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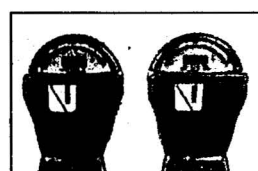
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'THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR' WINS ELECTION

The recall passes with approximately 54 percent of votes

By LORENA NAVA
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It seems that the Total Recall candidate, Arnold Schwarzenegger, has defied his opponents and won the historical California recall election.

In a race that has been mocked nationally and internationally, the action hero has finished first in a race that was nearly "neck and neck" with Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante until this past weekend.

Political science professor Carole Kennedy said it is hard to tell how Schwarzenegger will govern because he has said little about how he plans on closing the budget deficit. He may have to impose some "Draconian spending limits" in order to balance the budget, she said.

In an *Associated Press* article, polls conducted as recently as last weekend showed an almost 50-50 split in voter support of the recall. There were also indications that there was a slight drop in support for Schwarzenegger that may have been attributed to allegations of sexual assault and past comments that he supported Adolf Hitler.

According to almost half of the precincts, Arnold had approximately 50 percent of the votes, as of 11 p.m. yesterday. The recall was passed with approximately 54 percent of the votes.

Many obstacles will face Schwarzenegger, political science professor Robert Keiser said.

"They will face the same budgetary



Governor-elect Arnold Schwarzenegger shakes hands of supporters the day before the recall vote. Half the precincts report Schwarzenegger garnered nearly 50 percent of the vote. Dan Honda / KRT Campus

problems that have existed the past few months," Keiser said. "It will be a massive headache and a painful process both for the governor and for the people."

So, what did Davis have to say about being recalled? He said he appreciates every voter for going to the polls — regardless whether they voted "yes" or "no" on the recall.

"I accept the judgement of the voters," he said.

Furthermore, Davis said he called Schwarzenegger earlier in the night to congratulate him on his soon-to-be governorship.

During his celebration speech, Schwarzenegger said he wants to be the people's governor and he wants to represent everybody.

"I believe in the people of California," he said, "and I know that together we can do great things. I know that together we can make this again the greatest state of the greatest country in the world."

While the recall election and replacement candidates were the main reasons for the election, two propositions also made it onto the special election ballot.

Proposition 53, if it had passed, would have allocated a portion of the general fund to support infrastructure improvement, including roads, highways and sewer lines. As of 11 p.m., 64 percent of the voters rejected the proposition.

The other proposition on the ballot, Prop. 54, also known as the racial pri-

vacy initiative, would have barred the collection of race-specific information in government employment, government contracts and public education institutions, including San Diego State. The proposition was rejected with 61 percent of the voters against it, as of press time last night.

While many were expecting more people to vote in this special election than in elections past, they couldn't have expected the significant increase of registered voters and absentee ballots. According to an *Associated Press* article, more than 2.2 million absentee ballots were cast before Election Day and more than 15 million people have registered to vote since the recall election was announced.

According to a Field Poll released yesterday, more than 65 percent, or 10 million registered voters, planned on voting in the special election.

That is a 30 percent increase compared to last year's election, when 7.7 million Californians voted.

After tallying all the votes, election results must be submitted in a certified statement to the Secretary of State within 35 days of the election, or Nov. 11. By Nov. 15, the Secretary of State must certify the election results and issue a certificate of election to the replacement candidate if the recall is successful.

CNN said the average time it takes to completely count all the votes is 38 days. The results could be certified sooner, but it is unlikely.

— City Editor Brandon Jenkins contributed to this article

Toya settles in at new position

By STEPHANIE BAUERLEIN
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

If you haven't been to the Cross-Cultural Center lately, you probably haven't had the chance to meet a man who has already made an impact on the students and faculty he's come in contact with in the first month he's been at San Diego State.

Greg Toya, the inaugural director of the center, comes to SDSU with a lot of knowledge and experience in cultural education, and plenty of ideas for improving what the center already offers.

Toya was recently the interim director of SDSU's Cross-Cultural Center and of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center at UC Davis. There, Toya said he supervised three full-time staffs and 11 undergraduate interns, and established revised mission and vision statements for the departments. In addition to his previous position, Toya has served on many professional and community committees and projects related to multicultural education.

Psychology senior and special events intern Genesis



Greg Toya talks to international business senior Michelle Ro in the Cross-Cultural Center. Jessie Swartz / Daily Aztec

Lastrella said Toya brings a lot of knowledge to SDSU and really knows what the centers are all about.

"He's great," Lastrella said. "He's a lot of fun to work with. We had a lot of great candidates, but we couldn't have done as good as Greg."

Toya said after his three years of direct experience with cross-cultural centers and many years of multicultural project experience, he was attracted to the coordinator position because it provided an opportunity to implement

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University clubs support AIDS cause

By Rondi Collins, Contributor

Approximately 100 people joined Team SDSU on Sunday to participate in AIDS Walk San Diego. The event supports the cause and those affected by the virus by raising funds for HIV/AIDS research and care.

Ben Cartwright, team organizer and Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender Student Union president, said they have not added up all the funds, but he knows they made more than \$1,000.

"Online donations as of Sunday morning were at \$581," Cartwright said.

He said they accepted cash and checks on Sunday adding up to well over \$550.

LGBTSU has participated in this annual event since 1989, when the walk first came to San Diego.

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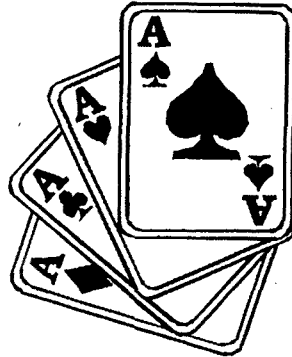
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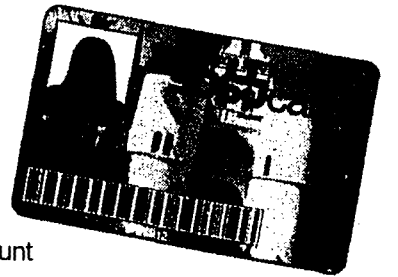
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SDSU student experiences life as FBI employee

Institution only accepts the best of the best for its Honors Internship Program

BY JENNIFER EMEL, CONTRIBUTOR

Top-secret clearance, three-hour lie detector tests, 20 pages of security clearance and counterterrorism. Is this the new fall blockbuster?

No. It's all a part of the Honors Internship Program with the FBI.

Lance Larson, information and decision systems senior at San Diego State, recently completed his internship with the FBI in Quantico, Va. After undergoing nearly a yearlong application process, Larson was awarded one of a limited number of internships available each summer.

"I worked in the brand-new \$8 million Laboratory Division Training Unit," Larson said. "My job was to assist in the creation of online counterterrorism training and we were very, very busy."

Larson's application process began last July when he requested an application from the San Diego Field Office. Applicants are required to apply through the field office nearest their campus. During the following four months, Larson prepared his resume, wrote a 500-word essay expressing his interest in the program and obtained letters of recommendation. Current passport-type photos were a must as were his current academic transcripts.

Larson submitted his application in November, and in December he began his series of interviews, extensive background investigations, polygraph tests and drug screenings. His appointment was rendered in the spring. Larson began the Honors Internship Program the first Monday in June and returned home the second Friday in August. He was paid at the GS-6 level on the government pay scale — approximately \$3000 per month.

"All FBI employees are required to have top-secret clearance, so (the interns) were granted top-secret clearance," Larson said. "It's awesome because you can use that on any future job application, especially for the government."

