.



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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

San Diego Stands In The Way Of 5-0 Start

Fresno State has shown it can handle WCC foes, beating Pepperdine and Santa Clara in back-to-back games to open the year.

Dec. 4, 2004

Take A Kid To The Game!

**San Diego Toreros (3-2, 0-0 WCC) at
Fresno State Bulldogs (4-0, 0-0 WAC)**

Date: Sun., Dec. 5

Time: 2 p.m.

Site: Fresno, Calif.

Facility (capacity): Save Mart Center (16,116)

Series History: Fresno State leads 4-1

Last Meeting: San Diego 71, Fresno State 54 (Dec. 10, 1999)

Radio: KFSR 90.7 FM (Guy Haberman: play-by-play)

Tip-Off

With a victory on Sunday, Fresno State (4-0) can match the 1971-72 club for the best start in school history at 5-0. The Bulldogs will get that chance when they host the University of San Diego (3-2) on Sunday at 2 p.m. to open a three-game homestand at the Save Mart Center. The Toreros will be the third opponent from the West Coast Conference that the Bulldogs have faced this year. Fresno State has shown it can handle WCC foes, besting Pepperdine and Santa Clara in back-to-back contests to open the season. In addition, Fresno State is 7-0 against the WCC since the start of the 2002-03 campaign.

Media Memo

Sunday's game against San Diego will be aired live on KFSR 90.7 FM. Guy Haberman will handle the broadcast chores. Live statistics and game audio are also available on Fresno State's official athletics website, www.gobulldogs.com. KFSR is also slated to broadcast Fresno State's home game on Feb. 23, 2005.

Upcoming Promotions

When Fresno State hosts San Diego this weekend, all youth (eighth grade and younger) will be able to purchase a general admission ticket for just \$1 when another ticket is purchased at regular price. Tickets must be purchased at the Save Mart Center box office. Game time is scheduled for 2 p.m. In addition, the



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Hoop Club will hold the first of two Meet & Greet events after the game for members only in the Bulldog Foundation Room at the southeast entrance.

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Scouting San Diego

San Diego (3-2) rebounded from an 80-69 defeat at Long Beach State earlier this week with a 73-53 thrashing of UC Riverside on Friday night. The Toreros dropped their season opener at Arizona State but rebounded with victories over rival San Diego State (64-49) and Clemson (74-73). San Diego's 2003-04 season ended with a 7-22 overall finish and a 1-13 record in the West Coast Conference. Through five games, the Toreros are averaging and allowing 65 points per game. San Diego is shooting 44-percent from the field, while its opponents are connecting at 37-percent. The Toreros are led by: Amber Sprage (15.4 ppg, 4.4 rpg), Sabine Loewe (10.2 ppg, 5.4 rpg, 13-15 free throws) and Tiara Harris (8.8 ppg, 5.8 rpg, 8-15 from three-point territory). Head coach Kathy Marpe is in her 25th season at San Diego and has been coaching for 32 seasons overall.

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Fresno State All-Time vs. San Diego

Although the two schools have not played since 1999, Fresno State holds a 4-1 lead in the all-time series. San Diego registered a 71-54 win in the most recent contest on Dec. 10, 1999. Prior to that game, the Bulldogs had won four straight games (two of those decided by two points, the other two resulting in 80-67 finals). Fresno State is 3-0 all-time in games played in Fresno.

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Recapping This Week's Action:

Fresno State 72, Denver 58 (Dec. 2)

Fresno State received production from an unlikely offensive source during a 72-58 victory over Denver on Thursday night, improving to 4-0 for the first time since the 1974-75 campaign. The Bulldogs connected on 8 of 14 attempts from three-point territory, a welcomed sight considering the Bulldogs were shooting just 22.9-percent (11-48) entering the game. Senior Veronica Mack was 3-4 from beyond the arc, scoring a season-best 11 points in the process. Fresno State (4-0) shot 41.1-percent overall in the contest, while limiting Denver (0-4) to just 23.9-percent and only eight first-half field goals. Sophomore Brittani Green also chipped in with a season-best 11 points, while senior Aritta Lane led the Bulldogs with 10 rebounds. Sophomore Paige Diggs tallied a career-high nine boards. Sarah Benham led Denver with 11 points.

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Jumping Out Early

Fresno State might be content to let its opponent score the first basket in every game this year. That's been the trend through the first four games. However, the charity stops right there. In each instance, Fresno State has managed to regroup and take a halftime lead. The Bulldogs are also enjoying balanced offense, outscoring their opponents 131-102 in the first half and 132-118 in the second.

Familiar With The Foul Line

Even though junior Amy Parrish has committed more personal fouls (11) than any other Bulldog through four games, she is also benefiting from her trips to the charity stripe. Parrish leads the team with a 13-20 mark from the free throw line, including a 5-8 performance in a win over Denver on Dec. 2. She is also currently leading Fresno State in scoring at 10.8 ppg, mainly due to a career-best 24-point outing in the Bulldog's victory over Santa Clara on Nov. 22.

Making A State-Ment

Under head coach Stacy Johnson-Klein, the Bulldogs have performed exceptionally well against California schools, notching a 14-2 mark. Quite a turnaround, considering the Bulldogs were just 9-14 against teams from the Golden State over the combined three previous seasons (1999-2002). The Bulldogs were 5-1 last year, defeating Long Beach State, Santa Clara, Cal State Fullerton and San Jose State twice. Fresno State is 2-0 in such games this year.

So Why Is It Working?

With Fresno State off to its first 4-0 start since 1974-75, Bulldog fans are trying to pinpoint a reason for the team's early success. Through four games, the following themes stand out:

- Balanced Production:

Fresno State has had a different leading scorer (Chantella Perera, Amy Parrish, Mirenda Swearengin, Veronica Mack/Brittani Green) in each of the its first four games. The Bulldogs had a different leading rebounder (Aritta Lane, Amy Parrish, Jasmine Plummer) through the first three games.

- **Sharing Minutes:**

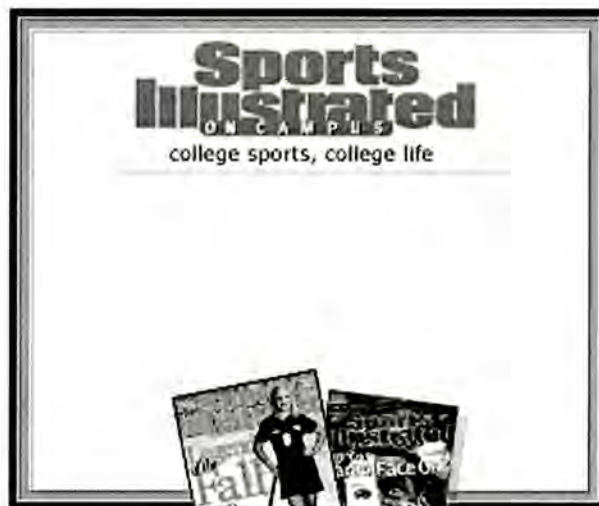
11 of the 14 players who have appeared in at least one game so far this year are averaging at least 10 minutes of playing time early on. Senior Cophie Moore is on the brink at 8.3 minutes per game. Junior Mirenda Swearengin leads the pack with 27.8 minutes per game on the average.

- **Free Throw Shooting:**

The Bulldogs are shooting 73-percent (60-82) from the charity stripe, led by Parrish's 13-20 clip. Opponents have made just 39-60 attempts, good for 65-percent. Five different players have yet to miss a free throw attempt.

Road Warriors

After a 72-58 win at Denver on Dec. 2, the Bulldogs have now won five straight road games, dating back to last season when the team won its final three away from Fresno. Included in the Bulldog's winning streak was the team's first two-game conference road trip sweep since 1997 with wins at San Jose State and Hawai'i to end the 2004 regular season. Fresno State has not lost a road game since a 45-38 loss to UTEP in El Paso on Feb. 12, 2004.



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COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Local women

Host UCSD opened its CCAA season with a 73-59 victory over two-time defending conference champion **Cal State Bakersfield**. Leora Juster led the Tritons (3-1) with a team-high 16 points, while teammate Margaret Johnson scored 10 and grabbed a game-high 13 rebounds. University of San Diego beat host UC Riverside 73-53. Amber Sprague scored a game-high 27 points for the Toreros (3-2).

Men's Basketball: USD at Texas-Arlington

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Update: The Toreros, who have lost two in a row, will be looking to end a 22-game road losing streak dating to their NCAA Tournament loss to Stanford in March 2003. USD went winless away from the Jenny Craig Pavilion last season and is 0-2 this season (at Arizona and SDSU) . . . Forward Brandon Gay (15.6 ppg), who suffered a mild concussion and missed the second half against SDSU, has recovered and is expected to start . . . The UTA Mavericks have home wins over Texas-Permian Basin and Texas Wesleyan, the latter on Tuesday, a win at New Mexico State (88-67) and road losses to Texas Christian and Wyoming Steven Thomas, a 6-foot-5 junior forward, is the team's top scorer (17.4).

— HANK WESCH

Armintie Price Named SEC Player Of The Week

Price earns the honor for the second time in her Ole Miss career.

Dec. 28, 2004

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. - Armintie Price was named the Southeastern Conference Player of the Week for the week of Dec. 20-26, the league office announced Tuesday. Price, who also earned SEC Player of the Week honors one time last season, is one-of-nine Lady Rebels to earn the honor in the history of the Ole Miss program and just the second player to earn the honor twice joining Clara Jackson in that category.

"Armintie Price is having another great season," said Ole Miss head coach Carol Ross. "She plays with a lot of passion and enthusiasm and it shows in her game.

"She had a great game against Clemson. She started out a little slow on the offensive end, but defensively she was making plays the whole game. In the second half, she took over offensively and led us to the win."

Last week the 5-9 guard-forward led Ole Miss to a 67-54 win over Clemson in Tueplo, Miss. She was 6-of-12 from the field and 8-of-15 from the foul line, leading Ole Miss with 20 points, 18 of which came after intermission. Price also grabbed six steals and dished four assists in the win.

"It is great to be named SEC Player of the Week," said Price, who also won the honor on Dec. 1, 2003. "I am proud of the way our team played last week. It is a great honor I can share with my teammates."

Price leads the Lady Rebels in scoring (15.9), rebounding (9.4), steals (3.1) and field goal percentage (.561) on the season and is second in assists (3.7). She has posted three double-doubles on the season and has scored in double digits in 8-of-9 games, having scored nine points in the season-opening win over UConn. Price has also posted double figures in rebounds in four games.

"I just love to play the game and hate to lose," said Price, who was named the 2004 SEC Freshman of the Year. "I will do whatever it takes on the court to help my team because I want to win."

The Lady Rebels open play at the Surf-N-Slam Tournament in San Diego on Tuesday against Marquette. Game time is scheduled for 10 p.m. (CT) at the University of San Diego's Jenny Craig Pavilion. Ole Miss will conclude tournament play on Thursday when they will face either San Diego or Vermont.



Armintie Price was named SEC Player of the Week on Tuesday.



Kristen Hurst (12), fresh off an NCAA Sweet 16 volleyball team appearance, joins basketball team. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

Recruit has winning history

The San Diego Union-Tribune | **COLLEGE BASKETBALL** | Tuesday, December 28, 2004

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

Just minutes into the start of her college basketball career, USD volleyball-star-turned-basketball-rookie Kristen Hurst was already standing on the sidelines, shouting words of encouragement and pushing her new teammates to push themselves.

USD basketball coach Kathy Marpe admits she was pleasantly surprised by the assertiveness of her newest recruit, who only two weeks earlier was leading the Toreros volleyball team to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 and its most successful season ever.

Hurst, though, doesn't want to waste time getting used to her new role on her new team, especially with the start of the West Coast Conference season around the corner.

"They're really looking for me to push people inside and work hard," said Hurst, a four-volleyball letter-winner three-time All-WCC per-

former. "I know how to win. I know what it takes. Basketball-wise, I just need to show them I can do it."

Already, Hurst's impact can be felt in practice.

"She's definitely brought an intensity," Marpe said of Hurst, who joined the team officially last Friday and adds valuable depth at the post position. "That's what we needed. Her attitude (toward her teammates) is respectful yet competitive, and the fact that the volleyball team did so well gives her credibility.

"She just knows how to compete."

Much of that is due to Hurst's willingness to be physical, something unexpected from a high-level volleyball player who most recently earned honorable mention All-America honors. But basketball is in the genes of the Bakersfield native.

Hurst's mother, Ellen, was an All-America basketball player at Azusa Pacific, while her father, Clark, played at Air

Force and then Cal State Fullerton.

Hurst first picked up a basketball in elementary school, playing in boys leagues to improve her skills. Later, at Stockdale High, she earned a spot on the All-Southwest Yosemite League first team three times and was honored as an All-Area player twice.

It was then that Marpe first heard of the talented basketball player headed to USD to play volleyball, and she left the door open for the 6-1 forward to resume her basketball career in college some day.

Last spring, Hurst decided to take Marpe up on her offer, which will include finishing out this season and playing her final year in 2005-06.

"I knew I still loved it," said Hurst, who will use the additional time in school to pursue her teaching credential. "It's so exciting to step on the court."

Of course, coming back from a four-year layoff isn't easy. Hurst admitted that much was true after her first practice Fri-

day.

