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ATHLETICS

WINNING WAYS

The UCSD softball team won its second conference series of the season 3-1 against Chico State last weekend Friday, Feb. 14 and Saturday, Feb. 15.

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SAN DIEGO

City Pays Thousands to Settle Filner Lawsuit

San Diego is responsible for a \$250,000 settlement to the victim of the former mayor's sexual harassment.

BY ALEKSANDRA KONSTANTINOVIC ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The city of San Diego is set to pay \$250,000 to settle a lawsuit with the first woman to publicly accuse former mayor Bob Filner of sexual harassment.

Irene McCormack-Jackson served as Filner's communications director from January to June 2013 before publicizing his inappropriate behavior, which included asking her to go to work without panties, demanding kisses and dragging her in a headlock. She has been represented by attorney Gloria Allred.

Filner resigned in August of last year after 17 more women came out to accuse him of harassment and pled guilty to one felony count of false imprisonment and two misdemeanor counts of battery.

He will serve three months of home confinement starting Jan. 1; however, he is not responsible for any of the money owed to McCormack. After the allegations became public, the San Diego City Council agreed to pay Filner's legal fees in exchange for his resignation.

The city's attorney, Jan Goldsmith negotiated the lawsuit, which holds the city responsible as Filner's employer.

"Nothing will come out of [Filner's] pocket. This is the city's responsibility under the settlement," Goldsmith told NBC San Diego. "Both sides won because we resolved it early, before a year of very expensive litigation plus a trial at the end."

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CALIFORNIA

Deadline Delayed for Prisoner Releases

California now has until 2016 to decrease state prison population by 1,000 inmates.

BY KAREN TO STAFF WRITER

Three federal judges recently gave Governor Jerry Brown a two-year extension to resolve California's overcrowding prison crisis — an order originally mandated by the federal court in June 2013 to resolve by 2014.

The extension is one of several Gov. Brown has received by the federal court to reduce California's prison populations.

He requested a three-year extension in Sept. 2013, which was rejected, but was granted a four-week extension to reduce prison populations by 8 percent. In Dec. 2013, the prison-reduction order was extended once again to April 18.

Under the mandates of the recent extension, he has until February 2016

to meet the requirements set for California to lower its prison population by 1,000 inmates.

"It is encouraging that the Three-Judge Court has agreed to a two-year extension," Brown said in a statement on Feb. 10. "The state now has the time and resources necessary to help inmates become productive members of society and make our communities safer."

The judges demand to see prison populations reduced to 1,000 by the end of June 2014, with eligibility for parole given to elderly prisoners and those who have serious mental health issues first.

A lawsuit was also filed against California by 33,000 prisoners, accusing the state of providing inadequate treatments for prisoners with mental

illnesses.

Director of the nonprofit, Prison Law Office, Don Specter, who represents the prisoners in the lawsuit, is discontented with the failure of the state to cap prison populations by May 2014.

"We're very disappointed," Specter said in a Feb. 10 ABC news article. "We believe that there are substantial constitutional violations continuing right now which result in prisoners suffering and dying because of prison overcrowding."

Currently, over 117,000 inmates are crowded into facilities built to originally maintain 81,600 residents. An additional 12,200 prisoners are incarcerated in private facilities in

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UC SYSTEM

AFSCME 3299 Votes to Authorize New Strike

Over 96 percent of the union's members support striking for the third time in the last twelve months.

BY MEKALANEELAKANTAN
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Members of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 3299 union and UC Patient Care Technical workers have once again authorized a UC-wide strike against allegedly unfair wage contracts on Feb. 14. The authorization follows a three-day strike vote Feb. 11 through Feb. 13 by union bargaining members.

The announcement — garnering 96 percent in support from the service workers units — marks the third AFSCME union strike to occur in the last 12 months.

Workers previously protested in September and May at the UC Office of the President in Oakland after nearly unanimous votes, citing unfair practices in safe staffing standards and demanding wage increases due to an expired contract yet to be renewed by the UC system.

The 8,300 Services Workers and 13,000 Patient Care Technical Workers under the AFSCME 3299 banner make up the lowest paid workers — including nurses, sanitation workers and EMT specialists — in the UC system and have been negotiating higher wage settlements with the UC system for over a year.

"Our members seek a fair settlement, and this vote makes it clear that UC's final offer fails to meet that standard," UC Service worker and AFSCME 3299 Bargaining Team Member Jose Mendez said in a union release on Feb. 14. "The ball is now in UC's court. We hope they will change course and finally choose to work towards an agreement that addresses our core issues and honors our contributions to the university. If not, our members are prepared to strike."

According to the AFSCME website and union spokesperson Todd Stenhouse, members have also demonstrated concern at unfairness between negotiations and offers provided to other UC unions employees.

"The question is going to be, at what point are they going to come to the table with fair offers for our priorities?" Stenhouse said.

Many state and union leaders also expressed support for a contract resolution between the UC system and AFSCME 3299 workers, including California Lieutenant Governor and UC Regent Gavin Newsom.

"After years of giving huge salaries to executives, it is time for the [University of California] to show its lowest paid workers that they are a valued part of the UC family," Newsom said in a recent tweet.

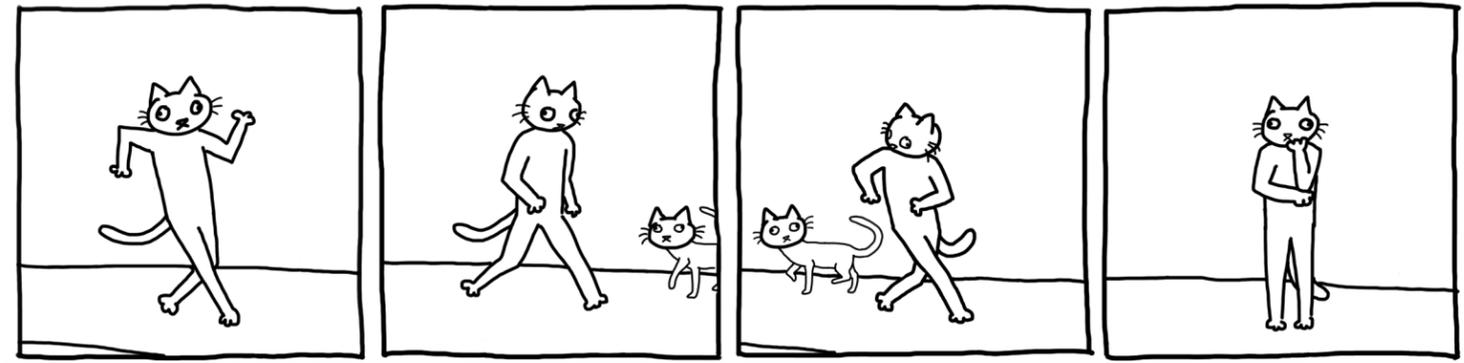
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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Some Smokers Don't Identify As Such

UCSD researchers find that smokers may be understating their smoking habits.

BY HELEN HEJRAN
STAFF WRITER

Researchers at UCSD Medical School reported that the approximately 400,000 of adults living in California who smoke cigarettes do not consider themselves "smokers." The number, which represents 12.3 percent of active smokers in the state, was published alongside other research findings in Tobacco Control on Feb. 5.

Of the "non-identifying smokers," 22 percent smoked cigarettes daily.

Increased stigma regarding smoking cigarettes seems to play a factor in a person labeling themselves a "smoker," which makes the number of people who actually smoke seem to decrease.

The research noted that the "non-identifying smokers" were divided into two groups: persons who justified their smoking on social situ-

ations and drinking, stating they could quit at any time, and older persons who smoke daily and may be dealing with nicotine addictions. The second group was further described as persons who may be embarrassed after trying multiple times to quit or have dealt with health repercussions from their smoking.

"We hope that [our research] will be instrumental in informing individuals who smoke that they may be downplaying the significance of their smoking behavior," UCSD Department of Family and Preventive Medicine graduate student Eric Leas said.

The researchers at UCSD Medical School utilized cross-sectional analysis from the 2011 California Longitudinal Smokers Survey. Participants in the CLSS include individuals who smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their life, smoked at least

once in the 30 days preceding their interview or currently smoked for at least "some days."

The research concluded that an increased selection criteria may help studies in high stigma areas account for non-identifying smokers.

Both UCSD and SDSU have become smoke-free campuses during the 2013-14 academic year, along with a UC-wide ban and, as a result, may experience a higher influx of students who smoke cigarettes identifying as a non-smoker.

