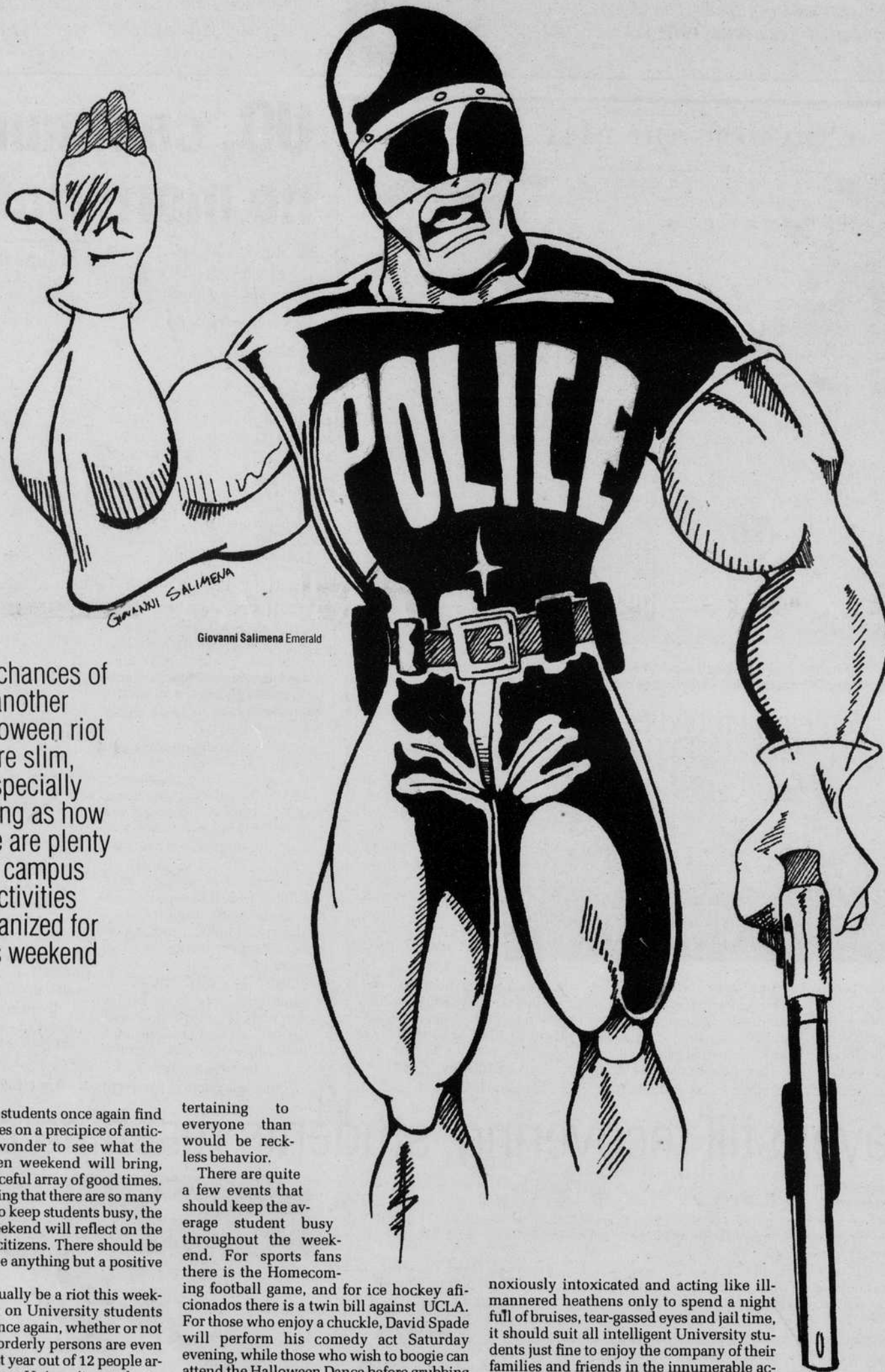


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## Having a harmless but happenin' Halloween



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The chances of another Halloween riot are slim, especially seeing as how there are plenty of campus activities organized for this weekend

University students once again find themselves on a precipice of anticipatory wonder to see what the Halloween weekend will bring, with hope for a peaceful array of good times. While it's a good thing that there are so many interesting events to keep students busy, the net result of the weekend will reflect on the University and its citizens. There should be no reason for it to be anything but a positive image.

Should there actually be a riot this weekend, the reflection on University students will be damaging once again, whether or not the majority of disorderly persons are even students. In fact, last year out of 12 people arrested, only four were University students. But throughout the community, it is almost a given that it is unruly Ducks who are solely to blame.

While it may be difficult to develop a better reputation by doing nothing wrong, there should be no need for any negative perception of University students because the numerous events planned should be more en-

tertaining to everyone than would be reckless behavior.

There are quite a few events that should keep the average student busy throughout the weekend. For sports fans there is the Homecoming football game, and for ice hockey aficionados there is a twin bill against UCLA. For those who enjoy a chuckle, David Spade will perform his comedy act Saturday evening, while those who wish to boogie can attend the Halloween Dance before grubbing down the midnight breakfast that will immediately follow the Spade event. Those are just a few of several events anyone seeking entertainment can find.

Those are certainly better than the alternative action many in the community are working to avoid. While it is theoretically possible that some could choose to get ob-

noxiously intoxicated and acting like ill-mannered heathens only to spend a night full of bruises, tear-gassed eyes and jail time, it should suit all intelligent University students just fine to enjoy the company of their families and friends in the innumerable activities planned for the weekend.

None of us wants to see a riot. And the chances are good there won't be one. Then we can all sit back, recalling the fun to be had, and wonder why anyone would have acted differently.

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### THE WEEK IN THUMBS



#### To housing an un-served market

University Housing is considering two plans to house approximately 40 graduate students, a group seemingly no one currently serves. The site would be located between Villard and Moss streets north of 15th Avenue.

#### To thwarting a dangerous disease

More than 175 students have been vaccinated against bacterial meningitis at the Student Health Center. The vaccine costs \$66 for the disease that affected 3,000 people nationwide last year.



#### To unlucky scheduling

Every year, the Duck football team plays all but one PAC-10 team, and this year they don't play Stanford, which is 5-0. Had the Ducks had the opportunity, they could have ended the false glory that is the Cardinal.

#### To a weighty problem

The amount of obese Americans has increased from 12 to almost 18 percent from 1991 to 1998, according to the University of California. In a separate study, Tufts University claims that 63 percent of men and 55 percent of women older than 25 are overweight or obese, the highest rate ever.