

N.E.R.D., Girl Talk to Headline Sun God



Revised festival will facilitate re-entry to RIMAC with streamlined wristband distribution.

By Reza Farzmand
NEWS EDITOR

Garret Berg is pretty sure A.S. Programming just redeemed itself. Less than a year after students slammed his office for orchestrating what many referred to as the death of the Sun God Festival, Berg — current associate vice president of programming — has secured a slew of musicians he said he feels certain will inject new life into the annual festival.

Taking the main stage will be alternative hip-hop troupe N.E.R.D., followed by bearded folk-rocker Iron and Wine. Engineer turned sweaty dancehall hipster Girl Talk will headline the festival's dance tent, a massive deejay-oriented enclosure to be located in the northeast corner of RIMAC Field.

The three top acts will be accompanied by Motion City Soundtrack, Sara Bareilles, Augustana, the Cool Kids, Grand Old Party, Rootbeer, DJ Nu-Mark of Jurassic 5, Anavan and Nosaj Thing. Also working the stage will be Battle of the Bands winner, the Theory of Funkativity.

Cirque Berzerk — a contemporary dance group that re-imagines traditional circus performances by incorporating elements of punk



Top: The A.S. Programming secured N.E.R.D. to play the 2009 Sun God Festival in January. Above: Girl Talk took it off at a recent performance, dripping sweat onto his signature Saran-Wrapped laptop.

rock, risque burlesque and horror-flick fantasy — will return this year for a full day of performances. Los Angeles-based comedians in the Upright Citizens Brigade are scheduled to perform throughout the day. Both attractions will be located on the midway, a canopied stage to be located in the center of RIMAC Field.

"We couldn't be happier with the lineup right now," Berg said. "We have diversity, we have big name acts — we think we really have something for everyone. It should be pretty phenomenal."

Working with a total festival budget of approximately \$550,000, Berg's office sought to secure big-name artists by booking fewer sec-

ondary acts, pumping nearly one-third of the Sun God budget — a move inspired by student criticism of last year's lineup.

"What we heard from last year was 'Enough of the small bands, we want that money spent on bigger acts,'" Berg said. "We really listened to that feedback and got rid of some of those smaller acts and tried to reorient stuff to the bigger acts."

He said a great deal of attention went into securing acts that would appeal to a wider range of students than rapper Sean Kingston and rockers Coheed and Cambria, who performed last year.

"If you put this side by side with

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Perks, Bookstore Cut Back Operating Hours

By Henry Becker
STAFF WRITER

The budget crisis spread to Price Center last Tuesday, when UCSD Bookstore and Perks Coffee Shop unveiled new business hours. Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Steven Relyea attributed the changes to the nation's current economic downturn.

Previously, the bookstore's hours were 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

The hours have been changed to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and noon to 5 p.m. on weekends.

The coffee shop's hours used to be 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 7 p.m. on Sunday. The hours have been changed to 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

Additionally, prices of products that have not sold well — mainly electronics and apparel — have continued to drop since a general downtrend in purchases began in November, UCSD Bookstore

Director John Turk said.

The bookstore has managed to break even by decreasing expenditures at about the same 3.5 percent rate at which sales have waned since November, and has avoided filling 12 career employee vacancies — along with 15 student position vacancies — in an attempt to cut costs.

Though no employees have been laid off due to the cutback in hours, three cashiers have been moved to the bookstore-owned Sunshine Market, which has maintained normal hours.

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A.S. ELECTION 2009



Students participating in independent candidate Utsav Gupta's presidential campaign prepare posters bearing the candidate's slogans in Price Center Plaza on April 5.

Candidates Make Final Push in Last Days of Campaign

By Connie Shieh
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Election week is finally here, and candidates are crossing their fingers after a month of fierce campaigning that included visits to student organizations, appeals to college councils and weeks of mingling with potential constituents in an effort to secure the student vote.

Perhaps the most anxious of these candidates are the three presidential hopefuls: Erin Brodwin of Student Voice!, Adam Teitelbaum of the Clean Slate and independent

candidate Utsav Gupta. Addressing issues of college affordability, campus life and student involvement in council affairs, Brodwin, Gupta and Teitelbaum sought to paint a picture of a more perfect student-governing body.

Students can vote on TritonLink all this week. Polls close Friday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

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RANKED VOTING TO IMPACT ELECTION FOR FIRST TIME

By Hadley Mendoza
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

This week, as students cast their TritonLink ballots for next year's A.S. Council, they will be using the Single Transferable Vote system, which allows voters to rank A.S. executive and academic-division senator candidates in order of preference.

Although STV was implemented in 2007, this is the first A.S. election it will impact because last year's races were largely unopposed — and there are still a few kinks in the system.

Under STV, in the event that a student's first-choice candidate receives the fewest votes, that vote will be transferred to the student's second-choice candidate; and so on, until any one candidate achieves simple majority with 50 percent plus one vote.

According to Associate Vice President of Athletic Relations Peter Benesch, the council switched to the STV system to encourage greater involvement in elections. Councilmembers felt students would be more

inclined to vote for independent candidates if their votes would be transferred in the event of a loss, and that independent candidates would be more inclined to run for office if they felt students wouldn't be deterred from supporting them.

At UCSD, STV voting will only be used to determine races in which candidates compete for one position. All races other than those for the four executive offices and academic-division senate seats will continue to be decided by the standard plurality system. Because candidates in those races will be competing for multiple spots — for instance, eight slots in the case of campuswide senator — the vote transfer becomes less clear.

"It's easier to abuse the system in these larger races," Benesch said. He cited cases of strategic lobbying at UC Berkeley, where candidates on larger slates campaign for specific rankings in order to manipulate a more favorable transfer of votes.

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With the A.S. election under way, the *Guardian* editorial board endorses the best candidates for the job.



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UCSD Alumna Killed by Afghan Soldier

Late last month, 35-year-old Florence B. Choe — a UCSD alumna who worked for the Naval Medical Center in San Diego — was shot and killed by an Afghan National Army soldier. Choe volunteered for duty in Afghanistan last summer to help create a health-care system for its army, even though her decision meant a year away from her husband and 3-year-old daughter.

Choe e-mailed colleagues and told them during a home visit a few weeks ago that she was excited about the mission's progress. During her service at Navy hospitals in San Diego, Maryland and Okinawa, Choe earned a reputation for her hard work. She died at Forward Operating Base Shaheen in northern Afghanistan's Balkh province, which borders Uzbekistan.

"We're all pretty much devastated," Cmdr. Con Yee Ling, a neonatologist at San Diego's Naval Medical Center, said in a statement. "She went there on a humanitar-

ian mission. We all expected her to come home."

Choe, who was born in San Diego's Navy hospital, earned her bachelor's degree in biology at UCSD and a master's degree in public health and health-care administration at San Diego State University.

A few days after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Choe went to the Navy recruiter and was commissioned five months later.

She is survived by her husband Lt. Cmdr. Chong "Jay" Choe, a urology resident at the medical center, their 3-year-old daughter Kristin, her mother and father — a retired Navy culinary specialist — Francisca and Rufino Bacong, and two brothers, Ruffy and Ron Bacong. Choe and her husband lived in El Cajon.

Campus Joins Nationwide Energy-Saving Contest

UCSD will participate in a nationwide intercollegiate energy-saving competition called "Power Down for the Planet." Students, faculty and

staff can help the environment and win the competition by turning off their computers now through April 17. Based on the highest percentage of on-campus pledges who commit toward computer power management tools, the winning university will be announced on Earth Day, April 22.

"The competition is part of [UCSD's] effort as one of the nation's greenest universities to search for climate-change solutions and environmental sustainability," Sustainability Coordinator Maggie Souder said in a statement. "Our campus community can make a small change on a daily

basis like powering down a computer that reduces power consumption and helps the environment."

Almost all personal computers support power management, but an estimated 90 percent of desktops currently disable this feature. The use of power-management features can save an average of 603 kilowatts of energy per year.

The "Power Down for the Planet" campaign was designed to help universities save on their energy bills and produce fewer emissions. Student volunteers at UCSD will collect pledges at sign-up tables on Library Walk.

CORRECTIONS

A news article published on March 12 titled "Five Candidates Vie for A.S. Presidency" incorrectly stated that in order for the results of the 2009 A.S. election to be valid, at least 20 percent of the student body must vote. In fact, this applies only to referenda. Candidate elections require a one-vote threshold.


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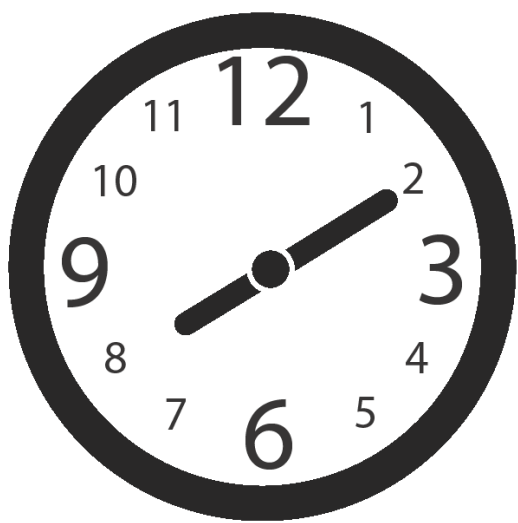
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Saturday, March 28

11:06 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ Two subjects were seen on security camera trying to enter rooms at the Applied Physics and Mathematics building using "fire extinguishers to spray the hallway."

2:27 p.m.: Burglary

▶ A 32 Rueger single-action revolver and an unknown amount of money were reported as stolen from a vehicle at Lot 357.

Sunday, March 29

10:42 a.m.: General disturbance

▶ A 26-year-old black female with a history of violence was reported as "pushing" another female because she was "mad at [her] for letting the cat out." *Written warning issued.*

Monday, March 30

4:52 a.m.: Assist other agency

▶ A female reported believing that "she may have been date raped" by a short, heavy-set 30-year-old Latino male, but was "not sure." *Checks OK.*

11:32 a.m.: Missing person

▶ A 20-year-old white female student with short brown hair was reported as missing after taking the campus shuttle from the San Diego airport.

3:29 p.m.: Fire

▶ An unknown party set a trash can on fire at the Applied Physics and Mathematics Building.

Tuesday, March 31

2:21 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 40- to 50-year-old male wearing a beige hat and green jacket was reported as sitting on the third floor of Price Center, claiming he was "staff."

10:41 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ A transient was seen "kicking cars" at the Ralphs parking lot on Villa La Jolla Drive.

2:33 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A bald, white male in his early 20s with a large muscular build and wear-

ing a tweed hat was reported as "asking about stem-cell research" at the Biomedical Sciences Building.

11:48 p.m.: Welfare check

▶ A female possibly under the influence of drugs or alcohol was reported as dangerously driving a vehicle outside the Thornton Hospital emergency room. *Field interview administered.*

Wednesday, April 1

12:13 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ Two people of unknown gender, standing near the railing overlooking the cliffs and "not doing anything but smoking," were seen at the Green Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics.