"Future sociological and cultural studies are needed to understand how individuals relate with their smoking behavior, how society views individuals who smoke and how these factors can affect self-identification," Leas said.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

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Friday, Feb. 7

2:07 a.m.: Fire Alarm

A fire sprinkler malfunctioned in the Village West Building 1, triggering a false alarm. *Checks OK.*

12:39 p.m.: Disturbance

A group was handing out flowers and videotaping people in the Student Service Center quad area. *Information only.*

1:35 p.m.: Injury

A skateboarder collided with a pickup truck near Voigt Drive, possibly breaking his arm. *Transported to hospital.*

4:19 p.m.: Medical Aid

The subject drank an unknown liquid in Black Hall, thinking it was water. *Medics responded, checks OK.*

Saturday, Feb. 8

2:12 a.m.: Disturbance

A group of subjects was ringing doorbells at Tenaya Hall. *Quiet on arrival.*

5:14 a.m.: Medical Aid

The subject experienced shortness of breath and a rapid heart rate in Cafe Vita. *Transported to hospital.*

11:52 p.m.: Citizen Contact

The subject felt depressed and requested transportation to the hospital. *Transported to hospital for evaluation.*

Sunday, Feb. 9

9:51 p.m.: Information

Personal belongings were left by an unknown owner on the ground and on vehicles in Lot 102. *Information only.*

9:58 p.m.: Suicide Attempt

The subject made suicidal threats in text messages to suitmates at the Village West. *Transported to hospital for evaluation.*

Monday, Feb. 10

11:47 a.m.: Non-injury Accident

Report

A vehicle backed into another parked vehicle at the La Jolla Professional Center. *Report taken.*

7:14 p.m.: Suspicious Person

A subject was soliciting money for sports programs at the Central Mesa Apartments. *Field interview administered.*

Tuesday, Feb. 11

4:04 a.m.: Welfare Check

A student-aged subject with a prior medical condition was lying on the floor at the Robinson Complex. *Transported to hospital.*

1:50 p.m.: Welfare Check

A subject had 15 dogs near Expedition Way. *Unable to locate.*

3:03 p.m.: Medical Aid

The subject suffered an allergic reaction at Goldberg. *Transported to hospital.*

Wednesday, Feb. 12

1:25 a.m.: Petty Theft

Two student-aged subjects took a table from an event in Frankfurter Hall. *Field interview administered.*

2:02 a.m.: Citizen Contact

Two subjects were urinating on the side of Tioga Hall. *Unable to locate.*

Thursday, Feb. 13

1:37 p.m.: Welfare Check

The caller had not heard from the subject in three days. *Checks OK.*

8:29 p.m.: Information

Subjects in a vehicle were throwing eggs at passing motorists on Artists Lane. *Information only.*

10:21 p.m.: Information

A suspicious person, possibly intoxicated, was reported in Lot 103. *Information only.*

— ANDREW HUANG
Staff Writer

City of San Diego Still Faces Two Sexual Harassment Lawsuits

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The trial is set to begin in February 2015.

Former interim mayor Todd Gloria, who stepped into the position following Filner's resignation and held it up until last week's election, believes the settlement is the right step in putting an end to the issue.

"I am pleased that a settlement

has been reached in this case and that our city can continue to move forward beyond the actions of our previous mayor," Gloria said. "Irene McCormack-Jackson deserves the gratitude of our city for standing up courageously against treatment no one should ever endure."

The settlement releases San Diego from future liability to McCormack; however, the city still faces two more lawsuits, one from another city

employee and the other from a former Marine.

San Diego voters elected Republican Councilman Kevin Faulconer to replace Filner last Tuesday by a margin of nine points over opponent David Alvarez. Faulconer has not commented on the settlement.

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UCSA Program Aims to Direct Money to Education Over Prison

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California and are shipped out to other private prison establishments in Arizona, Mississippi and Oklahoma.

California's use of out-of-state private prisons to reduce its prison population has raised concerns regarding the living conditions inmates face in these establishments.

An organization known as the Grassroots Leadership released a report in June 2013 called, "The Dirty Thirty," detailing the history of abuse, lawsuits, scandals and employee mistreatments of these private prison facilities.

In addition to the extension Brown received, he proposed a budget plan that would allocate \$500 million to building new jail facilities. Another \$81 million would go

towards rehabilitation programs to reintegrate prisoners into society.

According to last month's released state budget, 11.6 percent of the budget was allocated to state higher education, while 9 percent was allocated toward state prisons and correctional facilities.

Funds toward higher education, however, still faced a \$120.9 million shortfall.

With the increase of allocations made to prison reduction, A.S. Vice President of External Affairs Vanessa Garcia is seeing a resurgence in student effort to promote I.G.N.I.T.E., which stands for "Invest in Graduation, not Incarceration, Transform Education" — a UC Student Association campaign to reinvest money into higher education by combating prison over-

crowding.

"Something that I think students really need to do in order to combat this investment in prisons over higher education is to really show our political power and flex that political muscle," Garcia said. "It's hard to beat apathy, but we're going to be run over by this huge political machine if we don't do something. We have to mobilize."

I.G.N.I.T.E. passed a bill last year known as AB218, which "bans the box," meaning that people who have been released from prison do not have to disclose information about their conviction until after their qualifications as a job applicant have been determined.

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Union, UC System Continue to Deliberate Expired Contract

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UC system — according to spokesperson Dianne Klein — continue to disagree with the union's call to protest, mentioning financial strain caused by the previous strikes and the possibility of withdrawing offers

discussed during previous negotiations.

"We had hoped that they would call off the authorization vote, but they went through with it," Klein said in an interview with the Daily Californian. "A strike benefits nobody"

AFSCME bargaining members have not yet set a date for the strike, with a meeting between the union and the UC system pending for a date in the near future as well.

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Priority Deadline for filing the FAFSA or CAL Dream Act Application is:

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www.fafsa.gov

Use UCSD school code 001317.

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Use UCSD school code 001317.

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OPINION

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Getting Connected

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President Obama's ConnectED initiative will bring modernized classrooms and much-needed technology.

From hammers to knives, tools helped early humans evolve from Neanderthals to Homo erectus. In the modern day, digital technology is the tool that will help students turn into contributing adults and be competitive in today's economy. President Obama has called for more technology in the classroom to enrich student's education and allow them a personal stake in their learning. By modernizing the toolbox that students can use in their day-to-day learning, Obama will create an environment more conducive to learning.

The ConnectED initiative will carry out the goal of bringing information and learning through the use of technology. More than just a government venture, the program seeks out the assistance of the private sector, finding discounts on the technological tools classrooms will benefit from. And the tech titans have responded well: Companies like Apple and Microsoft have pledged to donate hundreds of millions of products or discounts on devices for public K-12 education. Of course, Obama has also looked to the Federal Communications Commission for help. The FCC's E-Rate program aims to connect 20 million students to broadband and wireless connection through a \$2 billion dollar down-payment. By using executive action, Obama can reform education without requiring congressional approval or being bogged down by the time it takes to even get it.

The obsession with redefining standards and attempting to find what's wrong with education has turned into a hindrance at this point. The Common Core State Standards are representative of this constant worry over what students are learning. Yes, guidelines and standards are important, but it's time to step back from making sure our elementary school kids are as

good as everyone else in the world. It's time to focus on true enrichment; this means giving them resources and not looking at test scores at every chance.

Implementing technology into the classroom allows application of knowledge with a personal investment, ensuring the next generation of engineers will always be motivated. Apple's pledge of MacBooks and iPads means much more than giving students access to a typing and note-taking tool. Those devices represent a development team duo from which apps can be coded and tested. Instead of playing game apps, students can start making them. Not to be outdone, Microsoft offered to reduce the cost of its Windows operating system, allowing schools to determine their own price point for each computer. While students will inevitably use the PC for the usual Word processing and Internet research, design software firms like Autodesk are hoping to expand the use of the computer to facilitate creativity. They currently offer free computer-aided design software, a tool that can be used to design literally anything in 3D. Obama's plan hasn't just placed the

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QUICK TAKES

ON FEB 5, 2014, CVS CAREMARK ANNOUNCED ITS DECISION TO DISCONTINUE SALES OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT ITS 7,600 CVS PHARMACY LOCATIONS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 2014.

CVS Pharmacy Initiative May Influence Competitors to Adopt Similar Policies

Cigarettes, ubiquitous and dangerously addicting, may no longer be found at CVS pharmacies. As a pharmaceutical health care provider and America's second largest drugstore chain, CVS's bold decision to cease selling tobacco products could potentially spark fire on progressing efforts to reduce tobacco use.

Hoping for a chain reaction of other drugstores and pharmacies following suit may seem naive. However, it is not impossible; these businesses are also providing medications that combat nicotine addiction and diseases exacerbated by smoking. It is ironic and more so contradictory to be providing cessation aids alongside the instigators of such health adversities. If other drugstores decide to follow CVS, regardless of their reason, it will be a great step toward curbing tobacco use.

According to Sheelah A. Feinberg, executive director of the NYC Coalition for a Smoke-Free City, reducing access to tobacco products will aid in the prevention and reduction of youth smoking. Chronic tobacco use begins when youth start smoking, so it is important to tackle the problem at its roots. It may be difficult to dissuade someone who has already made smoking a part of their daily routine, but it is easier to prevent those who haven't. If other drugstores and pharmacies decide to stop providing these packs of disease, then there is hope for improvement.

CVS will inevitably encounter criticism by tobacco advocates, as it is the first among major drugstores to decide on discontinuing tobacco sales. However, for those that accent the healthcare aspect of their business, following in the footsteps of CVS might not be such an unsavory idea.

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 Staff Writer

CVS's Tobacco-Free Policy Will Have Little Effect on Overall Health

Earlier this month, President Obama and media outlets showered CVS with praise, celebrating their efforts to promote overall good health. However, CVS's dramatic move of pulling cigarettes off their shelves serves only as a publicity stunt, rebranding their name but doing little to improve the overall health of Americans.

