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From the Streets;
L.A. Democratic Convention

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

The tension built with the noise, an estimated three thousand First Amendment rights activists chanting and screaming remarks directed at the overwhelming police force that blocked their entrance to the designated protest area. The police armed in riot gear, fashioned quick tie restraints, rubber and pepper bullets and an arsenal of automatic paint ball guns. They were in no mood for a standoff.

Earlier on the day of August 16, they had stood guard at the Rampart Division of the Los Angeles Police Department in what had been staged as a peaceful protest against the allegations of police brutality, conspiracy and murder associated with the Rampart Division and from around the Nation. Now, just two hours later they were in the face of confrontation once again as the police moved in swiftly and effectively to split the crowd of protesters, and form a blockade disabling any traffic to or from the protest area. The protest was one in a series of events staged during the Democratic Convention in downtown Los Angeles this past August, all of which were monitored closely by the militaristic presence of police force on the ground and in the air.

With two helicopters roaring above and sirens screaming from every direction the message given out over the bullhorn was hard to discern. The standoff has been in effect for almost an hour now with both sides becoming restless and active. Themes were repeated and a roar grew from the belly of the crowd, the police were moving out and giving the street back to the protesters, or so it seemed. The barricade

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The night was already full of electricity, as Big Party members rubbed shoulders and traded secrets over warm beverages. October third marked the first televised debates of election 2000 between Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush who were eager to duke it out from behind the podium. The biggest fight of the night came from outside however, as Green Party presidential candidate Ralph Nader was muscled out from the floor of the debates.

Ralph Nader was not invited to participate in the debates even though past debates had seen three podiums on stage for Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot. The decision this year by the Committee of Presidential Debates was to keep the debates cut and dry, inviting only the Republicans and Democrats.

Nader had received a ticket to the debates earlier in the day from a Northeastern University freshman Todd Tavares as reported by Jennifer Bleyer. Todd commented, that it was, "a small sacrifice to make for the good of the nation." Ralph Nader gladly accepted the ticket and planned to sit peacefully in the audience and act as a watchdog.

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There Will Never or Can Never be Enough Parties

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

The presidential race is headed down the home stretch as American voters size up the candidates and prepare to cast their votes. The excitement of this election however will not be focused on the debates between the two major party candidates. Ross Perot and George W. Bush, but rather who is knocking outside on the door, asking to come in.

With voter turnout at an estimated 49.08% of registered voters (96,456,245) in last year presidential election, third party candidates are looking to appeal to the young dissatisfied voters who never even made it to the polls. They are also targeting youths that are not even registered to awaken them to the power of the vote.

While the two major party candidates are not worried about losing the election to a third party candidate, they still fear the bite in which they could take from there voting block.

The immanence of third party politics was brought into the mainstream of our Common Era by Ross Perot and his Reform Party. His monetary backing through self and privately funded donations allowed Perot to speak to the American people on multi-national broadcasts. He brought forth issues like campaign finance reform and the end to special interest payoffs. Even in his defeat, the issues that were raised became public issues that are now main topics of the presidential debates.

Despite coverage in our school systems, third parties have come in and out of popularity throughout our country’s history. In fact there has been one third party presidential candidate who actually won the presidential office. In the Election of 1860, the newly formed Republican Party made up of abolitionists and federal expansionists elected Abraham Lincoln into the office of President of the United States.

The two major parties of the 1860’s had split and could not agree on one candidate. The result was total loss of control by southerners and the secession of the states from the Union. The rest is history.

Today’s Third Party candidates do not have the luxury of a dividing social issue like the abolition of slavery to propel them into the oval office. In fact the idea of winning the office to third party candidates is second to winning the recognition of social, economical and health issues that are ignored by the two major parties. Due to recent campaign finance reform, they are also fighting for five percent of the popular vote which could allow their party 12.6 million dollars to be used in the election of 2004.

In the upcoming issues we will be looking at third party candidates Ralph Nidar of the Green Party, Howard Phillips of the Constitution Party, David McReynolds of the Socialist Party USA, John Hagelini of the Natural Law Party, Pat Buchanan of the Reform Party and Harry Brown of the Libertarian Party. In depth candidate profiles and platform issues will be the focus of each article in hopes to educate the students of Cal State Bakersfield about alternatives to the mainstream political machine. Unlike the Debates, we feel all candidates deserve representation.

