A.S. ELECTIONS 2008

Student Voice! Dominates Single-Slate Election

Candidates for top four A.S. executive slots run uncontested. Current VP Donna Bean stands as lone presidential hopeful.

By Jesse Alm

Despite a landmark A.S. Council decision earlier this year to implement a system that enables voters to rank candidates in order of preference, unopposed races for all four A.S. executive positions this spring will leave student voters with less options at the polls than ever before.

Instant runoff voting had already been a popular initiative for four years before approval from TritonLink officials allowed the council to enact it last December. However, A.S. President Marco Murillo said that because the system only applies to races with three or more candidates, and this year the top four positions - president and vice presidents of student life, finance and resources and external affairs - each have only one, gauging IRV's impact on the election will be complicated.

'It's unfortunate that we're not going to be able to test out the new system we just put into place," Murillo said.

He said that convincing people

to vote at all in this election will present a challenge.

"As a councilperson, you want to make sure people are informed and know what's going on, but at the same time, with only one person running, it is difficult," Murillo

A.S. Vice President of Student Life Donna Bean, this year's only candidate for A.S. president, said she agrees that the lack of competition will undermine the voting system's democratic purpose.

'I don't like the idea of basically having it handed to you," she said. "A democratic structure only works if there are multiple people running."

A.S. Elections Manager Tanya Piyaratanaphipat said she believed that the new voting system would encourage greater candidate participation. She also said that that she was disappointed with the results last week, when all candidacy declaration forms were due.

There will be only one race, at Revelle College, for which IRV will be in effect. All officer positions are uncontested, and none of the all-campus positions has more than two candidates running.

"Having competitive races is great for all elections," Piyaratanaphipat said. "It breeds innovation and encourages candidates to work toward their goals. I really wish that had happened."

In addition to the small number



Current Vice President of Student Life Donna Bean is the only candidate for next year's A.S. presidency. Candidates for the three vice presidential positions are also running unopposed.

of candidates overall, only three individuals announced candidacy outside the Student Voice! slate, a figure that Piyaratanaphipat said will affect the general dynamic of the election.

We were really hoping that come noon there would be another slate that would come forward, not because we wanted Student Voice! to lose, but because we wanted to see competition," she said. "[Without an opposition slate], the race is going to be different this year."

Thurgood Marshall College Senator Kyle Samia, who has served on the council since 2005, said the low number of candidates — especially those not identifying with SV! - was unsurprising. He cited slate politics as a chief cause of this year's

election makeup. "If a slate dominates, it keeps all of the powerful positions within a small community," he said. "How are you going to debate someone on a referendum if you've never seen it? The crux of the issue is that Student Voice! has mastered the

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Arts Library Takes Steps in Digital Direction

By Justin Gutierrez

Following a decision by the dean and chair of the Division of Arts and Humanities, along with other top UCSD library administrators, the circulation of slides in the Arts & Architecture Library will be discontinued by the end of Winter Quarter.

On Feb. 19, faculty members were advised to familiarize themselves with ARTstor, an online database for art and architecture slides, where UCSD's collection has existed for four years.

In summer 2002, the main library in Geisel began to digitize its slide collection, after receiving a grant from the Andrew Mellon Foundation. The project was completed by July 2004, producing more than 200,000 digital images and associated metadata, said Leslie Abrams, head of the Arts Libraries.

"At the time the project was completed, UCSD was the core contributor to the ARTstor database," Abrams said. "Since then, many institutions have followed suit."

ARTstor now contains approximately 550,000 images of art and architecture.

In addition to the complete digitization of the A&AL slide collection, the various media departments located on Geisel Library's basement level are preparing to be extensively revamped.

'We are currently in the 'phasing' process," Abrams said. "That is to say, we are preparing for the demolition to come by removing things to make

Abrams said the final goal of the renovation project is to have a single service desk to coordinate reference, information and reserves, where students can locate a wide variety of media materials, from film and videos to music scores and recordings.

"Currently, there are three service points, which is, many times, confusing to students," she said. "We are making the research process easier, as well as allowing more open space and later hours."

Because of property rights issues, not all film and video collections will be added to the digital database. The discontinuation of the slide circulation is expected to affect only a small portion of the UCSD community.

"There is only a small number of faculty members who still use analog slides in their lectures," Abrams said. "We have planned to give 12 faculty members access to the slides at their request. All of the slides will still be property of the UC regents."

Faculty members had until Feb. 29 to inform the library if they wished to continue using the

While the elimination of the slide collection may not significantly affect a campus at the forefront of technology, the physical reconfiguration of the different collections to provide space for demolition - which includes rearranging the Music Library's books and scores — is ongoing. Some students have said they find the changes frustrating.

"I don't go down there often, but when I do, I definitely will be confused," Earl Warren College junior Kevin Lebenson said.

Though faculty are encouraged to give their lectures using the Internet-equipped rooms throughout most of campus, media theorist and UCSD visual arts professor Lev Manovich said that the slides' elimination may be detrimental to the learning experience.

"I think that some complaints may be actually justified," Manovich said. "Being able to work with thousands of images that are represented as objects in physical space has some advantages over working with digital images in a computer. This is the same reason why today all design and architecture studios use physical models, drawings and other physical media besides computers."

Manovich added that the user interface of databases like ARTstor proves visually unrepresentative of the wide amount of information it claims to provide.

"If a library or a social media site has hundreds of thousands of images, why can I only see a handful of them at a time?" he said. "Why aren't they arranged

Manovich and his colleagues at the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology are currently working on new designs for interfaces for database sites like ARTstor.

"We are starting to work on new kinds of interfaces for online image collections," he said. "We are hoping to add much more functionality to current interfaces. Rather than using a computer as a fancy slide viewer, the computer can act as an intelligent assistant, which will help view image collections in new wavs."

Demolition of the A&AL and Film & Video Reserve spaces, located within Geisel Library, will commence in summer 2008. The A&AL slide collection will close on May 30.

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FEDS KEEP LOCAL MED **STOCKPILE** IN PLACE

LOCAL NEWS

By Peter Feytser SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The federal government has decided not to follow through on a recent plan to move a stockpile of medical supplies from San Diego to Los Angeles County after the San Diego County Board of Supervisors submitted an official letter of pro-

County officials voiced concern that, in the event of a disaster like the wildfires that raged through the San Diego area in October, emergency response time could be significantly delayed if the supplies were moved. They also said that an earthquake scenario could damage

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UCSD's Alumni Association pushes school spirit to reconnect former students to their alma mater.

Flying High

Men's basketball wins first-ever league title to advance to NCAA D-II West Region Tournament.



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BLOCKHEADS

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Threat of Highway Closure Influenced Final Decision

By working together,

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- Rep. Brian Bilbray

(R-Carlsbad)

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the only two north-south routes into San Diego, Interstates 5 and 15, preventing the transport of the

The supplies were used in the devastating 2003 and 2007 wildfires. Both interstates were closed during the fires in 2007.

Officials from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services cited economic efficiency as their reason to relocate the supplies, saying that rent-

ing a warehouse in San Diego costs \$40,000 a year.

Jake Jacoby, UCSD Medical Center employee and commander of the federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team in San Diego, told the North County Times that moving the stockpile could make

it more difficult for the team to respond quickly — and that it could be the first move toward eliminating the team itself.

A primary objective of the DMAT is to provide support for swamped or evacuated hospitals.

The UCSD Medical Center is the primary sponsor of the local DMAT, charged with recruiting and training members as well as handling basic administrative needs.

Supervisors sought congressional help in preventing the proposed relocation of supplies. Reps. Brian

Davis (D-San Diego) discussed the issue with agency officials before the decision was reversed.

Assistant Secretary of DHHS Craig Vanderwagen said that agency will look into possibly storing the stockpile in a warehouse owned by the U.S. military or San Diego County.

'I'm very pleased that the Department of Health and Human Services has recognized the importance of keeping these critical supplies in the San Diego area," Bilbray

said in a statement. "By working together, I am optimistic that a suitable location will be found."

Created in 1991, the 12-ton cache includes cots, tents, defibrillators, ventilators, generators and other equipment that is enough to treat

150 to 250 patients a day for up to three days.

San Diego's team is categorized as level one, which means that it is able to be activated and prepared for deployment within six to eight hours of request.

It was previously deployed to New York after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, New Orleans in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and Guam in the aftermath of a super

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East/Regents Shuttle Returns to Price Center

Beginning Monday, March 31, the East/Regents shuttle will resume its **Price Center service.**

The East/Regents shuttle will no longer serve the Warren College and Geisel Library stops.

For updated schedule information, visit blink.ucsd.edu/go/shuttles and click on East/Regents Shuttle.



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LIGHTS & SIRENS

12:39 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ The sounds of someone "falling over and over" were heard at Europe Hall. Quiet on arrival.

12:06 p.m.: General disturbance

▶ A female in her 30s wearing a purple blazer and loafers was reported as "giving a speech and calling students names" on Library Walk. The reporting party was unsure if the woman had been drinking or taking drugs. Field interview administered

12:25 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A student reported a male jumping up to her third-floor balcony.