Because CVS is the only retailer to announce removing tobacco products from their stores, there are still plenty of alternative places for former CVS customers to get their fix. Euromonitor International reported 47.5 percent of the 290 billion cigarette sticks sold in the United States were purchased from gas stations, while only 3.6 percent of cigarette sales came from pharmacies in 2012. Removing tobacco from CVS does not even register a dent on the amount of tobacco sold nationally, making the relative impact of this sales decision minimal.

The company, according to USA Today, is betting on a transformation from retailer to a doctor's office alternative. In a public statement, CVS Caremark CEO Larry J. Merlo said that ending tobacco sales was the "right thing to do for our customers." However, the decision seems to be centered on promoting their image and rebranding the company into a cheaper and effective alternative to regular healthcare. As such, their claims to change overall health in the United States are just a cover for self-promotion.

According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 42.1 million people smoke cigarettes in the United States. Obama called their sales decision lifesaving, but CVS is simply riding the wave of national attention to promote their MinuteClinic and walk-in flu shots.

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Tobacco Ban Should Be Supplemented With Educational Campaigns

While CVS's efforts to curb cigarette sales are a sign of progress, there are more efficient methods to reduce and prevent tobacco use. In order to truly make an impact, policy changes at the pharmacy level must be supplemented by health reforms and educational campaigns.

If CVS desires real change, it's important that the focus lies not only in curbing tobacco sales at certain pharmacies but also in leading educational campaigns that will deter tobacco use on a larger scale. There has been some progress on this front — according to USA Today, the federal government recently launched a \$115 million anti-smoking "Real Cost Campaign" directed at youth from ages 12 to 17. This campaign seeks to educate at-risk teenagers through television, radio, print and online ads that reveal facts and costs for health conditions caused by smoking cigarettes.

Halting sales of tobacco at some retailers may limit its availability, but it will not educate people on the drug's effects, explicitly discourage its use or cause a significant drop in the number of people that purchase it. On the other hand, the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention states that tobacco usage has decreased by over 20 percent since 1965. This shrinking statistic can be largely accredited to media and government initiatives, which have raised awareness about the perils of smoking. Smoking reduction campaigns since the 1960s are proven to be effective and have led to better health for the American population.

If drugstores and health providers genuinely want to help consumers' well-being, they need to help advocate lifestyle changes, rather than simply eliminate the product from their stores.

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Pressure Doesn't Make Diamonds

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In the five minutes of the Sochi Winter Olympics that NBC.com allowed me to watch for free, my mind was completely boggled. For someone like me, who has difficulty coordinating texting and walking down stairs, the superhuman skill and focus on display was epic. But unfortunately, not everyone makes it on to the medal stand — there are skiing tumbles and biathlon misses as even the world's best find the pressure difficult to handle. Stress doesn't only cause butterflies — it actively sabotages us.

We can all relate to those who cave under duress, whether on an exceptionally clutch ball toss or on a final exam. This is why athletic coaches, sportscasters and even parents make a point to emphasize the harm done by lofty expectations and similar mental saboteurs. Overthinking a situation, such as a penalty shot in a soccer game, usually leads to even more stress as we try to micromanage the task at hand, rather than let our bodies do it for us.

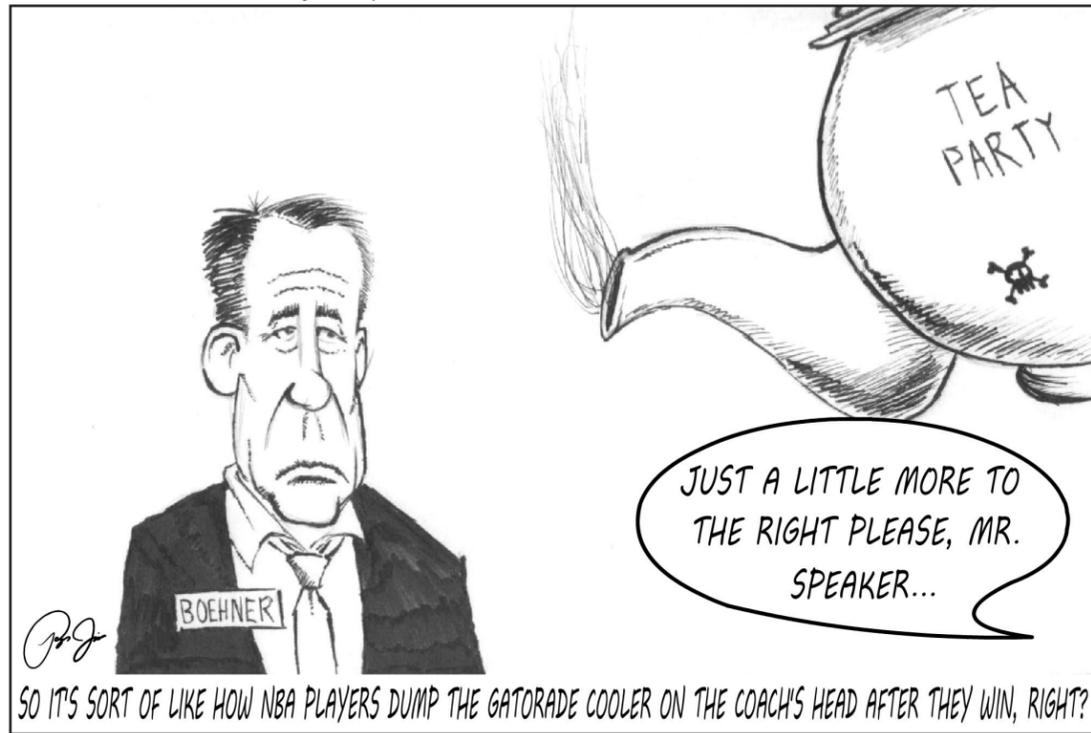
A study by University of Chicago psychologist Sian Beilock confirmed this with a test — elite golfers who whistled or hummed tunes right before a three-foot putt ended up with a much higher shot percentage than those who intensely contemplated the shot. The whistlers' brains essentially diverted some of the mental resources normally used for worrying, which allowed the putters to let their training take over. Similarly, when we stop microanalyzing the mechanics and small-scale decisions behind our actions, we're much more likely to rely on our "second-nature" skills — those that hours or years of practice reinforce.

For Olympians who are expected to pull off crazy twirls over the ice or zip around a track without falling, the pressure level borders on absurd. Entire nations hold their collective breath as figure skaters try to nail the triple axel and outdo themselves with each attempt. Athletes spend their entire lives training for three minutes of Olympic competition, and with that comes a tremendous mental burden. When someone takes a spill, the emotion is etched on their face. Unfulfilled expectations and concurrent senses of resignation, anguish and plain sadness come with the failure to vindicate athletes' faith in themselves. This leads some to tell themselves that they're going to fail, largely in an attempt to avoid disappointment.

However, underrating our own skills can also be dangerous, as Beilock showed in another study. On a standardized math test, girls who had grown up with the notion that boys were better at math (which, from firsthand experience, is a crazy idea) performed poorly; those who hadn't performed just as well as their male counterparts. Although thinking of oneself as the underdog can occasionally lead to gloriously inspirational David and Goliath moments, the blow to self-confidence usually results in less effort and mediocre results.

It is admittedly rather difficult to find the sweet spot between stratospheric expectations and apathetic resignation. But if your nerves are getting the better of you, it could be useful to just try whistling your favorite jam.

SOLVE FOR X By Philip Jia



SO IT'S SORT OF LIKE HOW NBA PLAYERS DUMP THE GATORADE COOLER ON THE COACH'S HEAD AFTER THEY WIN, RIGHT?

Low-Income Students Will Gain Skills from Increased Resources

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metaphorical ball in their court; it has given it to students and asked them what game they want to play.

But it isn't enough just to give tools — it's necessary to make sure they can access a database that will help them learn how to use them. The classroom does a pretty good job, but a supplement is necessary sometimes. Informal sources of knowledge, such as educational videos on math and science provided by Khan Academy, or Codecademy, a coding website, are provided for free on the Internet. A broadband Internet connection at school means that the computer lab can be an after-school enrichment facility rather than being

relegated to being "that place that has word processing."

Educators have focused heavily on how they can spark interest in the STEM field, but they typically lack the foresight to consider what happens after ignition. Teachers have given the students insight into how the world works, but they have nothing to channel their knowledge into, no resource for creativity. According to a Pew Research study, the lack of resources among low-income students prevents 56 percent of teachers from incorporating more digital tools into the teaching. The ConnectED initiative aims to rectify this issue. Having more tech in the classrooms means students will be able to take their knowledge and work it until

they reach a tangible fruition.

Obama has been hard at work to fulfill his vision of 2014 as the "year of action." The ConnectED initiative may not be looking to specifically attack educational standards or directly improve student performance, but that's not his main intention. Instead, he's making it more obvious to this generation that rather than looking for a solution, they're better off creating one. The world doesn't run on test scores and rankings — it progresses through innovation. And students are just now realizing how much they can contribute towards this advancement.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"Fighting Fire" Uses Flawed, Biased Logic

Dear Editor:

My name is Niall Twohig. I was recently interviewed by Justine Liang for the Feb. 13 piece on the May 1970 Peace Memorial.

