## **Recreation Dept. Explores New Summer Options**



Graduate student Brandon Katz (left) performs martial arts in RIMAC. Students who enroll in summer sessions at UCSD must pay a mandatory \$92 fee for sports facilities access.

New payment options aim to increase facility usage, while a hike in student recreational fees remain a possibility.

By Katie Corotto

Following a university-mandated summer recreational fee increase two years ago - which raised the compulsory student fee for use of campus sports facilities during the summer by more than 400 percent — the Department of Recreation is implementing several new exercise options to relieve the "immediate sticker shock" and persuade students to head back to UCSD gymnasiums during the summer. However, officials say they cannot deny the possibility that fees will increase again when they are re-evaluated next year.

In 2006, UCSD moved to full state funding for the summer, converting the summer sessions into full academic quarters and requiring the university to boost all fees in that period to match the fees of the Fall, Winter and Spring Quarters. Prior to that, the Department of Recreation imposed a \$25 fee for full use of the sports facilities during both summer sessions, but the mandated conversion required the recreational fee for enrolled summer students to remain constant throughout the year, raising the summer fee from \$25 to \$92.

Controversy arose that same year when for-

mer Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph W. Watson and Director of Recreation Dave Koch agreed to extend the same pricing structure — an additional \$67 for students enrolled in summer session — to nonenrolled summer students in order to ensure that both groups who have full access to the sports facilities pay

Koch said the summer immediately following the fee hike faced dramatic financial consequences, as total revenues from the summer recreational card sales dropped almost 80 percent, or nearly \$37,000. Although the new options and influx of new students helped alleviate the loss last summer, Koch attributed the drastic drop in revenue to the extreme difference in pricing between the two summers.

"Financially for us, that was a significant loss of anticipated income ... because all the enrolled summer students were now having to pay the \$92 RIMAC fee instead of purchasing those recreational cards," he said.

Members of the Athletic, Recreation and Sports Facilities Advisory Board, a group comprised of both undergraduate and graduate students that reviews all spending of recreational and athletic student fees, said most of the revenue lost had to be reappropriated from other sources by a special request to the advi-

"In the name of fairness, every stakeholder lost: Thousands of nonenrolled students disengaged, hundreds were made to pay an exorbitant

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## **YOUNGER VOTERS ALTER SCOPE OF CAMPAIGNING**

By Peter Feytser

Voter turnout for young people has been historically inconsistent, as older voters are the traditional targets of political campaigns. However, this year's election marks a significant change in candidates' strategies, as the growing popularity of Internet campaigning has diverted more attention to a younger demographic.

Sen. Barack Obama's (D-Ill.) significant win in Iowa, largely due to a strong base of young voters, called attention to the frequently overlooked voting group.

It is evident from the candidates' homepages that they are increasingly vying for support from young voters. Every major presidential candidate, with the exception of Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.), has links to his or

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## Artists Duel With Admins in Mandeville Center Graffiti War

By Jonathan Chu CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Instead of the colorful walls surrounding some of Mandeville Center's stairwells - commonly known to students as the "graffiti stairs" - those passing by will now find multiple layers of blue paint.

The stairwells, along with other tunnels and corridors that contain graffiti in the Mandeville Center, have long been considered UCSD landmarks. However, the recent reopening of the University Art Gallery — closed since 2006 for remodeling — has led UCSD administrators to start covering the graffiti. The gallery restoration project included the revamp of the UAG and the painting of several walls that displayed

"The area around Mandeville, particularly in some dark corridors near the University Art Gallery, had been overrun with what many perceived to be 'trashy' graffiti," Associate Vice Chancellor of University Communications Stacie A. Spector said in an e-mail.

Spector said the graffiti seemed to be done by off-campus artists and was of very poor quality, which led to its removal.

Some students, however, feel that the graffiti provides a positive touch to Mandeville's atmosphere.

Eleanor Roosevelt College senior Danya Michael, who often uses the Mandeville facilities, said the graffiti adds to the vibrancy of an otherwise gray building.

"I have never seen anything offensive," she said. "I always enjoy seeing the new things people put up. But in a sense, I guess the new paint is like a new canvas."

As a graffiti artist who does custom T-shirt and skateboard designs, John Muir College senior Ji-San Lee said the graffiti in Mandeville benefits the community and provides a way for artists to relax from the stresses of everyday

"There are people who are just screwing around, but there's also a lot of art that's really beautiful," he said. "When you start learning something, it's not going to be graceful, so students should have a place to try things out."