FBI internships are available to a small number of highly qualified individuals. According to the FBI Honors Internship Web site, www.fbi.gov/employment/honors.htm, students applying for an FBI Honors Internship should be enrolled in their junior year at the time they apply. Students must be returning to their campus following the program, have an accumulative grade-point average of 3.0 or above and must be a United States citizen.

The application process is the same for interns as it is for agents. The FBI selects individuals who possess specific skills based on the current needs of the FBI. Applicants are chosen because of their strong academic credentials, outstanding character and high degree of motivation.

"This experience enabled me to network with high-level personnel," Larson said. "I was lucky enough to receive a recommendation letter from the section chief that I can use for my future application."

Larson, who has been long in preparing for this opportunity, used his IDS background and his volunteer work as a reserve police officer to enhance his application.

After Larson's all-expense-paid trip to FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., he was sworn in, then handed over to FBI Supervisor Dean Fletcher. Fletcher had submitted his intern request to headquarters, which, in turn, was matched with Larson's qualifications.

"Lance helped to work on a course for national security and also on an Introduction to Forensics Biology course," Fletcher said. "He worked with subject matter experts and he did programming for the interactive online course. I wish I would have had 10 more just like him."

Immediately after he graduates from SDSU this coming August, Larson plans to begin his graduate work in computer security. After graduate school, Lance plans to apply directly to the FBI. Because of his internship experience with the FBI, the three-year work experience the FBI normally requires has been waived.

"How can you beat it?" Fletcher said. "You've worked for the FBI. Who wouldn't take you on? You passed the fierce background check and you're obviously a fine upstanding citizen with all these great qualities. Everyone would love to have this on their resume, especially just out of college."

FOR THE RECORD

The Daily Aztec reported that one department took a larger budget cut than others did ("Faculty group looks at university budget," Oct. 1). What Gordon Shakelford actually said was operating divisions other than Academic Affairs took larger budget cuts in order to help provide funding for classes.

The Daily Aztec regrets the error.



Team SDSU proudly displays its banner before starting the five or 10 kilometer course through Balboa Park to benefit HIV/AIDS awareness. The team was made up of 10 to 15 on-campus clubs. Jessie Swartz / Daily Aztec

SUPPORT: People not interested in participating in the race can sign up to be volunteers; hundreds are needed each year

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Creating a larger and more diverse team will bring greater awareness to San Diego State's support for the virus and show how this disease affects all people — not just those who live alternative lifestyles, Cartwright said.

Having the team also helped to generate greater amounts of sponsors and donations.

This new approach to SDSU's involvement is reflective of Cartwright's own awareness of the affect HIV/AIDS has on the community as a whole, he said. He hopes to help in the eradication of this disease.

"I want to get the word out that it is not a gay disease," he said. "In the past, we have made a big deal about it, carrying a big rainbow flag, but this year we're not doing any of that."

"We want people to get the association with being gay out of their minds. As we all know, the highest rising population of people infected with HIV is communities of color. A lot of people still think, 'Oh, I'm not gay, I can't get it,'" Cartwright said.

Ten to 15 on-campus organizations participated in this year's walk, whereas past teams included LGBTSU members only. Among this year's participants were representatives from the Women's Resource Center, Associated Students, University Christian Fellowship and the Athletic Health Training Club.

Teams are provided with a flag to carry and are announced by name during the walk. Participating as Team SDSU shows the level of support and awareness SDSU possesses for AIDS, Cartwright said.

Health educator Sarah Williamson was there to represent the Athletic Health Training Club with several students. She said HIV/AIDS awareness is something she has always been interested in as a health educator and she finds it important to get others in her field involved.

The funds raised for Aids Walk San Diego are managed by the San Diego HIV Funding Collaborative. All funds raised in San Diego stay in the area and benefit local HIV/AIDS programs.

This year the walk took place in Balboa Park with a walking route of five kilometers and a running route of 10 kilometers.

Information about future AIDS Walks is located on the AIDS Walk Web site. There is a \$25 registration fee that includes a logo T-shirt. Cartwright suggested common fund-raising activities such as car washes, bake sales or sponsorships to raise funds in support of the event. Volunteering at the event is another helpful way to get involved, according to the AIDS Walk Web site. Hundreds of volunteers are needed each year to perform tasks ranging from office work to water station duties along the routes.

TOYA: Student interns work hard to carry out center's goals

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all of his experience and knowledge into creating a new center.

"The center is my home away from home," Toya said. "As a student at UC Irvine, I went there to explore my multiple identities, spark my activism, develop my leadership skills and support my academic interests. I plan to enhance the feeling of inclusion, empowerment and fun into the Cross. I want people saying the Cross is my home away from home."

In order to see this idea become a reality, Toya has a lot planned for this year.

Toya said he hopes to establish diversity peer education and volunteer programs. He said he wants to continue providing informative and thought-provoking programs such as the Crisis in Contemporary Culture and Intellectual Empowerment Lecture Series and continue highlighting the research and projects of SDSU faculty and staff. Plans to build public relation avenues in order to inform and motivate students, faculty, staff and community members of the resources and programs at the center are in the works, Toya said.

"The center is an imperative entity on campus," Toya said, "because it provides a safe space for students, faculty, staff, and

community members to dialogue and learn about diversity-related issues that affect all of us."

Playing a key role in helping plan and carry out the various projects are four student interns, each with a certain job. Toya said these intern positions were developed in order to encourage students to learn a variety of skills for the future. He said the experience and information learned will help the students' professional and personal aspirations.

Television, film and new media production junior Chris Manigault is the center's outreach intern. Manigault said his job is to reach out to other schools and find out the needs of the community.

"I make sure the whole San Diego community and all student organizations are involved," Manigault said.

Lastrella is the special events intern. She said her job is to plan and promote a lot of events for the center and oversee others to make sure everything that needs to be done is getting done.

Latin American studies senior and administrative assistant intern Naddia Cherre helps organize the center by keeping inventory and making sure there are always supplies available. Athena Bumanglag, publications and communications intern, is in

charge of distributing newsletters, fliers and any publications involving the center.

Graduate assistant Natalie Davis, who took on a leadership role last year when the center had no director, is also an integral part of the center. She said Toya's spirit is a key ingredient because it affects everybody around him.

Cherre said Davis was a really big support to all the staff and a great motivator last year, and is still like that this year.

"We all try to help each other," Cherre said. "Greg is always doing everything. It's good he's here because now the whole family is together."

In addition to Toya's specific plans for the upcoming year, he also has some more general goals. Toya said he wants to establish the center as one of the main campus and community entities for diversity education, create signature intercultural programs, inform the campus and community about the center, and assess and learn about the diverse needs and issues of the campus and community.

"I want to emphasize that the center is for everyone," he said. "People from all cultures and backgrounds are welcome in the center and we encourage all to become involved in our programs and services."