10:38 a.m.: Suspicious package

▶ An empty suitcase was abandoned on the third floor of the Engineering Building.

5:36 p.m.: Welfare check

▶ A male was seen holding a red flag on the roof of Imprints at the Student Services Center.

Thursday, April 2

9:04 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A white male with short brown hair and a beard was reported as behaving in a "belligerent" manner at Unex C. *Gone on arrival.*

10:11 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 50-year-old male "had a concrete slab fall on him" at the Science and Engineering Research Building.

10:34 a.m.: Vehicle burglary

▶ A white male in his 20s with a medium build, long dark hair and facial piercings was seen riding a "small stunt bicycle" and entering a vehicle at Lot 756. *Field interview administered.*

8:53 p.m.: Emergency call

▶ A female was heard screaming "Get away from me!" at the La Jolla Del Sol apartments. *Unable to locate.*

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

Withdrawn Candidates Could Affect Results

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manager Frank Carroll, because withdrawn candidates couldn't be removed from the ballot due to programming issues on TritonLink, they could impact the election results in STV races. Votes for withdrawn candidates are disregarded in plurality races, but because of STV's ranking system, they could potentially affect final numbers.

"We don't really know the implications," Carroll said. "[Withdrawn candidates] could take votes away from a third-place candidate ... It could screw up who [would] actually win."

However, in the event that a withdrawn candidate garners enough votes to knock another candidate out of the race — thus influencing the transfer of votes and election results — Carroll said the elections committee could determine the proper STV winner by hand.

"There's no doomsday scenario except that it would be a pain in the butt," he said.

Carroll also hopes to adjust the election code so it remains consistent with university policy in the future. Currently, "dorm storming" — going door-to-door through the resident halls to solicit students — is forbidden by university policy, but is left out of the election code. Because of this discrepancy, grievances regarding dorm storming are technically illegitimate. However, Carroll made a special ruling on March 31 that forbade the practice, and will entertain grievances should any violations occur.

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Week of Sun God Kickoff Events Still in the Works



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Local rock group the Theory of Funkativity won Battle of the Bands at the Loft on April 4, securing a spot in the lineup of this year's Sun God Festival.

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last year's lineup, it's a world of difference," Berg said. "We feel that there's truly something for everyone, and we've kind of thrown that phrase around in the past. But this year, from the beginning, we looked at every slot and said 'What can we do with this? Who can we hit here?'"

The addition of the dance tent was inspired by the recent surge in popularity of the Fall Quarter all-campus dance, a trend that Berg hoped to capitalize on by introducing a more dance-oriented aspect into the festival's attractions. Aside from performances by Girl Talk, DJ Nu-Mark and a handful of other deejay acts, the tent will also feature daytime performances by members of the Deejay and Vinylphiles Club.

The festival will feature two separate vendor fairs: student-run booths

along the west end of RIMAC Field and a string of commercial vendors on Hopkins Drive.

Berg is also in talks with the Loft to set up a film, music and art showcase of "Loft experience," though plans are still in the early stages.

The programming office also worked to dramatically overhaul the festival's wristband distribution system. This year, wristbands will be distributed on the day of the event at a designated check-in area consisting of 24 different waiting lines near the festival's Ridge Walk entrance, a change that Berg hopes will streamline the process.

"Students don't have to worry about wristbands until the day of the festival," Berg said. "We're basically going to run it like an airport and try get people through as quickly as possible."

Re-entry to RIMAC Field will be permitted at any time throughout the 12-hour festival.

Berg said his department is working to create an additional series of Sun God-related activities in the week leading up to the main event, geared toward anticipation and expanding Sun God excitement beyond the confines of RIMAC Field. Though plans for these events have yet to be solidified, Berg said they would likely include noon-time concerts in a centralized area such as Price Center Plaza.

"We want to have an atmosphere around campus that is different from your typical week," Berg said. "Basically, transforming the campus ... so that when you walk outside your dorm, you know it's Sun God."

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Faculty Spending at Bookstore Drops as Economy Declines

► BOOKSTORE, from page 1

The bookstore has significantly dropped prices for electronics and apparel and temporarily decreased inventory by lowering the amount of products and increasing the frequency of purchases. This allows the bookstore to buy at discount from its vendors while better meeting the rate of student demand.

"The breadth is the same but the depth is less," Turk said.

The ripple effects of a failing economy have caused a general decline in department spending at the bookstore, a major source for faculty electronics, Turk said.

While Turk said he noticed an increase in school spirit over the last few years, students are buying fewer logoed products

— such as hooded sweatshirts — indicating not a loss in interest, but less financial freedom to act upon it.

"We want to make sure to do everything we can to provide a lower price during difficult economic times, but we need to know if the customers coming to the bookstore have stopped buying and still browse or have stopped coming," Turk said. "They're still coming and

they're still shopping, but they're not buying as much."

Unlike the bookstore, Perks Coffee Shop and the Sunshine Market are currently receiving more business than before the recession forced students to cut back on spending. The coffee shop's schedule changes primarily reflect greater economy with the bookstore and learning to match peak demand hours for its clientele.

Since the bookstore has a general history of steady growth, Turk

said he expects this setback to be temporary. Despite a drop in freshman enrollment, Turk is hopeful that the construction of on-campus housing will bolster sales at the bookstore. Because students in the dorms spend more per capita than those living off campus, Turk said he expects demand to rise.

The reduced hours will continue through the summer. In July, Turk will consult with university officials about Fall Quarter hours — which, once decided, will go into effect by mid-September.

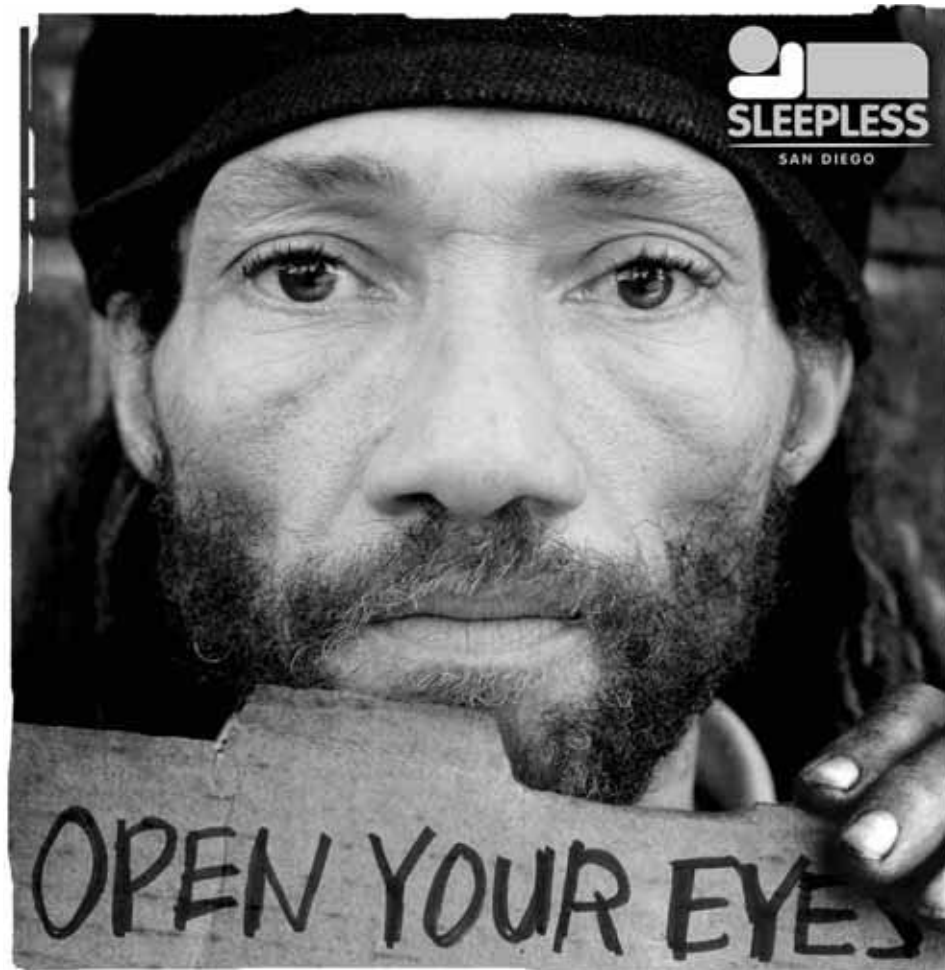
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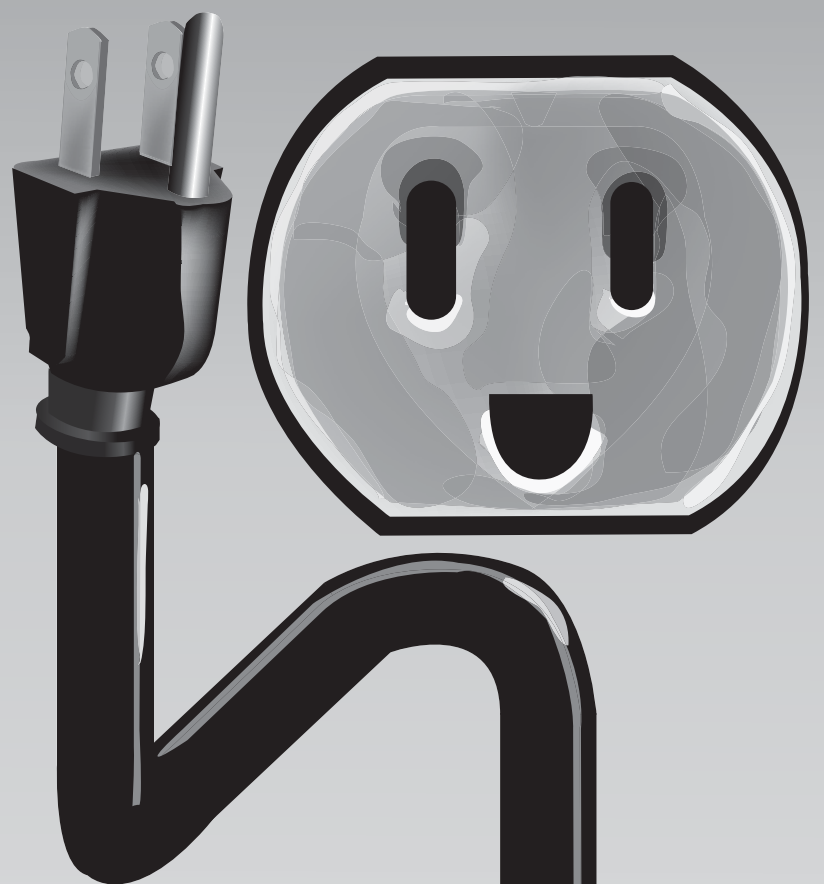
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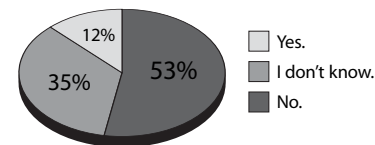
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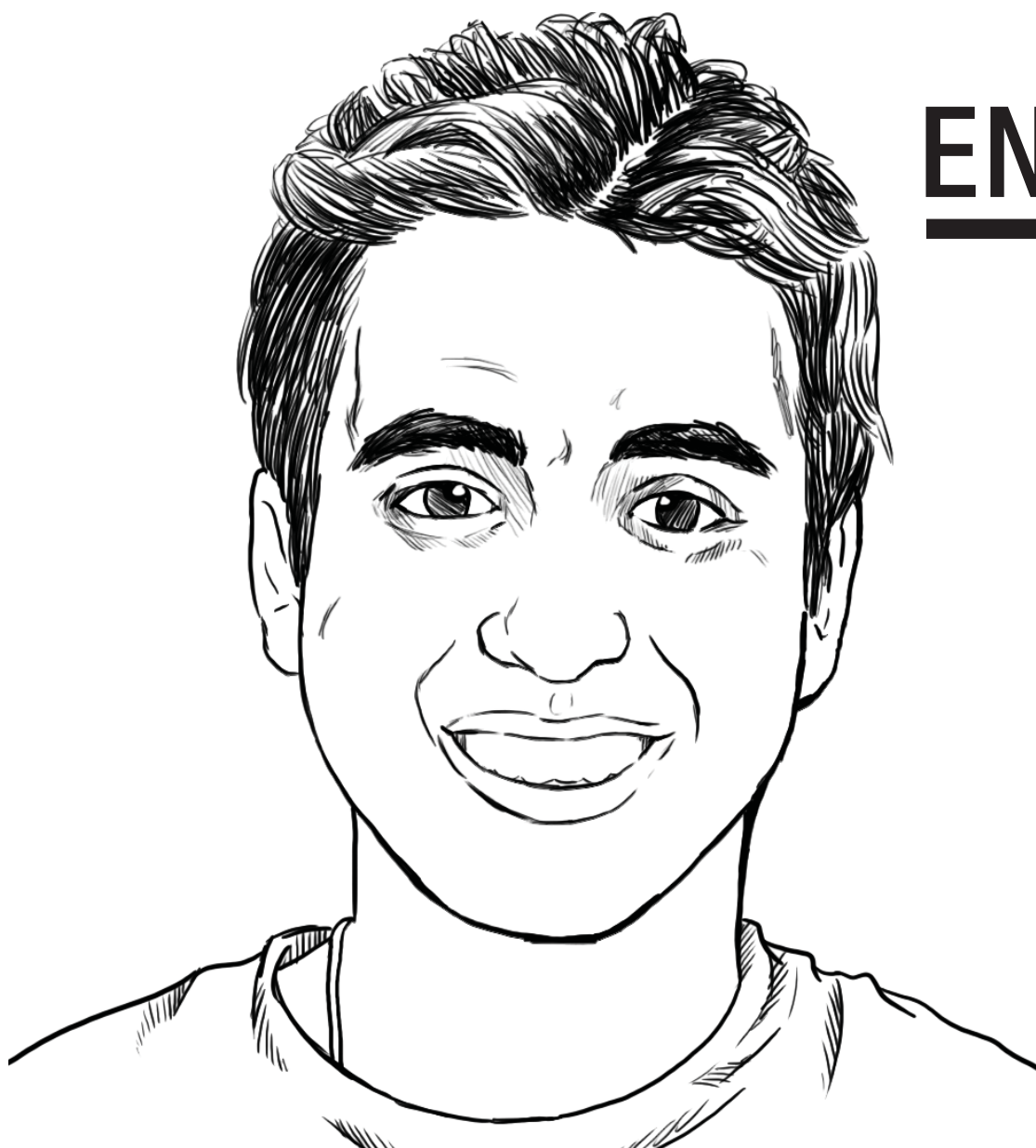
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WHY WE ENDORSE HIM

