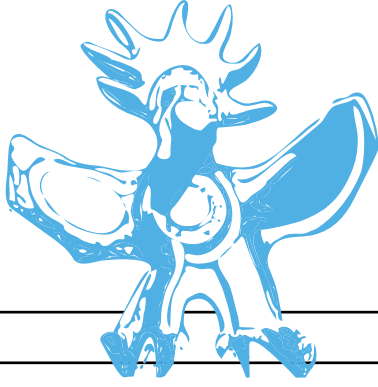


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Man Convicted of Raping Two Students

LOCAL NEWS

By Madeline Phillips
STAFF WRITER

A 40-year old San Diego travel agent was convicted on Feb. 7 for sexually assaulting two UCSD medical students in 2005 and 2006.

Teddy Baek, dubbed the "Asian male smoker rapist" by members of the media, faces multiple life sentences for convictions on seven charges, including multiple counts of forced rape. The sentencing will occur on March 14.

The attacks, which happened nine months apart in University City, both took place in the early morning during finals week. Baek entered by removing a window screen and climbing into the victims' apartments through the open window while they slept. The victims were then blindfolded, and the second victim testified that her attacker pressed a metallic object against her cheek.

"The similarities between all the attacks were so extraordinarily unique that there was only one conclusion," said Deputy District Attorney Gretchen Means, who prosecuted Baek. "It was a very solid case."

Means said that Baek had a "particular type of female that he seemed to like," as the victims were all young Asian-American UCSD students.

Baek's defense attorney, Marc Carlos, argued that there were not enough links between the two cases to prove Baek's guilt and that the victims had conflicting physical descriptions. One of the victims told police that her attacker had a Japanese accent, and a weapon was involved in only one of the rapes.

Baek, who owns the "Travel-Land" agency in Kearny Mesa, emigrated from Korea in 1991. He lives in Carmel Valley and is currently married with two children. Carlos described him as a hard-working immigrant who came to

An End to the Manhunt

DEC. 2006	Teddy Baek is apprehended outside a woman's University City home.
FEB. 2008	A jury convicts Baek of raping two UCSD medical students.
MARCH 2008	Baek will be sentenced for seven total charges.

the United States "for the American Dream" and is well-respected in San Diego's Korean-American community.

However, both victims described their attacker as an Asian male who smoked cigarettes, and the DNA obtained from the crime scenes matched Baek's, according to Mónica Muñoz, a spokeswoman for the San Diego Police Department. The jurors deliberated for about a day before finding Baek guilty on seven of the nine charges, but were unable to reach a verdict on two charges of attempted burglary.

"His crimes showed an escalating pattern of violence, and what his next step was going to be, nobody knows," Means said. "He is a serial rapist of the scariest type."

In the months following the rapes, police swabbed the mouth of any individual fitting the suspect's description. In December 2006, another University City woman heard noises in the bushes outside her window one night and called the police. When the police arrived at the scene they chased and caught Baek. He was placed under surveillance until the results of the DNA test linked him to both rapes, leading to

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Revelle Committee Apologizes for Contested Dance Theme



ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN

Despite outcries from students offended by Revelle College Semiformal's Asian theme "Eastern Elegance: A Night in the Orient," advertisements for the event remained posted on campus as recently as Feb. 10.

By Connie Shieh
STAFF WRITER

After the theme of this year's Revelle College semiformal was revealed to be "Eastern Elegance: A Night in the Orient," the Semiformal Committee and Revelle College Council have been criticized for approving and funding the event, which some student groups have labeled offensive and culturally insensitive.

After months of brainstorming, the

Semiformal Committee planned for an Asian theme this year, complete with fans, silk cherry blossom decorations, a performance by UCSD's Japanese drumming group Asayake Taiko and chopstick party favors.

Three weeks ago, RCC approved nearly \$7,000 of partial funding to the event without any discussion of how the dance theme might be received. The event made its debut on Facebook

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More New Doctors Shunning Private Practice

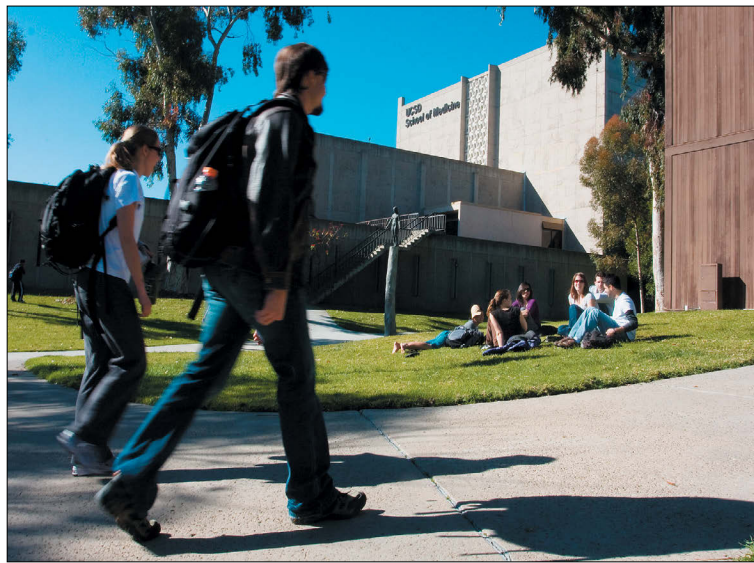
Report shows medical students are choosing higher-paid specialties because of heavy postgraduation debt.

By Diana Tith
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As many UCSD premed students prepare to graduate and enter medical school, a realm of new experiences and challenges awaits them. Yet these students' medical school experiences come at a price — almost \$130,000 in educational bills, according to a report by the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Studies suggest that medical schools' escalating tuition fees and the subsequent debt that students accumulate influence the specialty they choose upon graduation. The cost of tuition fees and health insurance has risen from last year at UCSD's School of Medicine: The fees for 2007-08 are \$22,959 for residents and \$35,204 for non residents.

The nationwide increase in tuition fees is sparking concerns due to the adverse effects on students and patients, according to recent data released by the American Medical Association. The AMA suggests that there have been correlations between debt and students' choices, and how those decisions in turn have come to harm the health-care system. Such



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California residents attending UCSD's School of Medicine paid \$22,959 in tuition last year, but do not have an average debt higher than \$100,000, according to the vice dean of medical education.

correlations include unsafe physician behavior and a decrease in primary-care physicians and in diversity of the physician workforce.

The AMA said that residents who carry the high debt burdens are more likely to assume an additional job. This can lead to fatigue, which in turn can breed medical errors. Also, high debt becomes a barrier for many low-income and minority students. Furthermore, the increase in debt among students can pressure them to pursue higher-paid specialties.

"Students with high debt are less likely to pursue family practice and

primary care specialties and instead seek specialties with higher income or more leisure time," the report said.

On average, a family practice doctor earns about \$160,000, as suggested by a 2007 report by physician-staffing firm Merritt, Hawkins & Associates. Such a salary is far less than what other medical practitioners are earning. According to the report, radiologists earn an average salary of \$380,000, neurosurgeons make roughly \$530,000 and urologists can earn up to \$400,000 per

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Indian Tribe, UCSD Debate Fate of Ancient Remains

Campus committee will return bones found at University House to local Kumeyaay tribe if their ancestry is verified.

By Yelena Akopian
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A UCSD committee will soon decide if ancient remains found on campus property show evidence of cultural affiliation to the local Kumeyaay American Indian tribe, the first step to ending a decades-long dispute over the remains' ownership and final resting place.

The two skeletons in question were discovered during an archeological dig at University House, the historic UCSD chancellor's residence, in 1976. Since that time, the remains have been held at the Museum of Man, the Smithsonian Institution and the San Diego Archaeological Center.

Gail Kennedy, a UCLA anthropology professor, was part of the archeology class that first unearthed the remains over 30 years ago. The archeologists uncovered an older woman and a younger man buried in a very interesting ritual, in which the man had part of his fingers cut off and put in his mouth, Kennedy

said. The skeletons were dated to about 8,350 before present, making them around 10,000 years old.

A long dispute has ensued between archeologists and Kumeyaay tribe members, who want the remains returned to them so they can be properly reburied.

"We have a very strict religion on handling and burying remains," said Steve Banegas, spokesman for the Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee, founded in 1997. "We treat them as if they are loved ones or family members and rebury them. It's a very intensive and long process."

The federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990 requires that institutions receiving federal funding return American Indian cultural items and human remains to their respective tribes. Under this act, local Kumeyaay Indians must prove to the UCSD NAGPRA Working Group that the remains indeed belong to their tribe.

UCSD anthropology professor and committee Chair Margaret J. Schoeninger said members will make their decision based on evidence in the following categories: geography, kinship, biology, archaeology, linguistics, folklore, oral tradition and history.

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Beyond the Border

UCSD students researching issues of immigration uncover the faces and personal stories of Mexican villagers.

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The Triton men pull closer to the conference lead with another dominating weekend sweep.

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BY LARS INGELMAN

CURRENTS

New Minor to Focus on European Studies

Beginning Spring Quarter 2008, UCSD will offer a European studies minor program highlighting Europe's political and economic expansion, as well as broader issues of national identity.

Other minor topics include Europe's Enlightenment, immigration, Islam, the European Constitution, new forms of communication and art, the politics of fear, terror and democracy and Europe's relations with the United States.

Professor of French studies and cultural studies and European studies minor Faculty Director Roddey Reid said the program is ideal for students interested in a career in foreign service or nongovernmental organizations. He added that those pursuing law, biomedical research, medicine, business or those who wish to study abroad in Europe will also find the program especially beneficial.

'Love Hormone' Could Help Psychiatric Patients

School of Medicine researchers are currently experimenting to determine whether a hormone triggered by physical contact could help patients with schizophrenia, social anxiety and other disorders.

Oxytocin, a brain chemical released during hugging and other physical contact, plays a major role in parent-infant and male-female bonds, UCSD assistant clinical professor of psychiatry Kai MacDonald said. Research suggests that the chemical alters the firing of the amygdala — the

part of the brain that processes emotional stimuli — resulting in changes in the brain signals that enable recognition of facial expressions.

MacDonald said that oxytocin may play a critical role in human social behavior.

"Oxytocin is sometimes called the 'love hormone,'" he said. "We know that the eye-to-eye communication — which is affected by oxytocin — is critical to intimate emotional communication for all kinds of emotions — love, fear, trust, anxiety." He added that individuals with schizophrenia or autism often struggle with social contact because they avoid eye contact and focus on less relevant parts of the face.

Also known as Pitocin, the hormone has long been used to induce labor and lactation in women; however, research regarding its effects on the brain has been limited. UCSD researchers believe that oxytocin could increase levels of trust, generosity and emotional contact for patients with schizophrenia or anxiety.

The hormone reduces the activity of brain circuits related to fear and increases the patient's level of eye contact, and MacDonald said that although people seem to act differently, they historically have not reported feeling different at all. He said it is clear that the "love hormone" affects brain activity, but that researchers have yet to confirm the chemical's effects on human interactions.

"A hug or a touch that causes a release of this hormone might change brain signals," MacDonald said. "We want to know if oxytocin can also impact social and emotional behavior in patients with psychiatric disorders."

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The director of UCSD's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Resource Lab explains the research conducted in the campus facility dubbed the "Bubble."