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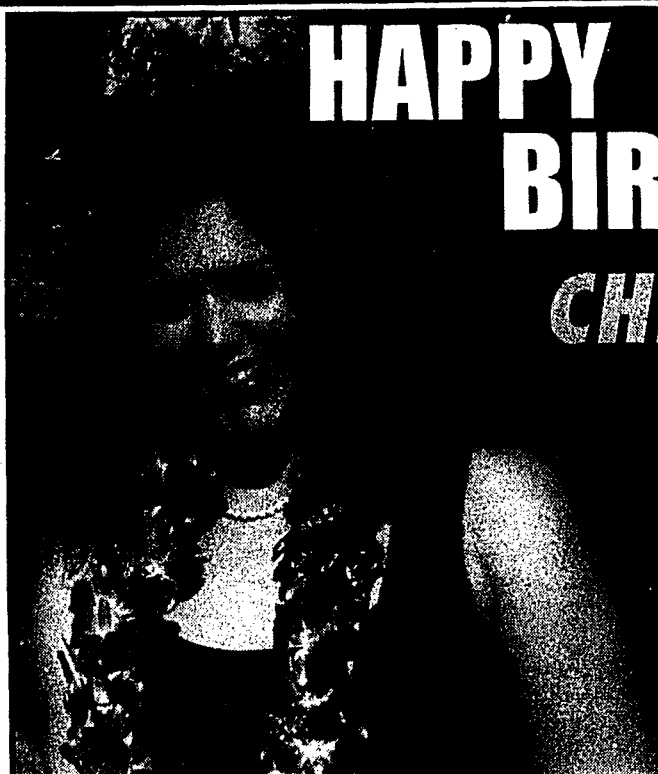
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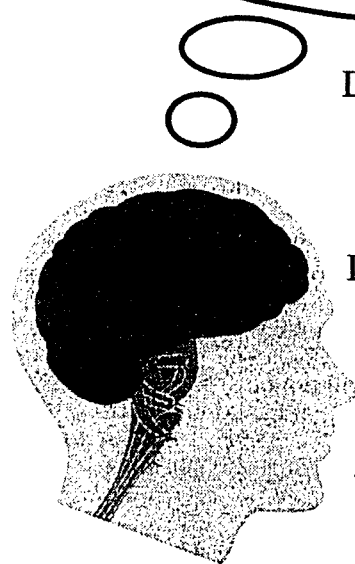
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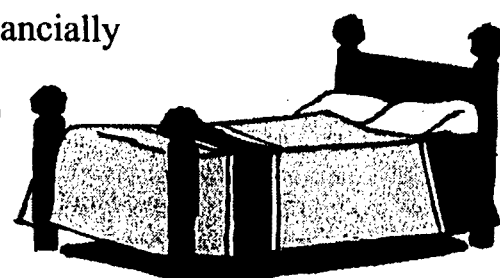
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Media responsible for misinformation

BY JARI LEISCHOW
CONTRIBUTING COLUMNIST

Getting to find out exactly what happened tends to occur long after the fact when dealing with our government. Is it because the agencies of our government operate under a shroud of legalized secrecy? Is it because the media are a business, and their newest marketing techniques indicate a return to yellow journalism and frenzied sensationalism? Or is it because the bloated middle classes can barely navigate and digest the myriad news stories recounting technological breakdown, political catastrophes like war, societal breakdowns such as terrorism, and financial ruin in the global economy?

Illuminated only in retrospect, the complexity of these issues dumbfound even the best and the brightest college graduates.

Washington and the "fourth estate's" proliferation of lies have helped to create an apathetic attitude for our whole generation. To the dismay of every political flower child, the era of watchdog journalism was quickly ushered out by a new, junkyard dog format of journalistic style, in which news reporters strive no longer for truth, but fight amongst one another to have the most scandalous or sexed-up story appear on their newscast first.

Over the last several decades, what the American public fails to understand is that it's not the Watergates and the Whitewaters that really matter, but rather the Whitehall hearings of the world that dictate the veracity of a nation.

While personal integrity will remain forever relative to the respective situation, national integrity in the democratic system is not to be gambled with. Conveying unsubstantiated rumor to be fact, George W. Bush and his administration, as well as Tony Blair and his administration, should be under investigation. However, the media have been an equal partner in pulling the wool over the eyes of the public.

The American news media have conveyed a continual stream of twisted messages pertaining to the Iraq war. From the beginning, the media did not pursue another angle as to the purpose for the war. It was rarely questioned that the war was an altruistic endeavor to remove a tyrant from power. While it may be true that Saddam Hussein was a ruthless politician who needed to be excommunicated from national politics, it does not mean that there weren't many other interests at stake here.

If the war was just to get Hussein and his government out of power, why did the global media tell him in advance of the attack? Why did the govern-

ment tell the media in advance, both knowing full well that the Iraqi government would quickly find out? If we thought there were weapons of mass destruction, why were our troops sent in, only to be met head-on by opposing forces? Having been given advanced notice, Saddam Hussein took \$1 billion out of Iraq's national fund and walked out. Was the real reason to allow him to peacefully escape so that American interests were once again easily protected and oil exportation was easily established and executed?

As the oil wells burned out of control, the media made the Iraqi government out to be ignorant, when in fact the real message became clear to those following the story. After all, why would a country destroy its only

viable natural resource? Simply because so often fighting for freedom means fighting when you have nothing else to lose. Iraqis hoped that if they didn't have anything the United States wanted, maybe we would turn around and leave them to pick up their own pieces.

By advancing without global approval, the United States destroyed the United Nations with the American media as its sword. The media didn't report on what the real implications of this conflict could be: United States envelopment of NATO, dominance over political leaders around the world, and ultimately supreme economic authority over the actions of citizens at home and abroad. Our government could only achieve this kind of prowess by trashing the

U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights via the War Powers Act, the Homeland Security Act and the Patriot Act.

Theoretically, the press is supposed to function in a free market of ideas, championing a relentless quest for "truth, justice and the American way," as Superman used to say (he was, after all, a newspaper reporter by day). Watching your government alone is no longer good enough — watch the media as well.

—Jari Leischow is a sociology senior.

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Global war on HIV/AIDS in dire need of federal funds

BY CONSUELA HEADRICK
STAFF WRITER

After the absurd election that went down this week, it's now time to refocus your conscience toward something much more serious that receives not nearly enough publicity. The highly AIDS-infected areas of the world are not getting the money promised by Dubya from Congress. President George W. Bush promised to ask Congress for \$15 billion over the next five years to help the areas most plagued by AIDS around the world during his State of the Union address last January. It's been more than six months, and not a dime has come from the United States to aid those in need. Money has been allocated toward ending the "war on terror" — in which we terrorized other nations — or the "war on drugs" by increasingly sending drug offenders to prison, but what about the war on AIDS?

In 2004, it was said that \$3 billion would be the first installment of America's promise to fight AIDS globally. However, according to www.datadata.org, only \$2 billion will be given to

the nations in need, since that is all the Senate and House of Representatives allocated. Without the \$1 billion allocated next year, 1.6 billion infections will not be prevented, 400,000 people will not get the medicine they need and thousands of orphans will die because they will not be cared for. Greedy doesn't even describe the injustice caused by those on Capitol Hill. Not only is \$1 billion of the promised \$3 billion being cut, but also pharmaceutical companies on Capitol Hill are complaining about generic drugs, which will be made readily available to AIDS/HIV patients in East Africa sometime within the next few months.

Generic drugs are great for third-world countries that cannot afford the pricey, brand name AIDS treatments from Pfizer. However, they are not great for the companies that patent the drug because they lose money. Therefore, these companies are whining about all the money they aren't pocketing because of the generic drugs. Without any burdens, Cosmos Pharmaceuticals facility in Nairobi, Kenya, will begin the production of generic AIDS

treatments for the East African market, according to www.bbc.co.uk. By producing generic drugs in Africa, the costs of anti-retroviral drugs will be cut nearly in half from \$40 per person per month. And although more people will be able to access these drugs because of their lower price, most will never even take one pill because of the disgustingly low average income of \$1 per day. Even though these drugs will not end the epidemic, they will help entire families, including mothers and children, live longer, healthier lives.