It is illegal to graffiti on campus buildings, Spector said, and the act is punishable under state laws as a form of vandalism.

"It's like kids who skate on campus," Lee said. "There are rules against it. So instead they just figure out things themselves, sneak out or

Other students said the graffiti highlights the need for a designated campus location where students can create their art freely.

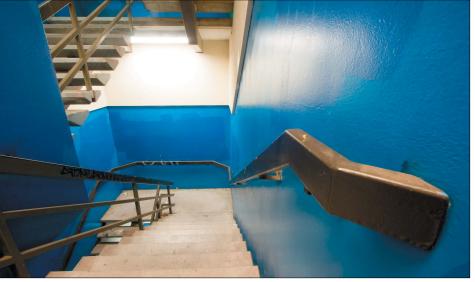
"If it's against the rules then it should be removed, but I think there should be designated graffiti spots for students [to] express themselves," Eleanor Roosevelt College senior Vijay Rama said. "Graffiti is accessible [to] everyone unlike 'real' art, which is usually in galleries. [The graffiti] gives me something to look at besides the usually monotonous

Despite efforts to repaint, graffiti continues to reappear regularly by the stairwells. As a result, more layers of blue paint have been added over the past few weeks.

The artists responsible for the graffiti have not been located.

Readers can contact Jonathan Chu at jachu@ucsd.edu.





Top: A staircase in Mandeville Center is covered in graffiti, which university officials labeled as "trashy" and have struggled to paint over since last quarter. Bottom: Another Mandeville staircase has been painted over as part of a University Art Gallery renovation project, though not all staircases in the building have been repainted.

**FOCUS** 

## **Work Before Play**

Graduate students choose books over booze on a quest to fulfill their academic potential page 6



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A record-size crowd at RIMAC Arena sees its men's team make it to overtime, only to fall to the Gators. page 16



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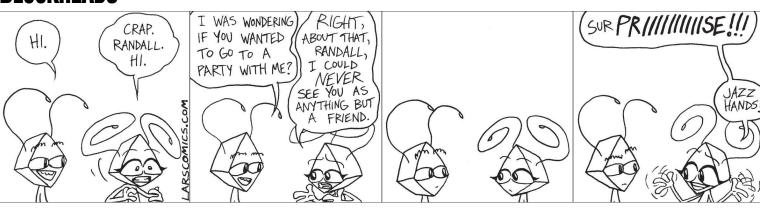




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#### **CURRENTS**

#### **UC Sponsors Statewide Career Conferences**

The University of California's nine alumni associations are organizing the inception of two all-alumni career-advancement conferences.

The one-day conferences, held both southern and northern California over the next two months. are aimed at helping alumni and other members of the professional community successfully transition between jobs within or beyond their current fields.

The events are designed to help professionals within a broad range of disciplines with three or more years of work experience. The conferences are being held Feb. 12 at UCLA and March 18 in San Francisco.

#### Hillcrest Med. Center Gets **Grant to Help Uninsured**

Health insurance companies UnitedHealth Group and Pacificare donated \$731,070 to the UCSD Medical Center in Hillcrest. The contribution will aid expansion of a computer system that assists emergency-room doctors in sending uninsured patients to community clinics for follow-up appointments.

The grant was part of \$25 million in California grant funding pledged by the insurance companies in 2005 to win regulatory approval of their \$8.1-billion merger.

The hospital said it will expand the San Diego Safety Net Health Information Exchange to patients outside the emergency room. In addition, it will increase the number of neighborhood clinics that are linked to the computer system.

#### **Matthews Becomes Permanent Vice Chancellor**

Gary C. Matthews has been appointed vice chancellor of resource management planning. A recognized leader in higher education management, Matthews has served as interim vice chancellor of resource management and planning since December 2006, when former Vice Chancellor John Woods retired.

"Given Gary's distinguished career of more than 30 years in higher education, he is ideally suited for this important management position," Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said in a press release. "He has served in numerous leadership positions focusing on university governance and has considerable expertise in collaboration across organizational areas, developing and sustaining new approaches to challenging situations, engaging and encouraging diverse perspectives effectively implementing organizational change."

As vice chancellor, Matthews is responsible for some of the university's critical functions, including policy development and management of the campus operating and capital budgets, capital planning, land-use planning, facilities design and construction, real-estate development, audit and management advisory services and administrative records.