1:38 p.m.: Brandishing a weapon

▶ A white 50-year-old male was reported as brandishing a knife toward a female on the bus at the VA Hospital.

Saturday, March 1

3:09 a.m.: Welfare check

▶ A male was seen vomiting in the back seat of a black Sedan at Voigt Drive. 10:55 a.m.: Welfare check

▶ A 7-year-old was reported as stuck behind the sliding door of an MRI machine at the School of Medicine.

2:02 p.m.: Fireworks disturbance ▶ A female reported a construction

worker pushing her husband "so hard that he fell on his face" at Price Center. Arrest misdemeanor.

8:51 p.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ A Porter's Pub event unapproved by the university was reported as causing excessive noise. Checks OK.

Sunday, March 2

1:38 a.m.: Domestic disturbance

▶ A female's boyfriend was reported as grabbing her leg and refusing to let her leave his Miramar Street residence. Will cooperate.

2:17 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ Ongoing group wrestling was reported at Galathea Hall, despite a resident adviser's attempt to intervene.

2:47 a.m.: Welfare check

▶ An unknown subject was seen attempting to enter the Sixth College apartments by throwing objects at dorm room windows.

2:48 p.m.: Animal call

▶ Bees were reported as swarming into the Northview Information Booth.

Monday, March 3

9:02 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A homeless female was reported as repeatedly falling asleep on the bathroom floor at the Visual Arts building. Field interview administered.

3:34 p.m.: Suspicious package

▶ A black mail carrier in his late 20s refused to "take 'no' for an answer" when delivering multiple packages addressed to the wrong person at University Centers Building 202.

7:02 p.m.: General disturbance

▶ Two females and one male were reported as smashing glass bottles with a hammer at Pangea Parking Structure.

Wednesday, March 5

11:22 a.m.: Suspicious package

▶ A large "suspicious" box was left by an unknown subject in a car parked at Pepper Canyon Hall.

4:58 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ Students at Lot 114 were reported as arguing over "times for using the kilns." When questioned by police, one subject responded, "Shove it up your ass." Report taken.

5:56 p.m.: Report of grand theft

► A laptop was reported as stolen from the eighth floor of Geisel Library. Although the theft was not witnessed, the subject reported seeing "a similar laptop" at the library.

Thursday, March 6

11:40 p.m.: Argument disturbance

▶ A male wearing a sweatshirt and shorts was reported as arguing with a female, grabbing her by the arm, and dragging her toward the Rady School of Management. Unable to locate.

- Compiled by Sonia Minden

Bean Will Not Scale Back Campaign

▶ ELECTIONS, from page 1 language."

Samia said he is pleased with this year's candidate pool, but he emphasized a more long-term challenge that the slate-dominated system presents: incorporating a wider set of voices.

"Everyone is fighting the fact that the majority of UCSD doesn't care, and that makes the slates capable of dominating," he said. "It takes a lot of knowledge and persistence to be on A.S. The students who are willing to do that are exemplary. In my experience with the candidates, I personally think they are going to do fabulous, but the criticism is that maybe A.S. really does keep this experience locked up."

Bean said she does not plan to use the dearth of opponents as an excuse to decrease her campaign's magnitude. She said she views her unique situation as an opportunity to build a strong mandate heading into her presidency. She is moving to gather input from student organizations and the public and to begin working toward her presidential goals immediately.

"As much as we're all disappointed, we can always turn it into something positive," Bean said. "We can reach out and gauge student opinion and see what issues are important to them."

She added that a lack of competition does not mean an easy campaign.

"Ît's going to make the job harder, because I think people will be far more critical," she said. "It's a time for people to prove themselves."

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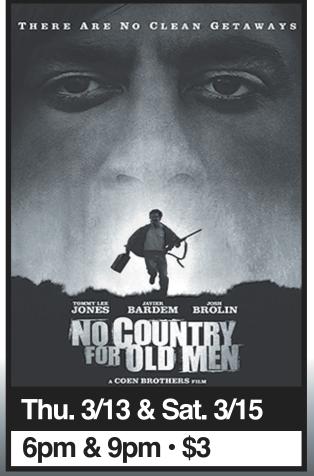
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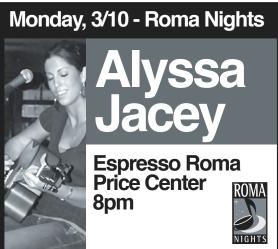
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Web poll | What do you think of the Sun God Festival's new layout?

I don't know. I don't care. I'm looking forward to it regardless of changes. 23% I'm excited about the changes. I prefer the traditional Sun God Festival. Vote on the new question at www.ucsdquardian.org.

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QUICK TAKES

Getting a Running Start on Campus Leadership

Candidates announced their runs for student government last Wednesday. Now, Guardian writers discuss issues the incoming council should focus on in order to enhance school pride and finally bring undergraduates their much-needed sense of community.

Ideal Parking Balances Preservation With Practicality | Free Speech, You May Now Address the Council

By Jonathan Chu CONTRIBUTING WRITER

As incoming class sizes grow, on-campus parking has becoming increasingly crowded and chaotic. The issue arises from the irreconcilable gap between students' demand for more accessible parking and transportation and environmentalists' desire to reduce the usage of carbon-emitting automobiles.

Even though UCSD Transportation & Parking Services reported that there are over 1,000 empty parking spaces even during peak hours, the problem of accessible student parking — that is, not faculty, graduate student or visitor spaces — still remains. And with periodic talk of a new parking structure, which would in turn drive up permit prices, the new council will definitely need to focus its energy on helping students navigate the muddled parking confusion.

Students rushing to class don't have time to guess which parking lot has an empty spot waiting for them. But there's no easy solution for this obvious overcrowding. Instead, the council should help promote a more environmentally friendly alternative: using public transportation.

The overcrowding of UCSD shuttles at peak hours, coupled with the recent truncation of city bus routes in various areas, leaves students facing a lack of reliable public transportation. This is why the council should work with T&PS to design the most efficient routes for students, while keeping the Earth

Environmental concerns have already prompted T&PS to purchase electric vehicles for on-campus use and to begin replacing current shuttles with alternative-fuel powered shuttles, in addition to sponsoring bike-riding initiatives — a few major steps in UCSD's contribution to sustainability and the environ-

But students' everyday commuting needs still must be considered. A decrease in the use of cars must be accompanied with alternative methods for commuting students. Replacing shuttles with environmentally friendly fuel sources does not improve the reliability of public transportation.

The solution lies in providing efficient and convenient alternatives to car use that are also environmentally friendly. T&PS can maximize efficiency through better distribution and organization of the different types of parking spaces — why are all the student spaces being moved from the heart of campus to lots on the school's outer rim?

The burden falls on the A.S. Council to lobby for these student interests. Incoming councilmembers must take into account both the students' practical commuting needs and the pressing concern of environmental preservation.

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By Alex Ahmed

Free speech should be a topic of heavy discussion on the A.S. Council floor next year, as it has received very little attention thus far. Revisions to campus policy on free speech and advocacy, as proposed by the administration and e-mailed to students last June during finals week, divide the campus into free speech zones, require reservations for gatherings of 10 or more people and impose regulations on the political activity of faculty

In response, a 16-member committee, composed of undergraduates, faculty and administrators, was formed to evaluate and rewrite the policies stipulated in the revisions in the interest of securing unabridged free speech.

Current A.S. Vice President of External Affairs Dorothy Young has voiced support for the committee's proposal, recommending that the council endorse it. Meanwhile, other councilmembers sit on the University Centers Advisory Board, which recently created its own restrictive policy — it sweepingly prohibits gatherings that produce "excessive noise" - governing free speech in Price Center.

Clearly, the A.S. Council is divided; differences of opinion exist on any topic, but a threat to free speech must be handled with cohesive student unity.

The incoming council must bring to the

floor an all-encompassing debate concerning what free speech rights students have. It must send a strong message to students alerting them, on a large scale, of its stance on the implications of any policy revisions. The administration revealed the changes last June, leaving all new freshmen and transfer students in the dark, but the current council has done nothing to inform these students of the recent alterations to their rights.

When the elections pass and the council transitions to its new form, student leaders need to discuss free speech openly with any student or staff member willing to participate, and reach a consensus.

The council is the only group with enough representative breadth across the student population to make a significant difference in how the situation will play out. If the council consolidates a stance on free speech, and brings this stance to the mass attention of the student body, the debate becomes less between advisory boards and revision committees, and more between concerned students and an administration keen to strip away constitutional rights.

And most importantly, with a united student voice, the debate's end result is far more likely to be in the favor of students' civil rights than what the administration deems allowable.

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Student Organizations Give Council an Untapped World of Symbiotic Possibilities

By Christina Buquid CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Though few can put faces to the A.S. Council names, many undergraduates are involved in at least one on-campus club. While candidates prepare for their campaigns, and for unopposed candidates their inevitable election into office, they continue to ignore what is perhaps their greatest resource: student organizations.

There is no better way for the council to connect with students than through the groups to which they belong. It's in these organizations that incoming freshmen find friendly faces and learn to voice their concerns with the campus. However, if nobody with the power to propagate change is listening, what's the incentive? A better relationship with the personable organizations on the council's part would strengthen student enthusiasm for programming events, and in turn boost a significantly weak school spirit.