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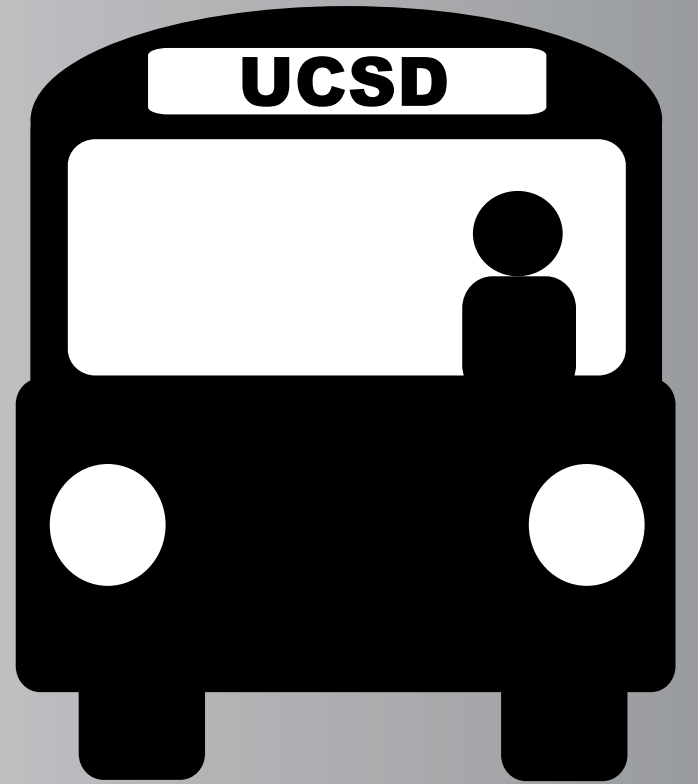


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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Feb. 1

9:01 a.m.: Grand theft

► A parking meter was stolen from the Campus Services Complex.

1:52 p.m.: Suspicious person

► A white male with black hair, wearing a red shirt, was seen tampering with a bike lock at the Price Center Bookstore.

7:40 p.m.: Report of petty theft

► Food was reported as stolen from the staff refrigerator at the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center. *Unfounded.*

Saturday, Feb. 2

3:43 p.m.: Report of grand theft

► Multiple game controllers, a USB hub and 10 video games were reported as stolen from Africa Hall.

5:36 p.m.: Noise disturbance

► A child was reported as running around screaming and creating excessive noise at a Regents Road apartment.

10:36 p.m.: Welfare check

► A female was reported as not answering repeated calls from her family over a four-day period.

Sunday, Feb. 3

2:38 p.m.: Citizen contact

► People were reported as throwing glass balls off Gilman Parking Structure.

5:56 p.m.: Animal call

► A 150-pound German shepherd, owned by a 5-foot-7 white male, was reported as harassing people in the Central Mesa Apartments laundry room.

Monday, Feb. 4

10:09 a.m.: Suspicious person

► A 6-foot Latino male wearing a jacket reading "peace and love" was seen chasing cars at Gilman Parking Structure.

12:28 p.m.: Noninjury accident

► Two females were screaming at each other after a fender-bender

accident on North Torrey Pines Road.

Tuesday, Feb. 5

1:13 a.m.: Welfare check

► A female was reported as hitting herself with a car door on the fourth floor of Pangea Parking Structure.

5:45 p.m.: Animal call

► A shaved golden-haired Pomeranian named Gomie, last seen wearing a blue-and-yellow sweatshirt, was reported as missing at Geisel Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 6

12:08 a.m.: Suspicious person

► Two white men wearing backpacks and riding skateboards attempted to "talk their way into rooms" at the John Muir College Apartments.

Thursday, Feb. 7

10:35 a.m.: Report of gang threat

► The dean of student affairs reported possible gang-related threats at the Humanities and Social Sciences building.

11:10 a.m.: Grand theft

► Hundreds of dollars in cash were allegedly stolen from the Chemistry Research building; the reporting party claimed that his money had been kept in an envelope, to be used for rent payment.

11:37 a.m.: Domestic violence

► A female in a green Pontiac car reported a restraining order violation on Regents Road.

1:07 p.m.: General disturbance

► An elderly white woman wearing Mardi Gras beads was harassing customers at Round Table Pizza.

7:02 p.m.: Missing person

► A 6-year-old child and a 27-year-old male with a thin build wearing a white-and-black striped shirt were reported as missing. *Checks OK.*

— **Compiled by Sonia Minden**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Committee Aims for Spring-Quarter Resolution

► ARTIFACTS, from page 1

Schoeninger said the objective of the UCSD NAGPRA Working Group is to review all the evidence before preparing a recommendation to Vice Chancellor of Research Arthur B. Ellis.

However, Banegas said the Kumeyaay are offended that they are even being asked to prove information they feel is well-known. The Kumeyaay presented cultural songs, stories, maps and history at a Jan. 24 meeting to show their ancient ties to the La Jolla area.

KCRC and the NAGPRA Working Group have met three times during this academic year. At the latest meeting on Jan. 24, held at the Barona Community Center, the committee reported on the status of its deliberations and the KCRC presented information about the tribe's history.

"We are hopeful that ongoing discussions with interested parties and state agencies will result in a project that is sensitive to both university needs and concerns expressed by members of the community," UCSD spokeswoman Dolores Davies said.

Banegas, however, said he was dissatisfied with the meetings.

"I had this belief that at an institution of higher learning they would

have been more open and there would have been a more diverse group of people who would meet to learn and understand," he said. "There's so much here that the committee refuses to hear or that they don't want to hear. The decent thing to do is to treat these remains as respected human beings. We're try-

ing to right the wrong that's been done for the last 20 to 30 years. We look forward to the day of meeting with sincere people as equals."

The Kumeyaay have also expressed concern about the proposed demolition of University House, which since 2004 has been deemed unlivable. The residence was nominated for a position on the

National Register of Historic Places in November.

Resting atop an ancient American Indian burial ground and built in the unique "pueblo revival" style, the property is viewed by historians as archeologically and historically important.

"Our goal is to have a University House that both meets our chancellor's residential needs and our programmatic needs and supports our relationships with the community," Davies said.

The plans for the repatriation will continue to move forward regardless of the University House project, she added.

Schoeninger said the committee hopes to make a recommendation to Ellis by the beginning of Spring Quarter. The recommendation will then be transferred to the University of California's NAGPRA Advisory Committee, which will approve or reject it.

"The final decision is made by Provost [Wyatt R.] Hume in the UC Office of the President," Schoeninger said. "We are hopeful that will be made during the summer at the very latest."

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DA: Nature of Rapes Made Baek Very Dangerous

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his arrest.

It is unknown why Baek's victims were UCSD students, or whether the pattern was even intentional, according to Means. UCSD does not have a very high rate of sex crimes on campus. According to UCSD's Clery Report, a federally mandated compilation of crimes occurring on or around university campuses, there were six instances of

sexual offenses with the use of force on and directly adjacent to campus in 2004 and 2005, and two in 2006. Most rapes are committed by someone known by the victim, making Baek's crimes particularly threatening, Means said.

"He represented a unique predator, which made him very dangerous," she said.

Though Carlos said during the trial that Baek was innocent and that there was still a rapist on the loose, the city

police department expressed satisfaction with the conviction.

"We are extremely pleased with the outcome of this case," Muñoz said. "It is a testament to the excellent work of our officers, detectives and also the district attorney's office staff who worked on the case."

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Dance Will Retain Asian-Oriented Theme

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a week later and has since received so much criticism that the details of the event — including the theme — were removed by the committee co-chairs shortly after.

The controversial term “Orient” was popularly used in the age of colonialism to refer to places and people in East Asia in relation to Europe, and is considered a Eurocentric term within some Asian communities.

However, “Orient” has been a problematic term for the committee because it is not considered universally objectionable. Many Asian Americans on Revelle’s Semiformal Committee and college council said they do not find the word offensive.

“We personally were not offended by the semiformal theme, but now recognize that there are members of the UCSD community who feel differently,” Revelle Semiformal Committee co-Advisers Janice Lew and Erica Okamura said in an e-mail. “In no way was there any intention to offend anyone.”

However, Cathlene Yapyuco, a Thurgood Marshall College alumna and staff member at the Cross-Cultural Center, said she was particularly shocked when she noticed the event on Facebook.

“Even though I know that Asian-American issues are still very much invisible these days, it was still surprising to hear that the word ‘Orient’ was used in a title of a dance,” said Yapyuco, a former A.S. councilmember. “It was even more upsetting to see on the Facebook page where the term ‘ghetto geisha’ was used to advertise the event.”

Yapyuco was not the only person to express surprise at the event’s approval.

“What bothered me the most [is] that it has been approved by Revelle College and that no one ever thought that other people might find it offensive,” said Thurgood Marshall senior

Junie Chea, a member of the Asian Pacific Islander Student Alliance and Student Promoted Access Center for Education and Service.

A coalition of students arrived at the RCC meeting on Feb. 5 to share their feelings about the Asian-themed dance.

In addition to problems with the dance’s name, members of the public pointed out that the decorations and food do not showcase an accurate representation of the diversity within Asian cultures. Instead, students felt that the cultures represented were primarily Chinese and Japanese, despite

“The fact that such a large amount of people let this bypass them ... Maybe we’re not as culturally aware as we’d like to think.”

— Alicia Zuniga, co-Chair, Revelle College Semiformal Committee

the fact that “Asian” and “Orient” are terms that encompass a multitude of distinct cultures and ethnicities.

Many present at the meeting suggested that the root of the problem lies predominantly in the lack of awareness of Asian Pacific-Islander history, which if known, would have prevented the creation of a social event that upset many within UCSD’s API community.

“The fact that such a large amount of people let this bypass them, without knowing that it was a harmful statement, shows that maybe we aren’t as culturally aware as we’d like to think,” Revelle Semiformal Committee co-Chair Alicia Zuniga said.

At the same meeting, the co-chairs of the Revelle Semiformal Committee

produced a formal apology to the Asian Pacific-Islander and UCSD communities.

“We picked an Asian-style theme because we felt that the cultural aspects were beautiful and should be shared with the Revelle community,” co-Chair Allison Potter said. “If anyone had mentioned that the theme or title could be offensive in any way we would have discussed the matter and stricken any elements that would be offensive. We were truly unaware of this.”

The following day, Revelle College Senator Sonia Chokshi sent an apologetic e-mail to the A.S. Council addressing the issue. Chokshi outlined the problems regarding the dance, as well as possible solutions to replan the event.

To ameliorate the situation, the planning committee will collaborate with members of S.P.A.C.E.S. and the Student Affirmative Action Committee to implement necessary changes and compromise on aspects of the event.

The Revelle Semiformal is still set to take place on March 7, though the name of the event has been changed to “Sakura Night,” or “Night of the Cherry Blossom.” The details of the event, such as food and decorations, will not be finalized until further discussion with student groups. The planning committee will have to go before the college council once more to approve any drastic changes made to the budget.

RCC plans to be more involved in community events and with groups such as SAAC to avoid similar situations in the future, according to Chokshi.

“It is unfortunate that our impact on the community was not the same as our intent, but the silver lining to this situation is that we can use it as a first step in raising public awareness of the negative connotations words like ‘Orient’ and ‘Eastern’ have when referring to the API community,” Zuniga said.

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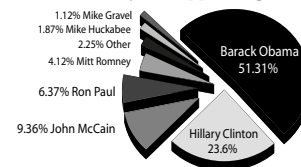
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Cyclists Should Lose the Attitude, Find the Law

What's up with bicyclists on the road?

Now before I lose all of you health- and environment-minded people, let me be the first to admit biking's awesomeness. It's healthy, saves the planet and is more efficient than walking.

And I can definitely understand how cyclists could get frustrated with bad drivers, prompting critical-mass-type events and a general share-the-road attitude.