Structural know-how will inform his big ideas for internal change.

The most important question on the A.S. ballot has no easy answer.

Though three eager candidates have given this year's race to the A.S. presidency a much-needed jolt of competition — after current Student Voice! President Donna Bean ran unopposed last spring — the 2009-10 hopefuls are nothing to shout about.

SV! puppet Erin Brodwin, the current associate vice president of local affairs, is the surest public speaker of the bunch. At the mid-day presidential debate last week in Price Center, she succinctly laid down what appeared to be a well-conceived plan to stand firm against the administration on concerns like protecting free speech, the Literature Building cancer cluster and the Sun God Festival's welfare, meanwhile promising to iron out the council's tendency to bicker.

But off the podium, Brodwin is guarded — difficult to get a hold of and rattling off the same intangible talking points in conversation. Despite her self-pledged devotion to fighting amplified sound zones in

UCSD's current speech policy, she and the other two student representatives appointed to the committee currently redrafting the policy have taken no steps to contact the administrators with ultimate control over each zone. She also doesn't think A.S. enterprises like the Grove Caffe should surpass self-sustainability to bring in a profit, basically defying the entire purpose of an enterprise.

On the other hand, Adam Tietelbaum — former Alpha Epsilon Phi president and frontman to the peppy Clean Slate — is approachable, clear-headed and ridiculously nice. However, he's unaware of the bureaucratic mess he'll be taking on, instead focusing on all the fun-and-games student-life ideas like an A.S. screen name and Facebook account that running mate Stephanie Usry already has a more ambitious grasp on — and could probably handle with her left pinky.

Though he cites challenging the alcohol policy as an important step to revamp the Sun God Festival, he hasn't demonstrated an essential understanding of how any of these policies could be challenged, nor outlined the ins and outs of the system — necessary steps in negotiating with higher-ups. Tietelbaum lacks an effective president's crucial familiarity with what it would take to bend university policy — something he claims could be remedied by holding a grown-up conversation with administrators. If that was a viable solution, Bear Gardens would be Beer Gardens and there'd be 50 at the Sun God Festival alone.

That isn't to say Utsav Gupta, running independently after failing to receive SV! support, won't

likewise be trampled by the money-minded suits up top. He's soft-spoken and inoffensive — a general people-pleaser.

But after three years of A.S. involvement, he can tell you exactly how to structure a task force that has some hopes of traversing the red tape. His initial intentions to run on the cursed SV! slate were allegedly in hopes of saving it from its "darker side," restoring the bigger-picture principles of 2006-07 president Harry Khanna (whom Gupta essentially worships) with the invaluable guiding light of institutional memory.

"We've become this kind of legislative bureaucracy that passes policies that don't affect anybody but ourselves," he said.

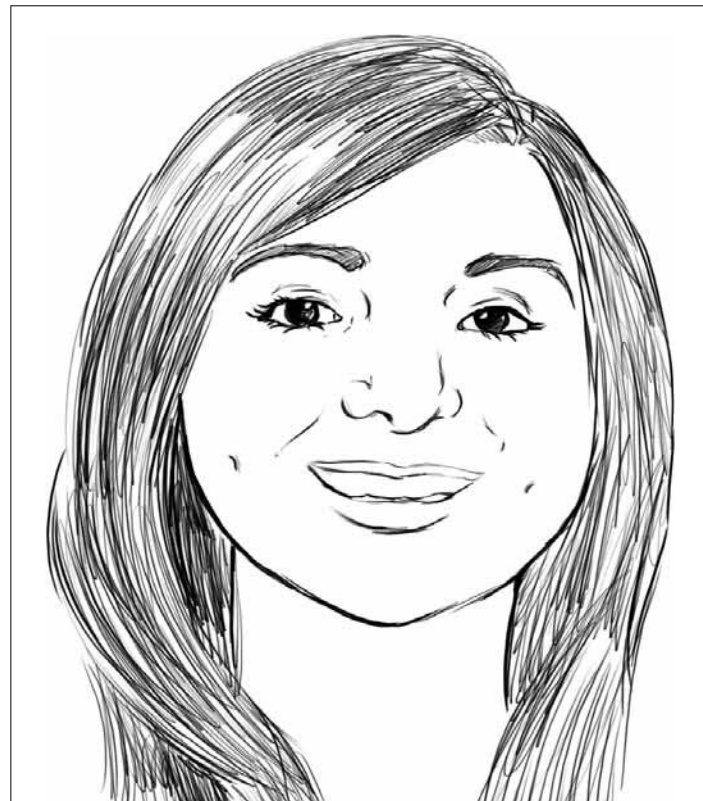
While Brodwin's only goal is to redecorate the ship (and Tietelbaum would spend two quarters just trying to find the helm), Gupta is determined to turn it around and start again. He's overflowing with all the right ideas — a weekly YouTube address, a Bear Garden at the Sun God Festival, a plan to rally packs of passionate students to pressure administrators — even though he's probably way too busy (and nice) to see them all through.

But there's something to be said for optimism. Sure, as current AVP of student organizations, he hardly speaks at meetings and shows absolutely no history of facilitating the flow of communication he now advocates. And his dream for a UCSD football team is almost as farfetched as it is nauseatingly expensive.

Thing is, in the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is king.

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Has the ambition and game plan needed to revamp student life.

down in the petty fuss that's been so detrimental to the current council, Usry is energetic and forward thinking. Her approach to the office of student life lies in small, manageable changes that add up to make a big impact on students. And although she has ambitious goals for next year, she's armed with a thoughtful and meticulous game plan.

Unlike her opponent, Usry's passionate about committee work — often the place where real changes are made — recognizing the most effective way to facilitate campus improvement. She's also practical about what doesn't work, noting that A.S. resolutions, which have dominated council attention this year, are ultimately words without action and currently lack meaningful followup.

But perhaps most importantly, she understands the big picture. She'll be able to protect student interests when working with administrators on projects like the Sun God Festival because she knows when and how to compromise effectively. Her extensive familiarity with the nuances of UCSD bureaucracy and her ability to see the forest through the trees make her a successful leader, capable of making a measurable impact for the better on student life next year. Now if only she'd run for president.

There's no denying it: Stephanie Usry in an exceptional leader. That much is clear from speaking with just about anyone running for office next year. "I feel like she could have run for president," one Student Voice! campuswide senator candidate said. Whether they be SV!, Clean Slate or independent, the majority of candidates mentioned Usry by name as someone they look forward to working with next year — and a good portion said she's responsible for their own interest in student government.

Although Usry took a hiatus from council politics this year, she remains entrenched in UCSD student life, maintaining a sophisticated understanding of A.S. dynamics. But rather than getting bogged

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VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND RESOURCES

Peter Benesch

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Advises president and council on all fiscal issues
- Oversees activity-fee distribution

SALARY & BENEFITS

- \$5,250 per year
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WHY WE ENDORSE HIM

Has vision and knowledge to cut dependence on student fees.



There is no one more qualified than Peter Benesch to be next year's vice president of finance and resources. He has worked diligently on the A.S. finance committee this year alongside current incumbent Naasir Lakhani to ensure a seamless transition period. But more importantly, he has infused the committee with an enthusiasm and thirst for efficiency — working to improve the state of council spending this year.

As the current associate vice president of athletic relations, Benesch has often been a voice of reason, providing a much-needed historical perspective to the self-involved council. His personal interest and attention to detail spans well beyond his job description, and his extensive knowledge of the council's recent history should be applauded.