"I couldn't move," said Hurst, who adds that the college game is also much more mentally draining than it was in high school.

"I sat in the whirlpool forever. They are definitely two different sports."

Although Marpe acknowledges Hurst will need time to catch up to the rest of the Toreros, she has confidence in the qualities and skills Hurst brings to the table right now.

"She feels she can help this team get to that level (achieved by the volleyball team) with her experience," Marpe said.

Hurst could be a factor on the team as soon as tonight, when USD opens play in the fourth annual Surf 'N Slam Tournament against Vermont.

"She's going to see playing time right away," Marpe said.

And Hurst is ready to prove that, too.

"There's not many people who can say they've done this," Hurst admitted. "It's hard, but it's worth it."

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West winner after averaging 20 points and 10 rebounds in two games.

TENNIS

Damico in round of 16 at Orange Bowl tourney

Kellen Damico, who won the Eddie Herr International boys 16-and-under championship two weeks ago at Bradenton, Fla., moved into the round of 16 today at the Orange Bowl International Tennis Championships on Key Biscayne, Fla.

Damico, who will be 16 in March, will play third-seeded Roberto Maytin, a Venezuelan he beat 6-2, 5-7, 6-4 for the Eddie Herr title, in the match today.

Damico, of Parker, is seeded 13th, the highest American in the boys 16 division. Maytin is seeded third.

Damico's 14-year-old sister, Krista, will begin play in the girls 14-and-under division Friday at Coral Gables, Fla.

VOLLEYBALL

Two ex-Colorado players chosen All-Americans

Two former Colorado high school athletes have earned American Volleyball Coaches Association Division I All-America honors.

University of San Diego outside hitter Devon Forster, a 6-1 senior from Boulder High School, was a second-team choice after averaging 5.33 kills and 2.8 digs while earning player of the year honors in the West Coast Conference.

University of Florida outside hitter Jane Collymore, a 6-0 junior from Kent Denver High School, was a third-team choice after winning player of the year honors in the Southeastern Conference. Collymore averaged 5.03 kills, 3.08 digs, 0.47 aces and 0.6 blocks a game for the Gators.

Four Colorado collegians earned honorable mention - the University of Colorado's Allie Griffin and Colorado State's Katie Jo Shirley-Cahoon, Melissa Courtney and Andreyra Downs.

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Mammoth selects Daly in Ravens dispersal draft

The Colorado Mammoth of the National Lacrosse League selected Randy Daly in the first round of the league's dispersal draft of Vancouver Ravens players.



Jill Odenthal

Odenthal Named Third-Team All-American

MADISON, Wis. - Jill Odenthal, a senior on the University of Wisconsin volleyball team, has been named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-America Third Team. She moves up to the third team after earning honorable mention All-America honors in 2003 and becomes the 10th All-American in UW volleyball history. Junior Sheila Shaw was also selected picking up honorable mention All-America honors.

Each of the three AVCA All-America Teams is comprised of 12 athletes, while the AVCA All-America honorable mention selections are AVCA All-Region selections not chosen to one of the three AVCA All-America teams. The awards will be presented along with the announcement of the AVCA National

Player of the Year on Thursday at the AVCA All-America/Player of the Year Banquet at the Long Beach (Calif.) Westin Hotel.

"This is a great honor for Jill and for the Badger volleyball program," said UW coach Pete Waite. "She really improved her defensive and passing game this season, and she was a clutch player for us all year. She was unstoppable during the NCAA tournament matches, especially versus Hawaii. It's exciting for Odie and I'm happy that her game on the court really peaked in the last weeks of her career."

Odenthal, a 6-0 opposite hitter, was an honorable mention All-Big Ten Conference and AVCA All-Mideast Region selection in 2004. She ranked second on the team with 3.06 kills per game and recorded a career-high 25 kills to lead the Badgers over second-ranked Hawai'i in the NCAA regional semifinals. The Geneva, Ill., native was named to the 2003 All-Big Ten team, the 2003 AVCA All-Mideast Region team, was a four-time all-tournament selection and was named to the 2001 Big Ten All-Freshman team.

Shaw, a 6-1 middle blocker, was a unanimous pick to the 2004 All-Big Ten Conference team and also earned AVCA All-Mideast Region honors. She led the Big Ten with a career-best 1.36 blocks per game and led the Badgers' with 3.81 kills per game, which ranked eighth in the Big Ten. Shaw was named the Co-Big Ten Player of the Week on Nov. 1, the most valuable player of the 2004 InnTowner Invitational and to the 2004 Jayhawk Invitational All-Tournament team.

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Emily Adams ^*	USC	MB	Sr.	6-6	Phoenix, Ariz.
Kelly Bowman	Minnesota	S/H	So.	5-10	Maple Grove, Minn.
Keao Burdine #	USC	OH	Sr.	6-1	Pico Rivera, Calif.
Melissa Elmer #	Nebraska	MB	Jr.	6-2	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Paula Gentil #!	Minnesota	DS/Lib	Jr.	5-9	Forteleza Ceara, Brazil
Stacey Gordon #*&	Ohio State	OH	Sr.	5-11	Oshawa, Ontario
Kanoe Kamana'o @	Hawai'i	S	So.	5-8	Honolulu, Hawai'i
Ogonna Nnamani ^\$&	Stanford	OH	Sr.	6-1	Normal, Ill.
Sarah Pavan	Nebraska	Opp	Fr.	6-5	Kitchener, Ontario
Courtney Thompson	Washington	S	So	5-8	Kent, Wash.
Mira Topic !	Texas OH	Sr.	6-3	Stela	Kambelovac, Croatia
Sam Tortorello #	Penn State	S		5-11	Shorewood, Ill.

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA SECOND-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Devon Forster	San Diego	OH	Sr.	6-1	Boulder, Colo.
Bethany Howden	Texas	MB	Sr.	6-2	Austin, Texas
Lindsey Hunter	Missouri	S	Jr.	5-10	Papillion, Neb.a
Laura Jones	Texas A&M	OH	Jr.	6-2	Arlington, Texas
Camille Leffall	California	MB	Sr.	6-1	Upland, Calif.
Marisa Main	Ohio State	S	So.	5-9	Louisville, Ky.
Christal Morrison	Washington	OH	Fr.	6-2	Puyallup, Wash.
Syndie Nadeau	Penn State	Opp	Sr.	6-1	St. Georges, Quebec
Victoria Prince	Hawai'i	MB	Jr.	6-0	Kennewick, Wash.

Jennifer Saleaumua Nebraska OH Jr. 5-11 National City, Calif.
 Kelly Wing @ UC Irvine OH Sr. 5-11 Murrieta, Calif.
 Chrissie Zartman UCLA DS/Lib Sr. 5-5 Hermosa Beach, Calif.a

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA THIRD-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.	Hometown
Lauren Brewster	Notre Dame	MB	Jr.	6-3	Brentwood, Tenn.
Bibiana Candelas ^	USC	MB	Jr.	6-5	Torreon, Mexico
Jane Collymore	Florida	OH	Jr.	6-0	Englewood, Colo.
Alexis Crimes	Long Beach	MB	Fr.	6-3	Rancho Cucamonga, Cali.
Julie Knytych	Tennessee	S Jr.	5-9	LaGrange Park, Ill.	
Krystal McFarland	UCLA	S Sr.	5-10	Ventura, Calif.	
Lynnette Moster @\$	Georgia Tech	OH	Sr.	5-10	Liberty, Ind.
Melissa Munsch #	Texas A&M	MB	Sr.	6-1	Columbus, Texas
Jill Odenthal	Wisconsin	Opp	Sr.	6-0	Geneva, Ill.
Alexandra Oquendo	Georgia	MB	Jr.	6-2	Guaynabo, Puerto Rico
Lindsey Sherburne	San Diego	S Jr.	5-9	Saratoga, Cal.	
Ana Yartseva	Louisville	MB	So.	6-4	Anapa, Russia

^ indicates 2003 AVCA First-Team All-America selection
 * indicates 2002 AVCA First-Team All-America selection
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 \$ indicates 2002 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection
 & indicates 2001 AVCA Second-Team All-America selection
 @ indicates 2003 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection
 ! indicates 2002 AVCA Third-Team All-America selection

2004 AVCA Division I Freshman of the Year:

Sarah Pavan (University of Nebraska, Right Side/Opposite Hitter)

AVCA Honorable Mention All-American

Briana Adamovsky (Ohio, S, Sr.)
 Stevi Adams (New Mexico State University, OH, Sr.)
 Jackie Ahlers (St. John's University, OH, Jr.)
 Hayley Anderson (University of the Pacific, S, Sr.)
 Iana Andonova (Florida Atlantic University, MB, Jr.)
 Kristen Andre (University of Tennessee, MB, Jr.)
 Aida Antanaviciute (Saint Louis, MB, Jr.)
 Sabrina Apker (Southwest Missouri State, MB, Jr.)
 Faye Barhorst (University of Dayton, MB, So.)
 Jessica Belter (Illinois, RS/Opp, Sr.)
 Sidney Bennett (University of the Pacific, MB, Jr.)
 Cutrina Biddulph (American University, MB, Jr.)
 Areal Bienemy (Butler University, MB, Sr.)
 Kelly-Anne Billingy (Marshall University, OH, Fr.)
 Jamie Bouyer (Cleveland State University, MB, Sr.)
 Blair Buchanan (University at Albany, S, So.)
 Michelle Chatman (University of Florida, MB, Sr.)
 Melissa Courtney (Colorado State University, S, Sr.)
 Andreyana Downs (Colorado State University, RS/Opp, Jr.)
 Kelly Duan (Syracuse University, RS/Opp, Jr.)
 Julie DuPont (University of Cincinnati, OH, Sr.)
 Leslie Finn (Clemson University, OH, Sr.)
 Karen Fruit (UW-Milwaukee, OH, Sr.)
 Jayme Gergen (Georgia Tech, MB, Sr.)
 Erica Gerth (Eastern Illinois University, OH, Sr.)
 Allie Griffin (University of Colorado, RS/Opp, Jr.)
 Ali Hausfeld (Duke University, S, Fr.)
 Erin Heffner (University of Alabama, OH, Sr.)
 Vali Hejjas (Kansas State, OH, Sr.)
 Lyndsey Henderson (University of Utah, MB, Sr.)
 Mary Hock (Winthrop University, OH, Jr.)

AVCA Tabs Its All-Americans

NU's Pavan is Freshman of the Year

Dec. 15, 2004

From The AVCA

LONG BEACH, Calif. - The American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) is proud to announce the 24th annual AVCA All-America teams for Division I women's volleyball. The awards will be presented Dec. 17, 2004, at the AVCA All-America/Player of the Year Banquet at the Long Beach (Calif.) Westin Hotel.

Ohio State senior outside hitter Stacey Gordon and Stanford senior outside hitter Ogonna Nnamani have been selected AVCA All-Americans for the fourth time in their career. Southern California senior middle blocker Emily Adams was chosen to the AVCA All-America First-Team for the third consecutive season. Each of the three AVCA All-America Teams is comprised of 12 athletes. The AVCA National Player of the Year will be announced on Dec. 17 at the AVCA All-America/Players of the Year Banquet.

The selections are made by the AVCA Division I All-America Committee: chair - Janice Kruger, Maryland; Pi'i Aiu, Colorado; Rich Feller, California; Burt Fuller, Utah State; Judy Green, Alabama; Jill Hirschinger, New Hampshire; Nancy Mueller, Illinois-Chicago; and Mark Rosen, Michigan. The AVCA Awards Chair is Illinois State Head Coach Sharon Dingman.

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA FIRST-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.
Emily Adams ^*	USC	MB	Sr.
Kelly Bowman	University of Minnesota	S/H	So.
Keao Burdine #	USC	OH	Sr.
Melissa Elmer #	University of Nebraska	MB	Jr.
Paula Gentil #!	University of Minnesota	DS/Lib	Jr.
Stacey Gordon #*&	The Ohio State University	OH	Sr.
Kanoe Kamana'o @	University of Hawai'i	S	So.
Ogonna Nnamani ^\$&	Stanford University	OH	Sr.
Sarah Pavan	University of Nebraska	RS/Opp	Fr.
Courtney Thompson	University of Washington	S	So.
Mira Topic !	University of Texas	OH	Sr.
Sam Tortorello #	Penn State University	S	Jr.

AVCA All-America First-Team Bios

Emily Adams, a 6-6 senior middle blocker for Southern California, is a three-time AVCA All-American after averaging 1.40 blocks and 3.02 kills per game. She has attacked at a .399 clip in 2004, which ranks among the top 10. Adams has led the Trojans back into the NCAA semifinals.

Kelly Bowman, a 5-10 sophomore setter/hitter for Minnesota, averages 2.36 kills, 6.93 assists and 3.09 digs in a 6-2 offense. She has nine triple-doubles this season, including the region semifinal and final matches. Bowman hits at a .309 percentage in 2004.

Keao Burdine, a 6-1 senior outside hitter for Southern California, averages a team-leading 4.18 kills per game to go with a 3.41 dig average. She produced a 30-kill, 30-dig match in the region final against Nebraska. Burdine, a two-time AVCA All-American, also adds .30 aces per game.