Different organizations have equally varying relationships with the council; it appears this great divide is overarching. As of now, the only way for organizations to have a voice is by getting one of their members elected to the council.

But this inside favoritism serves few students. Councilmembers should explore other ways to tap into the power of the campus' clubs. What's necessary is an institutionalized connection, where student government can effectively communicate with all student organizations, and vice versa. The council's focus is often behind the scenes and therefore invisible to most students, but in order to best serve its constituency the council should create an efficient line of communication with student club leaders that provides accurate information in a timely manner. This will open doors for more collaborative projects.

The current council has made notable strides to better its relationships with student organizations by reaching out to students with A.S. visibility weeks and streamlining bureaucratic procedures by making them available online. With this groundwork in place, the incoming council is poised to solidify the already germinating relationship.

The A.S. Council is a fiscal crutch for organizations to lean on - and this will surely be another issue for the council in the coming year — but there are so many ways this connection could be improved.

The council must use next year to explore other means of support for these organizations, outside of the wallet. For example, both bodies could benefit from improved publicity, which could lead to a generally stronger school spirit and a better campus climate.

The current council is making progress in getting people from many different organizations involved so they can bring varied perspectives to the table. This progress is exciting, but it ensures nothing for clubs currently uninvolved with student government.

It is these campus clubs that constantly engage and interact with students. All the council needs to do is build upon this friendship, and voila — student life becomes exponentially better connected to the campus.

Idealistic as it is, hand in hand, the A.S. Council and student orgs could revive a UCSD school spirit that has become one of the most pressing concerns of dissatisfied students.

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Publicity, Participation Play Pivotal Parts in Programming

By Diana Tith

It's no secret: We attend UC Socially Dead. The problem doesn't lie in a lack of events where students can have fun and mingle. From Bear Gardens to TGIO concerts, A.S. Programming works hard to offer a variety of activities and concerts throughout the year. The problem lies in the attendance records of these events. With A.S. Council elections coming up, candidates should look at ways of improving event publicity and marketing in order to increase

According to last year's UCSD Student Life Annual Report, 2,852 students attended FallFest, less than half that went to WinterFest and the TGIO concerts had a total of 1,303 attendees. When compared to the 16,500 students who attended the Sun God Festival, it's clear that these other events are missing the bar.

This year's council has sought to improve Sun God even more, by

changing the layout and increasing the number of campus-sponsored activities. These changes look to enhance the festival's already charged atmosphere; Sun God is the one day the campus really comes alive and students are out in full force.

While A.S. Programming has taken an amazing first step this year, it will be up to the incoming council to appoint a hardworking and innovative programming staff. If the council wants to support its events with bigger crowds, the events need to have almost the same status as Sun God. Luckily, the incoming council will inherit what looks like a wellcoordinated plan for future events. This year's Sun God will lay the foundations for future growth. And by transforming the quarterly concerts into all-campus dances, A.S. Programming is working to bring FallFest and WinterFest up to par with Spring Quarter's mayhem.

The incoming council is sitting pretty; all it needs to do is continue along this year's path of innovation, and expand publicity for these events.

Currently, events are advertised via Web sites, flyers and Facebook. This does a mediocre job of publicity and keeping students informed about the activities going on at UCSD, but there needs to be something more than simply telling the who, what, when and where of an event. The council should focus its efforts on reaching out to students to keep them excited and aware of opportunities — something that is also pivotal for success at this year's revamped Sun

What's most important is to build a stronger and more united UCSD community. The thing that makes Sun God so unique is that it brings together every student on campus. A.S Programming should only rest when it can get the same turnout and feeling of unity throughout the

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New Council's First Order of Business: Create a Campus Identity

By Aleks Savovic

Given that this campus is widely recognized for its rigorous, broadly based curricula, its accelerating rigidity in freshman selection and its continuous climb up the ladder in academic quality rankings, the A.S. Council should rally around a singular identity that has seemingly eluded the UCSD student body for

What UCSD needs is an identity focused on its commitment to produce the hardest working, most intellectually stimulated and most confident graduating body that the UC system has to offer.

The A.S. Council must first work to promote such an identity. UCSD should become the CalTech of the UC system.

In turn, developing such an image takes time. Yet, UCSD is already considered to be a top national contributor to important bodies of research, and is on par academically with UC Berkeley and UCLA. Additionally, the title "UCSD" increasingly conjures up images of a rigorous, pragmatic and distraction-lacking academic experience. To emphasize and reinforce the notion that students should feel proud and privileged to be a Triton, the A.S. Council needs

to maintain a stringent fund allocation requirement in order to ensure that research-oriented, potentially nationally competitive clubs receive more funding. The incoming council should also consider processes targeted toward garnering more media attention by lobbying to host recognized academic conventions, which would provide an excellent basis for marketing efforts.

The importance of a school identity is undeniable. Promoting a common, recognizable and enviable identity may be just the ticket.

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Price Center Expansion the Perfect Opportunity to Enhance Student Life

By Vincent Andrews

Usually one of the more imposing structures on campus, it's pretty hard not to envy the well-equipped Student Union buildings at UCLA and UC Berkeley. These bigger, better cousins of our Price Center boast travel agencies, haircut salons, arcades, 24-hour study lounges and, most envy worthy, a wide variety of inexpensive restaurants that stay open late.

Now, with the new expansion of Price Center and other parts of campus, UCSD is taking a step in the right direction. Our answer to UCLA and UC Berkeley's Student Unions will grow to include more restaurants, study lounges, a nightclub and other exciting additions, making way for the more tight-knit and community-centric campus that the administration has always wanted to create. These sorts of improvements (that we pay a small fortune for, of course) will be key to augmenting UCSD's notoriously low morale, and in the process, might actually facilitate Triton solidarity.

The new construction is encouraging, but there is still a lot more room for expansion and improvement of Price Center. The A.S. Council will be moving into new offices with the expansion's completion, but let's hope councilmembers take a walk outside and start to use the new space for better activities to unify the campus.

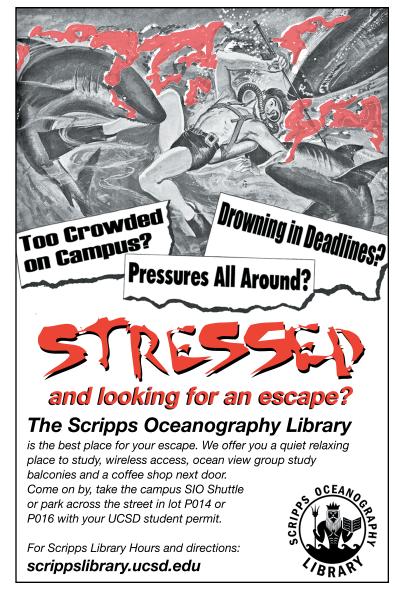
We need everything we can get to overcome this frustratingly spread-out campus and push for developments that will make Price Center that nexus of activity and student convenience we've always dreamed of. UCSD may shut down at 4:30 p.m., but student needs do not operate on a nine-to-five basis. Let's keep the momentum going for a more student-adapted Price Center that compensates for the embarrassing dearth of things to do in La Jolla. Forget Spirit Night — the key to Tritons' hearts lies in the availability and convenience of on-campus services, restaurants and events. Let's make it happen.

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A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro









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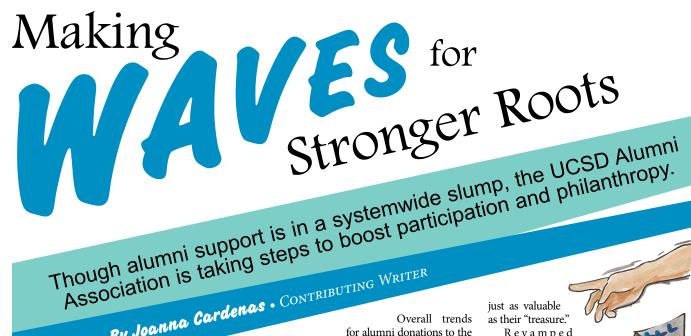
GO FIGURE 2001

Alumni Association at the Price Center

▶ The year the Society for the Protection of Animal Rights in Egypt was established, according to Sparealife.org.



MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008



By Joanna Cardenas • Contributing Writer

nttan Trozzi, a 2001 alumna and selfproclaimed poster child for UCSD, swears that she would bleed blue and gold if you cut her arm off. Under the direction of the UCSD Alumni Association, for which she serves as Student-Alumni Programs Manager, Trozzi and her colleagues strive to cultivate this same prided culture to reconnect alumni to the university and elevate alumni presence on campus. This push for pride is coupled with the recent revamp of alumni programs intended to increase membership and donations.

Creating a strong connection to the university is something other campus entities, like the A.S. Council, are continually trying to achieve. But the Alumni Association, realizing that student disconnect may negatively impact current and potential membership and fiscal support, has recently made this its issue as well, and this new focus may explain minor improvement in membership numbers.