The Union of Progressive Students will be hosting presidential candidate David McReynolds of the Socialist Party Monday October 9th from 6 PM till 7 PM in the Quad area of the Cal State campus. Everyone is encouraged to attend and learn about Socialist Ideology from the leader of the Party, in order to form an understanding of the Socialist party and to help each individual create opinions of their own on the topics.
Briefs

W. Bush Not Following Through

Washington D.C. – While George W. Bush maintains that education is a central issue to his presidential campaign, he continues to ignore the plight of college and college-bound students of his own state. The San Antonio Express News reported today that the rapidly increasing cost of higher education in Texas exceeds the national average by more than nine percent.

"It comes as no surprise that tuition costs in Texas have nearly doubled while Bush has been in the governor’s mansion," Democratic National Committee Press Secretary Jenny Backus said. "How can we expect a man who said ‘higher education is not my priority’ in Texas to make higher education a priority for the nation in 2000?"

They paraded through the streets; twenty blue and whites followed by a paddy wagon of fully armed riot officers. They were stationed at every corner, guarded every luxurious hotel that housed delegates and kept up with the movements of the people from the air. It was psychological intimidation, a gross physical salute to the fantastic might and power of the LAPD when it was given the opportunity to serve the rich and powerful.

None of the protests achieved national coverage, and the local media, consistent in crediting the police for the actions, lost important details on the ground for the nation.

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News Release

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Most appointments are for eight to ten weeks during the summer; however, several academic-year, semester, and year-round opportunities are offered. Some Sabbaticals are also available to faculty as well as funding for on-campus research. Stipends and travel allowances are included for most research participation programs.

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To learn more about these opportunities, visit the ORISE Educational Opportunities Web page at http://www.orau.gov/orise/educ.htm. Each listing details eligibility requirements, disciplines, locations, deadlines, benefits, and contact names/numbers.

This information is also included in ORISE’s Catalog of Education and Training Programs. You may request a hard copy of this catalog by contacting Maggie West at westm@orau.gov or (865) 576-3424, or download the PDF version from the Web site. The Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education was established by the U.S. Department of Energy to undertake national and international programs in education, training, health, and the environment. ORISE and its programs are operated by Oak Ridge Associated Universities (ORAU) through a contract with the Department of Energy. Established in 1946, ORAU is a consortium of 86 colleges and universities.

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Features
Traveling Through Jewish History
Part 1

By Katherine Seigworth
Executive Editor

This summer I was fortunate enough to be accepted by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to be a member of their annual Study Mission to Eastern Europe and Poland. This trip was an educational and business-oriented trip, but we did have our fun times. Come on, twenty college students in Europe? Of course we had fun. But we also learned a lot as well.

The Anti-Defamation League has several programs that work with colleges and universities to educate student bodies about defamation and persecution, dealing mainly Jewish issues. Every year the ADL puts together a study mission for twenty college journalists. This mission is called the Albert Finkelstein Memorial Study Mission to Poland, Bulgaria and Israel for Campus Newspaper Editors. I know, a very long name, but for the most part very clear.

The program is in its eighth year and a wonderful opportunity for student journalists whatever their focus. The mission's goal is to broaden student editors' knowledge of European and Jewish cultural history as well as to understand the current situations in these countries.

Our trip started off in Warsaw, Poland. It had been almost totally destroyed during World War II and rebuilt by communist Russia. The buildings are very plain and not very ornate except, in the Old City which are bright and colorful. We went to the remaining ghetto wall but it was hard to connect, to understand what had happened, plus we were completely exhausted. Jet lag is always the killer.

We also went to a Jewish cemetery in Warsaw, that was an experience that will remain in my mind for a long time. We saw a mass grave there. We were told that the marking of a mass grave is that after several years as the bodies begin to decompose, the ground above them sinks. Making a dip in the ground, a dip that should have never been there.

We then traveled to Krakow. A beautiful city, some call it the next Prague. The city was far luckier than Warsaw, it hadn't been destriscted sites were still there. We saw the remains of the Krakow ghetto, where Steven Spielberg filmed the movie "Shindler's List," and Oscar Shindler's factory. Things were starting to come alive for us all. Well, when the mosquitoes were not eating us alive. They were pretty bad, all of us were bitten at least once.