"I am honored to be appointed this important leadership position," Matthews said in a press release.

## Record Number of 20-Year-Olds Identify as Democrats

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her respective Facebook, MySpace and YouTube site.

The current administration's waning popularity has had a record-setting, adverse effect on Republican candidates. A survey compiled by the Pew Research Center shows a 15-percent lead in Democratic Party identification among 20-year-olds, the most significant Democratic leaning for this age group since the Nixon administration.

Obama's significant lead could be signified by his 272,000 supporters on

Facebook — more than triple that of Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.).

BY LARS INGELMAN

Texas Rep. Ron Paul takes the gold for Republicans, with nearly 78,000 supporters - who have become recognizably vocal — while former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney takes a distant second at 34,000 supporters.

Turnout figures bear particular significance this year because Democrats have outnumbered Republicans by roughly 40 percent in primary polling

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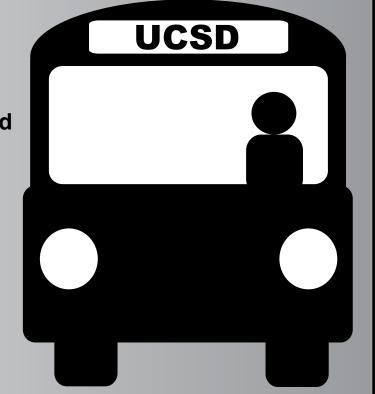


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#### LIGHTS & SIRENS -

#### Saturday, Jan. 19

#### 9:02 a.m.: Brandishing a weapon

▶ A 28-year-old Latino male wearing a yellow hooded sweatshirt was seen brandishing a 6-to-8 inch knife outside of Villa La Jolla Drive.

#### 12:47 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 36-year-old male at Geisel Library reported having trouble breathing and a tight chest, and believed he was experiencing a heart attack. The male also claimed to have received death threats from a student in the past.

#### 4:54 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 55-year-old white male wearing an Indians baseball hat was seen possibly Dumpster-diving by Voigt bridge and Gilman Drive.

#### 9:14 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A subject at the Gilman Parking Structure was reported as urinating by a gold Scion vehicle.

#### Sunday, Jan. 20

#### 7:20 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A black male wearing a blue jean jacket and green pants was seen riding a new bicycle into the bushes by the Preuss School.

#### 9:35 a.m.: Missing person

▶ The wife of a missing 32-year-old Japanese male reported that he had left her a note stating that he was "stressed." The male was last seen on Jan. 18 on his way to class.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 22

8:51 a.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A subject at the Campus Services Building required assistance installing a car seat for the first time.

#### 9:38 a.m.: Smoke check

▶ An exit sign at Center Hall was seen producing smoke. Nearby classrooms were evacuated in spite of no signs of actual fire. False alarm.

#### 11:46 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 20-year-old female at the bottom floor of Imprints reported feeling like she was going to "pass out."

#### 12:10 p.m.: Person down

▶ A potentially homeless person was

seen possibly sleeping on La Jolla Village Drive.

#### 1:02 p.m.: Suspicious person

► A 40- to 50-year-old balding male was reported as walking into the Leichtag Biomedical Building, speaking incoherently and subsequently falling asleep on the lounge area sofa.

#### 10:48 a.m.: Report of vandalism

▶ A piece of a sculpture by Mandeville Center was broken off.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 23

#### 12:53 p.m.: Report of petty theft

▶ A male reported that his sunglasses had been stolen from his car, although no signs of forced entry were visible.

#### 6:30 p.m.: Report of sexual battery

▶ A male Revelle student was reported as refusing medical attention after experiencing sexual battery from his roommate, who could not be located.

#### 11:32 p.m.: Suspicious person ▶ Four Asian males and one Asian

female were seen removing stereo equipment from Round Table Pizza at Price Center. Checks OK.

#### Thursday, Jan. 24

#### 11:27 a.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A pizza deliveryman making a delivery to a Regents Road residence encountered a naked, black 6-foot male in his late 20s, who was watching pornography and masturbating. The deliveryman reported taking the pizza and leaving.

#### 4:55 p.m.: Argument disturbance

▶ A Latino male wearing a dark coat was seen grabbing the shirt of a female in front of a burgundy minivan parked outside Lot 406.