Stealing the Shoes

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It's true: Many drivers are careless, and without much more than a plastic helmet for protection, cyclists have extra reason to be suspicious and resentful.

The problem is that this fair frustration has a tendency to lead to a holier-than-thou mentality that ends up harming cyclists more than anything.

How often have you seen someone biking two feet to the left of the clearly marked bike lane?

Cars stack up behind Mr. Spandex Shorts as he moves five miles an hour stubbornly proclaiming, "I am a vehicle too and the road must be shared!"

But rather than consider his plight, and the plight of the other 800 UCSD affiliates who bike to campus each day, all drivers behind him are thinking is, "Man, that guy's an asshole."

And I don't think they're necessarily wrong.

What is Mr. Spandex Shorts gaining by ignoring the bike lane in favor of the road? This is something I see every day as a driver, bus rider, pedestrian and cyclist. No matter what mode of transportation I'm using, it's clear to me that most cyclists are harming, not helping, their cause. By blatantly disregarding the bike lane, they're just deepening the distrust between cars and bikes, making drivers resent them and putting themselves in very real danger.

But that's not all cyclists do to stab themselves in the cleated foot. Another example of this self-destructive attitude at work, which is arguably more dangerous, is when cyclists pull up to a red light where cars are stopped but go ahead anyway. The hypocrisy here is mind-boggling.

How can cyclists preach about being treated as equals, but then act as though major traffic laws don't apply to them? Not only is this common ignore-the-red-light practice illegal, it's pretty annoying to drivers who come across that same rule breaker later, stubbornly biking down the middle of their lane. Again, this kind of arrogance harms only the cyclists themselves, as they offend law-abiding drivers and put their own safety at risk.

You catch more flies with honey than you do with vinegar. And the way cyclists should convince drivers that they, too, own a share of the road certainly isn't by recklessly stealing it.

To Protect Freedom, Students Must Read Fine Print

By Hadley Mendoza
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

STUDENT LIFE — A glimmer of free speech illuminated UCSD's bleakly restrictive scenery on Jan. 31, as student representatives from the free-speech policy revision committee released an updated policy proposal. And things were looking pretty promising until word of the University Centers Advisory Board's own Price Center-governing speech policy promptly extinguished that flicker.

The trouble first started last spring, when university administrators pumped out a draconian policy during finals week. Luckily, once students looked up from their books, they were able to successfully protest the changes, and a committee was formed to review the policies. The committee, which has met extensively with various on-campus groups including the A.S. Council, has now presented a vaguely overarching solution that reads more like a wide-eyed

mission statement — the document even includes a preamble. But while the new proposal is a vast improvement, it fails to specifically answer the original question: What protected speech rights do students have?

In comes the new UCAB policy, which coupled with an already-existing section in the student conduct code, creates tempting loopholes for administrators trying to circumvent the new proposal. In order to truly protect constitutional rights, the committee needs to directly address and integrate these other documents. While committee members have said their policy will supercede all others, its vague language isn't promising.

Carol-Irene Southworth, the A.S. representative to the committee, said the group purposely chose broad wording in order to protect students' rights. But by being intentionally unspecific, the committee is knowingly opening its policy up for administrative abuse. With something as important as freedom at stake there is no room for question, and it is the committee's duty to present the most airtight document possible.

It's clear from their shady actions last year regarding free speech that

UCSD administrators are just looking for ways to thwart student freedom, and this is why the new UCAB policy must be addressed immediately. Without repealing the Price Center Plaza Limited Forum Policy, students' rights are not protected in the place they are most likely to congregate — the very heart of campus.

Apparently, we can't even trust our fellow students to come up with an appropriate policy that will protect our rights. UCAB, comprised largely of undergraduates, proved to be just as underhanded as university officials when it ignored student protests against the original administrative rewrite, and passed its own equally oppressive Price Center policy in the face of the revision committee.

UCAB members such as Arian Mashhood and Vice Chair Lana Blank felt their policy was suitable because they didn't like having to hear people yell about their ideas during lunch.

"We feel like Price Center is for UCSD, not just anyone," Blank told the *Guardian*.

Forget for a moment that the board's restrictive policy does, in fact, limit UCSD affiliates — Blank's assertion still is dead wrong. UCSD is a public institution and its grounds are public space. Perhaps a look at the recent court case affecting the nearby Fashion Valley Mall will help clear up any misunderstandings — in a similar debate where mall officials

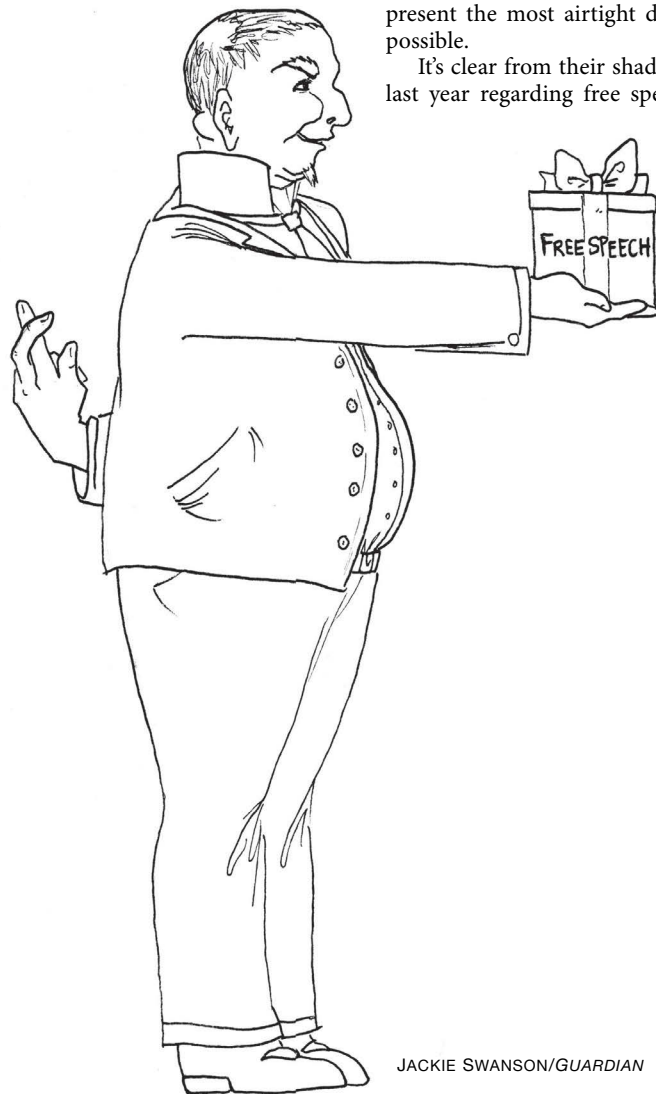
wanted to regulate protestors, the California Supreme Court ruled that mall space, though privately owned, was a space for the public, and thus the court upheld free speech.

UCAB's Price Center policy outlaws, among other things, "public speaking activities that generate excessive noise," but fails to explain what qualifies as excessive. It puts an end to student protests, crushes impromptu gatherings — better get that reservation! — and even has the capacity to ban boisterous students from the plaza. This infringement upon freedom of speech and assembly was approved without question by a board featuring many of UCSD's student leaders.

And all this comes in spite of the progress made by the revision committee. Though new-proposal advocates like Southworth should be applauded for their effort to reform the spring 2007 policy and protect students' rights, they shouldn't be content yet. Addressing the UCAB policy should be the committee's foremost concern in its attempt streamline speech policies and support freedom.

The bottom line is that students need to keep a watchful eye on not only administrators but also other students — if we don't protect our rights, no one else will.

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RSOs Designed to Regulate, Not Congregate, With Students

The university's lack of progress after last year's residential security officer program report is a blessing in disguise.

By Jake Blanc
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ON CAMPUS — It's no surprise that residential security officers are the same as ever, despite a year-old report analyzing the RSO program.

The report, which was commissioned by former Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph W. Watson during Fall Quarter 2006, essentially suggested that improving the relationship between students and RSOs could reduce underage alcohol con-

sumption on campus.

But when Watson retired in June 2007, the movement to re-evaluate the program left with him, and rightfully so.

It would be a complete waste to spend time and money on additional reports to bridge the gap between students and RSOs. Watson's original hypothesis that greater amity between the student body and campus security would cut down on illegal drinking is ridiculous.

Did Watson honestly think that if students were less intimidated

by RSOs they would simply refrain from taking part in illegal activities out of respect for their new "friends"?

RSOs exist in some form at all UC campuses, where they enforce rules and provide security and safety.

On a campus like UCSD's, where the crime rate is hardly comparable to that of South Central Los Angeles, the main activity that RSOs report are cases of underage drinking. Students are

well aware of the university's policies on illegal substances and knowingly partake in these activities regardless

of these rules.

For that reason, students must be held accountable if they are caught red-cup-handed and subsequently cannot blame RSOs for simply doing their job.

It was one thing to hope that most students respect RSOs and the vital role that they play in campus life, but to desire a better relationship between the two groups is idealistic at best.

In a perfect world, students would follow all campus rules and never create a situation that necessitates RSO involvement, but in reality students are going to break the rules and those who are not sneaky enough to slip through the cracks are going to get caught.

And when this happens, it's

Wise Up, UCSD: Students Deserve Rec. Class Units

The campus is one of few UC schools to not offer recreational classes for units and without extra cost to students.

By Silhan Jin
STAFF WRITER

ON CAMPUS — Physical and recreational activities serve as a vital component to a student's well-being. It makes sense, then, that UCSD offers a variety of recreational classes.

But unlike other University of California campuses such as UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz and UC Santa Barbara, which advocate their recreational classes by awarding units without added expense, students in La Jolla unfairly have to pay — in many ways — to pursue similar activities.

So if a student's recreational activity is such an important aspect of this university, and other similar universities do so, why doesn't UCSD allow units for students

who take advantage of recreational opportunities?

In order to participate in an activity of particular interest, UCSD students are required to pay fees ranging from \$40 to nearly \$300. They are then forced to take time out of their schedules to attend these classes, purely out of satisfaction and interest in learning. Thus, students are left with merely an option to be active; there is no administrative incentive.

Admittedly, offering units for recreational activities would require a physical education department that would need to review and reform the existing courses to meet its standards. According to administrative records, such a department existed from 1975 to 1994, but was discontinued due to the university administration's lack of "a clear understanding of the department's role in the university's mission and its distinctness from the roles of the departments of recreation and athletics."

But a lack of understanding on the part of administrators shouldn't supplant the student's right to earn

credit for learning. Students should be granted units for work they do and instruction they receive, regardless of the specific department. Furthermore, UCSD has a dance department that gives students credit for its classes, which are recreational in nature. In order to standardize the school's educational goals and the UC system's practices, similar units should be awarded for similar activities.

According to UC Berkeley's physical education department Web site, the university offers a variety of instructional as well as performance courses in sequence to "develop and improve performance skills, to impart knowledge and concepts relevant to the activity, to introduce information concerning the fitness and health benefits of regular exercise and to help students to develop and maintain physical fitness" — all without additional cost. These courses are treated as actual classes, meaning that Cal students can take them for about half a unit and a grade.

UCSB's department of exercise and sports studies also offers similar

programs, implementing sequential — elementary, intermediate and advanced — levels of instruction. Not only does the department present lectures along with activity courses, it also offers a minor in "exercise and sports studies with emphasis in athletic coaching, exercise and health science, fitness instruction or sport management." And save a few, all the courses bear no extra cost.

So, if other UC campuses are granting units for their physical education courses without cost, why doesn't UCSD?