Melissa Elmer, a 6-2 junior middle blocker for Nebraska, a two-time AVCA All-American, leads the nation in block average at 1.89 per game. She ranks among the Big 12 leaders with a .345 hitting percentage. Elmer has four matches with at least 10 blocks in 2004.

Paula Gentil, a 5-9 junior libero for Minnesota, is a three-time AVCA All-American who averages 6.69 digs per game in 2004. She broke the NCAA season record for total digs with 876 and is on pace to break the dig average record. With a year of eligibility left, Gentil has broken the Big Ten dig career record.

Stacey Gordon, a 5-11 senior outside hitter for Ohio State, was the Big Ten Player of the Year and is a four-time AVCA All-American. She averaged 7.08 kills, 3.73 digs and 0.55 blocks per game in 2004. Gordon has produced 20 or more kills in 24 of 34 matches in 2004 with a .359 attack percentage.

Kanoe Kamana'o, a sophomore setter for Hawai'i, is a two-time AVCA All-American. She led the Rainbow Wahine to a .257 team attack percentage and 31-1 season record. Kamana'o was the WAC Player of the Year with averages of 13.62 assists, 3.09 digs and 1.15 blocks per game.

Ogonna Nnamani, a 6-1 senior outside hitter for Stanford, is a four-time AVCA All-American with a season averages of 5.88 kills per game and a .343 attack percentage. She broke the Pac-10 career kills record. Nnamani also was named ESPN The Magazine Academic All-American of the Year by CoSIDA.

Sarah Pavan, a 6-5 freshman right side/opposite hitter for Nebraska, was named AVCA Division I Freshman of the Year with 4.46 kills and 1.20 blocks per game. She led all Big 12 freshmen with a .331 attack percentage. Pavan had six 20-kill efforts in her first season.

Courtney Thompson, a 5-8 sophomore setter for Washington, ranks second nationally for assists with a 14.66 average. She has paced the Huskies to a seventh-best .286 hitting percentage as Washington plays in its first national semifinals. Thompson has reached 3,000-career assists in just two seasons.

Mira Topic, a 6-3 senior outside hitter for Texas, ranks seventh nationally in kills per game. She was tabbed Big 12 Player of the Year while hitting well above .300. Topic is a two-time AVCA All-American, holds school records for career and season kills.

Sam Tortorello, a 5-11 junior setter for Penn State, is a two-time AVCA All-American after leading the Nittany Lions to a second seed in the NCAA Tournament. She averages 14.00 assists, 1.27 kills, 3.03 digs and 0.93 blocks per game. Tortorello has paced Penn State to a .282 hitting percentage.

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA SECOND-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
Devon Forster	University of San Diego	OH	Sr.	6-1
Bethany Howden	University of Texas	MB	Sr.	6-2
Lindsey Hunter	University of Missouri	S	Jr.	5-10
Laura Jones	Texas A&M University	OH	Jr.	6-2
Camille Leffall	University of California	MB	Sr.	6-1
Marisa Main	The Ohio State University	S	So.	5-9
Christal Morrison	University of Washington	OH	Fr.	6-2
Syndie Nadeau	Penn State University	RS/Opp	Sr.	6-1
Victoria Prince	University of Hawai'i	MB	Jr.	6-0
Jennifer Saleaumua	University of Nebraska	OH	Jr.	5-11
Kelly Wing @	University of California, Irvine	OH	Sr.	5-11
Chrissie Zartman	UCLA	DS/Lib	Sr.	5-5

AVCA Division I Second-Team All-America Bios

Devon Forster, a 6-1 senior outside hitter for San Diego, paced the Toreros into the NCAA Sweet 16 for the first time in school history. She averaged 5.33 kills and 2.80 digs per game while hitting .263. Forster was named the West Coast Conference Player of the Year.

Bethany Howden, a 6-2 senior middle blocker for Texas, averaged 4.08 kills a game in 2004. She leads the Longhorns with 1.02 blocks per, in addition to a .378 attack percentage. Howden completed her career ranked third in school history for kills.

Lindsey Hunter, a 5-10 junior setter for Missouri, ranks fourth in the nation in assists per game with 14.43, a Tiger school record. She helped Missouri to a 20-9 record this season and berth in the NCAA Tournament second round. Hunter averaged nearly a kill a game.

Laura Jones, a 6-2 outside hitter for Texas A&M, set school records with 4.94 kills and 5.6 points per game. She paced the Aggies in kills in 21 of 28 matches, including 11 matches of 20 or more kills. Jones added 2.86 digs and 0.73 blocks per game.

Camille Leffall, a 6-1 senior middle blocker for California, aided the Golden Bears to their third straight NCAA Tournament berth. She broke her own school record with a .384 attack percentage and is now the career leader in the category at .363. Leffall also broke the school record for career blocks.

Marisa Main, a 5-9 sophomore setter for Ohio State, ranks second nationally in assists per game with a 14.88 average. She led the Buckeyes to a .313 team attack percentage and spot in the

NCAA region finals. Main added 1.33 kills, 2.35 digs and 0.46 blocks per game.

Christal Morrison, a 6-2 freshman outside hitter for Washington, ranks second in the conference with 4.21 kills and 4.79 points per game. She has notched double-digit kills 25 times in her first collegiate season. Morrison, the AVCA Pacific Region Freshman of the Year, has 12 double-doubles.

Syndie Nadeau, a 6-1 senior right side/opposite hitter for Penn State, averaged 3.09 kills, 3.24 digs and 0.74 blocks per game. She had 17 doubles-doubles in 2004 with a .307 attack percentage. Nadeau was the first-ever Nittany Lion to claim Sports Imports/National Player of the Week.

Victoria Prince, a junior middle blocker for Hawai'i, averaged 1.63 blocks and 3.39 kills per game for the 31-1 Rainbow Wahine. She attacked at a .411 hitting percentage for the season. Prince had eight matches of .500 or better attack percentage in 2004.

Jennifer Saleaumua, a 5-11 junior outside hitter for Nebraska, averaged 3.78 digs and 3.08 kills per game as she landed on the AVCA All-Central Region for the second time. She recorded nine double-doubles in 2004. Saleaumua was chosen the Big 12 Co-Defensive Player of the Year.

Kelly Wing, a senior outside hitter for UC Irvine, averaged 5.78 kills, 3.19 digs and 0.55 aces per game in being named Big West Conference Player of the Year. She paced the Anteaters to their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance. Wing completed her career with 2,267 kills.

Chrissie Zartman, a 5-5 senior libero for UCLA, averaged 5.86 digs per game in 2004. She became the 10th player in Division I with 2,000-career digs. Zartman became the first libero to win Pac-10 Player of the Week and holds the league and school record for career digs.

2004 AVCA DIVISION I ALL-AMERICA THIRD-TEAM

Player	Institution	Pos.	Yr.	Ht.
Lauren Brewster	University of Notre Dame	MB	Jr.	6-3
Bibiana Candelas ^	USC	MB	Jr.	6-5
Jane Collymore	University of Florida	OH	Jr.	6-0
Alexis Crimes	Long Beach State University	MB	Fr.	6-3
Julie Knytych	University of Tennessee	S	Jr.	5-9
Krystal McFarland	UCLA	S	Sr.	5-10
Lynnette Moster @\$	Georgia Tech	OH	Sr.	5-10
Melissa Munsch #	Texas A&M University	MB	Sr.	6-1
Jill Odenthal	University of Wisconsin	RS/Opp	Sr.	6-0
Alexandra Oquendo	University of Georgia	MB	Jr.	6-2
Lindsey Sherburne	University of San Diego	S	Jr.	5-9
Ana Yartseva	University of Louisville	MB	So.	6-4

AVCA Division I Third-Team All-America Bios

Lauren Brewster, a 6-3 junior middle blocker for Notre Dame, is one of two players averaging at least 1.50 blocks and 1.50 digs per game. She is a three-time All-American selection. Brewster hit .313 with 3.62 kills per game in 2004.

Bibiana Candelas, a 6-5 junior middle blocker for Southern California, is a two-time AVCA All-American. She has helped the two-time defending champion Trojans back into the national semifinals. Candelas averages 3.05 kills and 1.03 blocks per game while hitting .401.

Jane Collymore, a 6-0 junior outside hitter for Florida, was named the SEC Player of the Year after averaging 5.03 kills, 3.08 digs, 0.47 aces and 0.60 blocks per game. She became the 13th Gator to reach 1,000-career kills. Collymore recorded 604 kills in 2004, the second-most in school history.

Alexis Crimes, a 6-3 freshman middle blocker for Long Beach State, helped the 49ers to a 24-7 record and NCAA postseason berth. She averaged 3.88 kills and 1.25 blocks per game. Crimes hit a team-high .374 en route to being named AVCA West Region Freshman of the Year.

Julie Knytych, a 5-9 junior setter for Tennessee, broke the school record for assists in a season as the Lady Vols advanced to the NCAA region semifinals. She led the offense to a .261 team attack percentage and 32-3 record. Knytych added averages of 0.96 kills and 2.57 digs.

Krystal McFarland, a 5-10 senior setter for UCLA, helped the Bruins to the region finals in 2004

despite being a 15th seed. She averaged 12.56 assists per game as UCLA hit .227 as a team. McFarland chipped in 1.12 kills, 2.51 digs and 0.56 blocks per game as the Bruins won 21 matches.

Lynnette Moster, a 5-10 senior outside hitter for Georgia Tech, was named the ACC Player of the Year in 2004 and is a three-time AVCA All-American. She averages 5.27 kills, 3.68 digs and 0.46 aces per game. Moster hit at a .313 clip in 2004.

Melissa Munsch, a 6-1 junior middle blocker for Texas A&M, is a two-time AVCA All-American that averaged 1.66 blocks, 3.07 digs and 0.44 aces per game. She is a three-time All-Big 12 selection and hit .307 this season with three triple-doubles. Munsch helped the Aggies to a 19-9 record.

Jill Odenthal, a 6-0 senior right side/opposite hitter for Wisconsin, helped the Badgers into the region finals as 14th seed in the NCAA Tournament. She averaged 3.06 kills, 1.95 digs and 0.83 blocks per game as Wisconsin won 22 matches in 2004. Odenthal produced 19 matches of double-digit kills.

Alexandra Oquendo, a 6-2 junior middle blocker for Georgia, broke the school record for attack percentage with a .410 mark, the highest in the SEC in 2004. She tallied a 35-kill match without an attack error versus Kentucky. Oquendo averaged 4.72 kills and 1.06 blocks per game.

Lindsey Sherburne, a 5-9 junior setter for San Diego, led the Toreros to a .267 team attack percentage and undefeated conference season. She ranks fifth nationally in assists per game with 14.14. Sherburne added 0.91 kills, 2.89 digs and 0.41 blocks per game.

Ana Yartseva, a 6-4 sophomore middle blocker for Louisville, finished the season hitting .447 for best in Division I. She averaged 2.43 kills, 1.24 blocks and 2.49 digs per game. Yartseva helped Cardinals into the NCAA region semifinals. ^ indicates 2003 AVCA First-Team All-America select

2004 AVCA Division I Freshman of the Year: Sarah Pavan (University of Nebraska, Right Side/Opposite Hitter)

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AVCA Honorable Mention All-Americans

Briana Adamovsky (Ohio, S, Sr.)
 Stevi Adams (New Mexico State University, OH, Sr.)
 Jackie Ahlers (St. John's University, OH, Jr.)
 Hayley Anderson (University of the Pacific, S, Sr.)
 Iana Andonova (Florida Atlantic University, MB, Jr.)
 Kristen Andre (University of Tennessee, MB, Jr.)
 Aida Antanaviciute (Saint Louis, MB, Jr.)
 Sabrina Apker (Southwest Missouri State, MB, Jr.)
 Faye Barhorst (University of Dayton, MB, So.)
 Jessica Belter (Illinois, RS/Opp, Sr.)
 Sidney Bennett (University of the Pacific, MB, Jr.)
 Cutrina Biddulph (American University, MB, Jr.)
 Areal Bienemy (Butler University, MB, Sr.)
 Kelly-Anne Billingsy (Marshall University, OH, Fr.)
 Jamie Bouyer (Cleveland State University, MB, Sr.)
 Blair Buchanan (University at Albany, S, So.)
 Michelle Chatman (University of Florida, MB, Sr.)
 Melissa Courtney (Colorado State University, S, Sr.)
 Andreyana Downs (Colorado State University, RS/Opp, Jr.)
 Kelly Duan (Syracuse University, RS/Opp, Jr.)
 Julie DuPont (University of Cincinnati, OH, Sr.)
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San Diego County roundup: Late goals propel Comets past Sockers

By: North County Times

The Kansas City Comets scored a pair of goals late in the game to give them a 6-4 victory over the visiting Sockers on Saturday.

Fourth-period goals by Anthony Maher and Dino Delevski helped Kansas City (4-3), which trailed 4-3 going into the fourth, increase its lead in the Western Division by one game.

Paul Wright opened the scoring for the Sockers (4-6) off a feed from Mauricio Alegre 11 minutes, 1 second into the first quarter. Kansas City tied the game at 11:46 with a goal by Jonathan Steele, but Mark Ughy put the Sockers back into the lead with his team-leading 12th goal.