Is progress truly being made in order to end this epidemic? From Sept. 21 through 26, the 13th International Conference on AIDS and STIS in Africa was held in Nairobi, Kenya. According to www.icasanairobi2003.org, the forum takes place every two years and hosts a number of scientists, social leaders and political leaders, who discuss any experiences or updates related to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. But these updates and discussions will not do anything to help those in need. Sharing an experience or two over a few cocktails will not save thousands of chil-

dren who are orphaned because of AIDS. The ICASE conference is a good start to introducing the updates of the virus to the rich, who can afford to attend. But it is only a start. True, possible ways to confront the disease are discussed at this forum; however, what about the uneducated tribes who still have no idea about the myths of the AIDS virus?

The Masaai tribe of East Africa is one example to consider. Since most members are illiterate, they are also uneducated about the AIDS virus. Masaai are still living under the belief that acquiring the virus is a curse and not a disease. When the men of the tribe sell cattle in Nairobi, they earn money and frolic around the city with prostitutes. They then bring the disease back to their wives and their village.

Instead of holding a five-day conference in the city, the people need to go into the country and teach people about the virus. The only way to put a hold on the pandemic is to catch it at the roots. Education is the key to helping end this crisis. Not only do we have an obligation to be educated about what is going on

with this "promise," the people in sub-Saharan and other highly infected countries need to be educated about HIV/AIDS. Condoms also need to be made readily available to them.

There is still a great deal that needs to be done in order to conquer this virus. Although the ultimate hope is that a vaccination will be found one day, it is important that we focus on the immediate problems, instead of allowing the number of those infected to expand. I will never stop giving up hope, and neither should you. To make sure that Bush and Congress keep their promise, visit <http://data.lettercampaign.org>, and write to them. A little bit can go a long way in order to help those in need across the globe.

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Democrats must capitalize on growing animosity

BY MARK WEISBROT
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"Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them," the title of Al Franken's book on the American right, is starting to look less like a cartoon and more like a description that could filter into the mainstream. Last week, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., surprised his Senate colleagues by accusing the Bush team of going to war in Iraq for domestic political reasons, and deliberately deceiving the American public.

"There was no imminent threat. This was made up in Texas, announced in January to the Republican leadership that (the war) was going to take place and

was going to be good politically. This whole thing was a fraud," Kennedy said.

Kennedy's remarks were not the least bit shocking to the tens of millions of Americans who have seen through the fraud from the very beginning. Back in August 2002, the Democrats were outpolling Republicans on the economy, the budget, Social Security and almost all of the biggest election issues except "national security and terrorism." Millions of Americans had lost much of their retirement savings in a wave of corporate crime.

Then came the war talk, and soon all of these issues were out of the headlines. It worked: the Republicans went on to win both houses of Congress in November.

The timing was perfect and the reasons offered for the war turned out to be fraud-

ulent — no weapons of mass destruction, no links between Iraq and Sept. 11. What more evidence would anyone need as to why they did it?

Yet Kennedy is the first political leader with full access to the national media to state the obvious. Hence the swift and shrill response from Republicans, with House Majority Leader Tom DeLay accusing Democrats of having "spewed more hateful rhetoric at President Bush than they ever did at Saddam Hussein."

The Republicans have reason to be scared. A *Wall Street Journal*/NBC poll last week asked voters whether they would "probably vote for President Bush or probably vote for the Democratic candidate" next year: 42 percent chose Bush versus 40 percent for the Democrat. This difference is

statistically insignificant, and was down from a 52 percent to 24 percent lead for Bush in April.

Politicians are schooled in the art of compromise and cautious speech, especially in the United States. They often forget that the unvarnished truth can at times be a powerful weapon. And this is one of those times.

There is a part of the electorate, probably about a third, that already knows that the Bush team lied about Iraq and dragged us into this mess for the most unconscionable of political motives. These include people who read Paul Krugman in *The New York Times*, or use the Internet to find dozens of other well-informed, even well-established writers who have made these arguments persuasively.

According to *The New York Times*, about 38 percent of the public have consistently told pollsters they do not believe that George W. Bush was legitimately elected president. Another part, also roughly a third, is solidly in Bush's corner. These are people who get their information from Fox News and actually believe that it is "fair and balanced." They would support the president if he invaded Sweden to liberate its people from the oppression of their welfare state.

It's that other third — the swing voters — that the Bush team is worried about. According to the most recent polls, their support for the war is slipping and their skepticism about President Bush is growing. Many of these people do not get much news outside of the major broadcast media, and therefore have not been exposed to the strong arguments that Kennedy brought them recently.

If more political leaders with Kennedy's level of access to the media were to pick up on these themes, it could seriously undermine President Bush's credibility. Still, the biggest group of swing voters will probably make their decision on the basis of the economy. But President Bush is at least as vulnerable on that front, as he is poised to become the first president since Herbert Hoover to preside over a net loss of jobs during his term.

It's still very early in the game and the Democrats don't have a candidate yet, but it seems that this presidential election will be theirs for the taking. If they have the courage to take it.

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LETTERS

MASCOT DECISION SHOULD NOT REST SOLELY IN HANDS OF MINORITY GROUPS

This letter is in reply to Stephanie Bauerlein's article (*Fate of future mascot center of A.S. debate*, Oct. 7). I hate it when politically correct dogooders such as MEChA and NASA automatically feel offended by our mascot and decide to ruin everyone's fun by voting to take him away. I hope the A.S. Council makes the right decision by giving Monty Montezuma back to us, the students who decided overwhelmingly to keep him in the first place.

Having a college mascot, whether he's running on the football field at halftime or cheering for our basketball

team, is one of the many fun things about college. Monty Montezuma was not intentionally created to offend anyone, especially the students who "are pure Aztecs." When the mascot was created, everything was researched to make sure Monty's look was accurate. Don't these multicultural associations understand that it's an honor to use the Aztec as a mascot, considering the original Aztecs performed blood sacrifices and other gruesome practices?

Organizations such as MEChA and NASA need to realize that life isn't fair, and if you find something offensive, deal with it. The majority of SDSU students want Monty, and that's a fact. There are things I read about and see that I find offen-

sive, so I just bite my lip and walk away. Florida State still has their Seminoles, and students in Illinois are still the Fighting Illini. So far, no one has bothered to take away any of their mascots. And if Monty Montezuma is so offensive, then why does the Barona Indian reservation sponsor Aztec athletics, including football (where a mascot is most likely to appear)?

If these politically correct organizations feel so offended, why don't they transfer to Cal State San Marcos where they have a cougar as a mascot? Oh, I'm sorry. Having a cougar mascot might just offend all the wildcats out there.

—Shannon Hammell
history senior

BELABORING MASCOT ISSUE IS FUTILE, WASTE OF TIME

I was disappointed to hear that the Associated Students Council is once again dealing with this dead-as-Johnny-Cash issue of the mascot. As a recent graduate of SDSU and one of the A.S. Council members who helped push the Aztec out of the way in 2001, I wish to offer some advice to any and all who wish to continue this silly debate — stop. It's not worth it.

No matter how many times we discuss it, or how many resolutions and referenda the students at SDSU want to go through, Monty will never again be the official mascot of SDSU. I am not saying this because I have an overall faith that the

students, faculty or administration of SDSU will someday become a little more sensitive to students of color. I'm saying this because it's the law — that's right, the law.