From Krakow we traveled to Auschwitz. The experience was extremely intense. I thought that I was prepared for it, but walking on the grounds, seeing everything, it isn't easy to describe. Nothing can prepare you for the assault on all of your senses. The smell of the hair decomposing, the massive numbers of shoes, pots, pans, suitcases, and Block 11 or 12 of Auschwitz II-Birkenau

Don't do it! Don't spend another minute of your spare time in the clutches of strip mall mediocrity. All too often, students spend their day-off with one hand on the remote while the other sifts the drags of a Doritos Valu-pak. Get up!—Wipe that hand off.—Get out and do something...it's free! This Fall quarter is up and running and, if you're like me, you're already thought about getting away. No, not dropping out of school and collecting cans for cash, but giving yourself a much-deserved put on the back for getting back into the swing of things without flipping your lid. You deserve a break, right? Right! If you're lucky enough to have at least one day off, why not take a day trip? Nothing feels quite like a true vacation than getting out of town for the day with friends.

At the end of last Spring quarter, a bunch of my pals and I piled into my little Honda and made our way to Los Angeles, to check out the Ray and Charles Eames exhibit at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA). Our pockets lined with the seven buck admission fee and just barely enough gas money, we planned to lunch on Power Bars and bottled water. Just get us out of the Inland Empire and into the arms of culture! Anything! Everything you need culture! Anyhow, L. A. County Museum of Art

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(Free admission the 2nd Tuesday of every month)

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http://www.nortonsimon.org
(Students w/ I.D. free through 1/31/01)

Get Out of Town! Daytripping Los Angeles' finest Museums—For Free!

By Jennifer Cline Williams
Staff Writer

when we arrived at the museum—Joy, Amen! We were told that every first Tuesday of the month was free for all, and that we needn't pay a dime. Needless to say, we 'hecked out the super cool show, as well as a few other exhibits, and went out for a fine, seven dollar lunch afterwards. We spent the rest of the day bumming around Santa Monica and Venice beaches, shopping and enjoying ourselves. It was relaxing as well as memorable — which is more than can be said for the other days we were whirled away in chat rooms or spent in subjection to another episode of Cops.

I got to thinking, "If LACMA has this free Tuesday deal, I bet this sort of thing goes on all over L.A. Why, I ought to do some research and figure out all the free days. I'll never pay again! Well, at least not while I'm living on the meager income of a student. I'll support the arts generously later when I'm an accomplished writer. They'll name a gallery after me!" So after I was struck with this cheap-skate epiphany, I did the research, and by god it's true! Some of L. A.'s most renowned museums have designated days when admission is waived and nearly all of them also offer great discounts for students during regular hours (i.e. when it isn't free). So get up! Get Out! Do something! Everything you need to plan your daytrip can be found on the Internet, from the lowdown on specific exhibits and artists to detailed maps. Enjoy!

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...and if you don't have a car, you can always take the Gold Line Light Rail to Union Station, and catch the express bus to the Norton Simon, or take a taxi to LACMA. Get Out of Town!
Opinions

The Underrated Message to Students: Register and Vote

By Bill Jones
California Secretary of State

More than 7.8 million registered voters cast ballots in California's presidential primary election on March 7, 2000. It proved to be the highest turnout for a presidential primary since 1980 and it also set a record for the highest number of people to vote in an election in California history.

Although we have made progress in recent years, nearly half of all Californians who are eligible to vote fail to cast their ballots in election years. As Secretary of State, I have worked to reverse that trend. We are continually delivering the message that "voting is everybody's business," but I need your help to get there.

Simply put, we need to fully inform Californians about the October 10, 2000 registration deadline and we need to make it as easy and convenient as possible to register for the November 7th presidential general election.

Often times students don't realize that they can register and vote even though they live away from their home, or that they can request an absentee ballot from their home-county and participate on Election Day.

One of the most often-cited reasons people give for not voting is their sense of futility...they don't think their vote makes a difference; they claim they have no impact on government, and vice versa; they believe "special interests" run everything; so their votes don't count.

To those pessimists, skeptics and cynics, I saw "wrong!" There are too many real-life examples where one vote has made the difference between winning and losing, between enacting a law or bond measure and rejecting it. Especially at the local level, we repeatedly see instances where a city council member, school board trustee, member of the board of supervisors, or a special district member—such as water board or fire district—is elected by one vote.