The Sockers increased their lead to 3-1 with a goal by Steve Butcher at 10:33 of the second. Kansas City's Anthony Maher brought the Comets within one when he scored before halftime.

Five minutes into the third, Maher tied the game at 3 on his second goal, with the assist going to Vlatko Andonovski. Sockers rookie Ryan Mack scored his sixth goal of the season at 11:02 of the third to give the Sockers a 4-3 lead.

In the fourth, Kansas City tied the game when Delevski, on the restart, converted a pass from Miodrag Djerisilo at 4:12.

The Sockers return home Saturday to host Cleveland.

Palomar wrestlers 8th

Palomar College, led by heavyweight Tyler McKay's fourth-place finish, placed eighth in the State Community College Wrestling Championships with 47 1/2 points at the Palomar Dome.

Five Palomar wrestlers placed in the tournament. Along with McKay, David Courson (184) and Dan Almanza (197) finished eighth. Matt Cole (157) placed seventh and Ricky Newsom (174) finished eighth.

Bakersfield (114), Santa Ana (114) and Fresno City College (95) took the top three spots in team scoring.

USD's Forster honored

University of San Diego women's volleyball player Devon Forster was named to the Louisville

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Regional All-Tournament team. The Toreros lost to USC in the regional semifinals on Friday.

The Trojans' Keao Burdine was named most outstanding player of the Louisville Regional.

More volleyball

Stanford's Kirsten Hornbeak (La Costa Canyon) didn't see any playing time, but the Cardinal women's volleyball team swept Wisconsin 30-18, 31-29, 30-26 to advance to the Final Four of the NCAA tournament.

UCLA's Rachell Johnson (Torrey Pines) had one kill and played in two games as the Bruins lost in the regional finals to Washington, 27-30, 30-19, 30-28, 24-30, xx-xx. Tammy Jackson (Poway) didn't see any action for UCLA.

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San Diego County roundup: USD no match for defending women's volleyball champs

By: North County Times

The University of San Diego was knocked out of the NCAA Division I women's volleyball tournament by USC on Friday, losing 3-1 to the Trojans at Louisville, Ky.

Eighth-seeded and two-time defending NCAA champion USC (22-5) received a combined 30 kills from middle blockers Emily Adams and Mariana Candelas to defeat the ninth-seeded Toreros 30-26, 30-20, 25-20, 30-20.

Senior Devon Forster led USD (24-5) with a match-high 19 kills. The Toreros were making their first-ever appearance in the Sweet 16.

"I think (USC's) middles did a very nice job tonight," said Toreros head coach Jennifer Petrie (Mt. Carmel High). "We had a hard time slowing them down offensively. They have a lot of size."

With the exception of USD's victory in Game 3, USC jumped out to big leads early all night.

"Too many times we let (USC) go on runs of points," Petrie said. "Where, if we could have tried to stick with them and get some sideouts at key times it would have, maybe, been a different story come the end of the games."

USC rolled to a 13-5 lead to begin the match, but the Toreros rallied to cut the Trojans' advantage to 21-17. Sophomores Emily Haas and Kristen Carlson put USD within one at 25-24, forcing USC head coach Mick Haley to call a timeout. The two teams traded points after the whistle before a kill by USC freshman attacker Sarah Florian and a subsequent USC point off its own serve ended Game 1.

The Trojans jumped out to a 7-2 lead in Game 2 en route to a convincing 10-point victory.

"We started out slowly," USD senior opposite Kristen Hurst said. "During the games we lost, we had too many streaks of errors and it was hard for us to catch up."

The Toreros managed to take Game 3, but couldn't keep the momentum going in Game 4.

Although the fourth game was tied 6-6, a flurry of USD attacking errors and back-to-back solo denials by USC senior Keo Burdine sparked a 9-1 USC run to put the Trojans up 15-7. With USC leading 25-12, the Toreros had one last push, closing to 26-17. But one of Candelas' 16 kills ended USD's season and put the Trojans into today's regional final.

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"I thought USC played a very tough match tonight," Petrie said. "They are very tough competitors and a well-rounded team. I'm very proud of my girls I thought they played well."

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"It's been a very rewarding season for us. My seniors especially have taken this team to new heights, have set new goals for us and have raised the level of our program."

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NCAA volleyball

St. Mary's Kauai Salzman (Rancho Bernardo) played in all three games and had three kills, but the Gaels lost in the regional semifinals in three games to Washington, 30-20, 30-20, 30-20.

Almanza advances

Palomar College's Dan Almanza decisioned West Valley's Tom Miller 13-1 to advance to today's 197-pound championship semifinals in the California State Community College wrestling tournament at Palomar.

Almanza, a former Poway High standout who is ranked fifth in the state, will take on No. 1-ranked Jordan Polly of Sierra, with the winner advancing to tonight's finals.

Comets Stuart Cole (157), Ricky Newsom (174), David Corson (184) and Tyler Mackey (heavyweight) all remained alive in consolation bracket bouts.

Today's championship semifinal round is slated for 11 a.m. Consolation rounds continue into the afternoon, with third-, fifth- and seventh-place matches at 2 p.m. and the finals at 6:30 p.m.

Aztecs hit by injuries

The San Diego State women's basketball team has lost sophomores Courtney Fritz and Erin Jackson for the season because of injuries.

The bad news for the Aztecs didn't end there. Sophomore guard/forward Michelle Elliott is expected to be out two to three weeks with a right knee injury.

Fritz, a guard, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee in the second half of the Aztecs' game at Nevada on Tuesday. Jackson, a forward, will have ankle reconstruction surgery to repair a tendon in her left ankle. Both will have surgery at the end of the month, with about five months of rehabilitation to follow.

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USD's Sweet run derailed by USC

Trojans start fast, end Toreros' streak at 18 matches

By **Howie Lindsey**
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — No. 8-ranked USC took the first two games and defeated No. 11 USD 3-1 last night in a Sweet 16 match at the NCAA Women's Volleyball Championships at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

With their 30-26, 30-20, 25-30, 30-20 victory, the eighth-seeded Trojans (22-5) joined the Elite Eight and will face top-seeded Nebraska tonight for a chance to advance to the Final Four next week in Long Beach. Nebraska beat Louisville 3-0.

For the Toreros (24-5), the loss ended an 18-match winning streak that started Oct. 1 and carried them through an undefeated conference season and a West Coast Conference championship.

Despite the loss, USD coach Jennifer Petrie proclaimed the season a success.

"I just told them I am very proud of my girls," Petrie said. "I thought they played well. It has been a very rewarding season for us. My seniors especially have taken this team to new heights. They've set new goals for us and have raised the level of our program."

The victory represented another step toward USC's goal of winning a third consecutive NCAA volleyball title.

"(The national championship) has been the focus this entire year working through the season," USC coach Mick Haley said. "We have good depth, we play hard and have good team support, so I certainly think this team can win it all. Will we? That's why we have the matches."

The Trojans were led by a dominating front line. Middle blockers Emily Adams, a 6-foot-6 senior, and Bibiana Candeles, a 6-5 junior, combined for 30 kills. USD was led by WCC Player of the Year Devon Forster, who led all players with 19 kills and dueled USC's 6-1 senior outside hitter, Keao Burdine, for much of the game.

"I think their middles did a very nice job tonight," Petrie said. "We had a hard time slowing them down offensively. They have a lot size in the middle."

Said USC's Adams: "We try to use our height to our advantage. It is definitely part of our game plan."

In the first game, the Trojans raced to a 16-6 lead before USD rallied, going on an 8-1 run and eventually whittling the lead to 21-20. The Trojans clinched the victory on a block from Candeles.

The second game started much like the first, with USC scoring six of the first seven points, two on USD errors. The Trojans' front line had six blocks to the Toreros' two on the way to a two-point win.

After taking the first two games, USC had not only momentum, but history on its side. The Trojans entered the match 18-0 this season in matches in which they won the first two games.

But the Toreros took the third game on numerous Trojans mistakes and a strong performance by sophomore Emily Haas.

"I told them we gave them 13 points on hitting errors," Haley said. "When they only have to score 17 points, it is tough to beat a good team like San Diego."

USD dominated the final game, jumping to a 25-12 lead before closing out the game and match with a 10-point victory.

Another opportunity for USD

Streaking Toreros to face Trojans in volleyball's Sweet 16

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

The sound of the volleyball hitting the floor. The roar from the crowd inside Jenny Craig Pavilion. The look on the faces of the USD players as they embraced in celebration. The tears in the eyes of Toreros coach Jennifer Petrie.

It took the USD women a couple of days to get over the sights and sounds that came with the biggest win in program history.

Saturday's victory over No. 21 Arizona was an accomplishment for the No. 9 Toreros, who had never advanced beyond the second round of the NCAA tournament.

But as fulfilling as the victory was, USD's hunger has not been satisfied.

"Our minimum goal was to get to the Sweet 16," said senior Kristen Hurst. "Obviously, we're not planning to stop now."

The Toreros (24-4) put their 18-match winning streak on the line today at 2 when they make their Sweet 16 debut against No. 8 seed USC (21-5), the two-time defending champion, in Louisville, Ky.

The winner meets either top-seeded Nebraska (29-1) or Louisville (30-2) on national television tomorrow for the chance to play in the Final Four in Long Beach next weekend.

Although the Trojans have the winning tradition to go with the hardware, USD is not intimidated.

"They're not as invincible as they seemed in the past," said Petrie, the West Coast Conference Coach of the Year. "So we'll go in with the will to win."

Petrie will also send her players in prepared. USC runs an offense that features three players in the front row at all times, something few teams do with the proficiency of the Trojans.

"That's what makes the Trojans unique and why they're the (defending) national champions," Petrie said.

USD may boast a physical offensive game, but the Toreros proved their ball control can keep them in matches with the best in the nation.

"Each of us has different strengths," Petrie said. "So our weaknesses cancel out."

Added Hurst: "It'll come down to who has the better match."

USD, which this week is ranked 11th, no longer will have the boost from a crowd at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"I really do believe they carried us through some tight points (against the Wildcats)," Petrie said.

But with a conference schedule that included a number of tough matches on back-to-back nights, the Toreros can thank the other WCC teams for preparing them for the postseason.

"It will be a challenge to be on the road," Petrie said. "But we're used to being road warriors."

Now, it's up to USD to prove it can once again put that all together into a winning combination.

"When you're one of 16 teams playing at this point, nobody can be overlooked," Petrie said. "We want to play USC. We're excited about that opportunity."



Kristen Hurst, spiking against SDSU, says the Toreros aren't planning to stop now.
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North San Diego County roundup: Comets to host state wrestling

By: North County Times

The California State Community College Wrestling Championships begin at 4 p.m. today at Palomar College. Session two will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, with finals and third-place matches following at 7 p.m.

Palomar, which had won nine state team titles, qualified wrestlers in eight of 10 weight classes. Freshman Dan Almanza (Poway High alumnus), who finished second in the 197-pound weight class in the South Regionals, headlines the qualifiers.

The other Comets are David Corson (fourth, 184 pounds), Ricky Newsom (fourth, 174), Ricardo Figueroa (sixth, 125), A.J. Hagen (seventh, 165), Stewart Cole (seventh, 157), and Andrew Lowen (seventh, 149).

Morrison gets T...

San Diego State linebacker Kirk Morrison was named a second-team All-American by The Sporting News. Morrison got first-team All-America recognition last year from College Football News.

He completed his college football career with 396 tackles, second behind Whip Walton in Aztecs history. He had 115 tackles this year, the same total as 2003.

It's USD vs. USC

The University of San Diego women's volleyball team traveled three times zones to take on a fellow California school in the NCAA regionals. The Toreros (24-4) will face USC (24-4) in a regional semifinal at Louisville, Ky.

The winner will take on either Nebraska (29-1) or host Louisville (30-2) on Saturday with a Final Four berth on the line.

USD, which has reached the final 16 for the first time in school history, is on an 18-match winning streak. As the host school in the subregional, the Toreros defeated New Mexico State and Arizona to move on to the Louisville Regional.

USC last faced USD in the first round of the 2002 NCAA tournament. The Trojans won in three games.

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USD's NCAA volleyball victory is sweet one

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

It's hard to imagine anyone in San Diego cared that it was 55 degrees and raining in Louisville, Ky., yesterday evening.

At least anyone other than the USD women's volleyball team, which had hoped its history-making path would eventually lead to Derbytown.

By surviving a late push by No. 21-seeded Arizona, No. 9 USD captured an emotional 30-28, 30-28, 25-30, 27-30, 15-13 victory in the second round of the NCAA Tournament in front of a crowd of 1,054 last night at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

More important, USD advances to its first Sweet 16 in school history, a round that has the Toreros meeting two-time defending national champion USC (21-5), the tournament's eighth

seed, Friday in Louisville.

"It is a milestone, something we've tried to reach for a long, long time now," said USD head coach Jennifer Petrie. "We have these high expectations and these high goals and to finally meet one of them, it's outstanding. "We don't want to stop. We want the season to continue."

With the match as tight as it could be in the fifth game, two well-timed tips by Toreros junior setter Lindsey Sherburne, coupled with the electricity of the home crowd, made the difference in the end.

"Lindsey is the quarterback of our team," said Petrie, whose team has now won 18 consecutive matches. "Those last couple of points in the match where their blockers had released (to the outside of the court) on our hitters, Lindsey was wide open."