I would like to submit the following letter in response to the opinion piece "Fighting Fire":

I was disheartened to see the article about the May 1970 Peace Memorial appearing in the same issue as the opinion piece, "Fighting

Fire." The author hijacks the word "peace" to criminalize two student activists before their cases have been tried in court. This logic of "guilty until proven innocent" is an old line of reasoning used from witch hunts to racial profiling. History shows us that this logic is just as incendiary as fire. It equates suspicion with guilt. It bleeds student activists of their deep histories and desires and misrepresents them as "irresponsible" criminals.

— Niall Twohig
Ph.D. Candidate, *Literature*

Editorial Assumes Guilt Without Confirmation

Dear Editor:

The article entitled "Fighting Fire" that you published on Feb. 13, 2014, which described the Editorial Board's thoughts regarding the fires set in Price Center on Dec. 3, 2013, was a lazy, if well-intentioned, piece of writing. It seemed that the Editorial Board's purpose was to encourage safer forms of protest. However, the Editorial Board's message boiled down to "don't set fires," a poorly informed, poorly thought-out and unhelpful opinion.

Furthermore, the article made inappropriate assumptions about the nature of the incident. The Editorial

Board assumed that A) the fires were started by UCSD students and B) the fires were started in protest of Starbucks. Neither of these assumptions has been confirmed by police.

These assumptions created the impression that the Editorial Board was assuming the guilt of the suspects in the case. In fact, as you printed on the front page of the same issue, the investigation is still ongoing. The editorial was, therefore, misleading and could have very serious, if unintended, consequences.

You would do a service to the UCSD community by publishing a retraction to correct these errors.

— Josh Kenchel
Revelle College Senior

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RETRACTION

An open letter regarding the Guardian's coverage of the Prince Center suspected arson

Regarding the Guardian's coverage of the Dec. 3 Price Center fires, our editorial board felt the need to address concerns over our practices and methods employed to report and comment on the story in our news and opinion sections.

First, the Guardian Editorial Board is issuing a full retraction of our editorial piece, "Fighting Fire," which appeared in print and online on Feb. 13, 2014. The piece unfairly implies that the suspects necessarily started the fires in Price Center. The Fifth, Sixth and 14th Amendments to the United States Constitution provide the right to a fair, speedy trial without partiality, and that the presumption of innocence is guaranteed to all accused of a crime. These rights were unjustly disregarded in our editorial piece, as we unfairly associated motives perceived by police as fact and suspects as guilty parties. The piece has been removed from the Guardian's website, and we are formally disassociating our editorial board, and the entire newspaper, with the piece and ourselves.

While the piece overall is unfair and poorly worded, we maintain our stance that arson, particularly when it threatens the safety of students, staff and faculty on campus, is wrong and never justified. It is unfortunate that this message, aimed at whoever actually set the fires, was lost among premature accusations, assumptions and associations in this piece.

Some comments from our readers have inaccurately identified the Guardian's Editor in Chief, Ms. Laura Martin, as the sole author of the editorial piece. The Guardian's Editorial Board policy, which appears alongside editorials weekly in our print edition, attributes editorials to the entire editorial board, as our pieces represent the opinion of a simple majority of the editorial board, following a vote. Our website's current settings attribute all stories to Ms. Martin by default, and in this case, the attribution was an error that should have been corrected before the piece was published. The by-line was changed as soon as the mistake came to our attention.

Our editorial board and news section staff maintains that the front-page news coverage was fair. At no point did our news story assume the suspects were guilty, and the story correctly attributed accusa-

tions and perceived motives to appropriate sources. On that note, we would like to address some of the content of the article to clarify our news coverage:

- San Diego County Crime Stoppers, the agency that published the surveillance footage on YouTube, wrote a public Feb. 7 media release on the events, is a private organization that logs anonymous tips of potential crimes and reports them to county and city policing authorities. While the Guardian is not mandated to explain the nature of organizations used as sources on our news pages, we felt that in this instance, our coverage would have been augmented by including more information about the San Diego County Crime Stoppers' involvement in the case.

- Our news section staff failed to contact the suspects for comment at any point before we published the story, and we acknowledge that it would have behooved our news staff to reach out to the suspects for comment. We learned of Nguyen's Feb. 7 arraignment after it had already occurred and therefore failed to send a reporter to cover it. Both of these would have lent our story more journalistic integrity.

- The still image of the suspects, which came from surveillance video footage that accompanied the story in our print edition, was provided to us by Los Angeles Times reporter Tony Perry and did not violate any journalism ethics or protocols. He received the footage from San Diego County Crime Stoppers. The same images can be found on several other news websites, including Fox 5 San Diego, the Los Angeles Times and NBC 7. Although the image is widely available to the public, we should have sourced where we obtained the image in our print edition.

- A paragraph that noted that one of the suspects pleaded not guilty should have appeared at the beginning of the story, though its inclusion in the story satisfies reporting standards.

We apologize for the unfairness in our editorial piece, and we hope that feedback from our readership on all of our coverage will continue to improve our reporting, our professionalism and our ability to serve the UCSD community as the campus voice for students.

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A Man's Quest for the "God Particle"

UCSD physics professor Vivek Sharma talks about chasing the Higgs boson — the fundamental particle of the universe — and verifying his team's 2012 results to confirm its existence.

By Soumya Kurnool
Editorial Assistant



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"I figured that 3,000 years later, [...] I could begin to do research which would answer the questions of these ancient sages from thousands of years ago."

VIVEK SHARMA

UCSD physics professor Vivek Sharma is someone who teaches from a textbook, and by the end of the year, he will probably be in one himself. Sharma led an international research team called the Compact Muon Solenoid to find a particle in July 2012 that looks a lot like the Higgs boson, commonly called the "God Particle." The Higgs boson is hypothesized to be an invisible particle which creates mass and is essentially the Moby Dick of particle physics — physicists have been hunting for it for over 50 years. Now, Sharma is working with CMS to verify their results and prove that the particle they identified is, indeed, the Higgs boson.

For such a high-stakes project, two teams, CMS and ATLAS, were appointed to conduct experiments with independently designed equipment of equal capabilities so that they could check one another's end results. Sharma described the year-long race against ATLAS to find the Higgs boson, which started in 2011, as very intense. An average day for him spanned from 9 a.m. to 1 a.m., and he never got more than six hours of sleep per night that year.

"Once you have that tantalizing hint [that the boson exists], the adrenaline flows in an incredible way," Sharma said. "You don't need to sleep. You just live on the thrill of the chase."

After an adrenaline-filled year of research, the two teams presented their findings in front of thousands of scientists at the European Organization for Nuclear Research, or CERN, in Geneva, Switzerland. Hundreds of thousands more viewed the presentation online.

"The atmosphere was like a Super Bowl or World Cup," Sharma said.

To try and catch a glimpse of the Higgs boson, both teams used the Large Hadron Collider at CERN, which is a 27-kilometer ring built 100 meters underground and cooled in liquid helium to 1.85 Kelvin (-456.34 degrees Fahrenheit), barely above absolute zero, the lowest possible temperature. CMS and ATLAS used this machine to smash particles together at speeds just three meters per second slower than the speed of light. Both teams, who weren't allowed to share their findings with one another during their year of research in order to prevent bias, collected similar data that strongly suggested the existence of a particle like the Higgs boson. They both demonstrated that there was only a one in 3.5 million chance that their similar results were due to chance.

"At the end of the day, we're lucky [CMS] didn't see a pink elephant and [ATLAS] didn't see a green zebra," Sharma said. "We both saw the Higgs boson."

The search has been in progress since 1964, when James Higgs, a theoretical physicist, proposed the existence of this particle in a hypothesis that seemed so bizarre to many scientists that Sharma likens it to the Beatles song "We All Live in a Yellow Submarine."

Higgs' theory suggests that there exists an invisible "field" that fills the entire universe and cannot be turned off. Some things interact with the field more than others, and the more something interacts with the field, the greater its mass. For instance, electrons and protons — what humans are composed of — play with the field, so we have mass. On the other hand, light particles, called photons, don't play with the field at all. As a result, light is massless.

Higgs hypothesized that this invisible field is made of invisible particles

called Higgs bosons. These particles are what play with everything in the universe and create mass. In fact, if these bosons didn't exist, the discipline of particle physics would be compromised, since many of its theories have already assumed the existence of the Higgs boson. More importantly, if the Higgs boson didn't exist, we wouldn't either, as the particles that make us up would simply fly off into space as massless particles.

Sharma's fascination with the Higgs boson is rooted in the Hindu scriptures, particularly the Rigveda, which he read when he was about 18 years old. The Rigveda includes the "Song of Creation," in which the ancient sages speculate about how the world and the universe came to be.

"At that time, I figured that 3,000 years later, by using technology, I could begin to do research which would answer the questions of these ancient sages from thousands of years ago," Sharma said. "The idea was to use the most modern technology to answer these questions and the curiosities of our prior generations on how the world came to be. And that's when I decided to go into particle physics."

The questions of the ancient sages still remain unanswered, however, as CMS and ATLAS have yet to prove that the particle they identified is, in fact, the Higgs boson.

"Really, what we could say was that it walked like a duck, it talks like a duck, so it must be a duck," Sharma said.

Both experiments need more data — more Higgs boson candidates — to get more evidence that the Higgs boson exists. Thus far, they have already identified around 250 of them. Another complicating factor is that, for all we know, there may be more than one Higgs boson out there — possibly even five, as Sharma suggests. Researchers still have a long way to go until they can say that they have truly found the so-called "God Particle."