One reason might be that today's UCSD lacks a physical education department. But why not reinstate it?

Obviously, the distinction administrators failed to see in the 1994 physical education department must be the reason for their hesitation, but the distinction is simple: such a department would instruct and develop students' knowledge of fitness and health through practical activity and lecture courses, while the recreation department would provide leisure opportunities to the

people of La Jolla. The PE department would operate within tuition costs without extra costs for students, while the recreation department could charge a fee. Finally, students would be held accountable for attendance because of the grades and units they receive.

If UC Berkeley, UCSC and UCSB can do it, why can't UCSD?

It is disheartening that while other schools encourage physical education in this way, UCSD requires that its students pay hefty prices without seeing any academic benefit.

Physical activity plays an important role for many students, but they are forced to relinquish it due to their rigorous academic schedules. By awarding credits for its recreational courses, not only would UCSD reward the students who sacrifice their time to learn, but also encourage them to take up activities that would prove beneficial to the students' — and ultimately the university's — well-being.

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Everyone Better Off Without Friendly Student-RSO Relationship

► **RSO**, from page 4 understandable for students to hold a certain amount of animosity toward the officers. But this anger is actually positive; it strengthens the separation between student and officer, which is necessary for students to respect the authority of RSOs and, for the most part, adhere to UC rules and bylaws.

If UCSD administrators really want their student body to be bosom buddies with RSOs, they can look at how private universities form their campus security teams.

At Stanford University, the residential advisers and residential security advisers are more like watchdogs than police; instead of keeping students from drinking alcohol, they are there to make sure that kids do not get sick or get into serious trouble. The fact that freshmen living on campus at Stanford are permitted to drink represents a big difference between private and public universities, and is often one of the reasons that students choose to attend the former.

If administrators want to mini-

mize RSOs' intimidating persona, they should expand on their idea of giving the officers new uniforms and distribute Hawaiian T-shirts for official use on duty. The idea of an RSO patrolling residence halls wearing a brightly colored, leis-printed shirt is just as ludicrous as the thought of UCSD creating a positive connection between the officers and students.

But if administrators want to ensure that students respect the school rules and behave themselves, officials must make an effort to emphasize RSOs' authority on cam-

pus.

Right now RSOs want to continue doing their job and enforcing the rules, but at the same time they want students to see them in a more positive light.

Simply put, UCSD wants to have its cake and eat it, too. But the university must realize that a second RSO report would accomplish nothing and would only end up creating more hostility between students and officers.

Bringing the unfortunate realities of the student-RSO relationship to

light would make RSOs more frustrated with being disliked and cause students to be even more aware of the ever-looming security presence on campus. If UCSD truly cares about maintaining its desired level of safety and enforcement, it must come to terms with the fact that RSOs and students need a divide between them and that each must be allowed to play its specific role on campus.

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By Priscilla Lazaro



UCSD Med Students Typically Have Less Than \$100K in Debt

► DOCTORS, from page 1 year.

Despite the increase of tuition fees at UCSD's School of Medicine, the average debt is less than what the national data suggests, according to Maria Savoia, the school's vice dean of medical education.

"There are national data that suggest that higher debt — over \$100,000 — makes students think about choosing higher-paying specialties," Savoia said. "Thankfully, we at UCSD aren't at an average debt greater than \$100,000, but this certainly is a concern for us as tuition and fees go higher."

However, Assistant Director of UCSD Career Services Center Nicole O'Neil said that postgraduation debt is nothing new to medical students.

O'Neil said that premed students at UCSD are advised about the financial burdens that they will face if they are serious about choosing a medical career, which helps to lessen the shock related to salary disparities in different fields.

"We tell all the students who come in here and who are interested in premed, 'Be prepared to take a debt,'" she said.

According to the data compiled

by the Career Services Center, the number of UCSD students applying to medical school has steadily increased. There were 410 applicants in 2006, compared to 362 in 2004 and 383 in 2005.

O'Neil suggests that there are other factors that play into a student's specialty choice, such as lifestyle and location. There are also personal reasons that drive students toward one particular medical field over another, she said.

Such is the case for Revelle College junior Elizabeth McDevitt, who hopes to practice pediatric medicine and specialize in autoimmune diseases because of her own battle with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. McDevitt said the idea of accumulating debt was never a point of concern for her.

"It's just money, and this is something I really want to do," she said. "I'm sure it is something that will work itself out, and instead of worrying about it now, I'm just focusing on doing the best I can to get what I want, and for me, that's never been money."

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FACE OF OAXACA

By Serena Renner
Associate Focus Editor

John Muir College sophomore Tanya Menendez sat comfortably in a shabby mom-and-pop grocery store in southern Mexico.

Any nervousness she felt about conversing with the family vanished at the sight of the friendly storeowners. She was immediately welcomed into the shop and offered a seat at the family's lunch table, where they spent the rest of the afternoon sharing anecdotes about their lives and native cultures.

This was the scene of Menendez's first interview for the UCSD Mexican Migration Field Research and Training Program, which brought 34 students to the small village of San Miguel Tlacotepec to research immigration issues in the Mexican state of Oaxaca.

Although Menendez spent two weeks of her winter break in an unfamiliar town interviewing complete strangers, the locals made her feel right at home, she said.

"It was so amazing to go into a town and just walk into somebody's house," Menendez said. "I don't know many storeowners in the U.S. willing to pull up a chair, feed me and talk to me for hours about their life."

The program, partnered with UCSD's Center for Comparative Immigration Studies and Eleanor Roosevelt College's immigration studies minor, is the only one in the nation to train undergraduates to be migration researchers, according to political science professor and program co-director Wayne Cornelius.

Each year, the program sends students to one small migrant-populated community in Mexico to provide an insider's look on the consequences of international immigration as seen from a migrant's perspective. Since the birth of the program in 2004, students have visited transient populations in the states of Jalisco, Zacatecas and Yucatan to generate new findings that are compiled into a book at the end of the year, used by scholars and policymakers interested in shaping a more humane immigration policy.

The study's populations are chosen for their longstanding histories of migration to the United States and for their population size of 2,500 people or less, making it possible to interview every community member age 15 to 65.

Students also witness the other side of the story by interviewing the migrants who have crossed the border and are now living in transplanted communities in Southern California.

Cultural immersion and the hands-on approach to learning are the program's distinguishing features, Menendez said.

"This program is not about just memorizing facts," she said. "It's about learning and engaging in a real world experience. You learn in the classroom and actually put what you learn into use so you never forget it — it's ingrained



ALL PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE CENTER FOR COMPARATIVE IMMIGRATION STUDIES. Because younger generations are typically the demographic that migrates to the United States, San Miguel Tlacotepec has a high population of elderly people, like Mrs. Herrera, who have been left behind.

in you."

Being forced to interview the townspeople helps bridge generational and cultural gaps and broaden one's perspective on the matter, Menendez said. This personal approach to studying migration puts a face on the issue, allowing one to look beyond the numbers by forming relationships with the natives, experiencing their lifestyle and becoming their friends.

"I was able to connect to these people on a human level," she said. "I realized that we all had a lot in common. Every one wants to make their lives better."

Not only does interviewing give the issue a face, but it also sheds light on the emotions involved, according to Muir College junior Jonathan Hicken, who said he remembered the story of a man whose son was killed trying to cross the border.

The 65-year-old man broke down as he retold the incident, 10 years after it occurred, Hicken said.

"To shoulder the guilty conscience of a country in that moment was very powerful," Hicken said. "It put a heart and tears into the issue and I know his story is just one of countless that are similar."

For Eleanor Roosevelt College senior Emily Hildreth, learning about family separation firsthand through parents' anecdotes of leaving children behind made her re-evaluate the effects of immigration. She now considers the

costs to Mexico, rather than only assessing the costs to the United States.

"There are real emotions tied to the whole thing," Hildreth said. "It's not just about data. It's about real people and the consequences of crossing the border and having things that pull children away from their parents."

According to Cornelius students form close relationships with both their interviewees and other program participants.

"It's a very intense 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week experience," Cornelius said. "[The students'] project becomes their world and students make lifetime friends who are mutually supportive. It's something most undergraduates are trying to find in Greeks or sports but they don't have the opportunity to be with a small group for an entire year."

The binational team is composed of 23 undergraduates, nine graduate students and six Mexican graduate students studying in Tijuana and Oaxaca. The program divides participants into eight teams, each studying a different subject that will later become a chapter of the book.

The program unites Mexican and American students in a common cause, according to Mexican graduate student Bribilia Cota Cabrera, who discovered that many American students also come from immigrant families and have a genuine concern about the subject.

"I am happy to realize that American students are actually interested in this controversial theme," Cabrera said in an e-mail in Spanish. "I think that I can share the knowledge that I've acquired in my day-to-day life living out the problems of immigration in my family, in my community, in my state and in my country."

Hicken said he is proud to be involved in a program that he deems valuable and beneficial for the future.

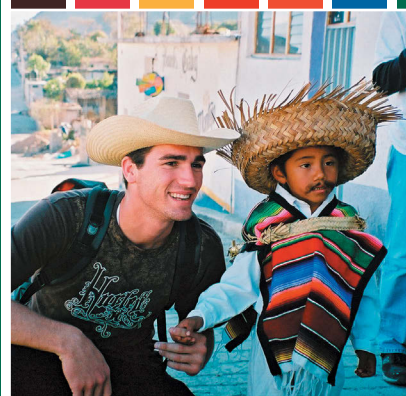
"The program really gives purpose to your studies," he said. "Reading books and taking tests is great but you really feel the importance of your work in this program."

Cornelius mentioned the increasing mobility of the world's populations, where 200 million people are currently living outside the country they were born, as an important reason to study the topic of immigration.

"You're likely to work with immigrants as coworkers, go to school with them," Cornelius said. "They're your neighbors, your fellow church members and your fellow citizens, not just your fellow workers ... [Immigration is] part of the fabric of life in a state like California and it's important for people to realize what they bring — the benefits rather than just the costs of their presence."

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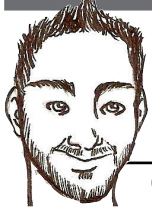
A research and training program takes a personal approach to discover the true impacts of migration — on both sides of the border.



Left to Right: A family works together in the corn fields in San Miguel Tlacotepec. Students interview townspeople between the ages of 15 and 65 to learn how immigration has impacted their community. While doing their research, students connect with villagers and immerse themselves in the Mexican culture. Chosen research communities have a population size of 2,500 or less, making it possible to interview every individual of the target age group.

Looking Beyond the Normal Tourist's Itinerary

After undergoing an hour of interrogation while fidgeting nervously at the crossing to Sinai, and then being detained for more than two hours in the Ismailiya police station, we were led up three flights of stairs to a small office decorated in papyrus and family photos. There, a youthful, slightly overweight police chief in a baby blue sweater said we were free to go — straight back to Cairo. “Do not go to Al-Arish,” he said. “There are 700,000 Palestinians in the Sinai. You are American and they are from Hamas. It is too dangerous.”



Dave in Cairo
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these are rarely sold to foreigners because of their poor riding conditions. We boarded the train a few minutes before it was scheduled to leave, taking our cramped spots next to an open door among several anxious Egyptian men. Some, opting for a more comfortable ride, climbed onto the baggage racks above the seats to lie down.

Thirty minutes later several passengers had disembarked, but the train was still quietly standing in its loading position at the station. A crowd, gathering outside and around the front of the train, 12 cars up, eventually drew our attention. Jumping out onto the abandoned tracks alongside us, we headed toward the chanting mob.