Currently, the UCSD Alumni Association has 8,067 contributing members registered, up from 7,200 members in January 2006. Approximately 5,121 alumni donated \$1.8 million to the university last year. This year, 466 first-time alumni donors have already contributed to UCSD, demonstrating some growth, according to Director of Development Communications Judy Piercey. These donations have become increasingly important, because only 12 percent of the university's annual revenue comes from the state, according to Executive Director of Development Harrie Hughes.

Despite the slight progress, UCSD's alumni contributions are eclipsed by more established universities like UCLA, which received roughly \$64 million from 5 percent of its 87,000 Alumni Association members last year. Aside from having a 41-year advantage in establishing both school-instituted events like Spring Sing and student-instituted traditions like the Undie-Run, UCLA's Alumni Association is heavily involved in student life from day one. Alumni members make calls to incoming freshmen, and a tour of the James West Alumni Center is a vital component of freshmen orientation, according to Brian Logue, director of membership for UCLA's Alumni Association.

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UC system, however, have decreased 1.8 percent, according to Piercey, and UCSD's Alumni Association is taking steps to boost membership and philanthropic support. This support accounted for over \$17 million of the \$1-billion "Imagine What's Next" campaign and helped fund 40 percent of faculty research efforts and 33 percent of academic programs and facilities, according to Piercey.

Executive Director for the Alumni Association Armin Afsahi hopes to promote support by making the Alumni Association a visible part of campus life through its new location in the renovated Price Center. This move will allow the association to be a more active force in the student experience by simply being in the center of campus activity.

'We really expect Price Center to be a draw for alumni to come back and check out what's been changing and expanding," Trozzi said. "Really successful universities have that alumni home and we get to build our home now."

The new Price Center, according to UCSD alumna Nicole Vargas, will help remedy the socially stunted environment she experienced as a student. For Vargas, Price Center's renovation is positive proof that the university is acknowledging the social aspect of college life and making it easier for students to find a social outlet after hours of dedicated study.

With a physical home in the works, the Alumni Association is partnering with Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Penny Rue, working to instill an emotional attachment between the university, students and alumni through stronger campus traditions. On March 1, the Alumni Association co-sponsored and co-funded a retreat where seven alumni members and a handful of current students brainstormed new ideas for traditions potential threads to tie students and alumni together in a shared experience.

"Happy students; engaged students with great positive experiences become great alumni of the institution," Afsahi said. "That's why we're thrilled with [Vice] Chancellor Rue's arrival because she has it as her mission to create a strong student experience for every student and to make sure alumni are visible in that experience."

The Alumni Association is also encouraging alumni to donate more than their money. Because 68 percent of UCSD alumni are under the age of 40, according to Piercey, it is difficult to expect the type of fiscal support more established uni-

versities like UCLA which have older alumni — receive. According to Trozzi, potential members may feel that because they cannot contribute financially, they shouldn't join. The Alumni Association provides these young alumni with revived programs to get them to share their time and resources in lieu of their money.

We don't necessarily think everyone can only donate money," Afsahi said. "Sometimes what people think about when they think of an alumni association is, 'you just want our money, stop

The association stresses a particular part of its moniker "time, talent and treasure," emphaszing that an

alumni's "time"

and "talent" are

Revamped student-alumni programs include Triton Tables and Life 101. Triton Tables, a program that has been hosted sporadically since 2005, will now regularly occur one weekend a quarter and will be themed. Students can now choose which event they would like to attend based on the themes, instead of being assigned to a certain table. Between Feb. 29 and March 2,

alumni had the opportunity to enhance their connection to UCSD by inviting current students into their homes for a social dinner. Topics at the March 2 Triton Tables dinner, hosted by Vargas and UCSD alumni Eric Viglotti, ranged from internship opportunities for sports writers to UCSD urban legends.

'I love meeting students," Vargas said. "I really think it's important to build a network and to see someone who survived [college]."

Although it has existed for four years, Life 101 has been altered to provide students with the same chance to speak with alumni, and alumni with another occasion to reconnect with the university. The Life 101 program will host a "Networking with the Pros" event on April 30 that will bring 50 alumni from different industries back to campus to answer career-specific questions for current students.

These programs are specifically designed to promote student-alumni interaction in the hopes that students will graduate having an understanding of the value of alumni-university connections and will thus be willing to come back and give, Afsahi said. Additionally, for current alumni who did not have access to these programs when they were students, there are alumni-related avenues in place to entice them to return to the university.

For alumni unable to physically return to the university, there is the "UCSD Near You" program. This nationwide tour stops at 10 cities from San Diego to Boston, and recently brought 600 alumni together. The Alumni Association also funds 16 regional chapters led by volunteers, 12 affinity groups and five constituent chapters — including the Black Alumni Chapter, Staff Alumni Chapter, Chicano-Hispanic Alumni Chapter, American-Indian Alumni Chapter and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Alumni Chapter — all of which connect alumni with one another.

"Our largest goal is to make sure that UC San Diego remains relevant in [alumni] lives and then they can make the best decisions on how that relevance is translated," Afsahi said.

While alumni membership has increased slowly in the past two years, monetary support still falls below what the Alumni Association desires, according to Afsahi.

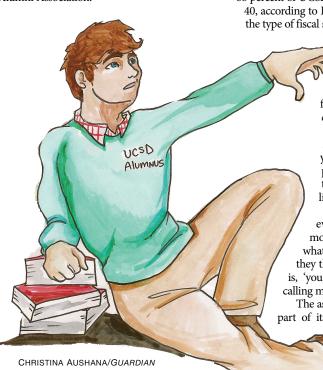
Alumni donations and participation are contingent upon feeling connected to the university, Trozzi said. She added that students who feel connected to the university while they attend will undoubtedly feel the same passion once they have graduated.

"Other universities that have exemplary alumni programs are those where there's a buzz across the world among their alumni," Afsahi said. "We think UC San Diego is an amazing place and we're creating that buzz."

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- · \$17,777,132 was donated by alumni during the seven-year "Imagine What's Next" campaign.
- In the 2006-07 fiscal year, 5,121 alumni gave \$1,803,005 to UCSD.
- Currently, there are **8,067** Alumni Association members, out of 116,796 UCSD graduates.
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- **68** percent of alumni are less than 40 years old.



San Diegans Shocked by Circus at Giza Zoo

by a lush, green garden sculpture depicting an elephant, visitors to the San Diego Zoo are prepared to enter one of the world's most renowned and progressive animal habitats. It is also one of the most expansive, stretching over 100 acres of San Diego real estate. The cost of entrance: \$33 — the "best value" rate.

Ushered through an immense green flanked on either side by etched stone giraffes, visitors to the Giza Zoo in Cairo can enjoy

dharvey@ucsd.edu the once fourth-ranked zoo in the world, also mapped at 100 acres, for one Egyptian pound, or 18 American

Idyllic walking trails for guests and spacious living accommodations for residents have put the San Diego Zoo ahead of many around the world. It is known not only for its educational aspect and mission to inform the public, but as a leader in conservation and protection of endangered species. The zoo has been pivotal in breeding and reintroduction efforts for the California Condor and the African Black Rhino. It is even more famous for raising the first Panda cubs born in the United States.

Most of the animals are transferred between the zoo and the Wild Animal Park, which operates under the same management. Entrance fee proceeds go to maintaining animals and locations, education programs, research and conservation efforts.

The Giza Zoo's income doesn't even cover upkeep costs, but remains low to allow residents and tourists of all incomes a chance to experience everything the facility has to offer. The zoo houses an extensive breed-

elcomed to the gates ing facility, where the first California Sea Lion was born in the Middle East, and a fully operational taxidermist. Nevertheless, the zoo staff's focus is less about education as it is about entertainment.

> The green gardens and wide walkways of the Giza Zoo contrast the crowded and urban landscape of Cairo. Even on Friday, the first day of the Egyptian weekend and

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Muslim holy day, the zoo is less crowded than its San Diegan counterpart on the slowest of days.

While the San Diego zoo welcomes visitors to

snap photos of the resting, frolicking or pacing creatures, the Giza Zoo prohibits guests to enter with their personal cameras. But this rule, like so many others in Cairo, is flexible and laxly enforced.

Another practice that sets the Giza Zoo apart from the San Diego Zoo is the proximity with which tourists or guests can find themselves from the animals. The San Diego Zoo is a pioneer in building cage-less exhibits; at the Giza Zoo visitors can stand mere feet from lions, tigers and bears, separated from the confines of their tiny cells by only a few steel

At the sea lion cage, a member of the zoo staff gave a long stick to a young child, which he then used to feed the excitable animal a meager chunk of fish. The sea lion, flinging itself against the cage and stuffing its face into the holes of a rusty cyclone fence, likely spent its entire day in that same predicament. The kids can't seem to get enough.

Walking past the bears, Earl Warren College seniors Wesley Horne, Meaghan Beatty and I all paused. One small black bear with a bald spot and dangling tongue was raking its head along the bars in brain-damaged fashion. Another group squealed and cried out as zookeepers splashed a large barrel of what looked like oatmeal into the center of the cage. The bears attacked the food ravenously. At the far end of the complex a small boy nearly lost a hand as he spoon-fed a lone member of the exhibit.