There is actual legislation from the California State Assembly that says, "no humans shall be mascots for any state-funded college." Don't believe me? Do some research and you'll find that AB 2115, submitted by Assemblymen Goldberg, did in fact pass and is now the law. This law is so serious, other schools have had to change their mascots, including Sonoma State University which went from the human

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How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?"). To make sure you are not pregnant when you first get DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period; **ONLY** within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding and, if exclusively breast-feeding, **ONLY** at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term injectable contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.3
Implants (Norplant)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Male sterilization	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)		3
Combined	0.1	
Progestogen only	0.5	
IUD		3
Progestasert	2.0	
Copper T 380A	0.8	
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Cervical cap	6	18
Withdrawal	4	18
Periodic abstinence	1.9	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal Sponge		
used before childbirth	6	18
used after childbirth	9	28
No method	85	85

Source: Trussell et al. *Obstet Gynecol*. 1990;76:558-567.

*From Norplant® package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

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- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have had a stroke
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate or any of its other ingredients).

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:

- a family history of breast cancer
- an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
- kidney disease
- irregular or scanty menstrual periods
- high blood pressure
- migraine headaches
- asthma
- epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
- diabetes or a family history of diabetes
- a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 15 months; and about 93% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Irregular Menstrual Bleeding
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting, an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding, or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA; and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and, therefore, the bleeding that comes with your normal menstruation does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

2. Bone Mineral Changes
Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. This could increase your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

3. Cancer
Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

4. Unexpected Pregnancy
Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months [13 weeks]) is very low. While there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, see your health-care provider as soon as possible.

5. Allergic Reactions
Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

6. Other Risks

Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:

- sharp chest pain, coughing up of blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
- sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your eyesight or speech, weakness, or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
- severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
- unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
- severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
- persistent pain, pus, or bleeding at the injection site

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 5 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2. Other Side Effects

In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trials, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer, or cervical cancer. If these or any other problems occur during your use of DEPO-PROVERA, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1. Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3. Drug Interactions
Cytadren (aminoglutethimide) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA if the two drugs are given during the same time.

4. Nursing Mothers
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given **ONLY** during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA **MUST** be given within 5 days after childbirth if you are not breast-feeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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"Cossack" to the imaginary "Seawolf."

However, there really isn't anything to worry about because all the laws and resolutions will never change that fact that SDSU's mascot will always be considered the Aztec. It's the best trick that SDSU has ever done. By not giving the students a new mascot, the old mascot just kind of hangs around so we don't have to tell ESPN we've changed it.

So calm down, people. Official or not, SDSU will always be the Aztecs, and as much as I would love to see this ridiculous debate die and have SDSU finally show some courage and leadership by picking a new mascot, things are going to always be this way — let it go.

—Casey Hansen
Class of 2003

COLUMNIST AS ZEALOUS AS CATHOLIC PHYSICIANS SHE CONDEMNS

Ms. Saia, if I were a betting man, I'd bet with confidence that every time I run across a copy of *The Daily Aztec*, I can flip to the Opinion page and find a little church-bashing, and last Thursday, I probably could have made a few bucks ("Zealots hinder fair care of rape victims," Oct. 2).

What you have chosen to call "religious zealots" (and I can only assume the word "zealot" is used to bring about a sense of radicalism) are simply people who hold their faith to be true and dear. You just don't agree with it.

They might be right, they

might be wrong, but the fact is, you just don't agree with it.

You are targeting the doctors at Catholic hospitals, hospitals created to serve people where our civic dollars are unable to, and you want to criticize them for not bending regarding a tenet of their faith.

Please take careful note: I am not a Catholic, nor a former one, but I have bothered to find out *why* what you are suggesting is an abomination to the medical practice is an issue for them. It is simply against their faith to stop a sperm from fertilizing an egg (this is a simplified explanation, but it makes the point), regardless of the situation. You can joke about Monty Python's "Every Sperm is Sacred" all day long, but that about sums it up. And if a child is produced from rape (mind you, Planned Parenthood's 9-percent factor is rather liberal), why don't you ask those children how they feel about it? I think they might be glad to be able to take a breath, then answer you plainly.

You cite Planned Parenthood several times, an organization that has more corporate staff and lobbyists than doctors. They are not a medical organization. They are a business. You should really try a less biased organization for your facts.

If being a "zealot" means standing by what you believe in, then there aren't enough zealots in this world, but the same measuring stick you use to mark them as "religious zealots" in turn marks you an "irreligious zealot." Doesn't feel good, does it?

You say they lack compassion. They let a child be conceived, regardless of circumstances, and let it grow and love and become someone: that is compassion. You say to not yield to your version of ideal-

ism is "intolerable," so what you are essentially saying is that people of devout faith ought to go against what they believe is right and good to appease you and your ideals. Now *that* is intolerable!

Explore your subject before you resort to name-calling — not your topic — your subject, the people. Did you ask one reluctant doctor how he or she felt? Did you explore the reasons or background for this particular aspect of the Catholic faith? Or doesn't it matter?

An opinion column is more than just a soapbox. Please offer us a more academic and professional approach. The name-calling is just plain rude.

—Brett A. Burner
San Diego resident

SDSU SPECTATORS ARE A SORRY EXCUSE FOR FANS, MUST SHOW MORE ENTHUSIASM AT GAMES

This letter is in response to the horrible cheering that I personally witnessed during SDSU's loss to BYU last Saturday. What the HELL was that? Who taught SDSU fans how to cheer? I know it wasn't Chet. We're supposed to be the 12th man. If I didn't want to hear crowd noise, I would have stayed home. When about 4,000 BYU fans cheer louder than more than 20,000 SDSU fans, there is a huge problem. With that in mind, here are some pointers I want to give our fans:

Watch your mouth. Drunken tirades about an opposing player's mom can be funny, but not in the vicinity of young children. Have some consideration for our younger fans, but continue berating Brathwaite's

mom's hairstylist.

Be considerate of those fans who are actually watching the game. If you are at the game to socialize, please don't block anyone's view, and keep your voice down. I don't care where you were just sitting or whom you're sitting with — I care about whether we win the game.

Scream on third down! If the other team has a third down, they shouldn't be able to hear the cadence. Our defense feeds off our energy and it puts the offense at a disadvantage. By the end of the game, I want their offensive players to be deaf. I was shouting my lungs out and I could see people chatting on their cell phones. You're not in a bar — watch the frickin' game!

When we're on offense, shut the hell up! We want our guys to hear the cadence, so wait till we make the play. It's not basketball, folks — why do you want to make it harder for our guys?

In a close game, the stadium should be blowing its lid. When our defense is on the field with less than five minutes to go in a winnable game, we should be screaming like maniacs on every single play. Don't wait till third or fourth down to shout till your lungs bleed and your head hurts. Our guys need to hear our support. They can make plays on first and second downs too, people.

Stay until the bitter end! I saw our guys leave everything out there on the field only to see people exit after our missed fourth down. I know everyone is disappointed, but we still have to cheer our guys' efforts. Give the players the respect they deserve. Cheer for them, win or lose. You bandwagoners

need to stay home if you don't want to cheer. Be a real fan and stay the entire game. No more leaving at halftime.

I lost my voice this past Saturday after cheering longer and louder than I have ever done in my life. When our team lost, I felt like I lost, too. I care about our team because they represent my school.

As SDSU fans, we should feel a connection to our players because they are our classmates, friends and OUR team. I was ashamed to be an SDSU fan last Saturday, not because of our team's quality of play, but because of our horrible fan etiquette. We're in contention, and home-field advantage is more important than ever. This year will determine if we can ascend to the ranks of the elite — where I believe we belong — and it starts with our fans.

We have to be the 12th man if we want to beat the nation's best. I want to see real fans out there. My lungs and throat bled red and black last Saturday, and will for the rest of this year and my life. Yours should, too. GO AZTECS!