There's no ready-made solution to increasing voter turnout. Motivation is a highly personal factor, which is largely beyond the government's control. But we can take, and have taken, steps to remove the procedural obstacles and in-convenient hurdles to registering and voting.

In California, a citizen can register by mail and vote by-mail. Any registered voter may apply for an absentee ballot without having to offer any excuse for this convenient voting option. The aggressive registration outreach programs conducted by my office and county election officials in conjunction with numerous private businesses and organizations have made registration as convenient as picking up a half-gallon of milk on your way home from work. It couldn't be easier, while still being within the limits necessary to insure against fraud. But in order to vote you must be registered.

The deadline to register is October 10th—please encourage your family and friends to register and vote. For more information, please contact my office at 1-800-345-VOTE or visit my website at 222.ss.ca.gov where you can download and print a voter registration card.

In Search of the Howlin 'Yote

"I tell you this: no eternal reward will forgive us now for wasting the dawn."

~JIM MORRISON

By John J. Eddy
News Editor

The sun has risen once again, its rays illuminating the hallways of an institution that has stood its ground for thirty-five years. It is the dawning of a new era, a breaking point in which the silence of our schools' past gives way to a proud and vocal future. For decades, this school has been over looked by elitists who compare the level of an education with the amount of money they spend per semester.

We have been mocked, ridiculed and down trodden by other universities who view us as a commuter school, a compromise between a junior college and a real four-year university. This opinion has infiltrated our minds, casting a gray fog that depletes us of all school spirit. Are we really just another commuter school, or are we an institution that is symbolic of our heritage and colorful history that classifies the largest county in the United States? Can we shift the scales, promoting high morale and school spirit to all howlin 'Yotes? The answer lies within each individual who calls Cal State Beldon their home, and how each of us personally involves ourselves outside of our classes in order to give back to our campus.

It can be quite difficult at times to love something that shows no appreciation, yet no one ever said gaining strength was easy. Only in the face of extreme adversity and prejudice can we become stronger. Our School is not the most student friendly campus in southern California, referring to us as clients at times rather than recognizing the knowledge thirsty undergrads we are.

We lack the basic essentials to building a high feeling of morale and school pride, essentially an event that unifies us consistently.

Football games play crucial roles for many universities, bringing together all banners of uniqueness under one common theme, anialating the opponent. It gives the student body something to be proud of, a topic for conversation that can be shared throughout the every hall and every building. It builds a shared experience that unifies the student body to their college home.

Some campuses however still thrive with the absence of a football team or other sport which draws the masses away from book and pencil. Cal State Chico for example retains a preverbal school pride from its constant support from the community. The entire town of Chico is dedicated to the campus. It is quite small and quaint, independent coffee shops and pubs are always filled with students eager to strike up a conversation and extend their grasp of social awareness.

The youths are accepted and cherished, creating a flame in each student that makes them feel warm, wanted and secure. The community fulfills within them with a sense of purpose and a means to reach the stars by providing them the...
The Video Games of the Year are Here!

The Chronicle Reviews Two of the Most Anticipated Video Game Sequel Releases of All Time

Tony Hawk 2 is Over the Top!

By Bill Marshall III
Arts & Entertainment Editor

The problem with success is that it causes expectations. For the creators of Tony Hawk Pro Skater the expectations were HUGE. Their task? Only to make a sequel to one of the most popular and arguably the best video game ever created.

With THPS, Activision's Neversoft raised the bar on graphics, gameplay and that intangible quality that the best games share: giving mere mortals the ability to do things we are physically or morally incapable of doing in real life. In this case, it's launching over cavernous gaps or grinding along impossible rails in defiance of the laws of nature.

Thanks to some shrewd marketing (with free demo versions of the game available from Pizza Hut) THPS launched into the gaming scene like the Hawkman himself from a vert ramp. The game flew off store shelves and renting it became an exercise in patience and surveillance. Across the nation, teen boys (and a lot of us older permanent adolescents) spent countless hours "cracking out" in front of their PlayStations, striving to master the grinds, ollies, flips and other myriad moves that gravity and lack of coordination denied them in real life. And so a legend was born.