Aside from research, Sharma is currently teaching PHYS 2A, a mechanics course, at UCSD and plans to teach the same course next winter quarter. But once Spring Quarter 2015 begins, Sharma will be off to CERN again, just as the LHC reopens for the next round of experiments. And

although the trip from La Jolla to Geneva comprises of 24 hours of travel, Sharma still plans to fly to CERN every 4 weeks for his research.

In the meantime, Sharma and the rest of the CMS team are working on publishing results from their race to find the Higgs boson.

"These [articles] are for history," Sharma said. "This is how we will be judged — by our publications."

Sharma is also around halfway through writing a memoir about his experiences while working on the Higgs boson project. Though he's writing about the project in past tense, he accepts that the quest for the "God Particle" is very much in the present and is far from over.

"Think of a painting," Sharma said. "[The discovery in July 2012] was just a sketch. What needed to be done with the data we have accumulated since July 4 was to actually verify and fill in that sketch — complete the portrait, to establish the DNA of this particle. This, we are getting close to doing."

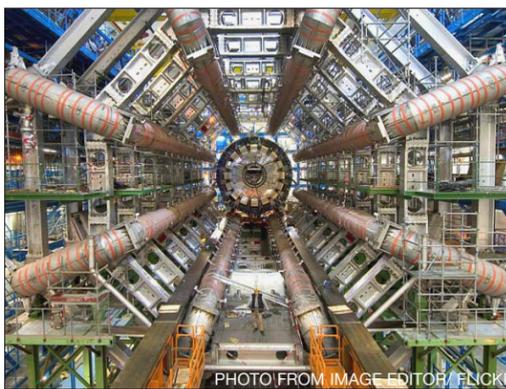
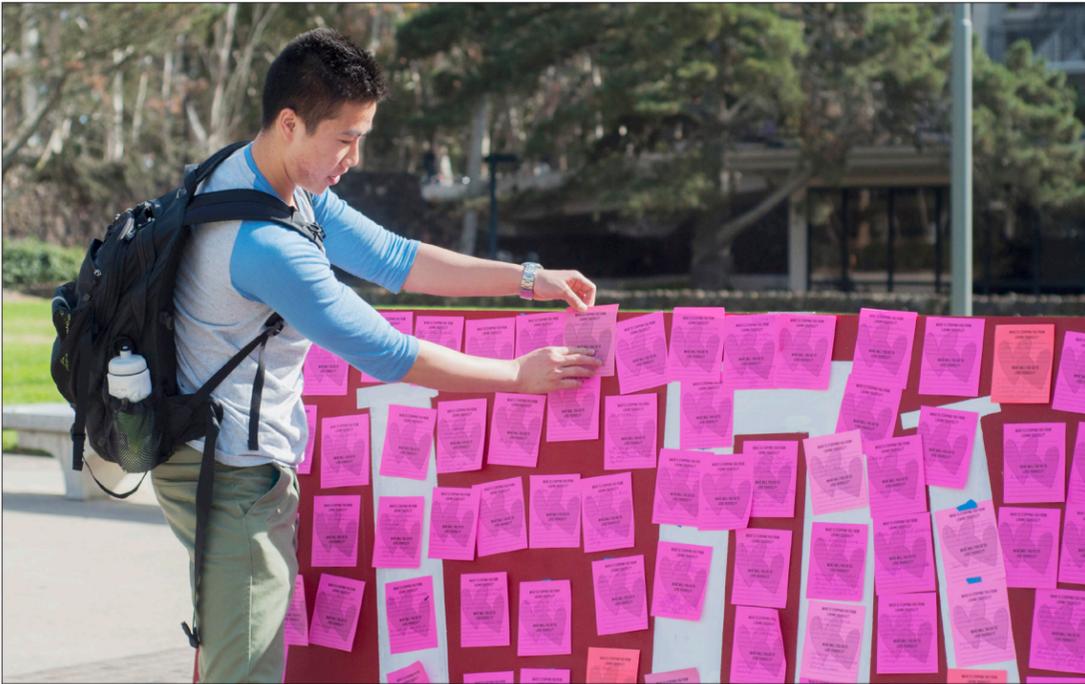


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The Large Hadron Collider in Switzerland was used by the Compact Muon Solenoid and ATLAS to observe high-speed particle collisions to identify the Higgs boson.

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Learning to LOVE Yourself

Revelle College Resident Assistants Cody Sibulo and Esther Jeong launched Project LOVE, a week-long interactive campaign promoting self-love and appreciation.



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BY SYDNEY RECK
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

At first glance, a giant display board with the word “LOVE” on it during the week of Valentine’s Day would look like nothing more than a festive decoration. But with their visual and the simple question of “What will you do to love yourself?” Revelle senior resident assistants Cody Sibulo and Esther Jeong aimed to remind UCSD students that self-love is, perhaps, the most important love of all.

Last week, Sibulo and Jeong headed Project LOVE in the Revelle Plaza. From Monday to Friday, they challenged students to think about ways in which they could better appreciate

and take care of themselves. They told students to write their ideas down on cards and post them on the large display board. Some of their cards read, “[I will] take more time for me” and “[I will] accept myself, my successes and my failures... through it all.”

Inspired by UC Irvine’s Project Up, which explored the idea of the role model by asking students whom they looked up to, Sibulo and Jeong wanted to turn inward even more and focus on improving students’ own self-perceptions.

“We noticed in the Revelle community a lack of self-confidence and self-appreciation, and we wanted to address this issue,” Sibulo said. “Being senior resident assistants, we utilized

our resources to create a program about self-appreciation and what it means to love yourself.”

At a university known for its academic rigor, Sibulo and Jeong believe that taking time to appreciate oneself is essential in maintaining a person’s well-being and ensuring a positive college experience.

“We have seen residents burn themselves out by pouring their love into their work and relationships with other people, without taking the time to love themselves,” Sibulo said. “Loving yourself is important because it has an impact on your social, physical and mental well-being. We noticed that a lack of self-love leads to a feeling of inadequacy

and has a negative impact on how [students] carry themselves.”

The two Revelle RAs hope to eventually encourage all members of the UCSD community to take time out of their busy lives in order to maintain a healthy relationship with themselves.

“The overall goal of this project [was] to challenge residents to understand the importance of loving yourself and how that affects their relationships with others,” Sibulo said. “We hope to spark discussion in the Revelle community and, hopefully, even the larger UCSD community about the importance of loving yourself.”

But Sibulo noted that the goal of the project extended beyond

reminding students to show some self-appreciation; it also served to remind students that they both can and deserve to love themselves, as it is a step towards creating a culture of conscious self-acceptance.

“We believe that some people may understand that self-love is a privilege because one could believe that they need to have the right resources and circumstances to love themselves,” Sibulo said. “However, we want to remind residents that loving oneself is a conscious decision — and that they have the power to make [that decision] on a regular basis.”

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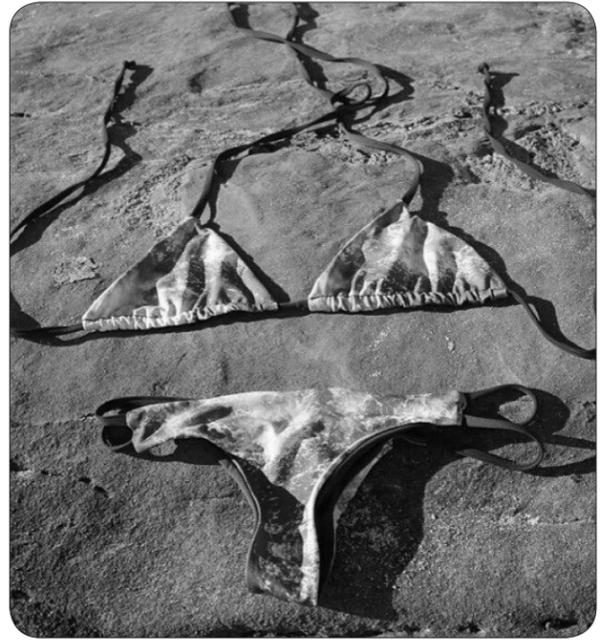
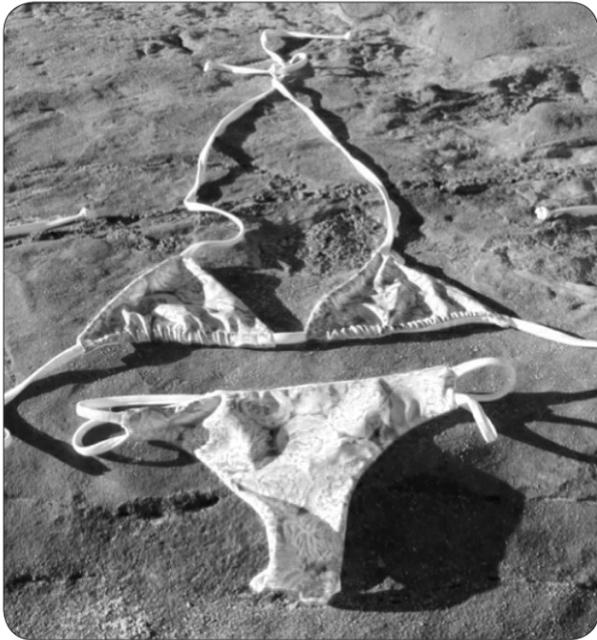
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Bikinis for Beaches

UCSD alumna Sophia Kim has created her own swimwear line, Siempre Golden, which donates a share of its proceeds to help conserve the world's oceans and beaches.