One elephant garnered similar treatment; a crowd waited at the edge of the gate to hand his wandering trunk leaves and lettuce. Masses of baby crocodiles flooded across small, glass enclosed caverns in the reptile center and a sign outside, surely meant to prevent reoccurrence of past mishaps, asked visitors to refrain from catching the animals.

By the time we reached the lion exhibits we had managed to attract the attention of a zoo photographer, eager to show us everything the zoo had to offer. Without even stopping outside the cages, we were whisked into the off-limits area and the feline backroom.

We had heard there was a good chance we could hold baby lions, chimpanzees or really do just about anything we wanted with them. Still, when we were handed the cubs and asked to kneel, pose and smile, it felt a little uncomfortable — not because claws were digging into my leg or because the cameraman insisted that next we would stand with our back to a full-grown tiger as another man dangled food above us to distract it from reaching through the bars. No, I felt uncomfortable because I have grown up with the kind of quality and environment the San Diego Zoo offers animals, and even then thought the idea of zoos to be a bit perverse.

We walked out and tipped the zookeeper about \$10. The pictures cost a pretty penny more. As soon as

tor your safety Please don't catch any Reptile



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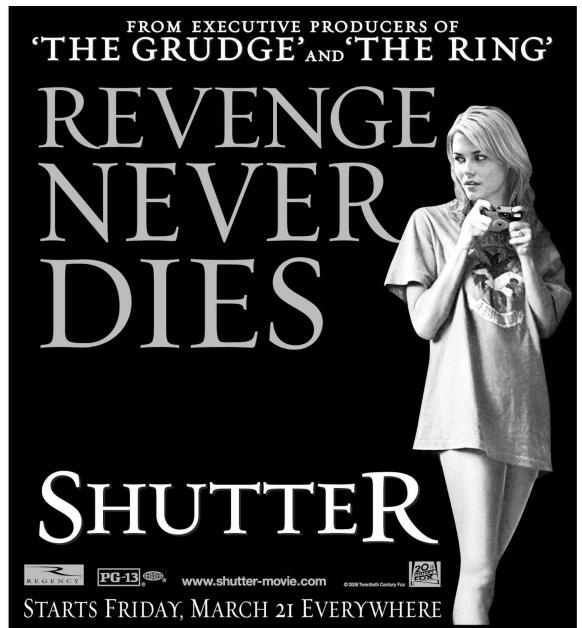
Top: An ominous sign posted at the entrance to the reptile exhibit reminds eager vistors to keep their hands to themselves. Bottom: A zookeeper helps a child feed a hungry seal through cage bars. The Giza Zoo uses thin bars and chainlink fences to separate impulsive crowds from the wildlife.

we had them in hand we left, unable to spend anymore time wandering

I felt bad about the zoo's conditions, especially about the mistreatment of the animals. I was annoyed that they were treated so poorly so the staff could make a little money, but I guess that is the problem. How

can the quality of care for animals go up, when the quality of life for those who care for them depends on the circus sideshow of the Giza Zoo in Cairo?

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GUARDIAN Campus Calendar WEEK OF MAR 10-MAR 16

MON MAR 10

CAREER

Practice Interviewing for Job Seekers - Respond to actual interview questions while being videotaped, receive immediate feedback, and build your confidence in this small group setting. Sign-up required. Call 858.534.3750 or stop by the center to register. 11am-1pm at Career Services Center Conference Room.

Employer Info Session: Green Hills Software - Career Services Center's On-Campus Interviewing program invites you to meet reps from Green Hills Software, is the technology leader in highperformance compilers, software development tools and real-time operating systems (RTOS) for developers of embedded systems recruiting engineers. Please RSVP via Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu. 5-6:30pm at Career Services Center Horizon Room.

RECREATION

Fusion Kick Off 2008 - Stop by for performances that will kick off Fusion 2008 and promote Asian awareness in the hip-hop community. 11am-2pm PC Plaza

Hot Chocolate for Cold Travelers - Random Acts of Kindness will be handing out free hot chocolate to shuttlers or passer bys. We hope to build community and provide a friendly atmosphere. 6:30-9pm at Mandeville Center.

Annual Korean Film Festival - The Annual Korean American Student Association will host a film festival showcasing blockbuster hits of 2007-2008. Titles TBA. 6-9pm PC Theater, free.

Roma Nights presents Alyssa Jacey, 8-9pm at Price Center, free.

TUES MAR 11

ARTS

The Seven - Students: \$31, GA: \$34, 2 for 1 student discount. 7:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

Gospel Choir Concert - Gospel, spirituals, blues and other African-American music genres will levitate some listeners as hundreds of voice take flight under the direction of Ken Anderson. 8pm at the Mandeville Auditorium, free for UCSD students.

CAREER

Employer Info Session: FactSet Research - Career Services Center's On-Campus Interviewing program invites you to meet reps from FactSet Research, is a major supplier of online integrated financial and economic information to the investment management and banking industries recruiting engineers. Please RSVP via Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu.5-6:30pm at Career Services Center Conference Room.

Employer Info Session: Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) - Career Services Center's On-Campus Interviewing program invites you to meet reps from Jet Propulsion Laboratory, a division of the California Institute of Technology, is a lead research and development center of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) recruiting engineers. Please RSVP via Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu. 5-6:30pm at Career Services Center Horizon Room.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents The Golden Compass - In a parallel universe, young girl journeys to the far North to save her best friend and other kidnapped children from terrible experiments by a mysterious organization. Starring Nicole Kidman and Daniel Craig. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3. Free Movie and Drinks (non-alcoholic): Take a break from your studying and join I-Club to watch the Motorcycle Diaries, drink free beverages, and eat popcorn. 7pm at the International Center Lounge

SPORTS

UEFA Champions League soccer is back with the second leg of the Round of 16 upon usl iSports is proud to present the best of European football as FC Internazionale Milano takes on Liverpool FC. Refreshments provided. Event sponsored by International House. 11:30am at the International House Great Hall

UCSD Women's Club Volleyball vs. San Diego State, 8pm at the Main Gym.

WEDS MAR 12

ACADEMIC

[De]Constructing Retention - We will be exploring the definition and perception of retention, how well the UC system is retaining, and what needs to be done to improve on the current process and definition of retention on this campus. Come and discuss what Retention means to you, what it entails, and whether or not UCSD and its students have been working it in an effective manner. Light Dinner/Snacks will be served! 7-9pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

ARTS

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CAREER

Industry Networking Night - Join the "INN"

crowd at our exclusive networking night featuring the Career Services Center's Diamond and Platinum Level Corporate Partners. Enjoy appetizers and beverages in the center's newly unveiled special event space while meeting recruiters from some of the region's top companies. While this is not a job fair, we encourage you to dress to impress and come prepared to talk about the positions and industries you are interested in! 4:30-6:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Intern Positions Available at the Cross Cultural Center - 10hrs a week, \$9.50. Come to an information session today! 2-3pm at the Women's Resource Center.

CLUBS

FJJI Blood Drive - The Gentlemen of Phi Gamma Delta will host a Blood Drive. They will also be giving out Chipotle Burritos to those that donate! Register online at https://www.givelife.org by using your email address, date of birth, and the sponsor code: PhiGammaDelta. 10am-5pm on Library Walk.

LECTURE

General Tax Information for International Students - A representative from the IRS will share general information for international students filing U.S. tax returns. The presenter will not be able to answer questions specific to your situation but can refer you to additional resources. 12pm at the I-Center Lounge.

Socioeconomic Status Gradients among Mexicans in the U.S. and in Mexico: A New Twist to the Hispanic Paradox on Health Outcomes - Alberto Palloni will be presenting his lecture "Socioeconomic Status Gradients among Mexicans in the U.S. and in Mexico: A New Twist to the Hispanic Paradox on Health Outcomes," an analysis on the relationship between socioeconomic status and the health outcomes of Mexicans in the U.S. and in Mexico . Free! 3:30pm Deutz Conference Room IOA Complex.

Distrust and Trust in the Aftermath of Violence - Dr. Zucker will discuss how villagers are contending with the residue of distrust from 30 years of war, while at the same time seeking to rebuild their lives together. 4-5:30pm, Social Science Building Room 104.

SPECIAL EVENT

Mix it Up! Grad-Undergrad Lunchtime Mixer - Demystify the world of graduate school by talking to real live grad students and faculty members from the arts and sciences. Bring your appetite, questions, and bubbling personalities. RSVP not necessary (but recommended), email grad-community@ucsd.edu. 11:30am-1pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

SPORTS

Men's Tennis vs. Gonzaga, 2pm at Northview Tennis Courts.

THURS MAR 13

ACADEMIC

Urban Expo XVIII - Join us as we showcase a wide range of research projects and posters completed by seventy-six Urban Studies and Planning undergraduate seniors. This is a wonderful opportunity to view creative, civically-engaged student research focused on San Diego and its environment. 10am at PC Ballroom B.