Anxious for action in Rafah, we were excited and surprised to find such a commotion at home in Cairo. Horne and Staight, utilizing their burgeoning Arabic language skills to ask about the protest, were quickly surrounded by a crowd of 20 or more Egyptians eagerly venting their frustrations of the government's failure to meet basic needs. Others were simply intrigued by foreigners taking interest in the demonstration.

The Egyptian Railway Authority, the other observers informed us, had raised fines. Exactly which fines were unclear. An interview with Railway Authority Supervisor Said Tahah in a quiet train car was equally unclear, despite translation. An English speaker, on the other end of a cell phone passed between Tahah and I, explained that fines were hiked because train conductors were arriving at destinations late and passengers were boarding without tickets, which conductors collect in transit.

Fines for first-class riders had been tripled and third-class passengers would now pay a fine of 10 Egyptian Pounds, an increase of 20 times the current amount. Conductors already face the possibility of being attacked or even shot when collecting fines. The increase could put their lives at further



Train conductors and sympathetic Egyptians rally at Ramses Station in Cairo in an effort to oppose the Railway Authority's significant increase in certain fines.

risk. Nevertheless, the question “What will the Train Authority do in response to the protests?” garnered only a smile and a nod from Tahah.

Recently, the Egyptian government has given in to many demands of such economic protests, while simultaneously becoming increasingly harsh when dealing with political opposition and political rallies. Peaceful activists and politicians associated with the Muslim Brotherhood consistently face the threat of imprisonment, and many have been, or remain, behind bars. Likewise, political bloggers face jail time for even writing negative statements about President Hosni Mubarak.

Train conductors, protesting economic issues, were not only certain fines would be lowered, but, like several union and labor protests in the past few years, they would succeed without being detained or attacked. Less than three hours after the protest gathered, and less than an hour after I spoke with Said Tahah, the Railway Authority

reversed their decision, and restored fines to their previous rates. We were not present for the announcement.

Despite our enthusiasm at being a part of a local political movement in the heart of Cairo, the four of us still had a determination to visit Rafah and witness the international situation unfold before us.

Mohammed, a twenty-something Alexandrian patiently awaiting his trip home, helped us find a minibus to Port Said before the announcement. We spent the next four and a half hours on the road. We had been told we could cross to Sinai in Port Said, but there we discovered the only bus route originated from Ismailiya.

We were shown to a taxi that drove us straight back down the same highway to Ismailiya, where our minibus had stopped an hour and a half earlier, and arranged another bus to Al-Arish after allaying the driver's concern that we might be Palestinian. With any luck, we could catch a cab

from there to Rafah.

The traffic at the border crossing was halted. Trucks, cars and buses waited in an ever-growing queue while Egyptian military personnel tore through luggage and cargo in an attempt to sever the flow of supplies to Gaza. Our American passports, to the delight of all onboard, allowed us to cut to the front of the line, bypassing the stalled traffic — we didn't fuss about special treatment.

But the mood changed quickly when an officer ripped Staight's camera from his hand after he flashed a picture of confiscated cigarette cartons piled on the highway. Minutes later, Horne, Goett and I were asked to step out of the bus. As the photos on our cameras were carefully scanned, questions grew. “Where is this?” asked an officer in dark green with bloodshot eyes. “This is not Cairo.”

“It's a protest at the train station,” I responded cautiously, knowing that

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A Friday Night Ride-Along With UCSD Blue Brass

By Jaclyn Snow
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

There is a little-known secret in American law enforcement: The public is permitted to accompany officers on what's called a ride-along, allowing anyone interested in law enforcement to experience a typical shift, and giving the public a look at where their tax dollars go. Having just watched "Superbad," I was hoping to have an experience similar to McLovin's wild night with his new police-officer friends, but sadly the five hours I spent with police officer Michael Britton on his Friday night shift went by as many things do at UCSD — incredibly slowly.

3:15 p.m.: The Waiting Room

Sergeant Gustafson comes out and gives me the paperwork I have to complete before I can legally go on my ride-along. While I sign an agreement requiring me to listen to Britton at all times, I can't help but overhear a student trying to press battery charges on a professor who pulled her shirt as he was kicking her out of class during an exam.

3:42 p.m.: Greetings

Britton strides in, shaking my hand before showing me around the department. After we make our way out to his squad car, he sits me down and explains that in a "worst case scenario" involving gunfire, I am to remain low and run away when he draws the danger from me. Britton laughs at the look of terror on my face and assures me he does not expect this to happen, but wants me prepared nonetheless.

4:14 p.m.: The Arsenal

We drive away from the police station onto campus loop and immediately I get a sense of power. Everyone around us is watching for our next move. We can stop anyone in their tracks and either ruin or make their day.

As we go to many a campus cop's

favorite stakeout spot — the track parking lot at the northernmost point of campus — Britton goes over the armory that he has at his disposal: two rifles, a gun, a knife, pepper spray and an extendable baton. Despite the arsenal, he admits that he rarely has the need for any of it.

"My most important weapon is my brain," Britton tells me.

4:28 p.m.: Stop Signs

The stakeout is in plain view. Britton does not try to hide; any alert driver can see us. Most do, taking unusually long pauses at the traffic sign, but one driver pulls a California roll and does not notice the occupied squad car until it's too late. He looks over in sheer horror; however, Britton lets him go with a shrug, explaining he understands that students need to get to class on time.

"I think, 'Is that bad enough for me to stop them?'" Britton says. Evidently, this instance isn't bad enough to ruin someone's Friday afternoon with a ticket.

Without warning, we tear off after a Chevy quickly halts at the three-way stop before taking off again. Britton turns his lights on and pulls the car over on the side of North Torrey Pines Road, mentioning that the tags are expired before he hops out and strides over to the car. He gives the driver, who claims to not have known, a fix-it ticket and he thanks Britton for bringing the violation to his attention.

Although Britton admits that people usually aren't gracious when being pulled over, having people thank him is not entirely unheard of. Even so, he is visibly pleased to be appreciated for doing his job. "I don't expect someone to say thanks, but it's nice," he says.

4:58 p.m.: Laser Time

Obediently all traffic laws, we drive unhurriedly over to Revelle College, where we pull into the loading area behind Plaza Cafe. Britton takes out his new laser gun, a more accurate gauge

of speed than a radar gun and a tool he passed a test to use. With the gun poised and ready to go, he looks for speeders coming around the curve near the basketball courts. The speed limit is 25 and it only takes a few minutes to clock a Honda Civic going 35. Whether he is trying to show me how merciful he is or he's simply feeling lenient, Britton lets the girl go with a warning. However, he mentions that if the girl gets stopped again, his verbal warning is on record and will most likely influence the next officer's decision; maybe he's not letting her get away with so much after all.

5:15 p.m.: Hunting for Mary Jane

Since waiting for people to blow through stop signs can get tedious, Britton spends much of his time looking for marijuana. At sunset, we head to the cliffs, which he assures me is a prime spot to catch stoners. Although he is a UCSD police officer, his jurisdiction still extends a mile around campus, and he is legally allowed to pursue law breakers to anywhere in California. However, when we get to the cliffs, there are only a few visitors walking around and no paraphernalia in sight.

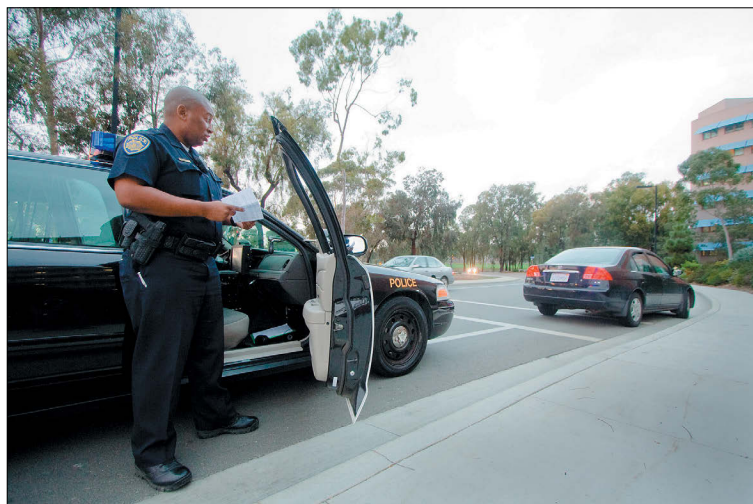
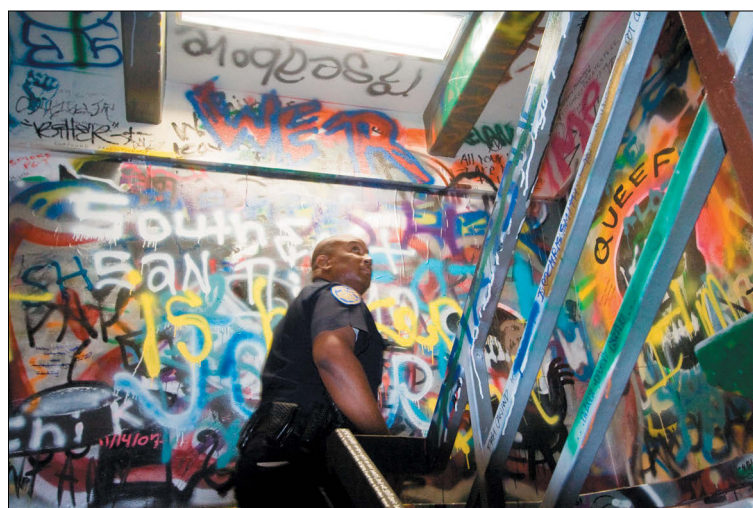
5:49 p.m.: Still Looking

We drive to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography to make sure the doors are locked and that no one here is smoking marijuana, after a short spin around graduate student housing. Britton leads the way up some treacherous footpaths where we stand quietly, listening for people who might be up to no good. Once again, we have no luck.

Before we can check the doors, Britton gets a call — a girl hurt her thumb while using the facilities at RIMAC. It's not a car chase or a busted party, but it's the highlight of the night.

6:13 p.m.: Ouchies at RIMAC

Striding into RIMAC, we find the student surrounded by four employees who are attending to her mildly injured thumb. Britton goes into the gym to



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Top: Patrolling the hallways of Mandeville Auditorium, Britton looks for taggers in the act. **Bottom:** Britton prepares to confront a driver with expired tags pulled over near Revelle College.

examine the machine where the accident happened and to take a picture for his records. Even for seemingly trivial events, he meticulously documents the incident. If Britton ever has to go to court, he wants to be able to remember the details. People stare curiously at Britton as he scrutinizes the bench she

was using. They come over to see what all the excitement is about. Besides a few drops of blood on the wall, there is nothing to see.

Britton's partner shows up; now five people are attending to a swollen

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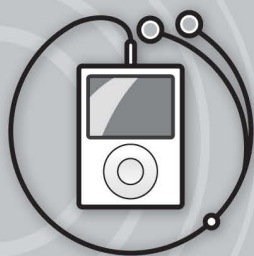
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Gaza Expedition Ends in Interrogation Room

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my photos of officers at Ramses Station were quite illegal, and that such photos had been known to inspire not only camera smashing, but violence as well.

"These are not beautiful photos, these are not tourist photos," he said with a condescending air and military authority. I did not respond.

The bus driver waited briefly before heading on to Al-Arish. We waited considerably longer — a full hour — whispering among ourselves about reacquiring our passports and cameras, as well as the possibility of resuming our journey to Gaza, before being shuttled back to the center of Ismailiya. We were shown into a quiet, brightly lit room with white chipped paint and Quranic verses hanging askew on the walls. We were informed our phones would be joining our cameras in police custody.