Benesch knows the council's dependency on student fees desperately needs to change, and unlike other candidates he has concrete

plans to start the process. In addition to finally giving A.S. enterprises — such as the failing Grove Caffe — the attention they deserve to start turning a profit, Benesch is interested in pursuing a new A.S. Store. Although other candidates have piggybacked this idea, Benesch is the only one who's done the research to form a responsible, feasible plan to make that goal a reality. He also plans to

with tasteful sponsorships at council events like Bear Gardens.

Not only will Benesch make an excellent vice president, he will be exactly the kind of councilmember those Wednesday meetings need. He will bring a momentum for improvement to his position, finally weaning the council off its student-fee addiction, and a refreshing atmosphere of competence to the council floor.

VICE PRESIDENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

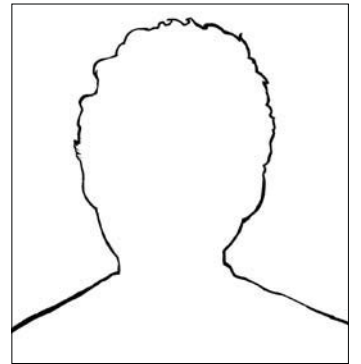
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RESPONSIBILITIES

- Educates student body on issues affecting UCSD at city, state and national levels
- Lobbies officials and legislators on behalf of student body
- Serves as UC Student Association rep for UCSD

SALARY & BENEFITS

- \$5,250 per year
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As the only candidate running for vice president of External Affairs, Gracelynn West has already won. But that doesn't mean she has any idea what she'll do once in office. Judging by her inability to form concrete plans or original ideas for how to approach her job, this campus is in for a year of ineffectual outreach and meek legislative lobbying.

West has focused on increasing diversity at the university while ensuring that college affordability remains a legislative priority. Her plans for achieving these goals? It's hard to tell because West appears to have difficulty expressing her ideas, often stumbling over her words in attempting to describe her stances on important issues.

It's difficult to imagine anyone so unassuming and inarticulate as West displaying the type of gung-ho spirit and hardnosed

position-taking necessary to represent our university within any serious political arena.

When she does speak up, West offers unoriginal solutions to complex problems that have plagued our university for years. Asked how she intends to increase diversity at UCSD, West harps on strategies of "outreaching to students." Questioned about her ability to lobby for the California D.R.E.A.M. Act and the California College Affordability Act, West points to her success in registering students to vote in the 2008 presidential election. How those things are related remains to be determined, but West assumes that every student she helped to register automatically became a D.R.E.A.M. Act supporter.

Unless West has some Jedi-like powers of persuasion she has yet to reveal, not much is going to happen in the External Affairs office next year.

CAMPUSWIDE SENATORS

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Complete at least two projects each year, one of which must benefit the entire campus
- Serve on at least two campus-wide committees
- Vote on the council floor

makes a million dollars a year; free speech is something you can "do;" students would be down to listen to podcasts of eight-hour A.S. meetings while at the beach; UCSD spends \$700 million each year on public transportation; it is the right of the A.S. Council to seize land from the university without reimbursement; trusting one's gut and friends is the most reliable way to make decisions on council; Grove Caffe Manager Cleveland Thomas runs the entire Student Center; Student Affirmative Action Committee organizations are under-represented on the council.

The A.S. ballot will allow students to vote for their top eight choices for campuswide senator. However — after a run of disheartening interviews with candidates either unaware of their own platforms or unable to locate the Student Center altogether — we can only express confidence in the following five.

One or more of the nine unendorsed candidates expressed that: cancer awareness was his biggest concern, yet he was unaware of the cancer cluster at the Literature Building; Chancellor Marye Anne Fox



Katie Hall

On a slate whose goals are constantly distracted by internal bickering, Katie Hall isn't afraid to criticize this year's self-interested council and stand up for the student body's best interests. That's why when councilmembers refused to run a referendum that could have gathered sorely needed funding for the Loft, Hall recognized its value to students — despite its ties to university administration — and dissented. "I think the students are smart enough to make their own decisions," she said.

Hall's pledge to focus on improving already-existing programs shows she recognizes the limitations of a 10-month term, but that doesn't mean she lacks ambitious goals for next year. Besides hoping to keep the Loft afloat, Hall plans to bring programs she's worked hard on as a Revelle College senator — like career-development seminars for humanities majors — to the greater campus. And just to make sure she's giving you what you want, she'll be pushing for more online forums where students can voice their opinions.



Alex Vu

After nearly two years of involvement in both the A.S. Council and Student Council at Eleanor Roosevelt College, Alex Vu has an acute understanding of the intricacies of college politics and an ability to gauge his constituents' needs.

In speaking with Vu, it becomes clear that he has not taken his service to the student body lightly. He demonstrates an ability to pinpoint issues of importance not only within the context of his own work but also within the larger scope of A.S. activity, suggesting well-informed strategies for how to better integrate college councils with the A.S. Council while offering concrete goals to improve campus spirit among students.

Vu is new to the A.S. Finance Committee, but has already developed knowledge of the means necessary to efficiently allocate council funds. He promised to use his time as a senator to improve upon this allocation process, a promise that he appears likely to honor given his interest in the field.



Adam Kenworthy

Unlike the cliquish squabblers currently drawing A.S. meetings into the wee hours, Eleanor Roosevelt College councilmember Adam Kenworthy knows we're all in this together. Along with bringing representatives from the Student Center co-ops into A.S. negotiations, he prioritizes patching things up with the student organizations alienated by past councils.

"If you're not on an org on good terms with A.S., you're kind of left out of the loop," he said.

Kenworthy also has a grasp on what it takes to reach out to students — aka, more than enlarging the A.S. logo on event flyers. He wants to hold more frequent town-hall forums for students unwilling to sit through tedious council meetings, open a voicemail hotline to be updated weekly with campus event info and establish a committee dedicated to gauging effective ways of gathering student input.

Even more important: He's pretty much into doing whatever Stephanie Usry wants to do.



Bryant Pena

A pimped-out campus calendar and free Doritos on finals week are all fine and dandy, but the council needs at least one (competent) member who remembers there's a world of hurt beyond the eucalyptus grove. Unlike many unfocused Student Voice! candidates pushing the same-old minority/diversity/culture awareness package, Earl Warren College councilmember Bryant Pena has a cause — and a plan. He wants to unify campus philanthropy groups into "almost a UN panel" that would meet monthly, streamlining their efforts by redirecting to increase overall efficiency.

He also appreciates that your average 20-unit stress case will need more than a photocopied flyer to care. "Tupac taught Biggie this idea where you make a hit and it gets people to listen to the rest of your album," Pena said. Cue the hip-hop awareness events, indie film screenings and strategically placed anti-admin flyers; Pena's got you on lock.



Carli Thomas

Carli Thomas dreams of an A.S. Council that does more than just show up for meetings. But her emphasis on accountability and her ability to set and accomplish goals puts her ahead of the pack. Thomas wants to institutionalize communication within the A.S. Council's framework, so councilmembers know what they need to do, when and why.

And her track record proves she can make it happen. In her current position as a Thurgood Marshall College senator, Thomas' excellent attendance and meaningful contributions at A.S. Council meetings are more than gold stars — they demonstrate her commitment to both councils, facilitate communication and help keep both parties informed.

Even her work on the upcoming "Know Your Rights" campaign — something she hopes to offer throughout all three quarters next year — shows she's listening to students and working to meet their needs.

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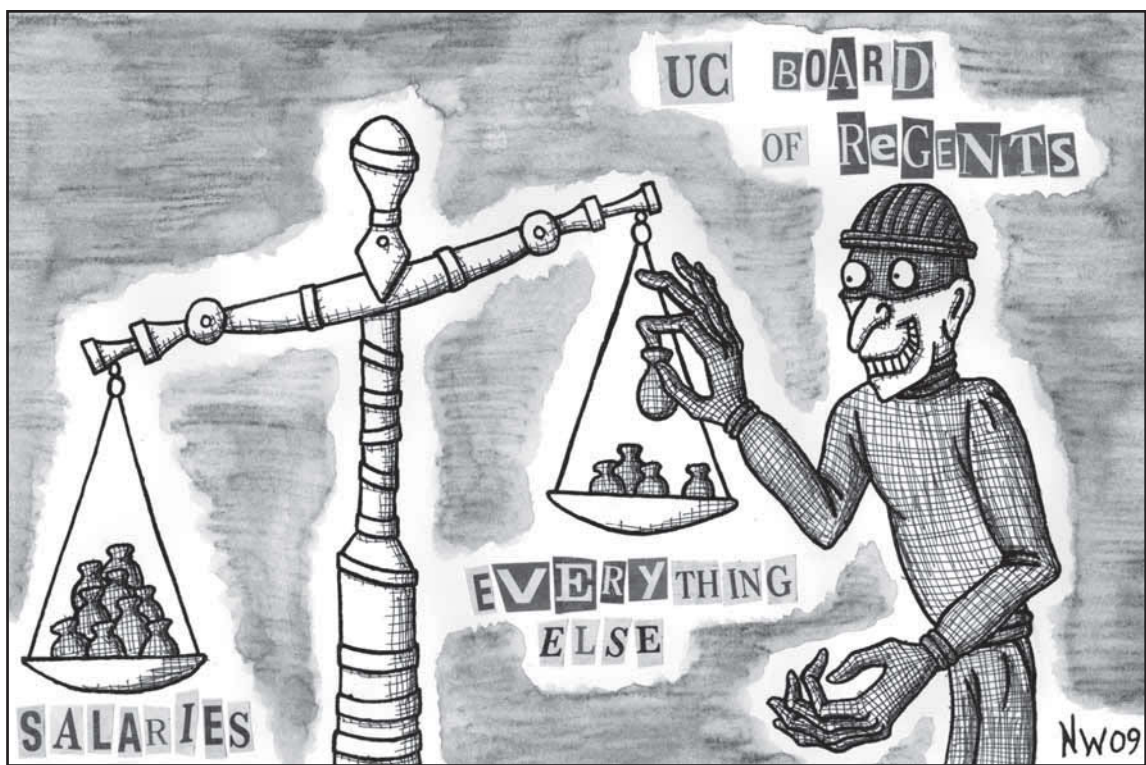
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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

By Niven Wilson



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Yudof Addresses Budget Crisis in UC Newsletter

Dear Editor,

I read with interest the April 2 *Guardian* editorial concerning the effect of the world financial crisis on market-based appointments at the University of California. I appreciate the student perspective, and I encourage all members of the UCSD community to look carefully at the most recent explanatory newsletter from UC President Mark Yudof:

www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ouruniversity/04_09/welcome.html

In that letter, President Yudof sets out clearly the many steps taken on each of the campuses and in the Office of the President to deal with this serious fiscal challenge. Positive suggestions on how to better achieve necessary fiscal discipline would be most welcome.