Added Wildcats coach David Rubio:

"The heart and soul of the team was (Sherburne). She runs that team, and at the end of the match, she made plays for them. Those were opportunities for us to earn points and put the match away if we had defended it a little bit better."

The first of those tips tied the fifth-game score at 11-11; the second pushed USD ahead 14-13 a little later.

"We've been in some really tight five-game matches," said Sherburne, who finished with 71 assists and four kills. "(With the match tied at 2-2) we all knew that when we looked into each other's eyes, we wanted this so bad tonight and we knew we could do it."

Despite the size and athleticism of Arizona's front line, the Wildcats (19-11) had trouble addressing the Toreros hitters early on, especially sophomore middle Erin Haas.

After two games, the 5-foot-11 Nevada native had drilled 11 kills with just a single error. She finished the match with a team-high 19 kills.

The Wildcats refused to let the match end in three, making the adjustments they needed to take advantage of their strengths — blocking and defending.

Arizona pulled ahead 10-7 in the final game when USD called a time out. Back-to-back kills by senior Kristen Hurst and junior Kristen Carlson followed before a block by Haas in the middle tied the score at 10-10.

Elsewhere

California Baptist (37-5) defeated Concordia University (34-6) 30-23, 30-27, 32-34, 30-16 in the championship match of the NAIA National Volleyball Tournament at Point Loma Nazarene University.

Toreros get NCAA win in volleyball

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

A team newcomer who had battled nagging injuries all season, USD sophomore Kristen Carlson was waiting for the right time to put together a career game as a Torero.

Last night, the Washington State transfer did it.

With a season-high 23 kills, Carlson proved to be too tough for visiting New Mexico State to stop, leading the No. 9 Toreros to a 30-19, 30-27, 30-24 victory in the first round of the NCAA women's volleyball tournament regional at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"It's been a long time coming," said Carlson, who last year was a member of the Pac-10 All-Freshman team. "This team has been so great. I transferred and was so excited to be a part of it tonight. It was really important that we started off strong and we did. We had to be aggressive and not hold anything back."

With the victory, before a USD-record crowd of 1,161, the Toreros (23-4) advanced to play No. 21 Arizona (19-10) tonight at 6 at USD. The winner advances to the round of 16 in Louisville, Ky.

"The atmosphere was really electric," said Toreros coach Jennifer Petrie, whose team has won 17 straight matches and defeated Arizona during the regular season. "It's really exciting to have the support that the fans showed us tonight."

Carlson combined with the 20 kills of West Coast Conference Player of the Year Devon Forester to lead an offensive effort that, while different from what USD was used to, had the same winning result.

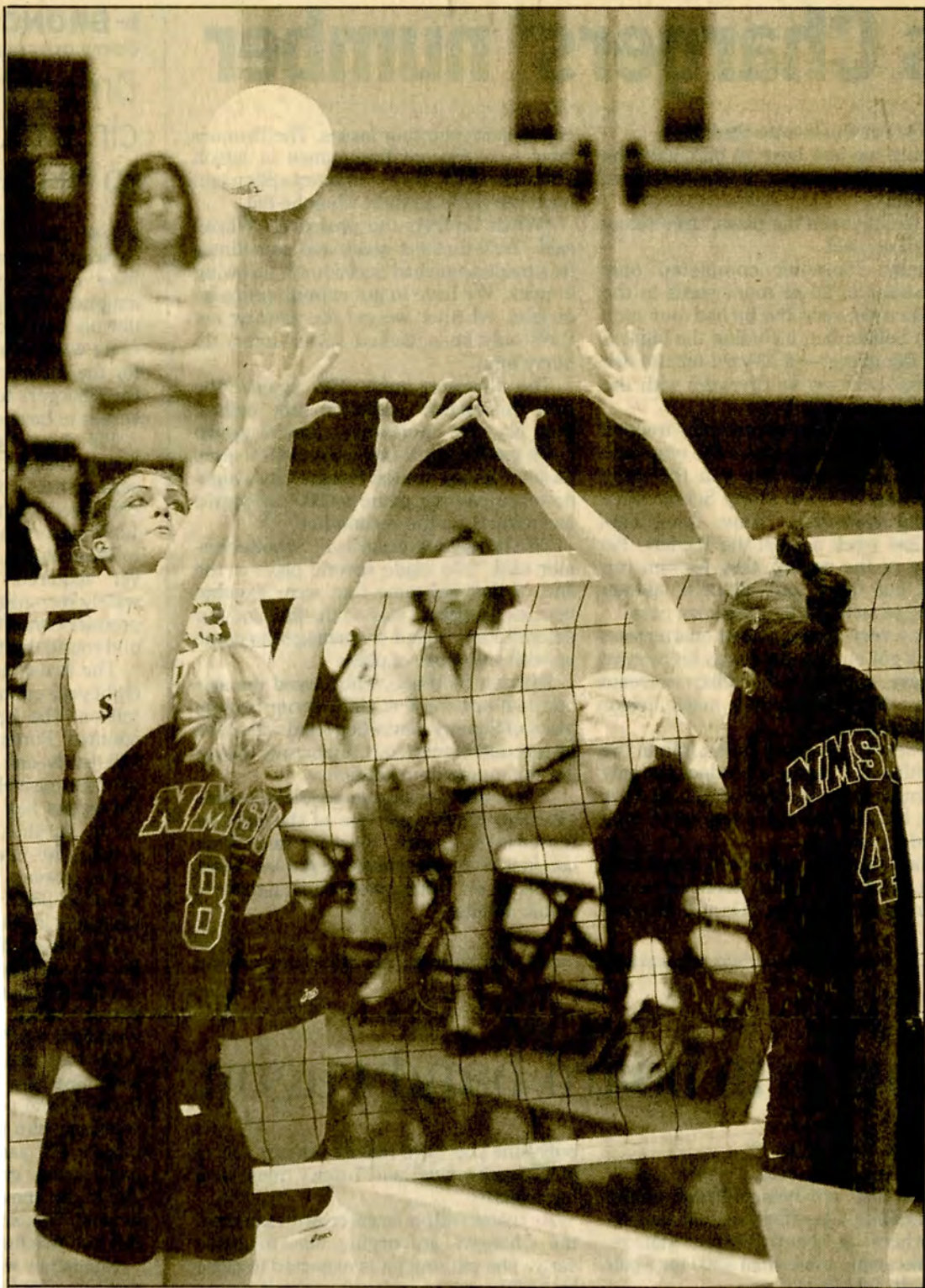
"We couldn't quite run the offense we wanted," said Petrie, who usually sees four or five of her hitters finish with 10 or more kills. "But it's nice to know we have two hitters who can carry the load."

Solid passing early on enabled Toreros setter Lindsey Sherburne to keep the New Mexico State front line guessing, and Carlson took advantage of it.

"She is so difficult to handle, being left-handed," Aggies coach Mike Jordan said of Carlson. "She did a great job moving the ball around. It was very difficult to block her."

USD ended the 19-match winning streak of the two-time Sun Belt Conference champion Aggies (30-3), and held their hitters to eight kills or fewer, including conference Player of the Year and lone senior Stevi Adams (five kills).

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Outside hitter Kristen Carlson uses her 6-foot-2 frame and leaping ability to tower over two New Mexico State defenders for a spike in USD's first-round NCAA regional victory. *Jamie Smith photo*



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Toreros' women's volleyball team thrives under pressure

By: SCOTT BAIR - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- The University of San Diego women's volleyball team is used to playing under pressure. The Toreros have defeated three nationally ranked opponents and competed in six five-game matches, including the final two contests of the regular season.

Nothing, however, could've prepared USD for the pressure that comes with making history. The Toreros haven't ever qualified for the NCAA tournament's Sweet 16. Compound that with the fact Arizona erased a two-game deficit to force a decisive fifth game in Saturday's second-round match against USD at Jenny Craig Pavilion. The pressure was undoubtedly on.

The No. 9-seeded Toreros, however, refused to buckle and emerged with a 30-28, 30-28, 25-30, 27-30, 15-13 victory over the Wildcats. USD (24-4) will play No. 8 USC in the Sweet 16 on Friday at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Ky.

"This is a milestone we've been trying to reach for a long time now," said USD coach Jennifer Petrie, a Mt. Carmel High product. "We've always had high expectations and lofty goals, so it feels good to finally break through."

The Toreros accomplished that by playing well under pressure. They erased a five-point deficit to win the first game and made up six points claim the second. In the fifth and final game, the Toreros played smart volleyball.

When USD was down 11-10 in the fifth, setter Lindsey Sherburne came up with a plan to square the game.



The Torero volleyball team celebrates match point against the Arizona Wildcats during the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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Sherburne received a pass from libero Jackie Bernardin and instead of setting one of her hitters, she dumped the ball over the net for an easy point.

"Their block was releasing on our hitters, which left the middle wide open," Petrie said. "It was excellent foresight on Lindsey's part to see the opening and take advantage of it."

Arizona's block was disoriented after that. USD's hitters had more freedom during the final points as did Sherburne. USD officially advanced past Arizona (19-11) on an errant hit by Kim Glass.

Sherburne wasn't the only USD player to come through in the clutch. Emily Haas finished with several key kills and 19 overall. Devon Forster had 18 kills and Bernardin led the defense with 26 digs.

"This team has been mentally tough all year," Petrie said. "They've been down before, but these girls just don't give up. It doesn't matter what the scoreboard says, we still go after it and fight the fight no matter where we are in the match.

"We fought to make it this far, but we don't want to stop now. We want to keep winning and see how far we can go."

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3 share lead in stroke play event

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Lenny Park, Chris Kessler and Josh Gold sit atop the leader board at 3-under at the 31st Arizona Stroke Play Championship played at The Raven Golf Club's South Mountain and Verrado courses on Friday.

Park, a junior at Arizona State, who is recovering from hip surgery, had an up-and-down day at the par-72, 7,258-yard course at Verrado shooting a 1-over 73. Kessler's 6-under 66 at the par-72, 7,078-yard South Mountain course gave him a big boost. Gold playing on the Verrado course also had a tremendous performance on the back nine with an eagle, three birdies and a late bogey on the 17th hole.

Boxing

Phoenix middleweight Jesus Gonzales (12-0) won a fourth round TKO over Jorge Garcia (4-15) at Laredo, Texas. Gonzales was never in trouble against the overmatched Garcia, who was about nine pounds heavier.

Volleyball

Arizona swept through its NCAA Tournament first-round match against UC Irvine 30-19, 30-17, 30-18 at the University of San Diego. Arizona will take on the winner of Friday night's late San Diego/New Mexico State match.

Martial arts

The Arizona Desert Quest grappling championship is at 6 tonight at Mesa Westwood High. Competition will be held in seven open weight classes and two women's divisions. Spectator admission is \$5.

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USD volleyballers aim for NCAA success

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

There's a buzz on the USD campus, a buzz Toreros volleyball player Jackie Bernardin isn't used to.

But Bernardin, a junior, isn't complaining — especially on the eve of the NCAA tournament.

"It's exciting to be the team on campus," Bernardin said. "We're looking forward to the next step."

At this time last year the Toreros were reeling from seven straight losses to end the season. Now, riding a 16-match winning streak, USD is taking the court determined to prove itself.

First, as deserving of the nation's No. 9 ranking and home court for the opening round.

Then, as a talented team worthy of a

West Coast Conference championship.

"We've worked hard this year," head coach Jennifer Petrie said. "It's time for us to put it out there and show people how good we are. It's time to shine."

The Toreros (22-4) will make their fourth consecutive appearance and eighth in nine years in the NCAA tournament starting tomorrow night at 7:30 against New Mexico State (30-2), a team USD hasn't seen since 1983.

"It's awesome to finally see someone new," said Bernardin, the WCC's Defensive Player of the Year. "It gives you a second wind."

In recent years, USD traveled to the home courts of Southern California's more tradition volleyball powerhouses, only to fall short in the NCAA tournament's early rounds. But the fact that

USD is seeded ninth this year means the competition will come to the Toreros' Jenny Craig Pavilion.

"It's business as usual for us," said Petrie, honored as the WCC Coach of the Year. "We've been doing this all year. It's nothing out of the norm."

Everything seems to be falling into place for the Toreros.

"Because we have done so well (in conference, finishing with a 14-0 record), we have a lot of confidence," said junior setter Lindsey Sherburne, an All-WCC first-team pick. "A lot of it is if we play our style of volleyball, our game, we can compete with anyone."

USD hopes that confidence, combined with the homecourt advantage and the play of six All-WCC players, can give the Toreros the push they need to

advance for the first time to the round of 16, which this year would mean a trip to Louisville, Ky.

"It's hard not to look forward, especially in a situation like this," Petrie said.

But, Petrie added, don't expect the Toreros to get ahead of themselves.

"We haven't looked forward all year long," Bernardin said. "Why start now?"

That was a lesson USD learned long ago from a conference full of trying opponents, four of which also are tournament-bound. And it was surviving match after match against those teams that put the Toreros in a position to persevere.

"The way our season played out, I don't think we could be better prepared," Petrie said. "This is the first steppingstone."