When the original Tony Hawk frenzy finally died down, all those devotees found themselves asking for one thing: more. More tricks, more skate areas, more characters, more equipment, more action. More of everything that made THPS so engrossing that players found themselves daydreaming about tiny skateboarders doing huge tricks off their desk in class, and saying things to each other like, "Dude, I could grind that roof for days!"

Released this month, Tony Hawk Pro Skater 2 fulfilled those hopes. Neversoft started by improving existing game aspects. The graphics are markedly improved. The player movements are smoother and more realistic, with more and better looking falls' heightening realism. The sounds are also more realistic. When you slap the tail of the board onto a rail or lip, it sounds like wood hitting...
Last year, PC game giant Bioware released Baldur's Gate to instant acclaim and epic sales. The role-playing fantasy game, created in cooperation with TSR, creators of the original Dungeons and Dragons pen-and-paper role-playing game, was accepted by aficionados as the first time a computer game had even come close to recreating the scenario immersion and interactivity of real D&D gaming.

The game was designed using the Infinity game engine that runs several other popular RPGs. The player sees an overhead view of his party and controls their actions, from melee combat to thievery to wizardly spell casting, from a button interface framing the view area. This overhead orientation is a workable solution to the eternal first-person or third-person view dilemma that has surely cost many a game designer hours of lost sleep.

In the original Baldur’s Gate, the story focused around the player’s character as the child of a murderous god and the quest to come to terms with this heritage and the evil plots of the god’s other living son. Baldur’s Gate 2 picks up after the epic battle that concludes the first game. This time the player begins as the captive of an evil mage who has imprisoned you and some familiar friends from BG. Upon escape, the quest to locate your captor leads you and your growing party of adventurers to the mysterious and dangerous city of Athkatla, capital of the region of Amn in which the game takes place. Here your quest truly begins.

As in the first Baldur’s Gate, the story line is immediately engrossing. The improvement for BG2 is in the level of interactivity. As before, the members of your party address one another, voicing opinions and discontent with decisions in which they disagree. If, for instance, you decide to engage in evil acts, the party members of good alignment will protest. Conversely, party members also may show approval of actions in line with their characteristics. In BG2, these inter-party exchanges have been expanded to suit the characters involved and can even lead to discoveries or actions otherwise left unexplored.

But perhaps the most interesting and ambitious interaction development is the inclusion of a little romance between party members. I admit I was skeptical of this at first; I saw it as a bit cheesy and perhaps a little too obvious a ploy to draw female gamers, but the game designers managed to quell my fears. The romantic exchanges are well-written and appropriate to the characters. As any true fan of D&D knows, playing your character as a real person is the only way to do it right.

Naturally, there have also been many technical and aesthetic improvements in BG2. The Infinity game engine has been tweaked to improve performance. The most apparent result is improved party mobility. No more endless trudging through large open areas or party members wandering off because something blocked their path... A new map feature that allows the player to add notes to map areas and an improved journal system help players keep track of the hundreds of quests and characters throughout the game. The user interface also has been updated and simplified. Hotkeys now enable the player to quickly navigate the numerous character screens without having to muscle the mouse all over the place. A new color scheme, new cut scenes and updated incidental art all combine in an aesthetically pleasing package to create an interesting visual experience. Also, Baldur’s Gate 2 supports advanced 3D video technology, with spectacular animations of spells and other effects that are a quantum improvement over the original.

The sounds have also been revamped for BG2. Outdoor noises like barking dogs, arguing townsfolk, and singing birds are much more prominent and effectively used to enhance the immersion factor of the game. Once again, a lush musical score adds drama to the rich game experience. One of the most impressive aspects of BG and again in BG2 is the amount and quality of the voiceovers. Character speech and environmental sounds are varied and engaging.

Overall, Black Isle has done what any sequel to a breakthrough game must BG2 continued on pg. 10
metal or masonite. The skate areas are significantly larger than in THPS, and the designers seem to have focused on big grinds as the key to scoring points and getting the best lines.

The soundtrack has also seen changes. Major acts like Rage Against the Machine and Public Enemy contributed tracks to a groovier, more hip-hop flavored soundtrack in THPS 2, and this time you’re not stuck listening to the same track looped over and over.

And of course, new tricks have been added. A customizable trick list gives the player full control over his moves and allows players to assign tricks to the buttons that suit them best.