—Rosendo P. Delacruz II
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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Out of the Webb: WR sets priorities straight

Aztecs look to add some balance to offensive attack with Hall's return

BY KOUROSH SAFAVI
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

There are times in one's life when a person isn't quite sure what is best for them, when in fact the key to their success literally sits at their feet.

For San Diego State wide receiver Jeff Webb, the missing key in front of him was his education. After struggling with his classes in 2001, the sophomore wideout spent last season as a redshirt so he could focus on academics after playing in all 11 games as a freshman.

After a slow start this year, Webb exploded out of his shell against BYU, hauling in 10 catches for 253 yards and three touchdowns, tallying up the best outing by a receiver thus far in 2003. Webb looks to maintain the balance between making big plays on the field, while also hitting the books.

"He's learned a real self-purpose of why he's here — to get an education," head coach Tom Craft said. "There's been a continual change of attitude and he's come a long ways. And just like anything else, he has to sustain it."

For Webb, all the potential yards, catches, big plays and touchdowns start in practice. His philosophy is simple. If you give your all and put out 100 percent on the practice field, it will show come game time.

"I believe 100 percent that you practice like you play," Webb said. "I just went out to practice every day and hoped that it made me have a better Saturday."

And after his one-season hiatus, the sophomore receiver is appreciating all of the "little things" about his playing time on the field and being part of the Air Craft system.

"It's overwhelming just to be out there," Webb said. "My goals are starting to come true and I'm glad that I'm back this year as an Aztec."

Despite Webb's game-breaking performance last week, he is quick to credit his quarterback and the offensive line, and does not consider himself as the No. 1 receiver in an offense that continually rotates its receivers.

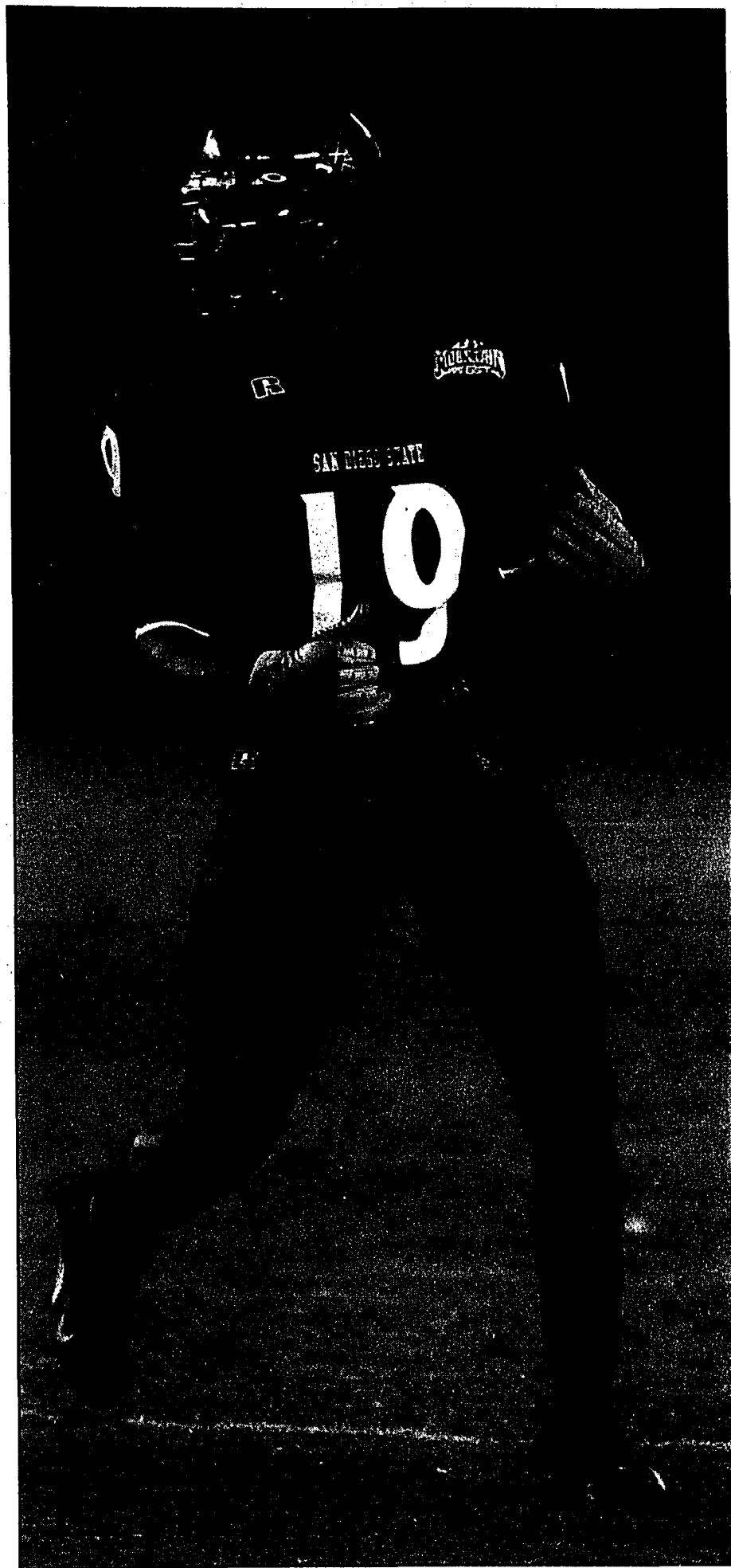
"I don't think that I'm the No. 1 guy," Webb said. "I think all my receivers are the No. 1 guy and it could have been Lonnell Penman or Devin Pitts having a big day."

Demps sidelined

After suffering an ankle injury against BYU Saturday, strong safety Marcus Demps will be out of action for at least four weeks. Demps' rehab process will be similar to what quarterback Adam Hall went through after his ankle injury.

"We're gonna boot him, restrict it and let it have an opportunity to heal, and evaluate it after a month and go from there," Craft said.

If the scenario arises where Demps' injury will require surgery, the sophomore will most likely wait until the end of the season.



Sophomore wide receiver Jeff Webb has turned things around after academic struggles and looks to be the go-to guy for QB Adam Hall. Ben Horne / Daily Aztec

Quotable

"I was in the zone. My cheeks were hot, my feet were burning. I wanted the ball to come to me every play. I'm a team player, but I know I could catch anything that was thrown to me that night, and I just hope I have another night like that."

—Webb on his career performance against BYU.

Hoping to offend

Against a Utah team that has been all but flawless thus far, Craft believes the key to the game Saturday lies in stopping the Utes' high-powered running game — something SDSU struggled with against the Cougars.

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"They're a spread team and they have some balance to them, but the first thing we need to do is stop the run in a spread fashion," he said.

Offensively, Craft and the rest of the offense feel a renewed sense of confidence with the return of Hall at the quarterback position and they look to find some equilibrium in order to take some heat off the senior signal caller.

"It's really been an emotional lift for us to have Adam back," Craft said. "As he continues to get some of the rust off, we're going to strive for balance because we're going to need it in the tough tight games. His presence is definitely going to have an impact on what we do offensively."



PAUL COHEN

Feeling blue at an orange and black university

This summer, I frequented 12 Los Angeles Dodger games, all of which were thrilling games — including the Dodgers 8-2 romp of the Giants in June when Paul Lo Duca extended his eventual 25-game hitting streak.

Just pondering about all the exciting Dodger games reminds me of how pleasant it was to spend a thorough three to four hours watching baseball at Dodger Stadium.

Dodger Stadium is a place where I can walk through the stands and see at least five people I know. A place where everywhere I turn I see an ocean of blue hats and shirts in the stands. It is where the bitter rivals (the San Francisco Giants, naturally) are mocked, ridiculed and taunted.