"Straight back to Cairo," we muttered as we collected our things from the reception at the police station before heading out into the predawn cold of Ismailiya. Skeptical about the police chief's assertion of danger in Sinai we contemplated other means of reaching Rafah, certain if we were to return to the same crossing we would land ourselves right back in custody. We never made it to Gaza.

The next morning, in a second-class car on the train back to Cairo,

Goett bought the morning edition of Al Masry Al Youm, an Egyptian daily paper. On the front page was a picture of the Ramses Station protest — a reminder of our previous day's adventure and our subsequent run-in with the Egyptian military.

Back at Ramses Station, heightened security meant to keep ticketless passengers, those who would have faced the consequences of new fines, off the platform, was another footnote to the demonstration and a reminder of Cairo's struggle with issues of class.

Stepping out into the sun and toward the Ramses Station Metro stop, we were greeted by the unavoidable shouts of taxi drivers.

"Welcome to Cairo."

"You want to see the pyramids?"

These shouts, meant for tourists who would normally never experience the frustrating policies and politics of Egypt firsthand, were a vivid reminder of defeat. They were meant for those more interested in a photo of a pyramid than in the political failure at the border and the station. They ignored the Egypt struggling with control, authority and transparency — an Egypt tourists rarely get the chance, or even want, to experience.

For this writer's column page, visit www.ucsdguardian.org.

UCSD Police Officer Shows His Softer Side

► **POLICE**, from page 10

thumb. Having nothing else to do, we walk to the squad car conveniently parked in front of the gym — a major perk of the job.

6:59 p.m.: A Final Attempt

By the time we approach Mandeville, Britton is still persistently tracking drug users. I make a note to tell everyone I now know that smoking on campus is a terrible idea. Although we also look for people tagging the newly painted stairways, Britton seems set on finding some pot smokers.

As we walk down the stairwell, he points to graffiti referencing "Star Wars" and bursts into laughter. Suddenly it occurs to me that deep down inside, this police officer is a real person. In fact, Britton enjoys typical interests and pastimes like playing video games and basketball. By the time he points out the "Star Trek" tag and laughs, I know I have a bit of a geek on my hands.

7:02 p.m.: Door Checking

Door checking is probably the most tedious, and least glamorous, part of being an officer on campus. Since many on-campus crimes involve theft, deterring property loss is a main pursuit. We walk into the Natural Science Building and although it is a Friday night, we find many labs occupied. Britton is exasperated to find many doors wide

open, mentioning that thefts occur because people would rather prop open the doors than carry their keys.

7:57 p.m.: Panda Express

After Britton calls dispatch to alert them he is on foot patrol, we head to Price Center for a quick bite. Over his dinner of chicken and rice, Britton philosophizes about what his career means to him. Although he has spent his time on the job in relatively safe areas, he still finds his work satisfying. Going into the county to help during the fires, he says, was one of the most rewarding things he has done. He also mentions that, although he has seen people at their worst, he has not lost faith in humanity. However, he has been let down occasionally. "I have been disappointed ... like, 'Did you guys really get in a fight over this?'" he says.

Heading back to the police station to fill out reports, which Britton bemoans as being incredibly time consuming, I ask if we have just experienced what he would consider a typical shift. He thinks for a moment, trying to compare the last five hours to his past year at UCSD.

"It varies day to day ... there is no rhyme or reason to it," he tells me.

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Spring 2008 Course Offerings

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Gender Equality & the Law
Instructor: M.E. Stephens, Attorney
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WEEK OF FEB 11-FEB 17

UCSD celebrates Black History Month during February 2008 with a series of programs and activities focusing on the achievements of African Americans. Activities include discussions, poetry, speakers, and soul food. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate in this important observance. To learn more about the month long activities, visit: <http://blackhistory-month.ucsd.edu/>.

MON FEB 11

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Duo Piano Improvisations - Renowned jazz pianists James Gordon Williams and Anthony Davis collaborate in this spontaneous performance. 8pm at Mandeville Center, free.

CAREER

Resume Writing for Internship and Part-Time Job Seekers - We'll guide you through the hands-on steps to developing an eye-catching cover letter and an effective resume that includes all of the essential elements. 11am-12pm at Student Services Center Room 554.

CULTURE

Baadasssss Cinema - Free! 6:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center. See featured box.w

CLUB

Women's Center Book Club - The Women's Center's next book club will meet in the small meeting room to discuss, *My Life in France*, by Julia Child and Alex Prud'Homme (available at the UCSD Bookstore for book club member at a discount). The group is open to new members at all times and is for anyone who loves to read. All meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of every month. 12-1pm at the Women's Center.

RECREATION

Roma Nights presents Afraid Not Scared, 8-9pm at Price Center, free.

Sangam Valentine's Day Auction - Pre-Valentine's Day social night. Fundraiser for annual culture show and Indian women's charity group, Suhani Kal. Event will involve auctioning off of members' talents to the highest 'bidder'. 7-10pm at PC Theatre.

TUE FEB 12

ARTS

The Seven - Will Power, award-winning pioneer of contemporary theatre, transforms a DJ, a turntable, urban poetry and modern dance into an explosive retelling of the classic Greek myth, *Seven* against Thebes. 7:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

Jeff Denson Contrabass Concert - Featuring both solo double bass pieces by Hanz Werner Henze, George Perle, and Luciano Berio. Soprano Stephanie Aston will also accompany him in an Antonio Bibalo piece and pianist Sky Ladd in a Piazzolla piece. 8pm at Mandeville Center, free.

CAREER

Resume Writing for Engineers - Learn how to write a powerful resume for opportunities in the engineering field that uses strategic formatting and effectively markets your relevant skills, education, and experience. 3-4pm in EBU2 584.

CULTURE

South Asian Poetry Night - The UCSD Ethnic Studies Department welcomes Vietnamese poet Bao Phi and Laotian-American poet Bryan Thao Worra for an evening of dynamic, charged poetry readings that address issues of identity and the South Asian experience in America. 7-9pm at the International Center Lounge.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents We Own the Night - A New York nightclub manager tries to save his brother and father from Russian mafia hit men. Starring Joaquin Phoenix, Eva Mendes, and Mark Wahlberg. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

Chi Omega Date Auction - The Ladies of Chi Omega Sorority are holding a silent auction benefiting the San Diego Make a Wish Foundation. They will be silently auctioning off date packages with volunteering fraternity and sports team members. 7-10pm at PC Ballrooms A&B.

SPORTS

UCSD Men's Club Volleyball vs. University of San Diego, 8pm at the Main Gym.

WED FEB 13

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Dimensions of Blackness: Essence of Music, Dance and Culture will include gospel, ballet, and break-dance performances. 11:30am at Revelle College Plaza.

Global Gourmet: Africa - Join other students and lead chefs in cooking! Or join us later at 7 pm for a taste of what we've prepared. Meals are suggested donations of \$1 if you bring your own plate & utensils, \$4 without. To complement the meal, a program on African culture will also be presented by an International House resident. 4pm to cook, 7pm to taste at the Great Hall.

Author Trisha Thomas Appearance - Best Selling Author Trisha R. Thomas will be signing and discussing her latest novel *Nappily Faithful*. Trisha R. Thomas is the author of the bestselling *Nappily Ever After*, a finalist for the NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Fiction and a Gold Pen Awards nominee for Best Author and Best Mainstream Fiction. 4-5pm at UCSD Bookstore.

ARTS

The Seven - 7:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

Intercampus Faculty Telematics Concert - Featuring Mark Dresser (contrabass), Michael Dessen (trombone), and Philip Larson (voice) at UCSD; Chris Chafe (cello & cello) at Stanford; Myra Melford (piano) and David Wessel (electronics) at UC Berkeley. 8pm at Cal-IT2 Theatre (Warren College), free.

The Vagina Monologues - Performances of Eve Ensler's award-winning play, *The Vagina Monologues*, to raise money and awareness to fight violence against women. Part of the 2008 V-Day College Campaign. Beneficiary for this performance is Women's Resource Center in Oceanside. 8-11pm at PC Theatre. GA: \$10.

CAREER

Technical Interviewing for Engineers - You've got the technical know-how, but can you communicate it well enough to land the job? Learn how to prepare for technical interviews that test your major-specific quantitative knowledge and your ability to solve problems. 5-6pm at EBU2 584.

Interview Interactive for Health Professional School - Practice answering actual interview questions in a group setting, hear tips from admissions directors, and learn about interview protocol in this popular workshop. 5-6pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

LECTURE

Industrial Development and Strategies: The TV Industry in Baja California in the Context of Global Restructuring and China's Competitiveness - Please join the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies for a lecture from Dr. Jorge Carrillo. 3:30pm in the Deutz Conference Room in the Institute of the Americas Complex.

Please join the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies for a lecture from Dr. Jorge Carrillo-Viveros on the "Industrial Development and Strategies: The TV Industry in Baja California in the Context of Global Restructuring and China's Competitiveness." It will be at 3:30pm in the Deutz Conference Room

in the Institute of the Americas Complex. Free!

SPORTS

Men's Tennis vs. Cal Poly Pomona, 2pm at Northview Tennis Courts.

THURS FEB 14

ARTS

ArtPower! presents TEENY-TINY FILM SERIES: The Silent Films We Love Most - The Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra for Silent Films opens the series on Valentine's Day with a selection of silent films that the ensemble loves most! The audience will assist the pit orchestra that night by using a fine collection of train whistles, coconut shells (for the horse-chase scenes), and the delightfully odd-looking phonoviolin. Bring someone you love. Tickets available at the UCSD Box Office or call (858) 534-TIXS. Students \$5, Faculty/Staff \$9, GA \$10. 8pm at Calit2 Black Box Theatre.

Soirée for Music Lovers - This Valentine's, celebrate the 20th anniversary of this concert series with virtuoso violinist János Ngégesy and friends. Featuring works by Handel, Schubert, and Mozart. 8pm at Mandeville Center. UCSD students: free, GA: \$10.

The Seven - 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

HEALTH

Sexual Health Awareness Day - Information on safer sex, contraception, STDs and how to get tested. Fun activities and FREE stuff! 10am-2pm on Library Walk.

American Red Cross Blood Drive - Red Cross Club will be having a blood drive. 2 buses will be parked next to Student Health Services and the Career Center. 10am-3:30pm on Library Walk.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents American Gangster - In 1970s America, a detective works to bring down the drug empire of Frank Lucas, a heroin kingpin from Manhattan, who is smuggling the drug into the country from the Far East. Starring Denzel Washington and Russell Crowe. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

SPECIAL EVENT

ICRA Valentine's Day Extravaganza - The Inter-College Residence Association will have cookies, balloons, valentines, and other goodies for those who want to celebrate Valentine's Day. They will also offer an Anti Valentine's Day table with cookies and black frosting, ways to vent about your hatred for this holiday and more! 11am-2pm on Library Walk.

Communicating Love & Appreciation in Relationships - Using the framework of Dr. Gary Chapman's *Five Love Languages*, this workshop will explore your personal relationships and how you communicate love and appreciation! 12-1:30pm at PC 5B/LA.

SPORTS

Women's Waterpolo vs. Hartwick, 7pm at Canyonview Pool.

FRI FEB 15

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Hollywood's Africa Film Symposium - The keynote speaker for this symposium is Professor MaryEllen Higgins (Penn State U.), who will analyze several films with comments by UCSD faculty and graduate students. 4-6:30pm at 55B Room 101.