But perhaps the most exciting additions to THPS 2 are the track editor and new money-based system that lets players buy new tricks, equipment and higher stats. The track editor editor puts the player in the role of skate park designer. By choosing and placing a huge number of track elements, such as ramps and rails, players can design, save and ride in parks created from their imagination and suited to their tastes. The addition of the park editor is a wise nod to gamers who more and more desire to wield more control over their gaming experience.

The creators of THPS clearly saw the graffiti on the wall. Their product had seized the imagination of a generation-and-a-half of avid gamers with cash in their baggy pants and a Walmart just down the street, and they weren’t about to let that cash cow go. By giving players the features and straight-up gaming satisfaction they crave, Neversoft has ensured that THPS 2 will join its progenitor in the pantheon of video game masterpieces.

Islamic Art Show at Fullerton Museum

The Robert V. Fullerton Art Museum is hosting an art show focusing on Islamic mystic influences. The show, entitled “Mirror of the Invisible: Contemporary Artists Reflecting on Rumi and Islamic Mysticism” is being held in conjunction with an international conference on Rumi, a 13th century Islamic Sufi poet and mystic.

Sixteen artists are showing forty-five works at the Fullerton museum including well-known video artist Bill Viola. An eclectic mix of media are represented, including painting, drawing, sculpture, installation, video and mixed media.

A panel discussion featuring six of the artists will be held October 26 from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. For more information call (909) 880-7373 or email ekirsch@csusb.edu.

Jo Dee Messina to Perform October 8

Country singer Jo Dee Messina will perform at the Coussoulis Arena Sunday, October 8. Messina is touring in support of her third CD “Burn,” which is currently at the top of Billboard’s country charts.

Marc Corey Lee will open the show at 7:00 PM. Tickets are $22.00 plus a service fee, and are available from the Coussoulis Arena box office or through TicketMaster. Gold Circle seating is already sold out, so purchase your tickets now!

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pendsent media services covered the controversial tactics of the police force. One incident involved the arrest of fifty bicyclists on Tuesday, August 15. As reported by Tamar Straus from AlterNet News service, "Instead of taking the bicyclists to a parked paddy wagon, brought in approximately 100 motorcycle cops and stood with their batons, pepper spray guns and other weapons at the ready, warning, it seems, for the observar to either attack them or disperse from the area." The bicyclists were protesting for equal rights to street usage, and were arrested for going down a one way street, which they were forced onto by 50 motorcycle cops. The police decision to hold the cyclists was scheduled to coincide with a peaceful crowd with a peaceful crowd. The convention staged by liberal reformers was once the largest and most popular. It was shut down for going down a one way street, which they were negotiated to the fullest extent.

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comfortable surroundings of an open loving home. Though we lack the attractiveness of a college town and the unifying frenzy of Saturday night football games, we still have the students of Cal State Berdoo contain something within this time that no other university can compare with. We hold the power to build the future of this school as we see fit and we are the voice of change for the next generation. Our school is not recognized by the outside world through our buildings or our staff, it is recognized by us the students, the magic behind the scenes that breathes life into our campus. Our school should not and will not be remembered for its old buildings and new additions, but for the people who filled these buildings with the energy that only youth can create. We are the holders of our own destiny, yet we are also the only roadblocks that displace our progress. Become involved now through conversations with your classmates. Search yourselves and ask what you want to be remembered for while you were a registered part of our university. Talk to your everyone you meet, keep your mind open and organize to create the future we want for our school.

Our University offers a plethora of different clubs and organizations that cover nearly every area of interest that one can possibly imagine. There are events nearly every week in which keynote speakers will address. Issues or loud bands will test the limits of decibel stamina, take advantage of them and make acquaintances. There are sports teams to cheer for and support, performing arts to absorb and appaise the cultural hunger that starves inside us all.

We have a newspaper that needs journalists, and television and radio production department that can send you over the airwaves and into the homes of our campus residents. There are a million and one ways each of us can become involved here at Cal State Berdoo, all of which will open up the doors towards the unification of school spirit. That pride that swells in the hearts of men and women who can hold there heads high and scream unashamed the howl of the Yote.