— Marye Anne Fox
Chancellor

ruption in the financial industry. Therefore, ethics should become the top issue of American education. Ethics is the main focus of both Chinese literature and philosophy. In fact, Chinese literature pursues peace, wisdom, virtue, beauty and prosperity that can be applied to daily life. The quality of a nation's literature relies on how the government treats its writers. The Chinese government had sponsored talented writers from 100 B.C. to 1910 A.D. It not only provided schools and libraries to educate them, but also offered them government positions. This unique way to reward writers in world history made Chinese writers create the best literature and philosophy in the world. China has also become the major debtor of the United States.

The close relationship in this small world demands deep mutual understanding. However, the American public's knowledge of Chinese culture is limited to Bruce Lee's movies and egg rolls. The courses in Chinese offered in the U.S. universities are limited to conversations such as greetings and asking directions. The media in the United States has sent Chinese-Americans to China to gather material. Due to its lack of background in Chinese culture, its research linking the East to the West culminates in the discovery of the connection between fortune cookies and lottery

numbers.

Frankly speaking, China's strength does not lie in its weaponry, its space technology, the leadership of its politicians or its economic power from exports, but rather in the legacy of moral courage found in the works of Chinese poets, writers and philosophers.

Raising the level of understanding of Chinese culture requires access to good translations. However, there are too few resources and qualified people in this field to meet such an enormous demand. In order to eliminate distrust and misunderstandings due to cultural differences, help fellow Americans adjust to the fast-changing world and preserve America's leadership of the world community, it is important that the American media have a plan to systematically introduce Chinese culture to the American public.

— Li-Chung Wang
Resident, Manhattan, Kansas

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American Media Should Bank on Chinese Culture

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As an A.S. novice, Adam Teitelbaum anchors his presidential campaign not in starting policy and programming efforts from scratch — as his Clean Slate affiliation suggests — but in finding a middle ground between student wants and the administration's demands. This rookie believes he has the bird's eye view to find that paradise.

"[I'm] going to be able to look at any issue or budget and say, 'You know what? From an outside perspective, that doesn't make sense, and it doesn't seem efficient,'" Teitelbaum said.

With a driving slate motto of "It's what you make of it, and we're here to help," Teitelbaum proposes updating current publicity methods such as Facebook with new features in order to ensure student involvement in council decisions and policy revisions, as well as A.S. events.

"We're not going to put our Facebook profiles on private, and we're going to use things like Twitter, AIM accounts and Facebook so students are writing the A.S. agenda, and A.S. doesn't write the students' agenda," he said.

As of press time, Teitelbaum's Facebook profile was set to

private.

Teitelbaum said TritonLink could be an especially valuable tool, and suggested pop-up ads for campus news and events that would appear while students wait to access their information.

From a functional standpoint, Teitelbaum's recommendations are feasible, but administrators must "determine if [students] will be annoyed by constant ads," Director of Electronic Communications Beth Surrell said.

Current A.S. President Donna Bean said student input is achieved most effectively through council representatives who visit student organization meetings.

"Adam is absolutely unqualified, [with] no expectations [and] no goals," she said.

Teitelbaum has expressed his support of "free-speech zones," which many believe to be unconstitutional. He proposed the

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Adam Teitelbaum

BY **KIMBERLY CHENG**
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STUDENT VOICE!

Erin Brodwin is running on the Student Voice! slate — and she won't let you forget it.

An Eleanor Roosevelt College junior with a year of experience as associate vice president of local affairs, Brodwin touts the pillars of the Student Voice! — student empowerment, access and affordability and campus community — with the sureness of an experienced politician.

Brodwin emphasized her ability to build relationships with administrators, legislators and diverse student organizations. She said she hopes to stay true to these pillars through relentless meetings with student organizations and college councils, and by encouraging student input through campaigns on Library Walk.

As AVP of local affairs, one of Brodwin's biggest projects was to help organize the external and local-affairs lobby corps, which lobbied lawmakers in Sacramento earlier this year.

"At the student conference in Sacramento, we sent students

and met representatives and discussed the need for decreasing student fees," Brodwin said. "We successfully made sure the proposed fee increase of 10 percent was significantly reduced [to 7.3 percent] and we hope to do something like that again."

Brodwin said she hopes to institutionalize the student lobby corps and put continued pressure on lawmakers and the UC Board of Regents to keep student fees as low as possible. She plans to participate in the large student presence at the May regents meeting — which will take place at UCSD — to protest further student-fee increases.

"When student fees go up, it puts the burden of taxes on the backs of students, targeting underrepresented communities," Brodwin said. "As far as I'm concerned, education is a right."

Brodwin also said a satisfactory free-speech policy is one of her top concerns, and has worked as an undergraduate stu-

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Erin Brodwin



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Utsav Gupta has been eyeing the A.S. presidency since before he set foot on this campus. As an incoming freshman in the summer of 2006, he called then-president and Student Voice! slate founder Harry Khanna to express his enthusiasm for student government.

Before long, Gupta had become a Khanna protege, tagging along on lunch dates with student organizations and taking notes on his every move.

The young politico went on to spend nearly three years with the Student Voice! slate. Now, after being denied his slate's presidential bid, Gupta is relying on his own merit — and institutional memory — to draw the independent vote.

Gupta's main priorities include uncaging the Sun God Festival from RIMAC Field, freezing tuition and redefining the council as an inclusive body that represents all UCSD students.

Gupta will be the first to tell you that his platform is ambitious. His goals, he said, will be accomplished by galvanizing an increasingly stagnant A.S. Council.

"Ambition, especially in a student government, is what we need at

this point in time," he said. "I don't think it's fair to the student body to always campaign on short-term measures. We need to continue moving forward instead of moving sideways."

In order to spread the Sun God Festival back across campus, Gupta said he intends to reintroduce elements that existed prior to 2008 — such as a daytime stage in Price Center and a line of student-organization booths on Library Walk.

Current AVP of Programming Garrett Berg said this plan is unrealistic, considering the occupancy of these areas. Last year, over 20,000 wristbands were sold for the event.

"The festival, as big as it was last year, could never exist in those venues," he said.

Despite administrative concerns that spreading the festival back out would endanger students and raise security costs, Gupta is confident that by collaborating with college councils to promote college-specific events during the festival, crowds

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Utsav Gupta

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INDEPENDENT

ADAM TEITELBAUM

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use of permits to ensure that protestors secure administrative approval (though he adamantly opposes discrimination in permit allocation based on content).

"If [students] want to be at work in the library or classroom and don't want to be bothered, they shouldn't be bothered," Teitelbaum said.

In the case of an impromptu protest, he suggested establishing a hotline for protestors to contact the police department or the vice chancellor of student affairs' office in order to obtain verbal approval.

Teitelbaum's vision of the Sun God Festival takes a similar middle-ground approach on student safety. He cites two reasons why the event will never return to its original format: the administration and police department.

Though he initially expressed that returning to an "uncaged" Sun God Festival would be impossible, Teitelbaum now advocates returning the festival to an all-campus format by "advocating for the revision of the current alcohol policy." He would like to see alcohol-related sponsorship for events like Bear Gardens, which would cut funding costs for the A.S. Council, cover outlay for heightened security and provide an incentive for of-age students to attend campus events. He hasn't yet spoken with administrators about the policy.

A.S. Associate Vice President of Programming Garrett Berg said doubling back to Sun God's all-campus format would diminish the festival's longevity.

"We want Sun God to be campus community and festival first, and if there's alcohol there, it's a smaller part of it," Berg said.

As president of Alpha Epsilon Pi last year, Teitelbaum banned drug use during chapter events by revising the fraternity constitution to include punishments for violators, such as suspension from the fraternity. Although the decision drew much opposition, current president Joey Lipton-Schwartz said enforcement has been offset by the fraternity's inability to prevent drug use outside of brotherhood activities.

Teitelbaum also served as Eleanor Roosevelt College's housing and dining committee representative for two years, where he dealt with policy revisions including a student fee increase from \$1,800 to \$2,700. Teitelbaum blames the fee hikes on the escalating price of providing housing and dining services, and put the amount in perspective by comparing it to La Jolla's high living costs.

Teitelbaum said his ability to adjust housing and dining policies under real-world hurdles will translate to the A.S. presidency in that he would need to incorporate shifting variables like the economic downturn into council decisions. And although he admits his blanket ideas will not solve all campus issues, he believes he can put a fresh perspective to redirecting policies and programming toward students' interests.

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ERIN BRODWIN

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dent representative on the campus committee to revise the free speech policy.

Although Brodwin said it would be ideal to have no policy at all, she is working with administrators.

"I consistently was honest and told [the A.S. council] how I was feeling and that the students were being marginalized and the administration was being over-represented," Brodwin said.

Although the committee's meetings are public record, Brodwin emphasized that having the minutes e-mailed out to committee members has been one of her most significant achievements on the committee.

To increase student input at council meetings, Brodwin said she plans to reorganize the A.S. Forum in hopes this will make the environment less intimidating — so that the council and the public are parallel.

She also suggested moving A.S. council meetings, which are currently held on the fourth floor of Price Center East, to a more recognizable location and rearranging furniture to better facilitate discussion.

According to current A.S. President Donna Bean, however, the current organization of the council floor is the only way it logistically makes sense.

"We've had student input continuously throughout the year, regardless of the way the room is set up," Bean said. "I don't think changing the location away from the A.S. offices makes any sense. We used to have it in Price Center Ballroom, which was even more intimidating. We could maybe have it in a different location once a quarter, but I don't think moving the meeting is going to do anything. Move yourself downstairs and educate people and let them know where the meeting is."

Though Brodwin has expressed that candidate Ustav Gupta's plan to "uncage" Sun God is unrealistic, the Student Voice! Web site promises to "bring back an uncaged Sun God!"

Brodwin said she hopes to improve future Sun God Festivals and programming events by increasing student input on booking decisions, making sure the headlining artists are committed early.

Overall, Brodwin said she hopes that her experiences on the A.S. council will help her overcome administrative hurdles, and that her efforts to reach out to students will create a student body that is more involved and engaged.

"Coming down to students instead of having the students come to us is one of my main goals," Brodwin said.

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UTSAV GUPTA

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will disperse and no single location will become too densely occupied.

He added that making colleges feel more invested in the Sun God Festival would help repair relations between the A.S. Council and college councils that have deteriorated in recent years.

"We've seen a cutting of ties in the past few years," he said. "We reduced their representation and funding, and now we don't even try to reach out to them for things like the referendum. We just go ahead and do it and ask for their vote."

Gupta also proposed a Bear Garden on the day of the Sun God Festival to provide space for legal, contained drinking and to discourage drunk driving from the festival from off-campus housing.

A veteran of Khanna's and Marco Murillo's presidential offices, Gupta was elected A.S. all-campus senator in 2007, and has served on the Sixth College Council since 2006.

As an all-campus senator, he worked with the Berkeley-based Greenlining Institute to gather signatures for the Students for Tuition Relief Now! campaign, which supported the same legislation that is now before the California Assembly as the College Affordability Act. The bill stipulates a five-year tuition freeze at UC and CSU campuses.

In his role as A.S. associate vice president of student organizations this year, Gupta said he has worked to secure funds for organizations with unique priorities not covered by the event-based funding process.