ACADEMIC

TESC Eating Etiquette Workshop - Triton Engineering Student Council will be hosting an educational workshop that will instruct students on how to use proper dinner/reception etiquette while with potential employers. Free finger foods and appetizers will be offered. 11am-12pm at Engineering Bldg. Unit 1.

ARTS

The Seven - 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

The Vagina Monologues - 8-11pm at PC Theatre. GA: \$10.

SPORTS

UCSD Men's Club Rugby vs. University of Arizona, 12pm at Warren College West Field.

Baseball vs. Barry University, 2pm at Triton Field.

Women's Tennis vs. Fresno Pacific, 2pm at Northview Tennis Courts.

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Cal State L.A., 5:30 and 7:30pm at RIMAC.

RECREATION

One Love at the Pub - Join us for a concert to benefit Alternative Breaks @ UCSD, 10 groups of UCSD students volunteering abroad. Scheduled to perform are the legendary band BURNT along with Ska sensation Chris Murray. Tickets are \$10, available at the UCSD box office (858-534-EDNA) or at the door on the night of the event. 8-11pm at the Student Center Stage.

SPECIAL EVENT

Day of Remembrance - Day of Remembrance promotes awareness of Japanese American culture and serves to educate students about racial stereotypes and fears placed on Japanese American communities during World War II. This day also memorializes the day Executive Order 9066 was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt interning 120,000 Japanese and Japanese Americans during World War II. Activities in PC Plaza and Gallery A. 10am-2pm at PC Plaza.

SAT FEB 16

ARTS

The Seven - 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

The Vagina Monologues - 8-11pm at PC Theatre. GA: \$10.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents American Gangster - 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

SPECIAL EVENT

Queer Pin@y Conference - Kamalayan Kollektive of UCSD will be hosting this year's Queer Pin@y Conference with the support of UCSD's Cross-Cultural Center, Women's Center, LGBT Resource Center, Kaibigang Pilipino, Kabayanihan, Queer People of Color, SIAPS, and the Student Affirmative Action Committee. 9am at the Cross-Cultural Center.

SIAPS Conference - SIAPS will be hosting a conference for 100 high school student and 100 college students. Workshop topics include: A-G Requirements, Financial Aid, and Graduate School opportunities. Student organizations will perform from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. 8:30-10pm in the Literature Building, Room 2005.

MEChA's 18th Annual Youth Empowerment Conference - 18th annual high school conference to motivate and encourage students to pursue higher education. A sharing of understanding about identity, cultures, and history with typically underrepresented high school and middle school students, will be a primary focus. 8am-6:30pm at PC.

SPORTS

UCSD Men's Club Ultimate Tournament, 9am at Warren College West Field.

UCSD Collegiate Badminton Doubles Tournament, 9am at the Main Gym.

Baseball vs. Barry University, 11am and 2:30pm at Triton Field.

Women's Water polo vs. Cal State Bernardino, 11am at Canyonview Pool.

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills, 5:30 and 7:30pm at RIMAC.

SUN FEB 17

ARTS

The Seven - 7pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$25, GA \$28, 2 for 1 student discount.

SPORTS

UCSD Women's Club Volleyball vs. University of San Diego, 12pm in the Main Gym.

Baseball vs. Barry University, 12pm at Triton Field.

UPCOMING

SPECIAL EVENT

Taking Care of Business - Win an iPod Touch! Take the Bus. Affairs Student Satisfaction Survey from Feb. 11- Mar 10 at <http://studentsat.ucsd.edu>.

WEEKLY

CAREER

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Wednesday February 13th

Baad Asssss Cinema

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6:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

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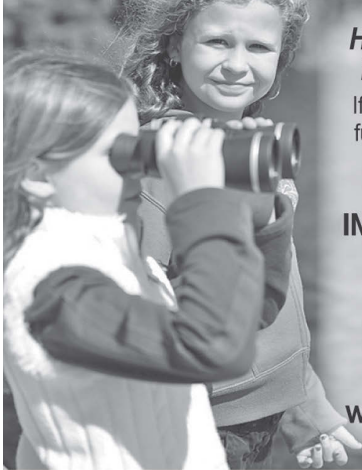
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UCSD Looks for Fresh Start at Schutt Classic

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 six Triton batters throughout the game, but was always able to escape unscathed. UCSD left nine runners on base, a staggering total for a team that prides itself on its offensive prowess.

The unfortunate pitching punching bag was UCSD's senior starter Melissa Ward, who pitched seven gutsy innings and allowed only a fourth-inning run on a two-out double to center. Even Ward's complete-game, one-run, seven-strike-out performance couldn't overcome her team's anemic offense and she was dealt her first loss of the young season.

In Friday's nightcap, the first five innings mirrored the pitcher's duel of the previous game, with neither team scoring any runs. In the bottom of the fifth, junior first-baseman Jenni Habib and senior third-baseman Jenny Maze finally came through with the clutch hits that eluded the Tritons, notching a pair of RBIs for a score of 2-0. The two-run cushion was more than enough for junior pitcher Lauren Chastain, who tossed a three-hit shutout while striking out five.

San Diego's offensive struggles went from a problem to a pandemic in the third game of the series, when the team was shut out again 4-0 in an extra-innings heartbreaker on Feb. 9. Again, Ward was the underserving losing pitcher, but this time around, there was almost nothing that she could have done better. The southpaw threw a no-hitter through seven innings of regulation play, but was forced to take her no-no bid into extras.

After another perfect eighth inning, Chico State finally broke through in the ninth. A one-out error by leftfielder Randelle Bundy put the go-ahead run on base before the visiting Wildcats put together two doubles and an infield single

that scratched across four runs to seal the win.

Head coach Patti Gerckens was straightforward with her assessment of why her team dropped two of its last three games.

"Our offense is nonexistent and our pitchers are getting no support whatsoever," Gerckens said. "We're not making adjustments at the plate. [Chico's pitcher, Kyrstle Shaw] is no better; in fact, I think we faced better pitching last week. We're just refusing to make adjustments."

Sophomore catcher Nicole Saari echoed her coach's observations, saying that to regain its winning

“Our offense is nonexistent and our pitchers are getting no support whatsoever.”

— Patti Gerckens, head coach

ways the team only has to get back to playing its offensive style of softball.

"We need to go out there with confidence and just know that we can get back to hitting the ball like we know how," Saari said. "We need to start making adjustments between every at-bat and showing good discipline at the plate. Our pitchers are doing an amazing job, and it's up to us to give them all of the support that they deserve."

Between games, Gerckens lividly scolded her team for chasing bad pitches and the players' inability to get the clutch hit. The Tritons used their coach's impassioned speech to kick-start their offense and were able to triple their run production



ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN
 After a costly error in the first game against Chico State on Feb. 9 Senior outfielder Randelle Bundy had two hits and two runs in the second game.

from the previous three games, pulling out a 6-5 win to salvage the series split.

Freshman shortstop Sarah Woofter's first collegiate homerun helped pace the Tritons to a 5-3 lead, but in the top of the seventh UCSD was unable to shut the door and allowed two runs, sending the game once again into extra innings. In the bottom of the eighth, the Tritons were able to find a much needed clutch hit, and won the game on Chastain's walk-off single up the middle, scoring Woofter and hopefully giving the team the confidence it needs to put its recent offensive struggles behind it.

The Tritons will travel to Phoenix to participate in the Schutt Sports Leadoff Classic from Feb. 14 to Feb. 16, when they are slated to play Grand Canyon University, Missouri Western State and New Mexico Highlands University.

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Young Tritons Head to Troy in Search of Redemption

► **VOLLEYBALL**, from page 16
 blocks by the 49ers tied the game, 23-23, but the Tritons pulled ahead with a little run, capped by an ace to bring the score to 26-24. Long Beach State closed out the game with a kill.

The Tritons exploited poor 49er hitting, taking an early advantage and clinging to it late into the game, but Long Beach State overcame its numerous errors, coming back from a growing deficit to take the lead, 28-29. After five game points between the two teams, the Tritons prevailed 35-33.

UCSD finally broke the recurring theme that has plagued it all season: having a late lead and seeing it disappear. While game three was no different in terms of losing its lead, Ring pointed to the team's experience in the pressure situation as the key to the win.

"We've been in that late-game position before and the more times we're there, the better we'll get at it," he said. "Sometimes we come out on the winning side and others we don't. Any little mistake can cost you but our composure was good and I thought [freshman setter] Phil [Bannan] really managed the offense well."

The energy was short lived as the 49ers rolled in game four, winning 30-18. Ring said one of the team's all-American players took over, sending over a unique serve that the Tritons rarely see and were having difficulty passing.

UCSD had high expectations against the 49ers after their 30-19, 30-15, 30-27 victory over HIU. The Royals had difficulty defending the UCSD offense as the Tritons had a field day out-hitting HIU, 46-27. Senior outside hitter Russ Hardy led the way for the Tritons with 13 kills. UCSD used a 20-9 run to close out game one after seven ties and two

lead changes.

Little changed in game two as the Tritons continued to roll, firing out to a 22-9 lead. This lead would stick as they cruised to take two games to no advantage. The Royals fought from behind all of game three but were unable to match up to a faster UCSD team. Ring said the Royals were playing with a bare-boned roster due to injury and expects a much different match next time around.

"[HIU] was a little depleted but we didn't let that mentally affect us," he said. "We served really well, our passing was strong and our middles effective. We handled the match from start to finish. This is definitely a team that will be better when they are healthy."

The Tritons now hold a 4-8 overall record but are still looking for their second conference win. To get that win in arguably the toughest conference in the nation, Ring said the team needs three or four guys to put together solid stretches during a match.

"One or two guys having a good statistical game just aren't enough," he said. "We can win games but we need to get those stretches together with three or four guys. When that happens, we're a good team."

The Tritons are back in action Feb. 13 and Feb. 16 with a pair of conference matches at No. 11 University of California and No. 5 Pepperdine, who both knocked off UCSD a little over a week ago. The familiarity will play the lead role as the Tritons look to topple the Trojans and the Waves, respectively, and there will be little room for error as UCSD tries to stay afloat in the MPSF.

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Off Bench, Husted's Career-High 17 Points Help Tritons Drown Seawolves

► **M. BASKETBALL**, from page 16
 games over the Seawolves and swept the season series with the former CCAA champion.

"I remember my first two years here; we had a tough time with Sonoma State," junior forward Shane Poppen said. "We'd have close games, but we couldn't finish. To beat them both times this year, that feels really good."

Four Tritons scored in double digits, led by a career-high 17 points from junior guard Alan Husted, who connected on 5-of-6 three-pointers and also grabbed three rebounds in only 17 minutes off the bench.

Husted, who also grabbed three boards and added one steal and one assist, said he has been getting good looks at the basket.

"Luckily I got some open shots against the zone," Husted said. "I feel like I've been shooting the ball well. Kelvin and Clint penetrating and getting me open shots, and if I'm that open I feel confident shooting the ball."

Fellow reserve junior guard Andrew Hatch added 12 points on a perfect 4-for-4 field-goal shooting night, while Patterson and Lawley scored 15 and 14 points, respectively. Patterson put together a double-double, adding 10 rebounds, while Kim was just shy with nine points and a game-high 10 assists.

In a battle of the CCAA's second-place teams, UCSD struggled early on from the floor against Humboldt State, scoring only four points in the first 9:29 of the game. The Tritons' swarming defense kept them close, with Humboldt State coming to just eight points in that same stretch. The Lumberjacks seemed poised to pull away, however, with three three-pointers in just over two minutes and a 21-11 advantage with 7:04 to play in the half. Kim and senior guard Clint Allard drove to the basket for layups on consecutive possessions as the Tritons cut into the Humboldt State advantage. Getting as close as two points following an Husted three-pointer, the Tritons would go into the breakdown four after Husted found Poppen for a layup with six seconds on the clock.