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into a corrupt two-party system... our country is more important that their sleazy fundraisers and the sleazey debate commission, which is funded by Anheuser-Busch, to

bacco companies, auto companies and all others that have corporatized our entire society." Nader was met at the entrance of the debates by a commission official and three uniformed policemen who explained he was not invited on the premises, even with a ticket. He was escorted out, and remained with his advisors and top campaign men and women throughout the night. Nader says he is pursuing legal measures against the Commission on Presidential Debates for barring him entry into the event.

Meanwhile, the mood on the University of Massachusetts bicyclists is hard to change. In what started out as a protest of 5,000 Ralph Nader supporters for his entry into the debate, ended in 16 arrests and 5 people injured after the crowd swelled to an estimated 12,000 people when Gore and Bush supporters swarmed the campus. Halfway through the debate, the police lines on the campus were reinforced with over a hundred riot gear carrying officers. When the time of one minute to the debate, the protesters broke the lines and sat down arm in arm on a road leading to the debate hall. The result of the police intervention landed two people in the hospital.

With the second debate already wrapped up, the fight to get Ralph Nader onto the stage is nearly over. Despite the exclusion from what he deems should be a fair and open forum for all candidates, he has given up his hope on the run for the oval office. He has put an effort into getting his face into the minds of America by speaking on, the Late Show with David Letterman, Late Night with Jay Leno, Politically Incorrect with Bill Mahar, and the Queen Latifah show. He will get his airtime in other places if he has to; he has always walked to the beat of his own drum.

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the grounds was unreal even to this day. I can't believe that I was really there. I can see it in my mind's eye, I can remember the colors and shapes of everything, and I can even remember the people on my trip. But while I can't believe that I was actually there. The information that we received there was amazing. And I'm not just talking about information that came from our guide. I'm talking about the emotional and mental information that we gained just by being there and seeing it with our own eyes. It was something that is indescribable.

The crematoria had been destroyed by the German troops when they realized that they were going to lose the war. All three of the crematoria at Birkenau were destroyed, only rubble remains.

Auschwitz III-Monowitz was once the largest Auschwitz sub-camp but in November of 1943 the camp became a separate administrative unit.

But the most haunting experience that I had at the Auschwitz crematoriums was when we stood near a small algae covered pond near the crematorium 2 at Birkenau. We were told that the pond was where they dumped the ashes of the victims. But that was only truly scary and earth shattering; at least for me, was when our guide from the ADL, Jeffery Ross, had us bend down and near the pond and look at the ground. We all noticed the white flecks on the ground. I thought they were just rocks, but he very boldly told that they were bone fragments, fragments that had not been completely burned. It's hard to explain the experience of walking on the grounds in Auschwitz and in Poland. And that was only the first three days of our trip. They were taking us from the past into the present, making the history lessons that we had learned in school come alive.

This series will continue next week, October 13th with Bulgaria and the following week, October 20th with Israel.
US Humanitarian and Peace Mission
Datu Efren Mandipensa
Tribal Chief from Mindanao

Next Wednesday, Datu Efren Mandipensa, the tribal chief from Mindanao will be here on campus giving a talk regarding the need to help keep the last virgin rainforest in the Philippines safe from illegal logging. In Event Center Cat 12:00 to 1:30pm he will speak to all those who are interested in meeting the leader of this indigenous culture. Another part of the lecture will be a performance of the Higaonon's culture and arts.

It may seem hard for us, especially since we are surrounded by modern comforts to understand that there are people who want to remain the way that they have for all their history, without electricity, plumbing or money, but these people do. The Higaonon enjoy their oneness with nature and they desire to live peacefully and off the land.

This tribe has never been conquered or colonized. Because of this they have retained their ancient traditions, culture and dialect. But now that the lowlanders have been logging their home, they find themselves without jobs and living on charity. Their distinct dialect makes it difficult for them to work among others, as well as the job market in their area is almost nonexistent.

The Higaonon Elders and community started the Tribal Agro-Forestry Technology (TAFT) project to deal with the problem of preserving the remaining forest. This project allows the tribe to reclaim the areas that need to be reforested and to preserve the remaining rainforest. TAFT also allows them to continue to protect their way of life.

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By Chris Walenta
Sports Editor

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Since there is still no football team in our area, we will take a closer look at the coming football season and try to break it down for the people who care about football the most, REAL NFL fans.