These organizations include the Players, a theater group that recently requested funding for props, and Books for Prisoners, whose primary expense is postage.

He also helped publicize the effects of last quarter's student activity-fee referendum on student-organization funding.

But on the council floor, Gupta is quiet, and councilmembers have suggested he does not engage with student organizations or report back to the council as actively as he should.

A.S. President Donna Bean said she worries that Gupta's academics and his editorial position at the *Sixth Sense* newspaper have undermined his council work.

"A majority of the time, [Vice President of Finance Naasir Lakhani] has had to pick up his slack," she said. "He is overstretched."

Eleanor Roosevelt College Senator Alex Vu, who works with Gupta on the finance committee, expressed a similar concern.

"I've had to pick up a lot of slack from the AVP of student orgs," he said.

Gupta said that partisanship in the council has been detrimental to the working environment.

"Student Voice! has become something very introspective," he said. "A.S. is all about Student Voice!, and I'm running to bring A.S. back to the entire student body."

He said he has received little direction from Bean, and Lakhani has not responded to his phone calls or e-mails in recent weeks.

Lakhani declined to comment on Gupta's performance this year.

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To be considered for the best financial aid package, you must have submitted your FAFSA by **March 2** and submit all missing documents and/or clear all processing holds by the May 1st deadline. Applications completed after the deadline **WILL NOT** be considered for University grants, Federal Work Study, University or Perkins Loans.

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You should also meet the May 1st deadline for documents and processing holds in the event funds become available for late FAFSA filers.



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THE GUARDIAN CAMPUS CALENDAR

WEEK OF 4/6 - 4/12

MON APRIL 6

CAREER

UCDC Info Session - Live and work in the nation's capital while earning UC credit! All majors are invited to hear about requirements, deadlines, and the application process. 10-11am at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

RECREATION

Roma Nights: Devin Vargas - UC San Diego Senior Devin Vargas has been playing music since he's been here. Come check out his send-off into the 'real world' at this intimate showcase. This show is free and open to the public, so bring your friends! 8pm at Espresso Roma.

SPECIAL EVENT

ETS Advance Food Drive - ETS Advance is hosting a food drive on 4/6-4/7. They are accepting non-perishable food items and monetary donations. All collections go to the San Diego Food Bank to help individuals and families in need during our troubled economy. If you cannot bring your donations to Library Walk, please email Leah Le at l2le@ucsd.edu for other ways to donate. 9am-4pm on Library Walk.

TUES APRIL 7

CAREER

Career Peer Educator Program Info Session - The Career Peer Educator Program provides undergraduates extensive hands-on training and experience within a state-of-the-art career center. Peers will gain advising, communication, and presentations skills, in addition to leadership and teamwork experience. 11am-12pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

How to Make the Most of the Job Fair - Learn how to make the best use of your time at the Triton Job and Internship Fair. Learn how to approach employers, what questions to ask and how to make a great first impression. Career Advisors will be available for resume critiques following the workshop. Part of the Job Search Stimulus Package. 12-1pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Resume Critiquing Marathon - Polish up your one-pager with an industry expert and our advisors. Learn how you can make your resume more effective in today's job market. No sign-up needed, just bring your resume! Part of the Job Search Stimulus Package. 1:30-4pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room

RECREATION

Social Sound Bites - A bite of indie from your very own up and coming local bands. Princeton combines sublime orchestration and bouncy rhythmic structures to create a sound that will send listeners off to a regal pop heaven. Also featuring Faded Paper Figures, a group that blends indie-tronic chamber on every track, and The Union Line a sweaty, full-body rock and roll act. Students: pay as you can at the door, Staff/Faculty: \$8, GA: \$8. 8pm at The Loft.

SPECIAL EVENT

ETS Advance Food Drive - 9am-4pm on Library Walk

SPORTS

Villarreal vs. Arsenal and Manchester United vs. FC Porto - UEFA Champions League soccer is back! iSports is proud to present the best of European football as Villarreal plays Arsenal while Manchester United plays FC Porto. Refreshments provided. 11:30am at the International House, Great Hall.

WED APRIL 8

CAREER

Triton Spring Job & Internship Fair - Exclusively for UC San Diego students and alumni, meet top

companies recruiting for full-time, part-time, and internship positions across all majors. Stay ahead of the job market! This is your opportunity to get face-to-face time with a recruiter in a relaxed indoor setting. Bring your student ID, polish up that resume and dress for success! See who's coming at <https://careers.ucsd.edu/sa/SpringFairParticipants.htm>. Part of the Job Search Stimulus Package. 10:30am-2:30pm at PC Ballrooms A & B.

CULTURE

Connect.the.Dots. - Understand the intersections of our identities and ways they impact our everyday lives and practices. Insights shared among participants will help reveal the impact of culture and society and serve as a tool for leadership development. 3-4:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center Conference Room, PC East 2nd Floor.

LECTURE

The Impact of the IMSS-Oportunidades Program on Health in Marginalized Rural Zones - Carolina Gómez Vinales, Director of the Opportunities Program of the Mexican Institute of Social Security, will speak as part of the USMEX Research Seminar Series. The presentation will be given in Spanish. 3:30pm in the Deutz Room in the Institute of the Americas Complex.

RECREATION

The Republic Tigers - Emerging from a curious indie-rock-meets-new-age fog, located somewhere between Enya, Bright Eyes, and Air, The Republic Tigers brings its excellent collection of acoustic guitars, backing oohhhs and aaahhhs, and sailing keys to The Loft. Their flavorful pop-electronic sound has earned them well-received acclaim, and their songs have been featured in an array of TV shows, such as Gossip Girl, Supernatural, and Chuck. Free admission. 8pm at The Loft.

SPORTS

Softball - UCSD vs. University of San Diego, 5pm at Triton Field.

Barcelona vs. Bayern Munich and Liverpool vs. Chelsea - UEFA Champions League soccer is back! iSports is proud to present the best of European football as Barcelona plays Bayern Munich while Liverpool plays Chelsea. Refreshments provided. 11:30am at the International House, Great Hall.

THURS APRIL 9

ARTS

Muir Musical Ensemble presents Kiss Me Kate - A show within a show, Fred Graham is the director and star of a new musical based on William Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew". His leading lady is none other than Lilli Vanessi, a bona fide diva of both stage and screen and also, Fred's ex-wife. Bill Calhoun, a hooper, and Lois Lane, a nightclub singer, comprise the supporting cast while also sorting out their love life backstage. Chaos, and hilarity, ensue, both on and offstage! Students: \$8, Staff/Faculty: \$9, GA: \$10, groups of 10+ receive a dollar discount. 8-10pm at Mandeville Auditorium.

CAREER

Interview to Win - In today's economy, job seekers must demonstrate their value through effective verbal and non-verbal communication. Learn how to communicate your skills effectively when answering today's most common interview questions. Part of the Job Search Stimulus Package. 10:30am-12pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Medical School: What Applicants for 2010 Admission Need to Know - If you want to apply this summer to enter medical school next year, this session is for you! Find out from the experts how the admission process works, how to prepare your application, how schools select you and how you can choose schools. Learn about services to help you get an edge in the process. 2-3:30pm at the Career

Services Center Horizon Room.

Effective Presentation Skills for International Students Part I - Whether you are presenting research or preparing a poster session, this interactive session will provide you with the tools to speak confidently and prepare professional presentations. Learn about effective nonverbal communication, visual aids, techniques for overcoming stage fright and anxiety, and tips for preparation. 2-3pm at the International Center Oceanic Pavilion.

Careers in Student Affairs Info Session - 3-4pm at the Career Services Center Round Conference Room.

LECTURE

The Deregulation of Telecommunications in Pakistan - Major General Shahzada Alam Malik, former chairman of the Pakistan Telecom Authority (PTA), will discuss the deregulation of telecommunications in Pakistan. Drawing on his experience with the PTA, Malik will address the transformations that led to a successful growth of telecommunications in South Asia over the last several years. For more information and to register for this event, please visit: http://cpe.ucsd.edu/news/events/event_20090305.htm. 3:30pm at CALIT2 Auditorium

What I've Learned about US Foreign Policy - Frank Dorrel, author of *Addicted to War* and producer of *What I've Learned about US Foreign Policy*, will show part of his film and lead a discussion on the direction he hopes Obama takes on U.S. foreign policy. 5pm at Biology Rm. 1103, UCSD, Los Angeles.

SPORTS

Women Water Polo - UCSD vs. Loyola Marymount, FREE, 6pm at Canyonview Pool

FRI APRIL 10

ARTS

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CAREER

Obtaining an Internship - Learn strategies for searching internship and part-time job listings to find positions that will meet your goals. 10-11:15am at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Career Peer Educator Program Info Session - The Career Peer Educator Program provides undergraduates extensive hands-on training and experience within a state-of-the-art career center. Peers will gain advising, communication, and presentations skills, in addition to leadership and teamwork experience. 12-1pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

CULTURE

Womyn of Color Writings - A writing workshop by womyn of color writers and poets. There will also be a night of spoken word performances by the poets themselves and those who attended the workshop will be able to perform their work afterwards in an open mic-style setting. 12-2pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

MSA Presents: Forgotten, Abandoned, Erased - Come out to UCSD Price Center to see acclaimed HBO Def Poets Mark Gonzales, Suheir Hammad, Amir Sulaiman, and Liza Garza spread light on your suffering underrepresented brothers and sisters in the Gaza Strip, Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Moroland (Southern Philippines), and Mexico. - Help these survivors evolve from an obscure fact to a face, from a number to a necessity, from hope to happening. Free, 7pm at Price Center.

RECREATION

Luminance: YouTubers Live! - Featuring Sam Kang, Olivia Thai, Seriously, and Jennifer Chung. The Loft flashes a light on these rising Asian-American stars.

Watch them shine on stage as they break into the mainstream. Students: pay as you can at the door, Staff/ Faculty: \$8, GA: \$8.

SPORTS

Softball - UCSD vs. Cal State Bernardino, 4pm & 6pm at Triton Field.

Men's Volleyball - UCSD vs. Cal State Northridge, 7pm at RIMAC.

SAT APRIL 11

ARTS

Muir Musical Ensemble presents Kiss Me Kate - Students: \$8, Staff/Faculty: \$9, GA: \$10, groups of 10+ receive a dollar discount. 8-10pm at Mandeville Auditorium.

RECREATION

Vaisakhi Party - Come out to party and dance to the latest Bhangra & Hip-Hop music! - Learn more about the Vaisakhi holiday and the Sikh culture and religion! This is sure to be a fun filled night where you can expect to dance all night long! 8pm at PC East Ballroom.

SPORTS

Softball - UCSD vs. Cal State Bernardino, 4pm & 6pm at Triton Field.

Men's Volleyball - UCSD vs. UC Santa Barbara, 7pm at RIMAC

Women Water Polo - UCSD vs. Michigan, 12pm at Canyonview Pool.