#### 5:47 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A male reported that a new student at UCSD had once "cut his ear" while they were attending high school together in 2004, and wanted the police to "be aware of it," although no restraining order is currently enforced.

#### - Compiled by Sonia Minden

SENIOR STAFF WRITER

#### Fee Level Will Be Evaluated Next Year

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fee and the facilities themselves lost revenue," ARSFAB member Jonathan Weinberg said in an e-mail.

In order to further mitigate the cost and give students more recreational options during the summer, Koch said he has been working with ARSFAB to provide students with several different options for how to utilize the facilities. In addition to purchasing the full summer recreational card for \$92, students can now purchase a half-summer recreational card for \$46 for any six-week period during the Summer Quarter, a monthly recreational card for any four-week period that costs \$31 or a \$3-per-day pass for RIMAC, main gym and Canyonview Pool. This summer, an occasional-use pass will also be available for students who wish to pay for approximately 15 visits to the facilities, although a price has yet to be assessed for that pass.

Koch, however, believes that faculty, staff, alumni and community members ought to pay higher prices for use of the gymnasium and equipment, regardless of the price structure set for students.

"I did make the decision that, rather than a one-time huge increase for faculty and staff recreational cards, we would spread that over two to three years, and there's one more year of that to put in place," Koch said. "Ultimately, it will be \$35 to \$40 a year more for faculty and staff, and it will be twice that for the community."

Prices are not necessarily stationary, however. The language of the original RIMAC referendum, passed in 1995, authorized the university to reassess the fee level every five years and provided the possibility for the fee to increase up to \$5 quarterly per student. The last increase took place four years ago, and Koch said that within the next year the fee will be evaluated by the recreation department, the student affairs office and ARSFAB members.

Koch said the fee may be raised to cover the expenses of the RIMAC facility, which include the debt service and maintenance on the building, allocation for the recreational department and capital reserve projects.

Weinberg said the summer fee hike for both enrolled and nonenrolled stu-

dents was necessary. "Personally, I don't understand what is more fair about this since enrolled and non-enrolled students constitute separate demographics 'fairness' at all," he said. "Are we afraid that students would not enroll in the summer so they could get cheaper gym memberships?"

Koch said he empathizes with students, but believes that the principle — not the amount of the fee — was what drove him to agree with the hike.

"On the face of it, \$92 is about \$31 a month, which is still pretty reasonable for access to all the sports facilities on campus, even in a comparable market with private fitness companies," he said. "But from my perspective, it wasn't rational for nonenrolled students to pay a lower fee than enrolled students."

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## **Prof.: Youth Vote Often Overestimated**

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locations, according to a recent Time magazine report.

Clinton, former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Obama have similar stances on the issues, and polls show that young voters, like their older counterparts, prioritize the economy as most important. Hence the uneven distribution of support for a single candidate is more difficult to explain, according to Gary Jacobson, a UCSD political science professor and American politics expert.

"Young, educated voters like Obama's style and his standing for something other than politics as usual," Iacobson said.

He said candidates with a strong base of young supporters, however,

should be weary because young voters are notorious for low turnout in general elections and do not tend to vote as a bloc.

"By the general election, though, I think they will be divided along partisan lines, just like their elders," Jacobson said.

Similar trends are apparent in the Republican race.

Supporters of Paul, many of whom are young voters, denounce the practices of the mainstream media, claiming Paul has been excluded from news coverage.

However, at an on-campus speaking engagement last week, Newsweek Managing Editor Evan Thomas defended the media.

Thomas said the coverage of nonvi-

able candidates takes away from the decision-making process when the stage is too crowded.

Mainly older members of the San Diego community attended the speech, with only a handful of students scattered throughout the room.

Jacobson said situations such as the turnout at Thomas' speech are relatively common, and that high levels of young voter turnout are often anomalous.

"Iowa was a caucus state where activists tend to predominate," Jacobson said. "When broader electorates are involved, it is harder for any particular age group to stand out."