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BY ALEXIS MARCA
STAFF WRITER

When UCSD alumna Sophia Kim traveled to Hawaii in 2009, she immediately fell in love with the Brazilian bikini bottoms that many sported on the island. The steep price tags of these pieces inspired Kim to start designing her own swimwear during her junior year at UCSD. After graduating with a Communication degree from Sixth College in 2013, she founded a bikini company last month called Siempre Golden.

"When I first picked [a bikini] up [in Hawaii] and looked at the price, I realized it was over \$160," Kim said. "I thought to myself, 'Why is this little piece of cloth so expensive?'"

After her trip to Hawaii, all she could think about was creating a more affordable swimwear line that would appeal to a broader audience.

"I wanted to provide something that high school students and college girls and [girls in their mid-20s] could afford [yet] look stylish [in]," Kim said.

She has recently started selling items such as "Scrunchy Bottoms," "Shaka Tops," "Hang Loose Tops" and "The Teeny Bikini." She hopes to give back to the environment through her sales. For each piece sold at prices that range from \$35 to \$45, Kim will donate to the Surfrider Foundation, a nonprofit grassroots organization that aims to protect the world's oceans and beaches.

"I wanted to combine [my] pas-

sion for keeping the oceans clean with my love for bikinis," Kim said. "Every time I make a sale, I know I'm one step closer to the main goal, which is being a successful company that will be able to keep going and give funds to Surfrider Foundation."

Giving back to the environment ties in with the concept behind the line's name.

"'Siempre' means 'always' in Spanish," Kim said. "To always be golden is to think about others, the world and the environment."

After getting a trademark for the brand name, Kim took some business management and marketing classes at UCSD to learn more about starting her own company. She also sought the advice of the owner of Surf Diva, a boutique in downtown

La Jolla where she interned as an undergraduate.

The hardest part, Kim said, was finding someone to manufacture her designs, which have unique, braided features that complicate the production process.

"I tried to find sources in the states, and it was just impossible," she said. "I knew I had to go somewhere else. This person would take me to the next source and the next source, and every person told me, '[I] can't do this for you, it's just too time-consuming.'"

It wasn't until her recent trip to Bali, Indonesia that the young entrepreneur was able to find a manufacturer. Afterward, she spent five weeks making sure all the samples and designs were correct.

Now, Kim is working to publicize her swimwear line. She's already had several photoshoots for her line, some of which feature current sorority girls from UCSD's Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. She also launched a Kickstarter this past Saturday in which her swimwear went on pre-sale online.

But regardless of how well her company does, Kim is determined to pursue her philanthropic goals of giving to Surfrider Foundation.

"Even if I don't make that much money or I don't have that great of an income in the beginning, that's not going to prevent me from reaching my goal," she said.

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Tritons Continue Season Losing Slide

Volleyball suffered two more conference losses to USC and No. 5 Pepperdine.

BY RITA ERITSLAND
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The UCSD men's volleyball team was swept by University of Southern California and Pepperdine University at RIMAC Arena last week.

Now 13 games into the season, the Tritons have found themselves in a tough spot. Having lost all 12 of its conference matches so far, UCSD is now dead last in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation conference rankings (0-13 overall and 0-12 in conference).

"We play the game to win — that hasn't changed for us," UCSD head coach Kevin Ring said to the UCSD Athletic Department. "We are still talking about trying to win these matches, but we're looking at what we do during the week, during the practice and we try to make some improvements along the way."

As of late, Ring has made some changes in his lineup, one of which was switching senior setter Mike Brunsting to play as an opposite hitter. The change paid off, as the senior collected no fewer than 29 kills during the last two matches.

"He's been very open for that [posi-

tion change], and he's one of our more athletic players on the team," Ring said. "It's nice to have a 6-foot-5-inch leftie setter that can go and play opposite. We've had some injuries this year, we had to make some changes, so we are a little thin, but he [Brunsting] has taken the role, and I think it's an advantage."

Friday night UCSD hosted conference opponent USC in RIMAC Arena. Losing to the Trojans by scores of 25-13, 25-21 and 25-15. The Tritons took the first two points of the match, but the Trojans won the next three, and despite three subsequent Brunsting kills, the guests steamrolled their way to a 11-5 lead in the first set and dominated the rest of the game.

The second set saw eleven tie scores and four lead changes, as the Tritons led at the 17-14 mark. But UCSD, who has struggled in tight games, lost the advantage, as USC tied the set-up at 19-19 and ultimately won 25-21.

The following night the Tritons took on No. 3 nationally ranked Pepperdine in another home game, losing by scores of 30-32, 16-25 and 25-27.

The first set had 15 tie scores and three lead changes. Tied at 20-20, the

Waves finally took the set home after several set points.

Pepperdine controlled the second game throughout. Tough serves and efficient attacks forced UCSD to make errors on their end of the court. However, the Tritons came back strong in the third set with help from Brunsting, who notched six of his 17 total kills in the third frame. Staving off a Pepperdine match point, the Tritons tied the score at 24-24.

But two subsequent Triton errors made the job easy for Pepperdine, whose 25-27 win was its sixth straight against UCSD.

Together with Brunsting, red-shirt sophomore outside hitter Kirill Rudenko led the UCSD offense with 16 kills during the two matches. Sophomore libero Elliott Shaw collected eight digs Friday night and reached a career- and match-high with 10 digs for UCSD Saturday.

UCSD will return to the road this week to play No. 13 Cal State Northridge on Wednesday, Feb. 19 and No. 6 Cal State Long Beach on Friday, Feb. 21.

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UCSD Has Four Games Remaining to Nab Postseason Position

► MEN'S BASKETBALL, from page 12

and McCullough, who will be honored before the game. After their final homestand next weekend, UCSD will wrap up its season with two games on the road.

"We have to have a really good week of practice in order to be playing well the coming weekend," Klie said when asked how the team is preparing

for its remaining games. "The focus has to be there the whole week, and then it's just coming out Friday night and executing and playing harder than they will. We do those things, and the results will take care of itself."

With only two weeks left before the CCAA tournament and still one spot out of postseason contention, UCSD is under immense pressure to win its remaining four games. UCSD will face

San Francisco State (10-8) — which currently has the final tournament spot — at RIMAC next Friday in what will likely be the most important game of the season. If the Tritons win, they will be tied for the sixth and final CCAA tournament bid and will control their own postseason fate.

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Swimming and Diving Looks Forward to NCAA Championships This March

► SWIM, from page 12

freestyle, moving him up from No. 3 to No. 2 in UCSD record book. For his performance, Li also earned the PCSC Male Swimmer of the Meet.

Senior Erika Rodman and sophomore Kyle Nadler also swept the first-ever PCSC 1,000-meter freestyle events. Rodman set a personal record, moving her up from No. 4 to No. 3 in the UCSD record book. Nadler, with his first individual conference title, also managed to set his own personal record and moved from No. 8 to No. 2 in the UCSD record book.

On Thursday, the Tritons strengthened its first place spot with Li breaking the school record in the 500 freestyle and three other individual events. The men ended the day with 699 points, followed by Concordia Irvine at 389, while the UCSD women led with 627 points.

Senior co-captain Anji Shakya became a four-time champion in the 500 freestyle after placing first again this year, having set the school and meet record last year. Shakya was followed by her teammates freshman Sierra Gage and sophomore Jessica Norgaard to win the event 1-2-3 for the second year in a row for UCSD.

Sophomore Colleen Daley grabbed her first individual PCSC title in the 50 freestyle with junior teammate Sierra Robbins placing second right behind her. Shakya, Daley and Robbins were joined by freshman leadoff Austine Lee to placing first in the 200 free relay, earning her fourth straight title in the event.

"The leadership of our four senior captains and the performances from Anji Shakya, Nick Korth, Luke Calkins and Paul Li helped keep our team on track through

seven grueling sessions," UCSD head coach Matt Macedo said after the meet.

Senior co-captain Nicholas Korth won his first individual PCSC championship in the 50 freestyle. Korth was followed by five other Tritons to the final, including senior co-captain Alex Merrill. All six of the men ended with season-best markers and, for some of them, their career best.

On Friday, the Tritons won eight of the 14 combined events on the day. The men accumulated 1,192 points and women had 1,101, both groups with a comfortable lead over its conference opponents.

Li added on to his impressive performance by winning both the 400 individual medley and 200 freestyle. Freshman Zach Yong broke the school record for the 400 individual medley and co-captain Shakya won the 200 freestyle, while Korth won the 100 breaststroke.

Macedo and Falcon were pleased with UCSD's overall performance.

"I am not only proud of how they swam and dove, I am also very proud of the way they came together as a team," Falcon said. "Our team performed well and really supported each other during stressful sessions."

With the conference championships now behind them, Macedo now has his eyes on the team's future.

"I am excited to see what we can accomplish next month at the NCAA championships in Geneva, Ohio," he said.

UCSD will not know how many of its swimmers will qualify for the NCAA National Championships until Sunday, Feb. 23. The National meet will be held March 12 to March 15.