Women's Volleyball

What: NCAA Division I tournament

Site: Jenny Craig Pavilion, USD

When: Tomorrow and Saturday

Schedule: Tomorrow's first-round matches: No. 21 Arizona (18-10) vs. UC Irvine (18-10), 5:30 p.m.; No. 9 USD (22-4) vs. New Mexico State (30-2), 7:30. The winners meet Saturday at 6 p.m., with that winner advancing to the round of 16 in Louisville, Ky.

Tickets: Full-session tickets (all three matches) can be purchased at the JCP ticket office for \$10 (GA), \$6 (students/seniors) or \$4 (12-and-under). Single-session tickets also are available.

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USD volleyball coach grew an NCAA entrant out of last year's wreckage

By: DAN HAYES - Staff Writer

SAN DIEGO ---- University of San Diego volleyball coach Jennifer Petrie knows there isn't a whole lot of wiggle room in her style of coaching. The Mt. Carmel High graduate expects only the best from her players, but at the same time wants them to remain as passionate about volleyball as the first time they walked on to the Linda Vista campus.

It's similar to walking a tightrope, only on the sideline.

"It's always like we're riding this thin line of demanding excellence while still having them love the game," Petrie said. "I'm very compassionate, but I also have a high level of expectations. I think that we run a fun practice, but we're very demanding."

Thus far, the fashion in which she coaches has worked in Petrie's favor. Tonight at 7:30 the Toreros (22-4) will begin play in their fifth NCAA volleyball tournament during her six-year tenure.

But this season's version has a twist ---- for the first time in school history, USD will host an NCAA tournament match, as Sun Belt Conference champion New Mexico State (30-2) comes to town. Arizona (18-10) will face UC-Irvine (18-10) in a 5:30 p.m. match at Jenny Craig Pavillon.

And you can look no further than Petrie's actions following last year's first-round tournament loss to UCLA as a catalyst for this season's run.

The 30-20, 30-17, 30-24 defeat to the No. 7-ranked Bruins was USD's seventh in a row to end the season, and Petrie wasn't shy about reminding her team of it.

"We started working for this year the week after we lost to UCLA," senior Devon Forster said. "That was something different than the past couple of years. Every day (Petrie) reminded us how crappy it felt to lose to UCLA. She kept us really focused.



Jennifer Petrie, head coach of the USD womens volleyball team, talks with athletic director Jo-Ann Nestor. Stan Liu/For The North County Times

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"She comes to the gym every day to win ... to bring the best out of us."

Petrie did just that this season, as the Toreros won the West Coast Conference crown for the first time since 1998 and are riding a 16-match winning streak. The school also achieved its highest ranking ever ---- 12th in the nation ---- in the American Volleyball Coaches Association poll, helping pave the way for it to host the NCAA tournament.

For her efforts, Petrie, whose maiden name was Tornis, was recognized as the WCC's Coach of the Year.

The honor is another item to add to what is quickly becoming an impressive volleyball resume: 123 Division I-A victories; two-time Colonial Athletic Association Player of the Year honors (1990-91, William and Mary College), and Palomar League Player of the Year (1987).

"The interesting thing about this past year is Jan. 1 was the beginning of the 2004 season," Petrie said. "We had all of our girls coming back and returning and we really could focus for a full year. I think the winning streak has created a lot of confidence, but we've had to work hard each match."

A strong work ethic has always been part of Petrie's makeup, according to Nebraska coach John Cook, who headed Petrie's San Diego Junior Volleyballers Club team for two years (1987-88).

Cook said he sees similarities between Petrie's play and her coaching style at USD.

"She was a focused and intense competitor," said Cook, who coached Nebraska to a national championship in 2000. "Her teams play hard, and she gets a lot out of them. She had to play hard to compete (because she was undersized)."

While Petrie's coaching style may be businesslike, junior Jackie Bernardin said her coach has created an atmosphere rarely seen in college sports. The second-year transfer from the University of Texas thinks it's Petrie's playing experiences that have helped her develop good relationships with her own athletes.

"She knows exactly what we're going through ... what our day consists of," Bernardin said. "She's done that and she understands the pressures. You don't get that in college."

Petrie won't be the only local product on the court tonight: USD freshman Lauren McClure (Torrey Pines) and Arizona freshman Emily Harper (Carlsbad) will both suit up.

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NCAA Bound!



TUCSON, Ariz. – The No. 21 Arizona volleyball team (18-10) will face UC Irvine (18-10) in the first round of the NCAA Tournament at the University of San Diego at 6 p.m. (PDT) this Friday, Dec. 3. It will be the ninth-straight appearance in the single-elimination tournament for the Wildcats.

"This is a very good draw for us," Head Coach David Rubio said.

The Anteaters, which finished tied for fourth in the Big West Conference with an 11-7 mark, boast Big West Player of the Year Kelly Wing and three other All-Big West players.

Last season, UC Irvine made its first NCAA Tournament berth in 15 years, collecting its first-ever postseason victory with a 2-0 win over Missouri before falling to UCLA in straight sets.

The winner of the Arizona/UC Irvine match will face the winner of the No. 15 San Diego (22-4)/New Mexico State (30-2) match in the second round of the tournament, which will be played at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 4.

Arizona, which has won six of its last eight matches, is 5-10 this year against NCAA Tournament teams. The Cats are 2-2 all-time vs. the Anteaters.

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UW Volleyball

Three Huskies honored to All-Pacific Region team

By Craig Smith

By Craig Smith Seattle Times staff reporter

Honors continue to accumulate for the fifth-ranked University of Washington volleyball team that faces St. Mary's Friday in the round of 16 of the NCAA tournament.

Three Huskies — junior libero Candace Lee, freshman outside hitter Christal Morrison and sophomore setter Courtney Thompson — were named yesterday to the All-Pacific Region team of the American Volleyball Coaches Association. Junior outside hitter Brie Hagerty was an honorable-mention selection.

Morrison, who suffered a partial tear of a knee ligament in practice last week and played for only part of one game last weekend, was named regional freshman of the year.

The Huskies' 2003 All-American, Sanja Tomasevic, was ineligible for postseason awards after missing five weeks during the season with a broken hand.

The Huskies need to win two matches this weekend to qualify for their first trip to NCAA volleyball's Final Four.

The 7:30 p.m. match Friday in Hec Edmundson Pavilion pitting the seventh-seeded Huskies (26-2) against 10th-seeded St. Mary's (25-3) will be televised by FSN. In the preliminary match, second-seeded Penn State (29-2) faces 15th-seeded UCLA (20-10) at 5 o'clock.

The winners return to Edmundson Pavilion on Saturday to play at 7 p.m. for the region's berth in the Final Four, Dec. 16-18 in Long Beach, Calif.

St. Mary's roster includes sophomore middle blocker Mariko Coverdale from Marysville-Pilchuck High School. She is second on the team with 114 blocks.

The Gaels finished second in the West Coast Conference behind San Diego. Last weekend, they eliminated Sacramento State and California in the first and second rounds of the tournament while the Huskies dispatched Idaho and then needed to come from behind in the fifth game to eliminate Kansas.

The most decorated player on the Gaels' roster is sophomore setter, Mandy Bible, who earned her second national player-of-the-week award last week.

"They are a good team," said UW coach Jim McLaughlin of the Gaels. "They are going to play a style of game much like ours."

This is the second overall NCAA appearance and second in two years for St. Mary's, which hired Jon Stevenson as coach three years ago. Washington, which won its first Pac-10 title this season, is in the tournament for the ninth time.

AVCA All-Pacific Region Team

Emily Adams, USC, MB, Sr.; Keao Burdine, USC, OH, Sr.; Devon Forster, University of San Diego, OH, Sr.; Kristen Hurst, University of San Diego, RS/Opp, Sr.; **Candace Lee**, **University of Washington**, **DS/Lib**, Jr.; Camille Leffall, University of California, MB, Sr.; **Christal Morrison**, **University of Washington**, **OH**, Fr.; Kelli Nerison, Loyola Marymount University, MB, Sr.; Ogonna Nnamani, Stanford University, OH, Sr.; Lindsey St. John, University of San Diego, S, Jr.; **Courtney Thompson**, **University of Washington**, **S**, So.; Chrissie Zartman, University of San Diego, S/Lib, Sr.

Region Freshman of the Year: Christal Morrison, Washington, OH

Honorable Mention: Sandra Bandimere (Sacramento State, OH, Sr.), Bibiana Candelas (Southern California State, OH, Sr.), Brie Hagerty (Washington, OH, Jr.), Jennifer Hucke (Stanford, RS/Opp, Sr.), Krystal McFarland (UCLA, S, Sr.), Kristin Richards (Stanford, OH, So.)

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Soccer MARK ZEIGLER

Best of '04



Coach of the Year

At midseason, the USD women were 4-6-1.

Six weeks later, they were 12-7-2, ranked in the top 25 and winners of the school's first NCAA tournament game in five years. They ultimately lost to UCLA in the second round on the Bruins' home field, no great shame considering UCLA lost in the NCAA final in a penalty shootout.

The architect of the 8-1-1 run through October and November was Ada Greenwood, who — no surprise — was named West

Ada Greenwood took the USD women into the second round of the playoffs. *Union-Tribune*

Coast Conference Coach of the Year in a league many regard among the nation's best. At 5-1-1, the Toreros had their best conference record in school history and came within 16 seconds of going undefeated.



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Haas Developing Into One of the WCC's Best

Head Coach Jennifer Petrie is counting on sophomore middle blocker Emily Haas to play an integral role in San Diego's postseason.

Dec. 3, 2004

Roland Hu (USD Media Relations)

With a three-game sweep over St. Mary's on November 13 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion, San Diego clinched their third ever West Coast Conference Championship title. Currently No. 12 in the AVCA/USA Today Coaches Poll, the highest ranking ever achieved in school history, the University of San Diego finished their season with only four losses and coasted through conference play to a perfect 14-0 at the season's end. USD now enters the NCAA Tournament this weekend seeded 9th in the nation and will host the first and second rounds of the Tournament, a program first. Riding on a 16-match winning streak, the Toreros look to do some serious damage in December and Head Coach Jennifer Petrie is counting on sophomore middle blocker Emily Haas to play an integral role in San Diego's postseason.



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year's honorable mention recognition.

With such an emphasis placed on height in collegiate volleyball, the numbers Haas puts up suggest that she too is among the 6-foot plus giants manning the frontcourt. At only 5'11", however, Haas is the shortest starting middle blocker on

With her athleticism and quickness at the net, Haas has developed into one of the most powerful attackers in the WCC. The sophomore middle blocker was named WCC Co-Player of the Week for the week of November 8 and ranks second on the team in kills per game (2.93) and blocks per game (0.73). She has also recorded double-figures in kills in 12 of the last 13 matches. For her efforts, Haas was named to the 2004 WCC First Team, a step up from last

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any Top-15 team in the country.

"What attracted San Diego to Emily was the fact that she was one of the most physically dominating players at Junior Olympics last year," said San Diego assistant coach Brent Hilliard. "We weren't the only ones to see that. Someday she has a chance to be an All-American at the collegiate level."

Traditionally, it is uncommon for top college coaches to recruit middle blockers who are under 6-feet tall which leaves little room for smaller middles to earn their way onto a collegiate roster. Petrie, however, saw the potential in Haas, despite her relatively small stature in comparison with other middle blockers, and did not hesitate to offer her the chance to play for the University of San Diego.

"We traditionally recruit kids who are extremely athletic in the middle, who move well laterally, who are quick off the floor, and who have good instincts. [Haas] has all those things," comments Petrie. "We are not as concerned about size as we are about their mobility."

All season long, Haas has exhibited all of the characteristics that Petrie and the Torero coaching squad look for. Time and time again, San Diego's starting middle blocker has gone toe-to-toe with some of the hardest hitters -- and tallest athletes -- that the WCC has to offer. Haas has held her own and has gained confidence and satisfaction in beating her bigger opponents.

"Yes I do [get some satisfaction]. The only reason why [I do better than bigger middles] is because I'm faster," reveals Haas. "All the other girls are taller and slower and they have the height advantage for blocking, but when you are quicker -- it's harder to block a quick player."

Haas asserts that despite being so short compared to most middle blockers, she still cited interest from some of the best collegiate volleyball programs in the nation, including Big West powerhouse UC Santa Barbara and the 2000 National Championship runner-up Wisconsin.

So why did Haas, out of all of the offers she received, choose to play for the University of San Diego?

"I chose to play for San Diego because of the coaches. I love the area and the team was very nice and made me feel very welcome. And I just couldn't have asked for better coaches."

When Haas first joined the Toreros last season as a true freshman, she made an immediate impact. Playing in all but two matches, she provided much needed depth in the middle for San Diego, leading the squad in total blocks with 63. In only her first year of play, Haas was named as an Honorable Mention for WCC post-season accolades. In the off-season, Haas worked hard to develop her attacking game and has evolved into a player who is reliable on both offense and defense.

"She's a more complete player right now. Last year, we didn't use her as much offensively," states Petrie. "[This season], we count on her to put the ball away in a lot of cases."

The biggest challenge, Haas discovered, was adjusting to the pace of the game, as collegiate volleyball is played at a much higher level than anything Haas had previously experienced in her prep days. In addition, an injury early in her freshman year hindered her progress, forcing her to play catch-up for the remainder of the season. Yet, she remained optimistic; despite the challenges she faced during her first year as a Torero, and credits her teammates and coaches for helping her persevere through the difficult moments.