Much like a baboon feels secure in his or her natural environment, I feel safe and secure at Dodger Stadium.

But this all changes as soon as I return to school each year at San Diego State. Suddenly the Dodger fans, which in my hometown of Pasadena are a majority, have become the ridiculed and mocked minority.

The majority: Giants fans.

My freshman year, I lived on a floor where nearly all the people rooted for the Giants and only one or two other people beside myself were Dodger fans. Of course Anaheim winning the World Series the same year did not help Los Angeles as it only turned the few disgruntled Dodger fans into bandwagon Angel fans.

Currently at my apartment, I cannot seem to mention or breath a word about the Dodgers without my very own roommate verbally tearing my beloved team apart in conservation of his sacred Giants. Almost everywhere I look in the hallways on campus, I see copious amounts of students clothed in Halloween-colored Giants gear.

So I ask the students: Where have all the Dodger fans gone?

Surely there are more Dodger fans on campus than the one or two seen every-other full moon. It almost seems like finding a Dodger fan at State is like finding a needle in a haystack. And for every Dodger fan I meet in my classes, there are five Giants fans to oppose him or her.

Even, more surprising is that fact that I rarely see a dedicated San Diego Padres fan. But seriously, one might as well be better off rooting for the Detroit Tigers than the Padres.

In my honest opinion, I believe what Dodger fans at this school are lacking is pride. I know it may seem disheartening and unpropitious that every year the Dodgers come so close to the wild card only to let it slip from their grasp, but these heartbreaking losses are all a part of being a devoted fan.

It is time for the Dodger fans to emerge from the dark, lonely caves they hide in and reveal themselves to SDSU. I ask all fans to join me in bearing their Dodger paraphernalia on campus this Friday to send a message to the Giants fans across the campus that we Dodger fans are proud!

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FOR THE RECORD

A women's soccer story in yesterday's sports section mistakenly implied that Friday's match with Arizona State took place in Tempe, Ariz. That match was actually played at the SDSU Sports Deck.

The Daily Aztec regrets the error.

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

SDSU retaliates with a sweep of its own, gains confidence

Aztecs stay above .500 with win Tuesday night

BY TIM MIGUEL

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

It was just what the doctor ordered — the kind of match that couldn't have come at a better time.

Last night, the San Diego State women's volleyball team broke its two-match losing streak with a 3-0 shutout against Cal State Fullerton at Peterson Gym.

"This was a really big match," senior Zlatina Anguelova said. "We haven't been playing well lately, but we got our confidence back tonight. This match really helped us out."

Said junior Kara Moriarty: "After last weekend we've been in a bit of a slump. We definitely have more confidence now."

The second game was the turning point of the match.

SDSU had an 18-9 lead, but the Titans would come all the way back to take the lead late in the match. With the game tied at 28, the Aztecs won the next two points to claim the victory.

"We made the key plays at the end of the game," head coach Mark Warner said. "They were the kind of plays that good teams make to win. We've been in situations like this earlier in the season and we didn't make those plays."

Said Moriarty: "We were much more relaxed after winning that second game. We had all the momentum going into the third game."

Anguelova led SDSU (10-8, 1-2) with 17 kills. Anguelova also had a hitting percentage of .455 along with nine digs.

Moriarty led the Aztecs with 11 digs, along with 13 kills of her own.

SDSU was in control for most of the match during the first and

third games.

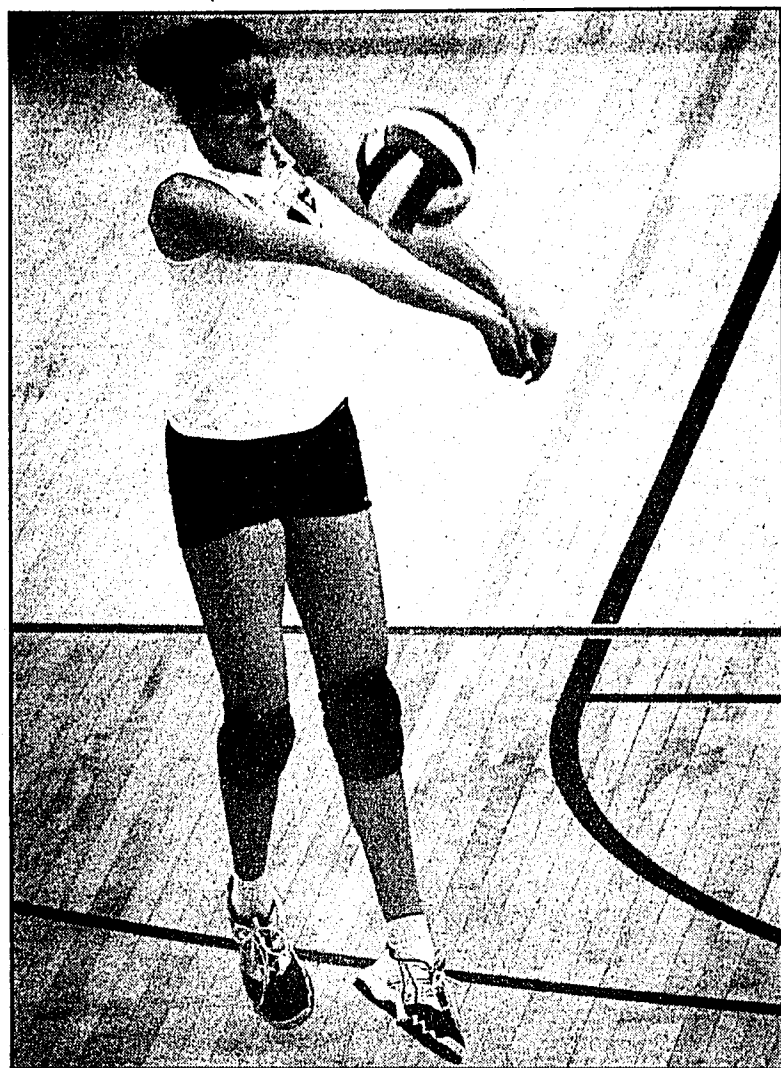
The Aztecs led by as many as six points in the first game, only to have the Titans cut the lead to one. SDSU would slam the door and take the 30-25 win.

In the third game, Cal State Fullerton led at the outset, but eventually the Aztecs would pull away with a 30-23 win.

For Cal State Fullerton (7-10, 1-4), Elena Goldina led the Titans with 13 kills and also had a hitting percentage of .344.

Tuesday night marked a very important win for SDSU, but it will have to keep its momentum up as conference play resumes. Friday night the Aztecs host New Mexico for their 1,000th game at Peterson Gym at 7 p.m.

"We didn't block too well, but our defense was much better," Warner said. "This match was big for us to build our confidence back, but we're (the coaches) still going to be on the girls."



Zlatina Anguelova led the way for SDSU Tuesday night, tallying 17 kills along with a .455 hitting percentage. Matt FitzGerald / Daily Aztec

CLUB SPOTLIGHT

Cyclists finish strong in battle with the region's best

BY PAUL COHEN

STAFF WRITER

The San Diego State club cycling team pedaled its way to another outstanding finish at its second race of the season this weekend at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Many other schools joined SDSU in the competition, including USC, UCLA, UCSD and Chico State, to name a few.

The Aztecs brought 15 riders to represent their team in the races, and had some standout finishes.

"We not only have professional level riders, but we have reliability," SDSU downhill/slalom racer Andre Sanches said. "Most of our athletes go to all the races."

Germany native Roland Danner, a professional cross-country racer, took second place in the cross-country competition and third place in the short track cross-country com-

petition.