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But wait, let us look to the AFC East. Their lies the biggest surprise in all of football, the New York Jets. Many people had written them off when Keyshawn Johnson was dealt to the Bucs, but now they are a legitimate force in one of the more competitive divisions. The Jets main challenge will come from either the Indianapolis Colts or the Buffalo Bills. Both teams are coming off playoff years and are hungry for the Lombardi trophy.

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Prediction: Broncos advance to the playoffs, barely.

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Giving Up On Your Pride and Joy

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How many times have we seen it in the sports world that the once "star of the team" is now being released or traded to another team for mere peanuts. It happened in the 1930's when Babe Ruth could no longer produce, he was dealt to the Boston Braves. It happened when Willie Mays was sent to the New York Mets. It happened when Joe Montana was sent to Kansas City. And now it appears as if it may happen to San Diego's own Tony Gwynn.

On Wednesday, the San Diego Padres declined to pick up the $6 million dollar option on the right fielder for next season. In order for Gwynn to have qualified for the option automatically he would have had to registered 502 plate appearances this season. He was injured throughout the season and was out of all but 36 games. "The message here shouldn't be that we've given up on Tony Gwynn," Padres General Manager Kevin Towers said. It should be that we'd like to see something in the $2 million to $6 million."

Gwynn had received a $2 million signing bonus last spring if the Padres held onto the possibility to signing Gwynn to his 2001 signing bonus. Gwynn still wants to remain a Padre, and maintain his residence in the city of San Diego.

"I've been here 19 years, so obviously this is where I want to be. That hasn't changed," Gwynn said. "All things considered, I've got to do what's best for me. If being here is best for me then that's where I'll be. If not, then I'll have to go somewhere else."

Gwynn, who is now 40 years of age, batted .323 in his 19th season. "Money is not part of the issue. I just want to play," stated the 15-time all-star. Unfortunately money is the issue for the San Diego Padres, and the rest of Major League Baseball.

Musical Folding Chairs

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Whether you like it or not, Professional Wrestling is becoming more and more a part of popular culture.

Now more than ever, pro wrestling is enjoying its newfound popularity. Wrestling is catching on and cashing in big time. With top wrestling programs ranking high in television ratings, advertisers are quickly trying to tap into that very illusive male 18-24 demographic. One of these wrestling organizations is the WWF.

The World Wrestling Federation (WWF) was the first wrestling company to go national, linking independent circuits from coast to coast. In it's heyday the WWF played host to legends like Hulk Hogan, Andre the Giant, Brutus "the Barber" Beefcake, and many others. Today's superstars like the Rock and Stone Cold Steve Austin are enjoying the prosperity of pro wrestling's renaissance.

Pro Wrestling has become big business. More than that, pro wrestling shares more similarities with that of real professional sports like baseball and football. The way that the major networks compete for the rights of the National Football League games, cable companies are vying for the rights to air pro wrestling programs. Recently there has been a major change on the pro wrestling card.

World Championship Wrestling (WCW) is owned by media mogul Ted Turner, based out of his hometown of Atlanta, Georgia, he serves the rights to air WCW programs on his two networks: TBS and TNT. While Vince McMahon who owns and operates the WWF, has the distinct advantage of being able to sell off programs to the highest bidder. Months ago WWF's Thursday night program "Smackdown" was relocated to the then fledging UPN network. "Smackdown" was an instant hit gaining a new audience for the new company. WCW countered by moving "Thursday Night Thunder" to a Wednesday night timeslot.

So, the TV wrestling schedule was locked. WWF and WCW both offered a Monday night program competing against one another. Wednesday showed Thunder, and Thursday played Smackdown. Then came the backlash, like everything that gains popularity quickly. Children from around the U. S. started to try the moves that they had seen on TV, on friends and siblings.

Sometimes resulting in death. WWF was forced to show risque, or adult oriented topics during later television viewing hours. Splitting it's "Raw is War" show in half—half "Raw is War", half "Warzone."

Until recently that was all the pro wrestling on TV. The Nashville Network tried to throw its hat into the ring, by picking up the smaller and more fan loyal ECW, Extreme Championship Wrestling or as it is also known, East Coast Wrestling. TNN televised ECW as part of its Friday night line-up.

USA's contract with WWF would shortly be up for grabs. TNN out bid the rest of the competition for the rights to air WWF's "Raw is War" and "Warzone." So now TNN, newly dubbed: The National Network, is now showing the WWF program same as the USA network did weeks before.