According to Lawley, the Tritons did not treat Humboldt State lightly, having surrendered a 45-39 halftime lead and eventually losing to the Lumberjacks in January.

"We came in knowing that Humboldt was a great team," Lawley said. "They beat us at their place, so [there was] definitely some vengeance there."

UCSD wasted little time in the second half, tying the score within three-and-a-half minutes following intermission. The Tritons played patiently and in control, adeptly handling the Lumberjacks' full-court pressure and using it to find open looks on the offensive end. After Poppen put back a missed three-pointer by Allard, an Allard steal and assist led to a three-pointer from junior forward Darryl Lawlor that gave UCSD its first lead of the game, 41-40, with 13:17 to play. UCSD would not trail for the remainder of the game, despite leading by no more than six points over the next 10 minutes. Humboldt State was unable to mount a comeback, going 1-of-7 from long distance over the final 2:22, as the Tritons converted 12-of-16 from the line to seal the victory.

The Tritons converted exactly half of their field-goal attempts, though only 4-of-17 from behind the arc. However, UCSD held a 35-28 rebounding advantage and went 30-for-37 from the charity stripe, compared to Humboldt State's 17-for-25. UCSD received a balanced scoring attack, with five Tritons in double digits. Kim led the way with 14 points, followed by Lawlor with 13, Allard with 11 and Lawley and Poppen with 10 each. Poppen also grabbed a game-high 10 rebounds and had two steals in 20 minutes of work off the bench.

"Now we're in the thick of things in the CCAA, so everything is a big game from here on out if we want to be playing meaningful games in March," Husted said. "We've just got to take it one game at a time and hopefully, one victory at a time."

UCSD concludes its regular season home schedule next weekend, hosting Cal State Los Angeles on Feb. 15 and Cal State Dominguez Hills on Feb. 16. Both games are slated for 7:30 p.m. tip-offs, with Saturday night's game preceded by a brief pregame Senior Night ceremony.

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Women Hope to Repeat Past Success Against Cal State L.A., Dominguez Hills

► **W. BASKETBALL**, from page 16
 game to seal the 72-59 win over Sonoma State.

Three Tritons scored in the double digits, with Mezzetta and Osier leading the way with 17 points and Gaskin adding 15 points. Osier helped the Tritons out-rebound the Seawolves by pulling down 15 boards.

"We responded to the loss [against Humboldt State] just like I hoped we would," head coach Charity Elliott said. "We were extremely focused and we played 40 minutes of intense basketball."

UCSD's win came after a disappointing night against Humboldt State in which the Tritons gave up a 10-point halftime lead to lose the contest in the second half.

The Tritons played a solid first half, taking their first lead of the game on Noonan's three-pointer with 11:39 left in the first half to make the score 16-14. After the Lumberjacks answered back with a three-pointer of their own, Osier made a layup and sophomore guard Laura Moore scored another three-pointer for the Tritons to start a UCSD run. The Tritons ended the half strongly, with key scores from Noud and senior center Diahnn Futalan to give the Tritons a 34-24 lead at halftime.

The second half proved to be a tough one for the Tritons as the Lumberjacks began chipping away at UCSD's lead right away. With the Tritons struggling, Humboldt State finally tied the game at 45 with 10:58 left. UCSD's defense was unable to come up with any stops to answer back to the Lumberjacks, and offensively, the Tritons had trouble getting their shots down.

With 1:31 left in the game, Humboldt State opened up an 11-point lead, eventually handing the Tritons the loss. The Lumberjacks used a balanced attack — all of their starters finished the game in double digits — to outscore the Tritons, 52-31, in the second half.

"The things we were doing in the game weren't really working and we didn't change anything," Mezzetta said.

Elliott cited the Tritons' defensive struggles as the main reason for UCSD's meltdown in the second half.

"Our intensity on defense was much less than it needed to be," she said. "We played 30 minutes instead of 40 minutes."




WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN FILE
 Senior guard Marla Mason and the other senior Tritons will be honored at Senior Night on Feb. 16, the Tritons' final home game.

The Tritons will play their last regular season games at home on Feb. 15 against Cal State Los Angeles and Feb. 16 against Cal State Dominguez Hills. The team will celebrate Senior Night in the game against Cal State Dominguez Hills, as UCSD's eight seniors play the last home game of their careers.

"It's really important that we maintain focus especially on Senior Night," Elliott said.

The Tritons will face two teams that they beat earlier in the season and they will need to repeat those results if they want to earn a high seed in the CCAA tournament from March 4 through March 8. Both games will be played at RIMAC Arena at 5:30 p.m. with a senior ceremony before the contest against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

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The senior center dropped 15 points and seven rebounds in 23 minutes in the Tritons' 72-59 blowout win against Sonoma State on Feb. 9.



Tritons Roll to Fifth-Straight Win

Men's basketball cruises to easy victories over Humboldt State and Sonoma State to pull closer to CCAA lead.

By Joe Tevelowitz
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — With two double-digit victories over the weekend, the Tritons extended a five-game winning streak that puts them just one game behind the California Collegiate Athletic Association lead heading into the final stretch of the regular season.

The Tritons rebounded from an early 10-point deficit on Feb. 8 to defeat Humboldt State University 84-72. The following night, UCSD never trailed and notched a decisive 82-61 win against Sonoma State University. With the victories, UCSD improves to 14-6 overall and 10-4 in the CCAA.

With the game against the Sonoma Seawolves broadcast on CSTV as part of the NCAA Division II National Broadband Broadcast schedule, the Tritons took the opportunity to prove themselves in front of a national audience. While UCSD was able to take an early lead, a nearly four-minute scoring drought that began with just over 10 minutes to play in the first half allowed Sonoma State to tie the game at 18.

Head coach Chris Carlson's squad responded, scoring 19 points in the final six-and-a-half minutes and outscoring the Seawolves 13-6 in the final four minutes of the half. Shooting over 60 percent from the

field and connecting on 6-of-8 from long distance, the Tritons led by as much as 11 and held a 37-28 advantage at the break.

"They kind of played harder than us in the first half," junior center A.J. Maulhardt said. "Coach talked to us at halftime and told us 'no one plays harder in our house,' so we came out in the second half, knocked down some shots and D'ed up."

Due to a technical foul against Sonoma State coach Pat Fuscaldo that came at the end of the first half, UCSD opened the second with sophomore guard Kelvin Kim hitting one-of-two free throws to extend to a 10-point lead. The Seawolves climbed no closer than eight points the rest of the way as sophomore guard Jordan Lawley connected on two early second-half threes and UCSD found its first 20-point lead with 15:33 left in the game. Despite increased pressure from Sonoma State, the Tritons executed on both ends, turning the ball over only 10 times in the game and converting 31 of their 49 field goal attempts in the game on 22 assists. UCSD would hit 6-of-8 from three-point range, and junior forward Henry Patterson punctuated the victory with a thunderous dunk at 4:07 left in the game. The 21-point final margin serving as the Tritons' biggest win of the year.

After picking up their first-ever CCAA win against Sonoma State during Spirit Night last season, the Tritons have now won three straight

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Feb. 9 • 14-6 overall (10-4 CCAA)



Junior forward Andrew Hatch proved himself efficient off the bench, scoring 12 points in 23 minutes and going 4-of-4 from the field with one three-pointer in the Tritons' victory over Sonoma State.

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PITCHERS SHINE, RUN SUPPORT SPUTTERS

Ward and Chastain pitch well, but their team's faltering offense fails to deliver in split series against Chico State.

By Jake Blanc
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

SOFTBALL — After a season-opening series in which the Tritons scored 32 runs on their way to a 4-0 record in the Mizuno Best of the West tournament, UCSD was only able to scratch up six runs over four games this weekend against Chico State. Although, for the most part, their offense went into hiding this weekend, the Tritons were still able to split the series 2-2, leaving with an overall record of 6-2.

In the series' first game, UCSD didn't lose for lack of opportunities, and in the end was unable to come through with a clutch hit, getting shutout of 1-0. The leadoff man reached base and moved over to second on a sacrifice bunt in each of the first two innings of the Feb. 9 game, but both times the runner was left stranded. The Chico pitcher, freshman Kyrstle Shaw, walked

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VOLLEYBALL CAN'T FIND GOLD IN LOSS TO 49ERS



WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN FILE

Freshman setter Phil Bannan (center) has led the Tritons to a 1-8 record in the unforgiving Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, and the Tritons will look to improve against titan USC on Feb. 13.

No easy opponents ahead as UCSD falls to 1-8 in league play after bowing to No. 3 Long Beach State on Feb. 8.

By Matt Croskey
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — After an easy win over Hope International University on Feb. 6, UCSD only managed to win one game against No. 3 Long Beach State on Feb. 8. The crushing loss to the 49ers was just the beginning of another gauntlet against top squads that the Tritons must run. While the HIU Royals posed no competition for the Tritons on Feb. 6, the 49ers were another monster altogether. Head coach Kevin Ring expected a tough game, but nearly every Triton

match against teams in the nationally recognized Mountain Pacific Sports Federation will prove tough.

"We knew it was going to be a challenge against Long Beach State," Ring said. "They're undefeated and one of the best teams out there. I was really impressed with how hard we fought."

UCSD had a chance against the 49ers but was unable to capitalize in the early stages of the game. The two teams' offenses were evenly matched, but the 49ers used their height advantage at the net to out block the Tritons. Long Beach State cruised in game one winning 30-22. The teams were close early, but the 49ers used a late service run to open up breathing room and close out the game. UCSD steadied out in game two keeping it close and holding a lead, 21-19. Two

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UCSD Splits Home Weekend Series

Tritons seek consistency after another split against foes, again failing to win consecutive games since mid-January streak.

By Janani Sridharan
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The season-long trend of UCSD splitting its weekendhome games kept the Tritons in a third-place tie in California Collegiate Athletics Association standings.

Feb. 9 • 17-7 overall (9-5 CCAA)

SONOMA	59
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UCSD saw a 10-point lead evaporate in its game against Humboldt State University on Feb. 8, which ended in a 76-65 loss. But the Tritons answered back in their game against Sonoma State University the next night, vying with the Seawolves over third place in the conference. The Tritons won the contest by a score of 72-59.

In the Tritons' game against Sonoma State, the two teams played a very tight first half with the Seawolves holding on to the lead in the early going. Both teams found success early from beyond the arc, with senior guard Alexis Mezzetta hitting three three-pointers and Sonoma State converting on four three-pointers in the first six minutes of the contest.

The Seawolves held the lead until the Tritons tied the game at 20 with sophomore forward Erin Noonan's jumper with eight minutes to go in the half. The Tritons then took the lead on another jumper from Noonan, and the teams went back and forth for the rest of the half. After junior forward Michelle Osier missed two free throws at the end of the half, the Tritons entered halftime trailing the Seawolves



ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN FILE

Since opening the season 9-0, senior center Alexis Gaskin and the No. 7-ranked Tritons have had difficulty putting together a winning streak, and with six games to go they hope their luck will change.

by a score of 28-27.

Sonoma State started the second-half scoring with another three-point basket to give the Seawolves a 31-27 lead. The two teams continued to battle each other, with neither able to gain any separation from the other.

With the score 53-49 in favor of the Tritons, an Osier layup started a

UCSD run to give the Tritons control of the game. Scores from senior center Alexis Gaskin and senior forward Meaghan Noud helped the Tritons take a 60-53 lead with three minutes left in regulation. The Tritons made their free throws in the last few minutes of the

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