ARTS

ArtPower! Presents Teeny-tiny Film Series: Women of the Silent Screen - March is Women's History Month. The Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra presents a tribute to women writers, producers, performers, and directors of the early silent scene. As these films roll, sounds from female composers of the era will be heard and will include ragtime tunes, salon favorites, and delightful children's piano literature. Ladies and gentlemen alike will have a chance to help with the score this night! Student: \$4, Faculty/Staff: \$7, GA: \$10. Call (858) 534-TIXS Ext. for tickets. 8pm at Porter's Pub.

Daughters of Triton Winter Concert - DOTS will host an A Capella concert. 8-10pm Center Hall, free. danceALIVE! choreographed by Faculty Artists - Director Liam Clancy joins fellow faculty artists Eric Geiger, Allyson Green, Margaret Marshall, and Alison Dietterle Smith in creating an exciting evening of dance, theater and interdisciplinary collaboration highlighting the talents of our dance and theater students as they perform these original and innovative new pieces. Student: \$10, Faculty/Staff: \$12, GA: \$15. Call the Box Office at (858) 534-4574 Ext. for tickets. 8pm at Mandell Weiss Theatre.

The Seven - Students: \$41, GA: \$44, 2 for 1 student discount. 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

CAREER

Career Options beyond Academia for Humanities & Social Science Graduate Students - Gain exposure to the diverse job opportunities that exist outside of the traditional academic track for humanities and social science graduate students. Learn how to apply your transferable skills toward a career path that is the right fit for you. 5-6:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Employer Info Session: Baker Engineering & Risk Consultants - Career Services Center's On-Campus Interviewing program invites you to meet reps from Baker Engineering & Risk Consultants, is

an internationally recognized firm that specializes in predicting, preventing, and mitigating hazards from explosions, fires, and toxic releases recruiting Structural Engineers. Please RSVP via Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu. 5-6:30pm at the Career Services Center Conference Room.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents No Country for Old Men - Violence and mayhem ensue after a hunter stumbles upon some dead bodies, a stash of heroin and more than \$2 million in cash near the Rio Grande. Starring: Tommy Lee Jones, Josh Brolin, and Woody Harrelson. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre. \$3.

SPORTS

Men's Tennis vs. Rollins, 2pm at Northview Tennis

Men's Volleyball vs. Long Beach State, 7pm

FRI MAR 14

ARTS

The Seven - Students: \$41, GA: \$44, 2 for 1 student discount. 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

SPORTS

Women's Water Polo vs. Colorado State, 6pm at

Men's Volleyball vs. Hope International, 7pm

UCSD Men's Club Rugby vs. Claremont College,

SAT MAR 15

ARTS

The Seven - 2pm at the La Jolla Playhouse, Students: \$36, GA: \$39, 2 for 1 student discount. 8pm, Students: \$41, GA: \$44, 2 for 1 student discount.

Symphony of Psalms - Music Director Steven Schick conducts a program of unusual variety: Stavinsky's masterpiece, the "Symphony of Psalms," is the centerpiece of a program that includes Schubert's charming "Little C-Major Symphony," the "Andante for Strings" by American composer Ruth Crawford Seeger, and UCSD composer Chinary Ung's "Inner Voices" — winner of the prestigous Grawemeyer Award. The concert is preceded by a free, pre-concert lecture one hour before the performance. Student: \$15, Faculty/Staff: \$20, GA: \$26, \$10 student rush available one hour before concert.

Last Campus Calendar of Winter Quarter

Next Campus Calendar Monday, March 31 Submission Deadline is Wed. March 26, 4pm



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8pm at Mandeville Auditorium

RECREATION

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SPORTS

Women's Tennis vs. University of Akron, 11 am at Northview Tennis Courts.

Baseball vs. Cal State Dominguez Hills, 11am and 2:30pm at Triton Field

SUN MAR 16

ARTS

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Symphony of Psalms - Student: \$15, Faculty/Staff: \$20, GA: \$26, \$10 student rush available one hour before concert.3pm at Mandeville Auditorium.

MENTAL WEALTH: A Performance Memoir of a Familial Legacy in the Bi-Polar Experience - "The Haunted Nursery", 7:45 pm at Mandeville Annex Gallery.

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.

A.S. Free Pancake Breakfast - A.S. will be sponsoring a free pancake breakfast for all undergraduate students. Free food and study materials will be distributed at the event. 3/17, 10pm-12am at PC Ballrooms A&B.

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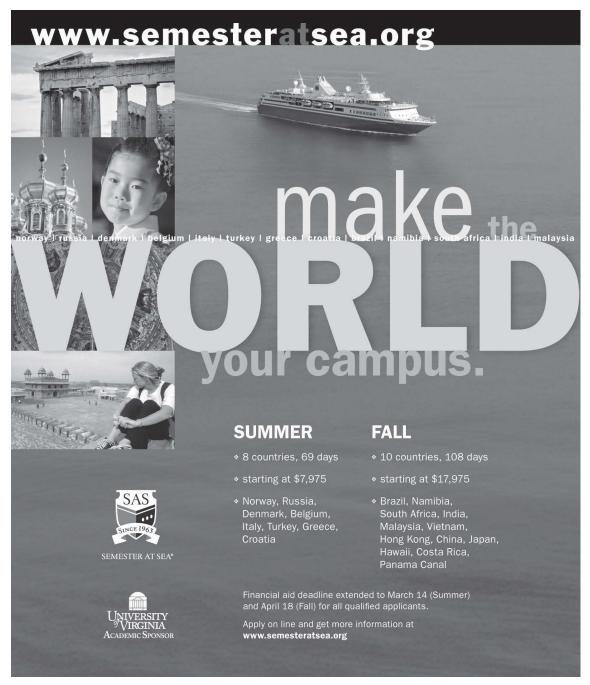
On-Campus Interviewing program - Industry-leading employers recruit at the Career Services Center throughout the year for full-time career positions and high-level internships outside of our regular listings. Learn how to sign up for an interview and submit your resume in Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu, or call 858.534.6710 with questions.

CLUBS

Women's Group - Women's Group is an opportunity to discuss issues, problems, and life in an informal and comfortable atmosphere. We meet in a respect ed space, so all information and identifies are kept confidential. If you are woman-identified and also identify as bisexual, lesbian, queer, or are questioning your sexual orientation, stop by Women's Group to meet other like-minded women and gain support from your peers. Every Wednesday, 8pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

CULTURE

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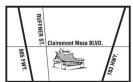
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UCSD Sends Record Six Fencers to Nationals

By Jake Blanc

FENCING — For the first time in history, UCSD's fencing team will be sending six fencers to Columbus, Ohio from March 13 to March 16 for the NCAA's National Championships. UCSD, which was represented at nationals by only two players last season, qualified five of its fencers with outright bids at the NCAA West Regional on March 1 and had its sixth fencer gain a wild card spot for the national championship.

By taking either first or second place at the regional championships, five Tritons immediately received invitations to the national competition. At regionals, which took place at Cal State Fullerton, freshman Benjamin Dorn, senior Emily Lipoma and sophomore Florence Lee all finished the foil competition in the top two, with Dorn and Lipoma taking first place. In epee, senior Chelsea Ambort and sophomore Heather Stephenson finished one-two, both earning bids to nationals. UCSD left regionals with five fencers heading to Ohio but was rewarded later in the week when it was informed that sophomore sabrist Bryan Kim had received one of only two wild card bids given in the entire country.

"I had written it off that I wasn't going to nationals so I was just trying to reflect on the good season that I

had," Kim said. "Then I got called up and found out I was in the running for one of two wild cards but I still tried to stay calm and not get too excited. When I got the second call and found out I was going to nationals I was overjoyed."

Presenting such a large contingent of fencers at the national championship is new territory for head coach Heidi Runyan, but a welcomed experience.

I was hoping to qualify four and to have six qualify is icing on the cake," Runyan said. "It will be a very, very tough competition. Chelsea Ambort is the only one who has NCAA Nationals experience, and she is one of the top women epeeists in the country. The other five are first-timers to nationals and they will be under the radar. It will be a mistake for their competitors to underestimate them."

Although the Tritons will show up at nationals with more fencers than usual, they will still have to face off against schools that qualify whole squads of fencers. The format consists of both a team competition and an individual tally, with the points of each fencer also going toward their team total. UCSD will be at a disadvantage in the team contest due to the huge numbers of fencers that certain schools have qualified, but will be able to stay competitive on an individual scale

When we are at nationals we will

just have to be mentally prepared for the most intense two days ever," Ambort said. "We will be fencing 23 people in two days and there is no doubt that won't matter. Every touch counts and so we have to be ready for every one. Staying sharp like that is very mentally and physically grueling, we will be exhausted after the first day and will have to go back and do it again on day two."

The level of competition that the Tritons will face will be a new experience for all but Ambort. For the firsttime qualifiers, the chance to prove themselves against the best fencers offers career-defining moments.

"It pretty much reads as a 'who's who' of the fencers that have dominated the sport the past few years so there's a high likelihood that if I don't fence well, they're going to eat me alive," Kim said. "I just need to try and stay relaxed and have some fun."

The meet will be held the weekend immediately before finals week, but the Tritons, who have been training hard toward nationals all year, feel prepared.

"Some of us, especially the seniors, have been preparing for this since we were freshmen," Ambort said. "I am very confident that we will have a strong showing in Ohio."