"I struggled big time last year. It was not a good year for me. This year was when I came out and played my game," admits Haas. "Without [my teammates and coaches] pushing me, helping me and encouraging me to... become a better

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player, I couldn't do it without them."

Haas' volleyball career began in middle school and continued through to her freshman year of high school when she joined the Douglas County Volleyball Club in the 9th grade. After less than stellar results with DCVB ("We were absolutely horrible!"), she transferred to the more competitive Silver State Volleyball Club. Besides volleyball, Haas was also a standout basketball player in high school, but knew that volleyball was her ticket into Division One competition.

"I wanted to get a college scholarship and I decided [volleyball] was how I would get a scholarship," says Haas. "I feel like I had more of an advantage playing volleyball because I played club and I traveled a lot. College coaches saw me then."

By the time her prep career wrapped up at Douglas County High School, Haas had garnered a state-wide reputation and earned consecutive All-State honors for both her junior and senior years.


The future, however, looks uncertain for Haas. While she does not envision herself playing professional ball after college, she would like to pursue some kind of profession in sports, preferably as a coach.

"I'm heading towards a business degree, but I don't really know what I want to do," she says. "If I don't for sure get a job coaching or being involved in sports somehow, I want to get a side job coaching."

For now though, Haas and the rest of the Torero squad will concentrate on the first and second rounds of the NCAA Tournament, which kick off this weekend at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. In nine overall trips into the NCAA's, USD has won its first round match four times, but has never advanced past the tournament's second round. This year, however, looks promising as the Toreros have the chance to advance deep into the tournament. And with Haas at the net, Petrie and the rest of the Toreros are even more confident about their chances.

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Regional Roundup: Irish coach, players picked

Sheldon seniors Kelsey Provo and Sam Pabst were named first-team all-state selections after leading the Irish to their second straight Class 4A girls soccer title. Sheldon's Phil Larsen was named coach of the year.

REGIONAL ROUNDUP

Churchill defender Allison Newton, the co-MVP of the Midwestern League, was also named to the first team.

South Eugene's Leland Wright, who recently signed with the University of San Diego, was a first-team selection on the boys side along with Sheldon's Jordan Crasilneck, who will play at Vermont next season.

Cottage Grove junior Jaime Urenda, North Bend senior Sean Johnson and Marist senior goalkeeper Scott Macha were all first-team selections for the 3A boys. Senior forwards Jessica Richey of North Bend and Rachelle Townley of Pleasant Hill were first-team selections in 3A/2A/1A girls.

Suspended Beavers

won't play in bowl

CORVALLIS - The five Oregon State football players, including starting flanker Anthony Wheat-Brown, suspended last month following two separate altercations at a Corvallis restaurant/bar will not be allowed to participate in the Insight Bowl.

Mike Riley, the OSU coach, announced on Tuesday that Wheat-Brown, reserve defensive end Joe Rudolph, reserve offensive guard Brent Bridges and squad members Whitfield Usher and Ryan Rainwater will remain suspended through the Dec. 28 game against Notre Dame at Phoenix, Ariz.

Rainwater could not play this season because of his redshirt status after transferring to Oregon State from Portland State.

Rudolph is the only OSU athlete facing charges filed by Corvallis police.

The Beavers, 6-5 and making their fifth postseason appearance in the last six years, resume practice on Friday in preparation for the game against the 6-5 Irish.

At the end of the 16-game league season, the top eight teams will compete in a district tournament to determine the top teams into the 1A state tournament.

Wright commits to San Diego

South Eugene's Leland Wright has made a verbal commitment to play soccer at the University of San Diego next year.

Wright, who was named co-MVP of the Midwestern League along with Sheldon's Jordan Crasilneck this past season, also received scholarship offers from Washington, Portland and Santa Clara.

The high-scoring forward finished with 33 goals for the Axemen this year to break the school single-season scoring record held by Nate Jaqua, who currently plays forward for the Chicago Fire in Major League Soccer.

Jaqua scored 31 goals for the Axemen during his junior season in 1998.

"For me, it came down to San Diego or Santa Clara, and the feeling I got was that San Diego was the best place for me," Wright said.

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Soccer club prepares players for success

By: DAN HAYES - Staff writer

POWAY ---- Intense. Proficient. Competitive. That's how several members of the 1987-88 San Diego Junior Volleyball Club described the highly skilled atmosphere that surrounded Southern California's top club team during practice sessions. John Cook, the team's coach at the time, took it one step further.

The current head women's coach at the University of Nebraska vividly recalled his first day of practice in 1987, when Jenelle Duvall was left with the word Mizuno stamped on her face courtesy of a blast from teammate Carolyn Taatafa-Hudson. Duvall was regarded as one of the San Diego area's best players and later was an All-American at the University of Pittsburgh.

But on that day, she met her match.

"Carolyn hit a ball down the line that hit Jenelle square in the face and knocked her flat on her back," Cook said. "Jenelle was a great defensive player. When you put that many athletes together at that level, you just kind of create an energy.

"These great athletes are just going at it."

Those athletes created more than just an energy, they created an environment that led to future success ---- as well as success at the time. The team won back-to-back Southern California section titles and finished fourth and third overall nationally.

In hindsight, the group assembled was a dream team of sorts ---- many players went on to enjoy later success.

University of San Diego women's coach Jennifer Petrie, a Mt. Carmel High graduate, was just named the West Coast Conference's coach of the year.

Duvall spent one season as head women's volleyball coach at Metro State University in Denver. Her younger sister, Nicole Lantagne-Welch, is the women's volleyball coach at the University of Miami.

Andrea Radmilovich-Montgomery, now the vice principal at West Hills High, earned a scholarship to Fresno State and later coached girls volleyball at La Costa Canyon.

And Cook has spent 12 years coaching women's volleyball at the NCAA Division I level, first with Wisconsin and then Nebraska, where he won a national championship in 2000.

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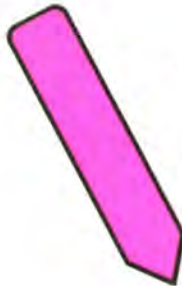
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Patterson headed to San Diego

By: Tim Menicutch

Oakmont High quarterback K.C. Patterson plans to play football at the University of San Diego in the fall.

Patterson earned a merit scholarship at the Division I-AA school and said University of San Diego head coach Ji Harbaugh, a former NFL quarterback, was the main reason he chose the college.

"He's a great coach. The program just feels like the right fit," Patterson said. "He's one of the best quarterbacks in the country. He said there's a chance I could get the starting position next season."

Patterson, who graduates from Oakmont on Jan. 14, starts classes in San Diego 17 days later. Spring football practice starts in early March. Patterson, a 6-foot-3, 200-pounder, has already been accepted academically at University of San Diego and plans to major in business.

- Tim Menicutch

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blitzes, they sacked Brees a season-high four times, one week after a mild concussion sidelined him.

Rivers, at No. 2, sits and waits.

"When it does happen, or if doesn't happen, I will be ready," Rivers said. "Hopefully, we can keep this thing rolling."

Harbaugh on the move?

University of San Diego coach Jim Harbaugh has been linked with the vacant Indiana State coaching position. Harbaugh, an ex-Chargers QB, wasn't available for comment. Ky Snyder, USD's athletic director, said he hasn't been contacted by Indiana State.

Harbaugh led the Indianapolis Colts over the Chargers in San Diego's last playoff appearance in 1995.

Quick hits

With CB Drayton Florence moving into the starting lineup for Sammy Davis (leg), Jamar Fletcher becomes the nickel back. Fletcher was part of the trade with Miami for WR David Boston. ... RB Jesse Chatman (toe) and WR/KR Tim Dwight (toe) wore protective boots Friday and didn't practice. They expect to play Sunday. Davis is out.

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Sockers beat Kixx

Paul Wright scored two goals and had an assist to lead the visiting Sockers to a 6-3 victory over the Philadelphia Kixx. Braeden Cloutier, Ryan Mack, Herculez Gomez and Mark Ughy also scored for the winners.

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Four Toreros honored

The University of San Diego placed four football players on The Sports Network's Division I-AA Mid-Major All-America team: quarterback Todd Mortensen, wide receiver Michael Gasperson, offensive lineman Keith Zapalac and linebacker Jeff Langdon.

USD women beat UCR

At Riverside: Amber Sprague scored 27 points to lead the Toreros (3-2) over UC Riverside (1-4). Brandi Collato (Santa Fe Christian) added 18 points for USD.

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Corky: Coaching in Texas, Tomey may make way to San Jose

CORKY SIMPSON
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Texas hasn't changed Dick Tomey; he's just become a bit Austin-tacious.

"It's a great place," said the former Arizona football coach, now an assistant at the University of Texas and under consideration as the next head coach at San Jose State.

"Austin has country music and more good barbecue than you really need," Tomey said.

And excellent college football, facilities and fans.

On the Texas staff with Tomey is his longtime friend and former assistant at Arizona, Duane Akina.

The No. 6 Longhorns are 10-1, losing only to archenemy Oklahoma, and will meet No. 13 Michigan (9-2) in the Rose Bowl on Saturday.

Texas moseyed past California in the final Bowl Championship Series standings when Cal lost enough votes in The Associated Press poll to get moved from the coveted Rose Bowl to the Holiday Bowl.

A lot of folks howled about that, and the AP announced it would no longer allow the BCS to use its Top 25 media poll. Everyone is waiting now to hear from the lawyers.

For 14 years at Arizona, the popular Tomey stood firmly against anyone who would do unto the Pacific-10 Conference that which the league would prefer not be done. Such as outsiders replacing a Pac-10 team in the Rose Bowl or any other bowl.

But here he was, defensive ends coach at Texas, hoping the AP voters and the BCS guys would put the Burnt Orange into the Rose Bowl. And they did.

"Cal's a good team," Tomey said. "It's too bad the way it worked out because they deserve a BCS bowl.

"But the BCS is all we've got. You buy into the system before the season starts, and you can't decide not to support it if it backfires on you."

The solution?

"If you don't like it, change it," Tomey said. "If somebody has a better idea, let's listen to it."

He is among five candidates for the vacant head coaching position at San Jose State. The others: Jim Harbaugh of the University of San Diego, Tim Walsh of Portland State, Stanford assistant Ken Margerum and Chicago Bears assistant Terry Shea.

It's no secret that Tomey wants to be a head coach again.

"Oh, sure. If there's an opportunity, something I believe in, in a place I'd find desirable to live," he said.

Meanwhile, he's getting ready for his second Rose Bowl. He was an assistant at UCLA when the Bruins defeated Ohio State in 1976.

Tomey said he's "thrilled" with the job new Arizona coach Mike Stoops has done.

"I'm happy they won their last game (Arizona State), especially for the seniors," he said.

He visits Tucson about once a year.

"We have a whole bunch of friends there," he said.

And maybe a bunch more soon in San Jose.

2005 Rose Bowl

No. 13 Michigan (9-2) vs. No. 6 Texas (10-1)

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Pasadena Star-News

Starting the new year right

Cancer survivor to ride on float hours after marriage

By Emanuel Parker

Staff Writer

Wednesday, December 29, 2004 - COVINA -- Tragedy, hope and triumph have followed Betty Campos the last two years.

The hope and triumph will be celebrated Friday when the Covina resident gets married and Saturday when she rides on the Duarte/City of Hope Rose Parade float as one of several cancer survivors.

The tragedy struck last year when she got engaged, became pregnant, was diagnosed with lymphoblastic leukemia, underwent chemotherapy treatment and lost her baby.

Campos, 27, will be married at 5 p.m. at St. Dennis Catholic Church in Diamond Bar before 300 relatives, friends and City of Hope doctors and nurses.

"Then we'll do an all-nighter," she said. "There's no point in going to bed. I have to be in Pasadena at 6 a.m. to prepare to ride the float. We won't have a honeymoon right away either."

She and fiance Eric Valenzuela, 26, of San Diego decided to get married New Year's Eve as a symbolic gesture, she said.

"We wanted to kick off the New Year with a fresh start and a new life that's a blessing from God," she said.

"I just feel blessed to have her in my life," Valenzuela said. "She's a lot stronger than I am. She's an inspiration to a lot of people, including me. She's taught me to not take the little things so seriously and to live life one day at a time."

The couple got engaged in March 2003 and Campos learned in April she was pregnant. She experienced anemia, nausea, tiredness, an aching back and her complexion became wan and had a greenish tinge. But the symptoms were attributed to the pregnancy.

In June, she was diagnosed with leukemia and spent five weeks at City of Hope, had two rounds of chemotherapy and lost her baby.

"It was one of the hardest things to deal with, that and the shock of having cancer," she said. She weighed 140 pounds when treatment started and 110 when it ended a month later.

"I lost my hair too, but I had the positive distraction of planning my wedding," she said. "My family and friends were wonderful. I was never alone. The nurses said they never saw anyone who had so many visitors."

Her cancer is in remission and she is on disability. She formerly worked for the City of Pasadena Behavioral Health in Glendale. She has a bachelor's degree in education and attends Azusa Pacific University and plans to take a few credits to earn a master's in psychology. She wants to be a school psychologist.

Valenzuela was recently hired as baseball coach at the University of San Diego, and Campos helps him conduct baseball clinics. They have been a couple since high school.