Brazil native Sanches took fourth place in the dual slalom, a race that puts two racers against one another on adjacent, identical downhill courses that are riddled with jumps. Andre, who normally competes in the downhill races, has just begun this season to ride in the dual slalom competition.

Andrew Schafer, a semi-pro downhill and dual slalom racer, placed fifth in the dual slalom competition.

Ryan MacDonald and Chad MacDonald placed fifth and eighth respectively in the cross-country race, which consists of uphill climbs, daring descents, along the varying terrain of the mountains, and the occasional smooth road in which riders can go up to 40 mph.

"This year, we have four riders qualified for Nationals, and depending on a petition we put for funds with the Sports

Council, we will be racing all the events," Sanches said.

Sanches, Danner, Schafer and Alan Villa all qualified for nationals and will represent SDSU this weekend at the Collegiate Mountain Bike Nationals held in New Mexico.

For more information about the SDSU cycling team, visit www.SDSUcycling.org.

Women's Club Soccer

San Diego State's women's club soccer team improved its overall season record to 3-1 this weekend with back-to-back wins against USC and UCLA.

The Aztecs' first win came against the University of Southern California on Saturday. A standout performance came from Jasara Gillette, who contributed a goal and an assist to help SDSU to a 4-0 win over the Trojans.

The following day, the Aztecs

took on UCLA and won in grand fashion 3-1 over the Bruins. The game was close at the half as both teams had scored on each other to leave a 1-1 tie. The second half proved to be a different story as SDSU outscored UCLA 2-0.

The final goal came from sweeper Avy Austria who kicked the ball from about 10 yards from midfield into the far corner of the goal. Overall, Austria had an outstanding weekend providing two of the seven goals scored by SDSU in both games.

"The team is finally coming together and showing what kind of power we can be," team captain Annie Pendergast said.

This Saturday at 3 p.m. the Aztecs will be playing at home on the football practice field against CSU Long Beach, where they look to continue their two-game winning streak.

Men's Club Soccer

The SDSU men's club soccer team continued its unbeaten streak to make the team 6-0 on the season. This past weekend they defeated highly-ranked Arizona State 5-1.

SDSU has now scored 30 goals in the last six games averaging five goals per game against opponents this season.

A standout performance for the Aztecs came from Chris Giugicelli who scored two goals and registered two assists against the Sun Devils. Defensively, Adam Kulpa, the team's sweeper, helped keep the Sun Devils to merely one goal.

"Our defense has been playing well despite various injuries," coach Chris Silsbee said. "Players on the team have been coming up and playing well."

The undefeated Aztecs look to add another win this Saturday as they travel to UC Irvine to face the Anteaters.



Andrew Schafer turned in a solid performance in SDSU's second race of the season last weekend, pedalling to a fifth-place finish. Courtesy Photo

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By Linda C. Black Tribune Media Services

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)-Today is a 6-Continue to follow through on promises you've made. Don't start new projects yet. Take care of the cleanup work first.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)-Today is a 6-A friend in need may be threatening to talk your ear off. Don't offer your savings to bail out this person. Your tough love is a better gift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)-Today is an 8-It's getting closer to the time when your secret can be revealed. Start thinking about the consequences. No need to show too much too soon.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)-Today is a 7-As things get more unsettled,

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)-Today is an 8-Finish figuring out the costs so that you can take action. You're getting tired of talking. Get suited up for the doing.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)-Today is a 5-Changes, many of which seem to be way beyond your control, create anxiety and expenses.

Luckily, your creativity may be able to help you dodge these problems.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)-Today is a 7-You may have been working too hard for too little, but that's about to change. The money should increase steadily over the next few weeks, and not a moment too soon.

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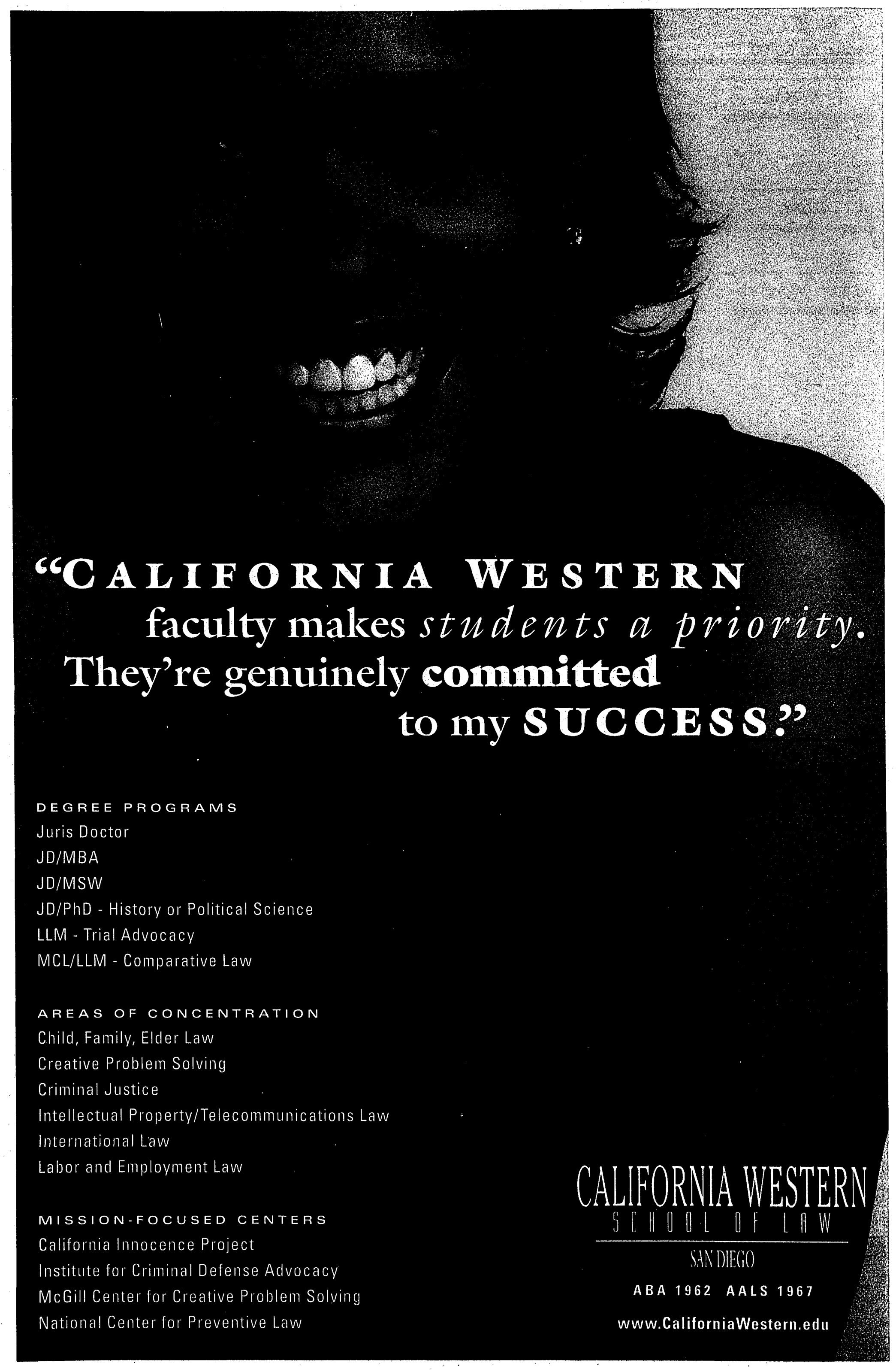
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