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Tritons Will Face the Coyotes in Tournament's First Round

▶ W. BASKETBALL, from page 12 championship game. The two teams split their games against each other in the regular season and were poised for a tight contest.

The Seawolves came out of the gates strong, taking a 22-13 lead with 6:36 left in the half. UCSD closed out the half on a 12-4 run to head into the break with some momentum. Sophomore forward Erin Noonan's three-pointer with four seconds left in the half cut Sonoma State's lead to 26-25.

"It was the third time we played them and we knew it was going to be tough," Gaskin said. "We were able to stay together even when they started to pull away."

The battle continued throught the second half. UCSD used the three-ball to keep pace with the Seawolves, as Noonan and Noud took turns converting from long range. With 1:45 left, Gaskin's layup evened the score at 54. The last two minutes of the game would determine who would be playing for the conference championship.

After taking a 56-55 lead on a layup from Noud, Osier came up with a key steal to help the Tritons hold on and win the contest.

Senior center Diahnn Futalan was the only player off the bench to receive significant playing time and all of the Tritons' points came from their five starters. Noud led the team with 19 points, while Noonan added 13 points and Osier contributed 12 points.

"It was a really tough game because in the playoffs, every team steps it up a notch," said Noud who, along with Osier, gained CCAA All-tournament honors. "We battled it out until the end and that's why we won."

Triton players said they hoped that their experience from last season, when they made it all the way to the Elite Eight, will help them in their first round matchup in the NCAA Tournament.

"When you go in to the tournament for the first time, you have nerves and jitters," Gaskin said. "We definitely have a lot of experience and we have an idea of what it's like playing against top teams on a neutral court."

UCSD will take on fifth-seeded Cal State San Bernardino in a first-round game on March 14. The Tritons swept the season series from the Coyotes and will look for their third win against them this year, this time with much more on the line.

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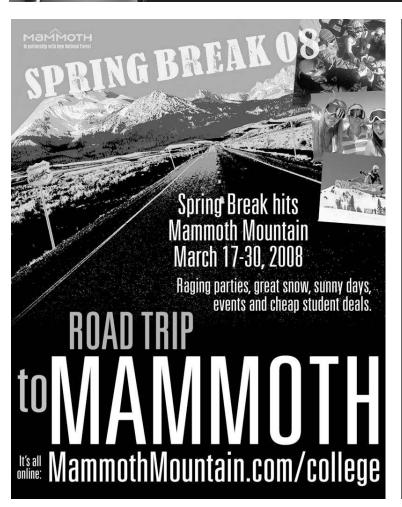
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First-Year Coach Leads Program to New Heights

► M. BASKETBALL, from page 12 other end, Patterson came up with a steal and drew a foul. Patterson hit 1-of-2 to again extend UCSD to a two-possession lead. Junior guard Kelvin Kim then set up an Allard trey on the next UCSD possession, extending the lead to seven as the Triton crowd at the Coussoulis Arena erupted into cheers. The Broncos could get no closer than five points through the game's final five minutes, as junior forward Andrew Hatch drew the fifth and final foul against Tsagarakis, Cal Poly Pomona's leading threepoint shooter, with 1:16 remaining. Lawlor, Allard, Hatch and Patterson combined to go 6-of-8 from the line in the final minute to hold on for the biggest win in program history.

"It's definitely a milestone in the history of UCSD," Lawley said. 'We're setting a tone for future years and definitely trying to build a legacy here. It's big for our team, big for our confidence in the near future. We're really riding high right now."

As a team, the Tritons committed only 10 turnovers while picking up seven steals. UCSD also out-rebounded the larger Broncos squad and converted 10-of-21 field goal attempts in each half, along with 73.1 percent of its free-throw opportunities. The Tritons also held Gordon, Cal Poly Pomona's leading scorer and the CCAA's second-leading scorer, to five points below his season average. UCSD had four players score in double digits: Patterson led the way with a game-high 17 points and tying Kim for the team high with four assists; Lawley added 14 points; Allard chipped in with 11; and Lawlor recorded a double-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Patterson, Lawley and Allard were also selected to the CCAA All-Tournament Team, with Patterson named Tournament MVP.

"This being my last year here playing, it's do-or-die. We stepped up to the challenge. People thought we couldn't do it. We dug ourselves a little hole, but we dug ourselves right back out. I just can't even describe it, it's one of the greatest feelings I've ever had. I'm happy to win with this group of guys; we get along so well. I love these guys."

The Tritons quickly displayed their renewed momentum in the semifinals against San Francisco State; a team that beat them twice during the season. UCSD jumped out to another 10-point advantage less than five and a half minutes in and led by 20, 28-8, with 7:17 left in the first half. UCSD shot an incredible 61.5 percent in the first half with an amazing 14 assists on 16 baskets, while holding the Gators to below 40-percent shooting and taking a 39-24 advantage into the half.

The Gators did not go away easily in the second half, applying a fullcourt press with over 13 minutes remaining and cutting the Triton lead to five points, 56-51, with 7:35 left in the game.

'I knew that any game could be my last," Allard, who is a fifth-year senior, said. "I think all the seniors played like that, and the underclassmen all had our back. Everyone that's coming back next year, they knew how much it meant to us seniors and they went all out."

Sophomore forward Andrew Browning was the first Triton to respond, completing a layup that pushed the lead back to seven. Patterson then scored six straight points for UCSD and after a San Francisco State three, Allard's steal led to a Kim layup that put UCSD up by nine with 2:06 remaining in regulation. Allard and Lawlor each scored three straight UCSD points in the final minutes to seal the win and their place in the tournament finale.

the field and took only six threepointers in the game, converting four of them. UCSD also collected 22 total assists, with Kim setting a career high of nine and Allard adding eight.

"We were on a five-game skid cominginto [the CCAA Tournament] and we just realized that we had to turn something around," Lawley said. "We made a complete 180 and came ready to play all three games in the tournament."

Patterson, the only Triton scoring in double digits with a game-high 22 points on 8-of-10 field goal shooting and 6-of-8 from the line, pointed to the optimistic outlook and philosophy of first-year head coach Carlson as a big reason for success.

"Coach Carlson is just so positive," he said. "Even if we mess up, he's still there, encouraging us to be better. Never gets down on us, never negative, and I think that helps a lot in terms of player development and confidence."

Carlson, who left UCLA as director of basketball operations to begin his first head coaching stint, pointed to the efforts of his senior leadership.

"Clint Allard, Henry Patterson, Andrew Hatch, Jon Ward, Jason Bull - all our seniors have provided great leadership, both on and off the court," he said. "Jon Ward and Jason Bull, they don't play, but those guys are good teammates and they play very hard at practice and they make everyone else work hard. That senior group provides great leadership for us, and they should be very proud of their efforts."

UCSD's next destination will be revealed during the NCAA Division II Selection Show on Sunday evening, with the West Regionals expected to begin on Friday, March 14.

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► TRACK AND FIELD, from page 12 town rivals San Diego State and the University of San Diego. The women placed first with 217.5 overall points, just enough to beat out second-place SDSU's 204. The men were able to win with more breathing room, as their 193.5 points were more than enough to edge out Point Loma Nazarene University's 134.5.

Johnson's leap of 19'2" in the long jump and junior Sarah Hendy's

throw of 158'4" in the discus were both good enough to earn automatic qualification for the NCAA National Championships in May. The Triton women also received five provisional national qualifiers, including two from sophomore hurdler Christine

Merrill, whose

times in the 100- and 400-meter hurdles of 14.46 and 1:02.21, respectively, were also good enough to get her first place, beating a very talented Aztec hurdling team.

"It was a really good day for everyone, which got me excited," Merrill said. "Since the whole team was running well, it made me concentrate really hard. The success definitely carried over from All-Cal last weekend; the momentum really helped. The whole team works really well together, we all get each other excited to compete; we are really like a big

On the men's side, the team won 12 of the 18 scored events, with Nick

put both winning the day's event and going down as the third best throw in UCSD history. Although the Triton women occasionally get more attention than the men, both squads merited the same amount of praise with their performance at the SD City Championships.

"You can't really slight the men's performance," Salerno said. "They are really good and it's unfortunate that sometimes the women, who are

normally ranked first or second in the nation, overshadow them. The men are top 20 in the nation and to come against these teams here and be pretty much dominant is impressive."

The women have now beat five Division-I teams in the past two weeks, proving sophomore hurdler that they are truly the country's best Division-II squad.

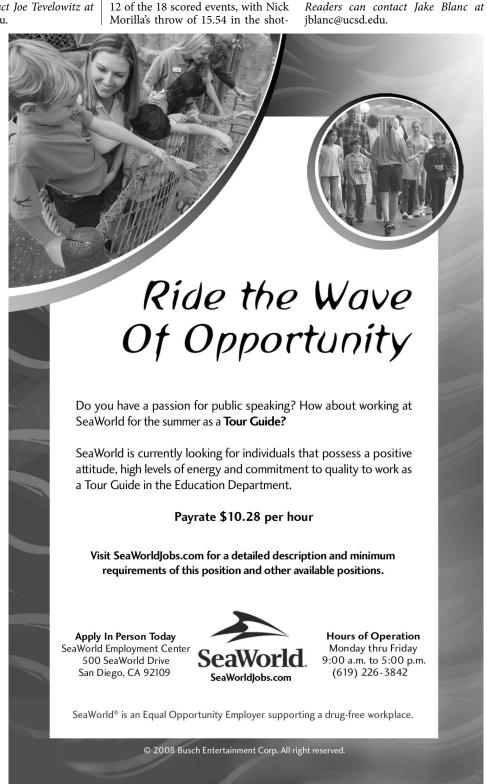
A key ingredient to the team's success is a balanced roster, which is full of athletes that can step up on any given day.