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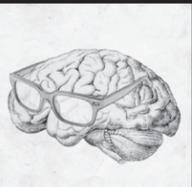
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12pm
FILM SCREENING: SAY MY NAME AND BLACK INDIANS: AN AMERICAN STORY – CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER

'Black Indians: An American Story' brings to light a forgotten part of America's past: the cultural and racial fusion of Native African Americans. Narrated by James Earl Jones, 'Black Indians: An American Story' explores what brought the two groups together, what drove them apart and the challenges they face today. Check out the UC San Diego Campus Community Center Black History Month Film Screenings! Contact: cccenter@ucsd.edu

3:30pm
TASTER TUESDAY: REALITY TV – STUDENT SERVICES CENTER, ROOM 554

Curious what TV shows are good in America? Wondering what's so compelling about reality TV? Get a taste of American culture and meet new people through conversation! Next week's topic: Reality TV. Questions? Contact Shawn Fore, Outreach Coordinator, 858-822-6978. Contact: sfore@ucsd.edu

5pm
CHUS MARTINEZ LECTURE – STRUCTURAL AND MATERIALS ENGINEERING (SME) BUILDING PRESENTATION SPACE #149

Chus Martinez: 'In faith, I do not love you with my eyes' Why do we do what we do? My answer, on the spot: to be able to sense, to think? Martinez talk is on a new way of reflecting on the future of institutions, on the task of curating as research in relation to Serres. Martinez's background is in philosophy and art history. She is the Head of the Institute of Art of the FHNW Academy of Arts and Design in Basel, Switzerland MACBA's Chief Curator, Barcelona (2008-2011); Frankfurter Kunstverein Director; Sala Rekalde's Artistic Director, Bilbao (2002-05). Questions? Contact Yolie Torres. Contact: ytorres@ucsd.edu

FRI 2.21

10am
THE FITNESS ZONE: YOGA – THE ZONE, PRICE CENTER PLAZA

This class will move from one asana (pose) to the next. Each class is a unique sequence of asanas. Classes take on a life of their own with the culmination of collective energy, movement and breath. Lead by FitLife Instructor Jennie Olson-Six. Contact: zone@ucsd.edu

1pm
BIRTH TO GRANDMOTHERHOOD: CHILDREARING IN HUMAN EVOLUTION – HOJEL AUDITORIUM, INSTITUTE OF AMERICAS

From the moment of birth, human infants require extensive care, remaining dependent on a variety of caretakers during an unusually long maturation period followed by extraordinary adult longevity. "Birth to Grandmotherhood: Childrearing in Human Evolution," a free public CARTA symposium, will take a broad view of the importance of child-rearing in human evolution, discussing how such a distinctive pattern of development evolved, what other human features are linked, such as neuroendocrine factors, energetics, life-history trade-offs, and consequences for culture. Registration: Admission is free but registration is required.

WED 2.19

2pm
MISSION POSSIBLE: CELEBRATING WELLNESS – INTERNATIONAL CENTER LOUNGE

Learn about campus wellness resources that promote social and physical well-being and relieve stress. Sponsored by International Center, International House, and the Out of State & International Student Outreach Coordinators. Questions? Contact Shawn Fore, 858-822-6978. Contact: sfore@ucsd.edu

4pm
DISCOVER THE LAW: PARTY TIME, NOT JAIL TIME – PRICE CENTER RED SHOE ROOM

Student Legal Services attorney Jon Carlos Senour will explain how to address alcohol and drug-related citations and will provide guidance on how to avoid receiving these types of citations. This workshop is part of the Student Legal Services 'Discover the Law' series. Attend a total of four eligible workshops to receive your Certificate of Achievement! Visit the Student Legal Services website for more information. Questions? Contact Student Legal Services

4:30pm
MONICA MODY AND SAWAKO NAKAYASU – SME PERFORMANCE SPACE OF THE STRUCTURAL MATERIALS BUILDING

Join us for a double reading from Monica Mody and Sawako Nakayasu. Monica Mody's KALA PANI just came out from 1913 Press. Mody has published three chapbooks of poetry and cross-genre experiments, and her writing has appeared in The Harper Collins Book of English Poetry, &Now Awards 2: The Best Innovative Writing, Boston Review, The Volta, iARTistas, and Paragraphiti, among other places. Mody is a contributor to Montevideo. Sawako Nakayasu writes and translates poetry, and also occasionally creates performances and short films.

8pm
ARTPOWER! PRESENTS: ASZURE BARTON & ARTISTS – MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM

New York-based company, Aszure Barton & Artists, will be making their San Diego debut with the evening-length work Awáa. Exploring the feminine and masculine against a cool, underwater motif, her latest piece is pure, unfettered dance that is more about energy and soul than anything concrete. Featuring an original score by Lev Zhurbin and Curtis Macdonald, Awáa is an awakening of the spirit that will move you in ways never seen before.

THU 2.20

12:30pm
CCC: FOOD JUSTICE – CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER

Join us for an interactive dialogue on geopolitics and access to healthy foods. We will discuss food distribution, its regulation and how we can be healthy, justice oriented eaters. Presented by Cross-Cultural Center Social Justice Educators. Questions? Contact Eliseo or Tony. Contact: 858.534.9689

3:30pm
FEEL BETTER FAST – THE ZONE, PRICE CENTER PLAZA

A FREE workshop open to all students! Learn to: Cope with anxiety and stress, stress management strategies, and relaxation and mindfulness techniques. Hosted by UCSD CAPS. Contact: ssalo@ucsd.edu

3:30pm
IICAS PRESENTS: "WHY ARE INDIAN CHILDREN SHORTER THAN AFRICAN CHILDREN?" – ERC ADMIN. BUILDING, ROOM 115

Parental preferences regarding higher birth order children, driven in part by cultural norms of eldest son preference, underlie much of India's child stunting. Rohini Pande is an economist, the Mohammed Kamal Professor of Public Policy, Area Chair for Political and Economic Development, Co-Director of Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD) and Director of Governance Innovations for Sustainable Development Group at Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University. She is an Executive Committee member of the Bureau for Research on Economic Development (BREAD), co-chairs the Political Economy and Government Group at Jameel Poverty Action Lab (JPAL) and is a Research Associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER).

8pm
ARTPOWER! PRESENTS: DR. LONNIE SMITH – THE LOFT

Description: Dr. Lonnie Smith is an unparalleled musician, composer, and recording artist. An authentic master and guru of the Hammond B-3 organ, he has been featured on over seventy albums and has performed with a virtual "Who's Who" of the greatest jazz, blues, and R&B giants in the industry. Dr. Lonnie Smith's hybrid sound—frequently referred to as "soul/jazz" because of his formidable solos and ability to simultaneously create funky backbeats and fancy statements—has caught the attention of a whole new generation of music fans through samples by hip-hop artists such as A Tribe Called Quest and Guru. Always ahead of the curve, it is no surprise that Dr. Lonnie Smith's fan-base is truly worldwide.

SAT 2.22

8pm
HUEY MACK & D-WHY – PORTER'S PUB, ORIGINAL STUDENT CENTER

Check out Huey Mack & D-Why on their latest tour! Huey Mack is venturing across the states promoting his album titled 'Pretending Perfection'! Contact: gerardo.soto@porterspub.com

SUN 2.23

10am
POTATO CHIP HIKE – MEET AT OUTBACK RENTAL SHOP IN PEPPER CANYON

I'm sure you've seen it; it's gone viral. Come get your photo on the 'potato chip' rock outcrop on Mount Woodson. The hike starts in Poway and follows a fire trail overlooking the Poway dam for about 3 miles. The view from the top is amazing and on a clear day you can even see the ocean and downtown San Diego. Signup online, in person or call 858-534-0684. Current UCSD students \$35/Others \$39. Questions? Contact Simon Teal. Contact: steal@ucsd.edu

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Rear Electric Motor Hub With 24" wheel (North County) \$85 - I have a rear electric motor hub with 24" heavy duty double wall Araya wheel, flip/flop both sides for free-wheel. It comes with the control box, key and throttle, motor is in good working condition, some corrosion around the hoop. Use it as is or change the wheel. Listing ID: 81770455 at ucsdguardian.org/classifieds for more information.

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Chimera Video Pro softbox kit (RB/Kearny Mesa) \$450- The Chimera Video Pro Plus one softbox kit is a US made lighting instrument built for demanding use in professional photography, film and TELEVISION applications. It is super rugged and very well made - not like the flimsy Chinese soft boxes. You can find out more here: <http://www.chimera-lighting.com/> Cash and Local only. Listing ID: 81703335 at ucsdguardian.org/classifieds for more information

Nikon N70 SLR (35 mm film camera) with Tamron 28-200 lens (Carmel Valley) \$100- This camera has been stored and is in very attractive condition. The 28-200mm Tamron lens provides a large range of focus for a variety of compositions. If you are looking for a film camera this 1 was used for only a few years and is a great product. I switched to digital and haven't used it. The only issue with it is a slight tackiness of the plastic on the outer surface of the film door. It needs a battery as well. Listing ID: 81703334 at ucsdguardian.org/classifieds for more information.