UPCOMING

ARTS

Drumscape: Asayake Taiko's 2nd Annual Spring Concert - UCSD's Japanese drumming group, Asayake Taiko, is having their second annual spring concert featuring guest performers San Diego Taiko, Jangada Maracatu (Brazilian drumming) and UCSD Lion Dancing. Tickets are on sale now at the PC Box Office. Students: \$3, GA: \$5. Saturday, April 18 from 8pm to 10:30pm at the PC East ballroom.

CAREER

Company Information Session: HD Supply - HD Supply representatives will be hosting a company information session open to all students interested in learning about a \$1 billion business headquartered in San Diego, CA. We are actively recruiting for 10 paid summer internship positions in addition to full-time, permanent employment opportunities. Tuesday, April 14, 5-6:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

RECREATION

Bitchy Bingo - What do you get when you take a traditional game of chance and add fabulous drag queens with a fierce attitude? One hell of a night! You're guaranteed to laugh out loud when you encounter these mistresses of mayhem as they invade The Loft. Free admission. Monday, April 13, 6 and 9:30pm at The Loft.

DimeStories Live - DimeStories: San Diego is a showcase event in collaboration with the new national public radio show (debuting this Fall). Enjoy an evening of great stories told by nationally renowned writers--and by emerging voices from our region. To submit a story of your own for this, or future showcase programs, visit www.DimeStories.org. Students: pay as you can at the door, Staff/ Faculty: \$5, GA: \$5. Tuesday, April 14, 7pm at The Loft

WEEKLY

Stress Management through Biofeedback and Mindfulness - Come participate in this four session interactive wellness group. Learn how to use increased body awareness to relax and feel better in a fast-paced and stressful college environment! Meets Wednesdays 3-4:20pm from Weeks 3-6. SPACE IS LIMITED! Contact Sean Cook, smcook@ucsd.edu. Presented by Counseling and Psychological Services and the Wellness Peer Educators.

Veggie Wednesday - The UCSD Vedic and Vegetarian Culture Society invites you to a vegetarian luncheon buffet of veggie dishes, rice, drinks, desserts, and vegan options. Every Wednesday from 12-2pm on top of the Student Center.

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FITstop at RIMAC - Evaluate your relative fitness levels - Set goals & measure your progress. Trained Student Health Advocates test your: Body Fat Composition, Grip Strength, Step Test Recovery Rate, Blood Pressure, Resting Heart Rate. A Free service for all UCSD students. Walk in to RIMAC Wellness Room any Mon or Wed 7-9pm.

PEER EDUCATION PROGRAMS are provided by Student Health Advocates on Nutrition, HIV, Fitness, Stress, Sexual Health & other topics at your res hall or student org meetings! Call 534-1824 for info on these FREE programs!

Men's Clinic @ Student Health - Routine male exams, STD checks, etc - every Wednesday @ 10:00am - NO visit fee - NO appt - just walk in to Student Health Conference Room #142. More info? 858-534-1824.

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SOCAL SOUND BYTES

Princeton, The Union Line, Faded Paper Figures
TUESDAY, APRIL 7
Show 8:00 PM

A bite of indie from your very own up and coming local bands. UCSD Student: PAYC door.

SPRING INTO NEW MUSIC

THURSDAY, APRIL 9
Show 8:00 PM

Join us for an evening of explosive new music presented by an international gang of UCSD's Graduate Music Department. This work features masterworks of Magnus Lindberg, Iannis Xenakis and exciting new pieces from an up and coming generation of composers. UCSD Student: PAYC door.

LUMINANCE

YouTubers Live!
FRIDAY, APRIL 10
Show 8:00 PM

Featuring Sam Kang, Olivia Thai, Seriously, Jennifer Chung. The Loft flashes a light on these rising Asian-American stars. Watch them shine on stage as they break into the mainstream. UCSD Student: PAYC Door.

FRIENDLY FIRES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
Show 8:00 PM

In the vein of funky white guys like Hot Chip and LCD Soundsystem, these British lads take disco and rock, rave and pop, and Cuisinart them into an airy froth. UCSD Student: \$5 advance; PAYC door.

CHICAGO 10

with Director Brett Morgen
THURSDAY, APRIL 16
Screening 7:00 PM

This film by director Brett Morgen (*The Kid Stays in the Picture*), tells the story of counter-cultural leaders who were charged with inciting the riots outside of the 1968 Democratic National Convention. ArtTalks! post-screening conversation with Director Brett Morgen and UCSD Visual Arts Faculty Michael Trigilio. UCSD Student: \$5.

ECLIPSE

FRIDAY, APRIL 17
Party 9:00 PM

Get ready for the next Eclipse Club Party at The Loft! DJ Mawkus and DJ Skyblu will be spinning the hottest Top 40s/Hip-Hop beats. As always dress to impress. UCSD Student: PAYC door, \$2 after 10:00 PM.

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- 15 Pharmacist
- 16 Son of Judah
- 17 Ballet turns
- 18 Flat fee?
- 19 Get a whiff of
- 20 Livestock tidbit
- 21 Summon to court
- 22 Sicilian volcano
- 25 Tuneful
- 27 Chandler novel, with "The"
- 31 Team spirit
- 32 Boston hockey great
- 33 Rice Burroughs
- 35 Blanched
- 36 Abbr. on folk music
- 38 Ab exercise
- 40 Section of a basilica
- 41 Silent
- 43 Steps over a fence
- 45 "One Flew over the Cuckoo's Nest" writer Kesey
- 46 Black Sea port
- 48 Unskilled
- 50 Mail by mistake
- 52 Gratify completely
- 53 Masculine
- 54 Practical joke
- 56 Of the kidneys
- 60 Of the ear
- 61 Disembowel
- 64 Offshoot group
- 65 Facial features
- 66 Clucking sounds
- 67 Took the first step

DOWN

- 13 Type of bridge
- 14 Cause
- 23 Beatty and Buntline
- 24 Sponsorship
- 26 Hang in loose folds
- 27 Lowest
- 28 Casts light upon
- 29 Jefferson Airplane singer
- 30 Page or LaBelle
- 34 Spoils
- 37 Examines in minute detail
- 39 Not guilty or guilty
- 42 Half a fly?
- 44 Off the charts
- 47 Anaheim baseball team
- 49 Gazed intently
- 51 Shipboard crane
- 55 Gershon of "Bound"
- 57 One-billionth: pref.
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- 59 For fear that
- 62 Sun. speech
- 63 Garfield or Felix

Find the Crossword solution in next Thursday's Classified Page.

THURSDAY, APR. 2 Sudoku Solution

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Anything Can Happen in the NL West

► PEANUTS, from page 16

"Big Three" experiment in Oakland. If Braden fares well against the Angels' lineup, Opening Day will be considered a success. My guess is that Braden will struggle early — as will the As this season. Oakland is still one year away from contention.

With the Nos. 1 and 2 starters injured, Joe Saunders takes the mound, facing Oakland's re-tooled lineup. Los Angeles hasn't changed much from last season, and after winning 100 games, they didn't have to. The fate of the Angels depends on how much the offseason moves of Oakland and Texas come to light. If the Angels' No. 3 starter can handle an As lineup that is no longer a complete disaster, Los Angeles is well on its way to a three-peat.

Brewers at Giants

When I went home to the Bay Area over winter break, I picked up the sports page after the Giants signed veteran starter Randy Johnson and got a kick out of the headline "Johnson makes Giants a Contender." Seriously, a team that has been abysmal for the past few seasons because of its repeated signings of players who should have retired already adds another old guy and you call it a contender?

But the NL West may just be mediocre enough to vault the Giants into contention after all. Tim Lincecum is leading the way, and their starting pitching is stellar — Barry Zito fills out San Francisco's fourth spot (where he belongs) instead of second or third like in past seasons. Still, for the Giants to go anywhere this season, the team's young hitters, such as Pablo Sandoval, will have to prove themselves. Who better to start against than the Brewers' terrible rotation?

TRITONS SET PROGRAM RECORD FOR WINS

By Cameron Tillisch
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — With a sweep of the University of Pacific (30-19, 30-22, 30-24) on April 3 at RIMAC Arena, the No. 10 Tritons (11-13, 7-12 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation) set school records this week in both the number of overall program wins and conference wins in a season. The Tritons kicked off their final home stand in fashion, marking their most successful season in conference play.

"It was an awesome feeling and validating knowing how hard we've worked," redshirt sophomore outside hitter Will Ehrman said. "We've improved every year since I've been here."

Following their historic win, the Tritons took on No. 5 Stanford looking to continue their conference success, but lost in four sets (30-26, 21-30, 30-26, 30-25).

"We played Stanford really tight but in the end, they kicked it into another gear," Ehrman said. "They served a tougher game than us and wanted it more on defense."

Despite junior opposite hitter Frank Fritsch's efforts, including a match-high 22 kills on .378 hitting, the Cardinal (19-8, 12-6 MPSF) overpowered the Tritons, outhitting them at an overall clip of .413, compared to UCSD's .316.

Ehrman also came out strong, finishing with 19 kills on .289 hitting and a team-high 11 digs.

Sophomore middle back Calvin Ross and sophomore setter Phil Bannan had five blocks apiece. Bannan also notched 57 assists to go along with three kills.

Stanford opened the first set, taking a commanding 10-4 early lead. The Tritons came within three points of a tie on several occasions, but couldn't close the margin after a 22-19 deficit.

The Cardinal went on to score five of the next eight, taking the first set at 30-26.

The first minutes of the second set could best be described as a tug-of-war, with the score tying nine separate times. But the Tritons hit .594 as a team and eventually coasted to a 30-21 victory.

"We sided out at a really high percentage and were able to put a lot more serving pressure on them and get them out of their system," Ehrman said of UCSD's second-set run.

After another back-and-forth battle, Stanford eventually pulled away, capturing the third set by a score of 30-26.

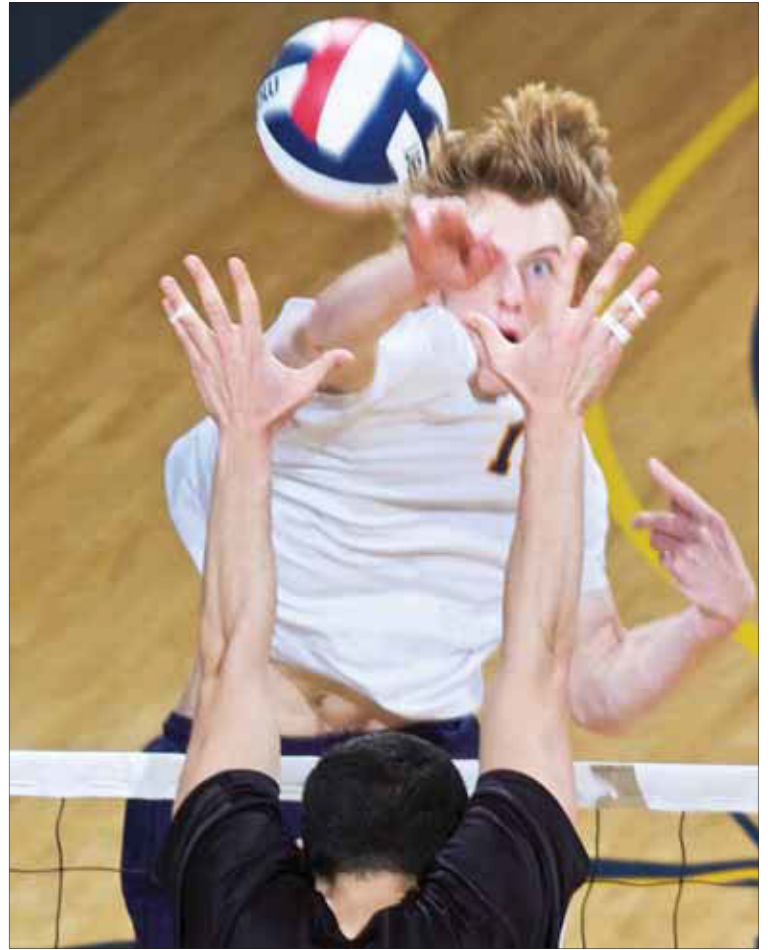
In the decisive fourth set, Stanford didn't mess around, opening for an 11-6 lead. UCSD fought back to come within 23-20 after a Fritsch kill, but the Cardinal would not budge, earning the overall victory with a score of 30-25.