"This season we can probably expect a lot of new people to step into the limelight," Johnson said. "There are definitely not just a few stars on the team. Anyone can have a massive breakthrough at any given meet. As a team, we just need to stay united, stay consistent and stay focused on

UCSD will next travel down the road to the Aztec Invitational, hosted by SDSU on March 14 and 15.

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HOT CORNER Henry Patterson Men's Basketball

The junior forward was named the CCAA Tournament's MVP as he led the Tritons to an improbable 64-56 over Cal Poly Pomona on March 8 to take the conference title.

UCSD CAPTURES CONFERENCE CROWN

Heading into CCAA tournament, the program had yet to win a Division II playoff game, but now will advance to the National Tournament with a No. 8 seed in the upcoming West Regional.

By Joe Tevelowitz
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — "We set our goals at the beginning of the season: CCAA Championship," junior forward Darryl Lawlor said. "To win it, it's like a dream come

The UCSD men's basketball team's dream did indeed come true on March 8, as the Tritons completed a memorable underdog journey by securing the program's first-ever California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship and berth in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Tournament.

The Tritons were seeded eighth in the West Region amd will face top-seeded University of Alaska Anchorage in the first round on March 15.

Entering the CCAA Tournament as the seventh seed after closing out the regular season on a five-game skid, UCSD followed an upset over No. 2 seed and host school Cal State San Bernardino with a 72-65 win against San Francisco State on March 7 and a 64-56 victory over Cal Poly Pomona in the tournament final on March 8. The Tritons, having improved their Division II-best record to 18-11 on the season, will now move on to the NCAA D-II West Regional Quarterfinals.

"If you don't believe you're going to win the CCAA Championship, then you won't do it," senior guard Clint Allard said. "Every one of our guys believed we had a shot at it. On any given night, we can beat anybody. We had the preparation and we played as hard as we could."

The Tritons' preparation was on display early against Cal Poly Pomona. After Pomona's Rich Collins opened the scoring by nailing a three-pointer on the first Broncos possession, three-pointers from sophomore guard Jordan Lawley, Lawlor and Allard keyed a 13-0 UCSD run. Having trailed the Broncos by double digits early on in both of this season's previous meetings, the Tritons held their own 10-point advantage less than six minutes into the game.

While demonstrating the sharp shooting that made UCSD the conference's second-best three-point field goal shooting team, the Tritons' fourth-ranked defense was also on display, holding Cal Poly Pomona below 10 points for the first 11 minutes of the game. Angelo Tsagarakis' three first half three-pointers kept the Broncos close, with the third cutting the Tritons' advantage to four with under five minutes in the half. Lawlor responded for UCSD on the next possession, drawing the foul against Tsagarakis and hitting both free throw attempts. Following a three-pointer from Cal Poly Pomona, UCSD would shut down the Broncos for the next three and a half minutes, with an Allard jumper serving as the final bucket of the first half and giving UCSD a five-point lead

"We talk all the time about representing UC San Diego in a first-class manner and that's more than just winning," head coach Chris Carlson said. "It's how you do it, how you play, and how you go about your business. I think this group embodies that. They prepare to be successful. It's just like taking a really, really tough o-chem test. I think that's something everyone at UCSD can relate to, and that's our approach.'

After scoring seven points and grabbing six rebounds for UCSD in the first half, Lawlor set the pace after intermission with a layup, steal, rebound and assist in the first 2:50 of the second half. The Tritons captured their largest lead of the game, 45-31, following a jumper by junior forward Henry Patterson at the 14:06 mark. UCSD stayed ahead by double digits until back-to-back jumpers and a dunk from Cal Poly Pomona's leading scorer Larry Gordon brought the Broncos to within six points, with under 10 minutes to play. Then a Broncos three-pointer brought the team within one possession with 7:11 remaining in the game, but Lawley responded with a layup off an assist by junior forward Shane Poppen. Unfortunately, Lawley was called for a technical and fouled out during the next Bronco possession, leaving UCSD without its second-leading scorer for the final six and a half minutes of the game.

After Tsagarakis converted both technical free throws to again bring Cal Poly Pomona within three, Gordon had a chance to make it a one-point game from the line. Gordon missed both opportunities, and, following a UCSD miss on the front end of a one-and-one on the

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SANH LUONG/GUARDIAN FILE Junior guard Kelvin Kim was just 1-of-6 from the field and scored only five points, but was tied for the team lead with five assists to help the Tritons advance to the NCAA Divison II West Regional for the first time.

Tritons Soaring After Strong Start | UCSD Gets NCAA Berth

By Jake Blanc

TRACK AND FIELD — With only three meets completed in the early 2008 season, the UCSD track and field team proved that this year will be one for the record books. After opening their season at the annual Rossi Relays, the Tritons traveled to Irvine for the All-Cal Championships on March 1 and turned in one of the best days in school history. At the meet, the women's team took first place for the first time ever and the men finished in a very close third. The Tritons topped their All-Cal performance with both the men and women dominating their competition on March 8 at the San Diego City Championships.

As the marquee event one month into the season, the All-Cal meet traditionally draws some of the best competition on the West Coast and this year played host to fellow UC and Division-I schools in UC Santa Barbara, Riverside, Irvine and Davis.

The All-Cal win was a huge breakthrough performance for our team," senior jumper Whitney Johnson said. "We have come so close to the top in the past years at All-Cal. I believe we made a very strong statement that day, and, proved just how big of a threat UCSD is, regardless of the division we are in. We finally set the record straight."

Head coach Tony Salerno viewed the All-Cal win as a milestone in the track and field program and predicted that his team will only continue to build off of its success.

"I would rate this win ahead of any of our [California Collegiate Athletics Association] Championships or our eighth place finish at nationals last



ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN Senior long jumper Whitney Johnson flew 19 feet, 2 inches in the air, a Division II Automatic National Qualifying performance, which means she will compete in the National Championships in May.

year," Salerno said. "To get those numbers this early in March is something really special. We're in a really good place right now."

As if the win at All-Cal wasn't enough, the Tritons returned home this past weekend to host the SD City Championships and took yet another first-place finish over a field that included powerhouse cross-

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After League Finals Loss

By Janani Sridharan

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The California Collegiate Athletic defending champion UCSD women's basketball team fell just short of a repeat this year with a close loss to No. 18 Chico State in the conference championship game on March 8. The game slipped away from the Tritons in the last few minutes, ending in a frustrating 69-63 loss to the Wildcats.

UCSD's postseason hopes are very much alive, however, as they were given a No. 4 seed in the West Regional of the NCAA Division II Tournament.

UCSD made it to the conference championship game by winning a close semifinal match against Sonoma State University on March 7 by a score of 57-55. After losing to the Wildcats, the Tritons must wait and see if they will be selected to the eight-team West Regional tournament that will take place March 14-17.

The championship game was close from the beginning, with the teams tying four times in the opening five minutes. With the game tied at 8 and 14:28 left in the half, junior forward Michelle Osier's three-point basket started a 14-0 run by the Tritons, giving them a 22-8 lead.

The Wildcats answered back, capitalizing on every turnover and missed shot to chip away at the Tritons' lead. Chico State's last-second layup cut the Tritons lead to 32-27, pulling the Wildcats to within five points by the

"We knew it was going to be a tough game since we split our games

with Chico this season, winning the game that we played at home," senior center Alexis Gaskin said.

Gaskin started off the secondhalf scoring with two straight baskets, extending UCSD's lead to 36-27. The Wildcats continued to fight back, finally erasing the Tritons' lead and tying the game at 43 with 11:02 left in

But the Tritons quickly regained the lead, and seemed to be in control of the game, holding a 56-49 lead with 6:36 left in the half. Continuing a pattern that held true for the entire game, the Wildcats responded, this time taking a 62-61 lead with three minutes left after converting on a three-point attempt.

Gaskin's jump shot with 1:31 gave the Tritons a one-point lead, but that would be the last Triton points of the game. With the Wildcats hitting all their remaining shots and Tritons not able to convert on their final attempts, the Wildcats were able to pull out the 69-63 win.

Senior forward Meaghan Noud led all scorers with 21 points, while Osier added 14 points for the Tritons. Sophomore guard Annette Ilg scored 11 points off the bench and Gaskin added eight points and seven rebounds.

"I'm proud of how we played," Noud said. "We fought hard against a team that is ranked pretty high in our region. We showed that we are capable of playing with them until the end."

The Tritons won a close game against Sonoma State in the second round of the CCAA Championship Tournament that advanced them to the

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