PETS

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 - 6 Where many a T-shirt is tie-dyed
 - 10 Mil. truant
 - 14 Bernardo's girl, in "West Side Story"
 - 15 "Rubáiyát" poet Khayyám
 - 16 Type of lily
 - 17 Generous sort
 - 18 Put the kibosh on
 - 19 Like most hoopsters
 - 20 Fuss
 - 21 Helpless
 - 24 Landed
 - 25 London insurance market
 - 26 Something wonderful, in old slang
 - 31 "How much wood ___ a woodchuck chuck ..."
 - 32 Weapons
 - 33 Curly and Larry's cohort
 - 36 Concerning, in memos
 - 37 Rum-soaked cakes
 - 39 Cass or Michelle, in the '60s
 - 40 Prefix with thermal
 - 41 First Bond movie
 - 42 Protection
 - 43 '80s animated character assisted by the seven Color Kids
 - 46 Bring in from abroad
 - 49 Overconfident morality tale critter
 - 50 Character who, in a movie released nationally 70 years ago today, sang the ballad formed by the first words of 21-, 26- and 43-Across
 - 53 Past
 - 56 Take a gander
 - 57 Exploitative type
 - 58 Felt the effects of overexertion
 - 60 Morlocks' "The Time Machine" prey
 - 61 Physical lead-in
 - 62 Not save
 - 63 Hotel repository
 - 64 Important times
 - 65 Domesticates
- DOWN**
- 1 Drawn-out story
 - 2 Oklahoma city on the Chisholm Trail
 - 3 VCR successor
 - 4 Sporty truck, briefly
 - 5 Released with conditions
 - 6 Violates the Tenth Commandment
 - 7 OAS part: Abbr.
 - 8 Espionage name
 - 9 Predicaments
 - 10 Houston team
 - 11 Exhausted
 - 12 Leered at
 - 13 Reclines lazily
 - 22 Compete
 - 23 Brewpub brews
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 - 26 Piece of kindling
 - 27 Sharpen
 - 28 Mark's successor
 - 29 "Shish" dish
 - 30 Second Amendment advocacy gp.
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 - 34 Leave out
 - 35 Alleviate
 - 37 "Fox News Sunday" panelist
 - 38 Michigan's ___ Arbor
 - 39 No more than
 - 41 Dressmaker's seam
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 - 43 First-year player
 - 44 Tara family
 - 45 ___-Mart
 - 46 Doesn't do a thing
 - 47 Gelt
 - 48 Smoking gun, e.g.
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GAMES

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M/W Basketball	2/21	VS San Francisco State
M/W Basketball	2/22	VS Sonoma State
Baseball	2/22	VS Cal Poly Pomona
Softball	2/22	VS Cal State East Bay

SWIMMING & DIVING

Swimming for
Sixth Straight
PCSC TitleUCSD takes the crown at the
Pacific Collegiate Swimming and
Diving Conference Championships.BY GURKIRAT SINGH
STAFF WRITER*"I am not only proud of how they swam and dove; I am also very proud of the way they came together as a team."*

—UCSD Head Coach Corrie Falcon



PHOTO FROM UCSD ATHLETICS

After four days of competition, both the UCSD men and women's swim and dive teams managed to win their sixth straight title at the Pacific Collegiate Swim and Dive Conference Championships Feb. 12 to 15. The Triton men tallied 1,604 total points, while the women recorded a score of 1,565 — both beating out the closest competitors by more than 300 points.

"It was one of the best conference championships we've had in a long time," UCSD head coach Corrie Falcon said. "Almost every person got a [personal record], and we broke five school records."

The Triton women entered the meet with an 8-6 record, ranked No.

5 nationally. The men, with a record of 3-4, are currently ranked No. 9 nationally.

On Wednesday, the first day of the meet, the Tritons started off by shooting straight to the top, winning six out of eight events. The Triton men ended the first day with 300 points, accumulated by placing first in all four events that were held that day. UCSD's closest competition came from Fresno Pacific, which racked up 140 points.

The Triton women held 253 points over Division-I competitors Pepperdine (175), University of Alaska Fairbanks (172) and Azusa Pacific (170).

UCSD sophomore Paul Li set a personal record in the opening 200 yards for the 800

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tritons Bounce Back During Road Trip

UCSD wins two conference games, snapping their recent four-game losing slide.

BY BRANDON YU
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

After losing four straight games, the UCSD women's basketball team bounced back on Thursday, Feb. 13 with a 56-48 road win against Cal State Monterey Bay, followed by a 59-50 road victory on Saturday over Cal State East Bay. The Tritons are now in a three-way tie for fifth place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

On Thursday night, the Tritons shot just 33 percent (17-52) from the field, and were only 1-for-18 from beyond the arc, though UCSD still managed to secure a crucial conference contest.

"[It was] a rather unattractive game," UCSD head coach Heidi VanDerveer said. "In the first half, we had been on a little slide, but I think at halftime our team really decided they wanted to set the tone for the rest of the year. [We] came out and played really hard."

At the half, UCSD gridlocked at a score of 23-23. The Tritons broke ahead early in the second period, going on a 10-0 run to take a 37-30 lead. The Tritons held the advantage for the rest of the night.

Senior forward Erin Dautremont led the Tritons to victory against the Otters, earning her fourth double-double (13 points, 10 rebounds) of the season against Cal State Monterey Bay.

"She can take over a game," VanDerveer said. "She can score in a variety of ways, and she had two or three plays in the second half that really got us the separation we needed."

Junior guard Miranda Seto ended the match with 16 points, while senior guard Megan Perry also racked up 13 points, along with two steals.

The following night, UCSD took



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on Cal State East Bay. Both teams desperately sought a victory as they came into the game stuck in a four-way tie for fifth place in the CCAA conference.

The Tritons found themselves down 14-2 soon after the tip.

Freshman forward Cassie MacLeod then led UCSD on a 13-0 run of its own — scoring eight points herself during the spree — to help the Tritons gain the lead.

"Cassie is very talented, and I think [she] is going to be a great player for us," VanDerveer said. "The game was kind of like a snapshot of what I think she can do consistently."

The Tritons closed out the half with a score of 29-20, an advantage they would only extend throughout the rest of the night.

UCSD shot a solid 39 percent from the field and out-rebounded the Pioneers 42-31 for the game. Perry led the Tritons with 14 points, while MacLeod tallied 12 points along with a team-high eight rebounds.

"In the bigger picture, [winning the game] was something we had to do in order to get to where we want to go," VanDerveer said.

After the successful weekend on the road, the Tritons now have only four games remaining to qualify as one of six teams chosen for the league tournament.

"We need everyone getting better so our team can get better," VanDerveer said. "We'll focus on what we have to do this weekend and not look too much further ahead."

The Tritons will round out their home schedule this week when they host San Francisco State on Friday, Feb. 21 and Sonoma State on Saturday, Feb. 22. Both games will start at 5:30 p.m. at RIMAC Arena, with Saturday's game preceded by a ceremony honoring UCSD's four graduating senior players: Kim Manlangit, Rachel Marty, Megan Perry and Erin Dautremont.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

UCSD Splits Crucial
Conference Away Games

Basketball struggled against Monterey Bay but rebounded with a dominant victory against East Bay.

BY DANIEL SUNG
EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The UCSD men's basketball team was unable to extend its three-game winning streak this weekend, falling to Cal State Monterey Bay 70-57 before bouncing back the following night to defeat Cal State East Bay 83-67. UCSD remains at .500 with a 9-9 conference record. The Tritons have only four games remaining in the regular season and are ranked seventh in the California Collegiate Athletic Association standings.

The Tritons struggled to shoot the ball against Monterey Bay, converting only 33 percent from the field and a dismal 23 percent from three-point territory. Relying heavily on perimeter shooting, UCSD scored only 57 points, nearly 15 points below its season average. The Tritons would also struggle from the free-throw line, making only 61 percent of their free throws, missing nine potential points that would have kept the game close enough to mount a comeback. Furthermore, only two players scored in double digits: Senior guard James McCann finished the night with a game-high 21 points and nine rebounds, while sophomore guard Hunter Walker added 14 points and eight boards.

Still missing senior forward Mackenzie McCullough and sophomore center Zach McMillan due to injury, the Tritons' lack of size and transition defense allowed Monterey Bay to take advantage near the rim, outscoring UCSD 34-22 in the paint. The game had eight lead changes and was tied at 15-15 by the seven-minute mark in the first half. However, UCSD would never take the lead after that

point and never led by more than two points in the entire game.

Freshman guard Adam Klie, sophomore forward Drew Dyer and red-shirt freshman guard Aleks Lipovic had an underwhelming performance, scoring a combined 16 points on 4-for-21 shooting.

"We just didn't play good enough to win," Klie said. "I don't think it was because we weren't making shots and defensively we weren't great. We didn't really have that edge to our game that we have had more recently and it showed in the box score."

However, the Tritons would shoot better the following night, sinking 8-for-20 attempts from beyond the arc and shooting 60 percent in the second half to extend their lead to 19 points against East Bay. UCSD also scored 20 points off of 15 East Bay turnovers.

"I think mentally we were sharper, especially on the defensive end," Klie said. "It helps when you hit a couple shots especially in the second half, but it came down to just being really tough and getting some defensive stops, and I think we did that."

The Tritons also had a more, well-rounded performance compared to the night before, as four players scored in double digits. Walker scored a game-high 23 points and grabbed five rebounds. Bouncing back from their disappointing performances, Klie and Dyer stepped up to score 14 points and 17 points, respectively. Klie also had eight rebounds while Dyer had four off the glass.

Next Saturday will mark the final home game for Triton seniors: McCann, senior guard Matt Bailey

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