"I attended Duarte High School and he was at Bishop Amat," Campos said. "His uncle lived across the street from us and he would come over and play baseball with my brothers, but he was really there to see me."

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\$400,000. TNT, one of Turner Broadcasting System's most prominent cable networks, originates the broadcast of the 36-hole stroke-play event. The event is televised to some 88 million U.S. homes by TNT and to more than 100 countries worldwide. The Golf Channel, co-founded by Arnold Palmer, is available in more than 85 million homes worldwide through cable, satellite and wireless companies. It features a programming schedule that includes more live golf coverage than any other network, as well as news, instruction and original productions.

Veneri to speak at UH-Hilo baseball dinner

KHON TV2 Sports reporter John Veneri will be the guest speaker at the Third Annual University of Hawai'i at Hilo Baseball Dinner/Auction, Monday, January 17 in the Hawaii Nanihoa Resort's Crown Room.

Veneri has been part of the FOX affiliate sports team since 1996. He began his career broadcasting high school football games. A graduate of the University of Hawai'i, Veneri was a walk-on slot back on the Rainbow Warriors football team. He eventually earned a full scholarship and was also recognized in his junior year as an all-WAC honorable mention selection.

He helped the Rainbow Warriors to the 1992 Western Athletic Conference and a victory over Illinois in the Holiday Bowl. According to former UH head coach and Kamehameha-Keaau athletic director Bob Wagner, "John was always an extremely hard worker and a great team guy." John graduated from Kamehameha-Oahu, where he also earned all-state honors for track and field.

"The evening is extremely important to Vulcan Baseball," UHH Head Coach Joey Estrella said. "Not only from the standpoint of introducing our new roster to our loyal baseball boosters but from the financial point of raising critical dollars to augment our operating budget." The 2005 season will open on Wednesday, January 26 against the University of San Diego at Wong Stadium in Hilo. Dinner music will be provided by Hawaiian Pure & Simple. Tickets are \$50. Corporate tables of eight or ten are also available for the evening. For reservations or more information, call Estrella at 974-7700.

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Husky Swimmers finish with astonishing performances at the Husky Invitational

The Huskies produce two school records, one big upset, and several strong performances.

Dec. 5, 2004

FEDERAL WAY, Wash.- The 56th annual Husky Invitational concluded today with some strong Husky performances. For the men, seven Washington swimmers placed in the top three or higher, while two school records were broken. The 24th ranked women, who had five swimmers finish in the top three, also produced a huge upset over 10th ranked UCLA.

Anissa Hilyard was one of many Husky swimmers to come up big in the final day of the Husky Invitational.

Bruno Barbic lead the way for the men by breaking the school record time in the 100-yard freestyle, placing first with a time of 44.14. Barbic shattered the previous record of 44.35 set at the Pac-10 Championships last year, held by former Husky Derek Rose. He also helped guide the 400-yard medley relay team which included teammates Jared Osborne, Peter Wicklund, and Jim Wolfe to a first place finish and school record time of 3:03.35, breaking the record by over ten seconds (3:13.49).

Diogo Bezerra also earned a first place finish and season high time of 1:47.99 in the 200-yard backstroke in an event that featured a sweep of Husky players. Taylor Brugh (1:51.40) and Henry Hudson (1:51.47) placed second and third respectively. Other strong performances by the men included a second place finish and season-high time of 2:04.30 by Jake Salaz in the 200-yard breaststroke. Bret Lundgaard also placed second in the 200-yard butterfly, posting a season-high time of 1:58.58.

On the women's side, the 400-yard free relay team consisting of Caitlyn Shortt, Rachel Seely, Brittany Epperson and Sharon Olson upset a 10th ranked UCLA squad swimming with a time of 3:25.70. This marks the fastest time that this event has been swam so far this season and fastest time posted in two years for a Washington team in this event.

Anissa Hilyard took first in the 200-yard butterfly with a season-high time of 2:02.55. Other solid performances came from Shortt, who finished third in the 200-yard breaststroke (2:16.22) and by Sharon Olson, who placed second in the 100-yard freestyle (50.85). Desiree Johnson also placed third in the 200-yard backstroke by swimming the fourth-fastest time in school history at 2:01.77.

The Huskies now enjoy a break from competition that will last nearly a month. Both the men and women travel to San Diego on January 2 to take on the University of San Diego (12PM Pacific Time).





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Swimming: Owls Back From Break; Compete In West Coast Meets This Weekend

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The Rice swim team is back from its winter training and will return to action with an intense weekend of competition starting Friday morning in San Diego, Calif.

The Owls will compete for three consecutive days in California, starting with the University of San Diego quad meet on Friday. The San Diego Toreros will host Rice, national power Nebraska and Western Athletic Conference rival Nevada in the four-way, head-to-head meet. Start time will be 1 pm CST (11 am Pacific) on the USD campus.

The Blue and Gray will then up to UC Irvine for the Country Inn & Suites Swimming & Diving Invitationals on Saturday and Sunday (Jan. 8-9). A total of 18 women's teams will compete in a unique format featuring separate days of distance and sprint events.



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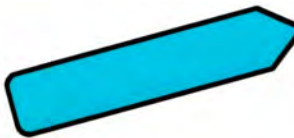
Fricke, Costa fired; Leitner role expands at XPRS-AM

By Jay Posner
STAFF WRITER

A shakeup at San Diego's leading all-sports radio station has left two hosts out of work, including the voice of San Diego State football and basketball.

John Fricke and Mike Costa were fired yesterday from their jobs at XPRS-AM, The Mighty 1090. Fricke co-hosted a two-hour weekday show with John Kentera and also served as SDSU's play-by-play announcer for football and basketball since the fall of 2003.

Fricke will be replaced in the latter jobs by Ted Leitner, who starts his fourth turn as SDSU's voice with tonight's 7:05 game against USD. (Leitner also is the host of a three-hour afternoon show and is the No. 1 announcer on 1090's Padres coverage.)



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Steve Papin Hired as Riptide Defensive Coordinator

December 16, 2004 - SAN DIEGO – Steve "Superman" Papin was hired as the 2005 Defensive Coordinator for the San Diego Riptide. After spending seven years tearing up defenses as an offensive specialist in the Arena Football League, Papin will see what he can do as the mild mannered coach on the arena turf.



"This is a really good opportunity for me," said Papin. "I'm glad that the Riptide are willing to give me a chance to see what I can do as a coach."

Papin played for two teams during his AFL tenure, the New York Dragons and the San Jose Sabercats. Along with his duties as an offensive specialist, he was an explosive kick returner. He recorded 392 returns for 8,511 yards and 22 touchdowns, placing him among the top three return specialists. He led the league in all-purpose yards four out of his seven seasons in the league. He was MVP of the Sabercats four times, the League's "Don't Blink" Player of the Year twice, and was a Second Team All-AFL Offensive Specialist selection twice. It's no wonder that his nickname was "Superman". Although Papin is making the transition into coaching, he is not ready to put away his pads and helmet yet.

"That's the toughest part about this. I'm not ready to call it quits yet. I was in the situation where I'd either want to continue playing or take a chance at coaching. This opportunity came sooner, and I just had to take it. There's no better place to start than with the Riptide."

This won't be Papin's first time under the lights of the San Diego Sports Arena. He sported the Riptide blue and silver in 2003. He threw his first career touchdown pass, ironically, against the Wichita Stealth, Coach Ponder's former team.

With so many decorations as an offensive superstar, his insight will allow defensive backs the luxury of knowing all the routes and their weaknesses.

"(Papin) is a veteran and understands the game," said Coach Ponder. "He's been spending a lot of time in San Jose breaking down film. He knows every route and can break down all the coverages."

Papin will spend preseason working with San Jose Sabercats Assistant Coach, Michael Church, former Riptide Defensive Coordinator, Derek Dahlen, and the rest of the new Riptide coaching staff.

The Riptide will be hosting their first open tryout on Saturday, December 18 at 9:00am at the University of San Diego's Manchester Field. Players from all over the country will be showcasing their talent and skill, doing whatever it takes to make to get into Riptide Training Camp.

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December 18 Set for Riptide First Open Tryout

December 6, 2004 - The San Diego Riptide will host their first open tryout for the 2005 roster on December 18 at the University of San Diego's Manchester Field. Registration begins at 9:00am for this pro-style combine. The cost of tryouts are \$45 pre-registration or \$50 day-of registration.



Tryouts are open to anyone over the age of 18. All positions are welcome. Athletes should bring proper workout attire, tennis shoes, and cleats.

The following drills will be conducted at tryouts:

- Testing
 - 40 yard dash
 - 20 yard dash
 - 5-10-5 shuttle run
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Coming from East County: Take the 8 WEST and exit MORENA BLVD and KEEP RIGHT. USD will be on your left side and go RIGHT into the USD MAIN DRIVEWAY, take a RIGHT at the STOP SIGN and follow the road uphill past the JENNY CRAIG PAVILLION and down the hill to the field.

Cost for tryouts are \$45 pre-registration or \$50 day of registration. Amount must be paid in CASH or MONEY ORDER.

To tryout for the team, come by the Riptide offices and fill out a waiver form and tryout registration form. Mail any bio/stats/game film to:

Attn: Coach Ponder
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Glaus signed a four-year, \$45 million contract with Arizona.

Any chance of the Padres going after Glaus ended years ago. In 1994, Padres general manager Kevin Towers was the team's scouting director and made Glaus a second-round draft pick out of high school. Towers thought he had a pretty good chance to sign him, but Glaus asked for nearly double what the Padres offered and headed off to UCLA.

It is nice to see San Diego State linebacker Kirk Morrison getting second-team All-America honors from The Sporting News. Morrison had a fine season for the underachieving Aztecs.

The latest stunt by Barry Bonds and Alex Rodriguez further separates the average fan from the players. Bonds and Rodriguez are hosting approximately 100 fans at a dinner where the fans can rub elbows and socialize with the two stars. The price for the evening: \$7,500.

I can think of a lot of charities that could use the money more than A-Rod and "Mr. Steroids."

With Jeff Kent going to the Los Angeles Dodgers, it makes it even more crucial that the Padres upgrade their offense. Adding Woody Williams to the staff is an upgrade. He is a man of good character who can pitch.

Maybe the Padres are stealing a theme from the Chargers, who insist that part of their success this year is because of good relationships in the clubhouse.

Trouble is, even men of good character have to get a RBI or two when needed.

The CIF football finals, which are growing in popularity every year, will be held Tuesday at Qualcomm Stadium with four games throughout the day.


A suggestion for the CIF: Start picking bigger venues for semifinal games. Westview High is a nice facility, but it wasn't big enough to handle the overflow crowd that came to see Torrey Pines play La Costa Canyon a week ago.

And the press box was totally inadequate, with room for only four reporters. More than a dozen individuals from the print, radio and TV outlets were there covering the game.

I would suggest they contact the University of San Diego to see if they can use Torero Stadium for at least two semifinal games.

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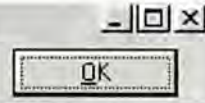


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December 16, 2004 - SAN DIEGO – The Riptide signed its first players to the 2005 training camp roster earlier today. Last year's stand out rookie receiver, Nakoa McElrath, is the first Riptide player to resign with the team. Three players from across the league fill out the first spots on the roster.



McElrath was an explosive weapon in his first season with the 'Tide. He holds the team's single season scoring record with 156 points. In Week Nine, he was named the af2 Ironman of the Week after scoring 30 points against the Hawaiian Islanders, a game that holds the record for the af2's highest scoring game point total.

"Signing a player that caught 50 balls and scored 22 touchdowns in one season as a rookie, is a no brainer," said Coach Ponder. "With one season under his belt, his potential is phenomenal."

Along with McElrath, the Riptide signed WR/DB Torrey Prather, FB/LB Nathan Buergey, and OL/DL Rico Ochoa. Each player has at least one af2 season under their belt, two played for teams that recently folded and one that had to spend a year away due to a knee injury.

Last season, Torrey Prather spent time on the Arkansas Twisters before finishing the season with the Laredo Law. He played four games with each team recording 24 catches for 262 yards and four touchdowns. He has been working hard during the off season to get in shape for camp.

"He's a breakaway speed guy that played for Laredo last year. After seeing him play in three games against him, he's a quality acquisition."

Nathan Buergey was a standout FB/LB for the Bakersfield Blitz during the 2002 and 2003 seasons. He was invited to tryouts with two AFL teams and made the 2001 L.A. Avengers training camp roster before breaking away in Bakersfield. While with the Blitz, he played a total 26 games and carried the ball 34 times for 78 yards and four touchdowns. His career was cut short after suffering a knee injury towards the end of the 2003 season.

"We're expecting big things out of Nathan. He's a solid fullback/linebacker in this league and we hope he comes back from his injury 100%."

Rico Ochoa fills the fourth spot of the Riptide training camp roster. He is the first Wichita Stealth player to sign with his former coach. Ochoa played in ten games with the Stealth last season. Prior to his stay on the Stealth, he played with the Norfolk Nighthawks.

"He played for me last year and was the anchor of our offensive line. He hasn't given up a sack in three years of af2 football."

This Saturday at the University of San Diego, the San Diego Riptide will be looking for new talent to fill the 31 spots left for their training camp roster.

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