On Friday night, the Tritons sought to make school history in their match against University of Pacific (3-23, 0-17 MPSF), and did just that after bringing out the brooms against the Tigers at RIMAC Arena. The win marked seven for the Tritons in league play and 11 overall in the season.

Junior opposite hitter Jason Spangler led the Tritons with 11 kills, while Ehrman added 10 kills of his own. As a team, the Tritons outhit the Tigers .434 to .136. UCSD also outblocked Pacific 7-2.

The first set was tied at six before the Tritons went on a 15-6 rampage to take a 21-12 lead. UCSD cruised to a 30-19 win to set the tone of the match, hitting .458 while holding Pacific to a measly .036 hitting percentage.

The Tritons quickly jumped to a 10-5 lead in the second set after back-to-back Ehrman kills and took a commanding 23-14 lead after an eight-point service run led by Frank Fritsch. The Tritons sealed the set at 30-22.



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With its sweep over Pacific, UCSD set a new program record for wins in a season for the second consecutive year. The Tritons bested last season's mark of 10 wins with four matches still left before playoffs.

In a desperate attempt to force a fourth set, the Tigers took a 21-19 lead in the third, but relinquished the advantage after committing several errors. The Tritons took advantage of the miscues and — with their sights set on the UCSD record books — swept Pacific by a final score of 30-24.

The Tritons are looking to carry momentum throughout their final home stand against conference rivals

CSU Northridge, Cal State Long Beach and UC Santa Barbara.

"The top eight teams in our conference make the MPSF playoffs and right now we're in ninth place, one half game behind UCLA," Ehrman said. "We probably need to beat UCSB and Long Beach State to have a shot."

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YES YOU CAN YES YOU CAN

Track & Field Returns to UCLA for Invitational

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ranks second in school history. Coming off the team's impressive performance at UCLA, Salerno emphasized the benefits of competing in large invitationals.

"We really thrive on it," he said. "I think there was a time when it might have been intimidating, but I don't think that's the case now. We got some solid results from the team standpoint and came out ahead of some good, full-scholarship programs."

The Tritons return to UCLA on April 9 to compete in the three-day Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational. The Tritons will then compete in two more meets on the road before returning home for the UCSD Triton Invitational on April 24 and 25. The home meet will be the team's final competition before the CCAA Championships at the end of the month.

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UCSD Needs One More Win to Post Sixth Perfect CCAA Season

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dominant, triumphing over Jennifer Chung 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 5 singles spot.

"Even though it was only my second match of the season, I wasn't really nervous at all," Saket said. "Every day in practice, I've just learned so much from [senior captains] Ina Dan and Tessa Tran, and I feel like I've grown immensely since the start of the season."

Sophomore Roxy Pourmirzaie, who competed in only two matches as a freshman, had the opportunity to play in front of the home fans at No. 3 singles. Pourmirzaie showed fine form in defeating Marine Prevost 6-3, 6-1.

Senior Rina Nakano was penciled in for her first singles match of the year at No. 4 and didn't disappoint, beating Joyce Librando 6-1, 6-3.

Looking ahead, the Tritons have two more regular-season matches remaining before the start of regional play.

First up is Point Loma Nazarene on April 15 in UCSD's final home match of the season. The tilt will mark Senior Day for Dan, Tran and Nakano, all of whom have heavily contributed to UCSD's conference win streak during their time as Tritons.



The Tritons have had many reasons to celebrate this season, posting a 13-5 overall record (9-0 in league play) with only two regular-season matches left. ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN

UCSD will finish its regular season on the road against Cal Poly Pomona on April 18 — a team the Tritons defeated 8-1 earlier this season — hoping to finish its sixth consecutive season undefeated in

conference play. The regular-season matches will culminate with the NCAA West Regional tournament, which begins on May 9. Should the Tritons advance, they will compete in the

NCAA National Championships from May 13 to May 16, taking place in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

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Against a large pool of elite competition the freshman made sure to get noticed, earning a top 10 finish in the javelin throw with a distance of over 180 feet.



UCSD SPRINTS PAST DIVISION-I OPPOSITION



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In the Cal/Nevada Collegiate Championships at UCLA, the Triton men placed 12th out of 22 teams while the women's team finished fifth out of 24 teams. The host Bruins took first place in both divisions.

By Liam Rose
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TRACK & FIELD — Competing between two of the highest profile events of its season, the UCSD track and field team took a brief trip to North San Diego County last weekend to compete in the inaugural Mangrum Invitational at Cal State San Marcos. The low-key meet was non-scoring, which gave the Tritons a chance to prepare for larger events ahead, including the Rafer Johnson/Jackie Joyner-Kersey Invitational at UCLA on April 9.

"Whenever we're in uniform, we're going to compete," men's coach Tony Salerno said. "But when there are points on the line, we are inclined to cover every event and move people around. This was a nice event to set us up for events coming up in the next few weeks."

Without the pressure to perform at their best, many of the athletes competed in fewer events or ran distances different than normal. Nevertheless, junior Casey Ryan once again surpassed his own school record in the high jump and reached the mark of seven feet, an exceptional feat for a jumper at any level. Senior Sarah Hendy also stood out in the field events, tying her personal best of 158'4" in the discus throw.

UCSD's success against local

opponents comes on the heels of a strong showing last week at the Cal/Nevada Collegiate Championships at UCLA. The men finished 12th and the women's team placed fifth against a field that included several formidable Division-I programs.

The Tritons were led by several outstanding performances that ranked among the best in program history.

On the men's side, senior Scott Tsuda took second place in the triple jump, topping his own personal best and setting another school record with a mark of 48' 10.75". The 4x400 meter relay team — comprised of senior Bryan Dieffenbach, juniors Leon Baham and Wil Dyer and freshman Tobias Haswell — posted the eighth fastest time in school history, taking 11th place. Freshman Nick Howe threw 180'6" in the javelin, also qualifying for eighth best all-time.

The women were led by junior Christine Merrill, who finished second in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 58.86, capturing both the school record and an NCAA automatic qualifying mark. The Triton women also had two third-place finishes from a pair of sophomores — Bre Schofield in the 1,500 meters and Stephanie LeFever in the long jump. LeFever's mark of 18'10.75"

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GET YOUR BASEBALL CAPS ON: IT'S OPENING DAY

Though we had to wait a few days longer than usual, the most glorious day of spring — Opening Day — is finally upon us. Watching last night's game between Atlanta and Philadelphia, which officially kicked off the 2009 season, even Joe Morgan's ever-clueless commentary (R.I.P. Firejoemorgan.com; our dream will come true someday) couldn't ruin my mood. With today marking the season's beginning for 26 ballclubs, here's what California's five teams will encounter this season and some thoughts on Opening Day.



Peanuts & Crackerjacks

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Dodgers at Padres

Eighty-four wins were enough for the Dodgers to take the NL West title last season and they'll probably be enough for a repeat. An enviable blend of proven veterans and young talent, the Dodgers' lineup is most definitely good enough to battle with Arizona for the division crown. Undoubtedly, the starting rotation and bullpen are Los Angeles' weak links starting the year. Fortunately for the Dodger hurlers, they should get a confidence boost playing San Diego to open the season.

The Padres have almost no shot at making the playoffs and will probably be looking to sell their few working parts to other teams later this season. With a complete lack of offensive pop — no, we're not yelling "Kouz" at you anymore, we're just booing — the lineup is in need of a complete overhaul. Not even "the little David Eckstein that could" has enough heart and grit to save this team from a dismal showing.

Athletics at Angels

While the As have made no headway on building a new stadium — make it happen, San Jose — G.M. Billy Beane is essentially finished rebuilding his team. The only thing left to do for the As is exactly what they did at the beginning of Beane's reign — let a young rotation pitch its way to the top. With Justin Duchscherrer on the disabled list, Braden takes over the mound and officially begins the new

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Tritons Shut Out CSULA for Another Conference Victory

By Neil Joshi
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

WOMEN'S TENNIS — As No. 10 UCSD readies to conclude its regular season, the Tritons appear primed to keep their remarkable streak in California Collegiate Athletic Association play intact. UCSD extended its unprecedented run in conference to 58 straight wins when it defeated Cal State Los Angeles 9-0 at home on April 4. Despite the dominating score, head coach Liz LaPlante was still able to find playing time for her reserves, showcasing the tremendous depth of talent she has at her disposal.

"With our season quickly coming to a close, I really wanted to let some other girls get an opportunity to play," LaPlante said. "I have such

a wealth of talent to choose from when I'm making the ladder, and it really showed with the results we had against Cal State L.A. The Golden Eagles aren't one of the stronger teams in our league, but it was still impressive to see the way our team continued to compete. It's very rewarding to see our team translate all the hard work we put in practice onto the court, especially against conference opponents."

All six singles matches were decided in straight sets, and after solid performance by the three doubles teams, the match with the Golden Eagles was over after just two hours. Sophomores Natalie Varnay and Taskeen Bains catalyzed the impressive performance with their tremendous play at the top two singles spots, just as they have

all season. At No. 1 singles, Varnay surrendered only three games to her opponent Lana Lamesic, winning 6-3, 6-0, while Bains dispatched Adriana Espinosa 6-1, 6-4. Bains and Varnay teamed up at the No. 1 doubles position to grab an 8-1 victory over Espinosa and Jennifer Chung.

LaPlante used the last four singles spots to exhibit her team's array of depth and get some action in for rookies like freshmen Samantha Yeung and Lauren Saket. While both are expected to be important contributors in the years to come, they both had a chance to showcase what the team's future holds. Saket earned the most convincing win of the day, a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Crystal Lam at No. 6 singles. Yeung was just as

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Facing a weaker team in a conference that UCSD has dominated for over five years, the Tritons called on their bench to compete in singles play and pulled off a 9-0 shutout over the Golden Eagles.