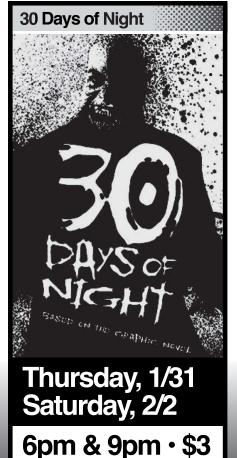
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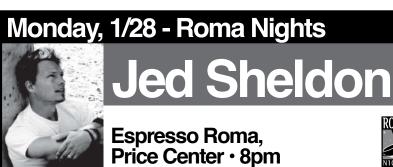


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## Flu Season is Playtime for Secretaries, Nurses

January is flu season, so I didn't think anything of it when I started to develop a cough earlier this quarter. When it comes to doctor visits, there are two types of people: those that rush to make an appointment over the slightest sniffle and those that will hobble around for four days on a nearly-broken ankle before they angrily admit defeat; I'm the latter.



Even as my cough turned to a sore throat, throbbing head congestion and weird ear pressure, I popped some Tylenol Cold and trudged to class. But when the sickness spread south and I spent one horribly sleepless night vomiting, I decided it was time to see what antibiotics could do.

On Jan. 16, I called student health at 9 a.m. on the dot. This was, as I had heard from the friendly answering machine minutes before, the time it opened. But instead of a person I was again greeted by the machine.

"Hmm, the secretary must be in a little late today," I thought to myself. "I'll give her a few minutes."

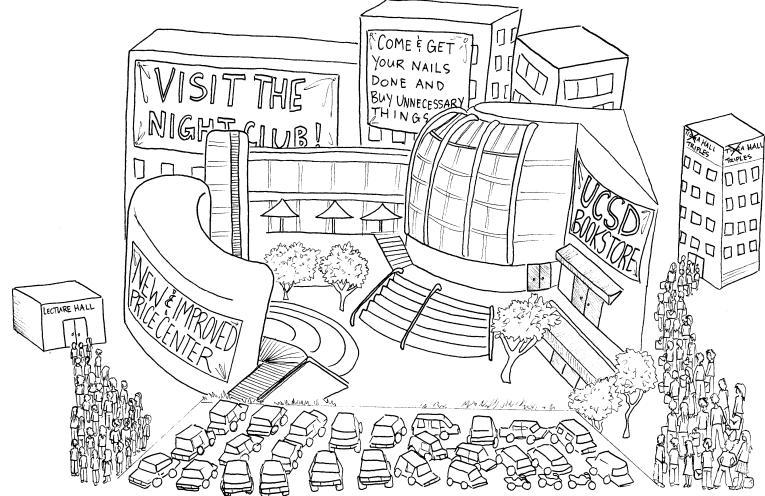
But 15 minutes and three calls later, I was greeted again by the chipper, but now substantially more grating, answering machine. Annoyed, I pushed the phone-tree number that would allegedly direct me to a human being, only to be disconnected.

Taking a few deep breaths, I called one more time. Finally, rather than dropping my call, the obnoxious answering-machine voice redirected me to Catrina. Brimming with hope at the sound of a real human, I forgot my frustration and asked to make an appointment to see a doctor. But apparently my any-time-you-have-available scheduling request was too much to handle, because rather than oh, I don't know, do her job and book an appointment for this audibly sick caller, Catrina decided to play doctor and investigate my symptoms via phone interview.

Whatever, I never call student

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## Flu Season is PC Expansion Defines Campus' Inefficient Priorities



JACKIE SWANSON/GUARDIAN

By Aleks Savovic Contributing Writer

UNIVERSITY CENTERS — Price Center is expanding, as many readers well know by now. The \$45-million expansion, the site of the campus' many construction cranes, is slated for March completion and aims to accomplish what the current Price Center evidently could not: accommodate the increase in projected student enrollment.

Yet, a visit to this seemingly unending endeavor's Web site delivers facts that fail to show that the student body actually need two Price Centers in the first place. Indeed, given expectations for what purposes the new building will serve, it would appear as though an increase in student enrollment is a weak excuse to argue in favor of enlargening Price Center. While increases in enrollment would, rationally, lead to debates about the supply of oncampus housing or future parking vacancy levels, expanding a seemingly adequate university center seems like a dense proposition.

By the year 2010, UCSD's total enrollment is expected to break the

30,000 mark if the volume of yearly applications continues at its current pace. There are an already tenuous circumstances surrounding housing availability, and any systematic increase in UCSD's on-campus population would spike a new premium for living quarters. In addition, a recent audit by Campus Planning and Transportation and Parking Services found that the availability of parking during peak hours in the coming years will also take a hit.

At a fundamental level, then, the problem with breaking ground on a larger Price Center is that its planning assumes a deficiency in the degree of foresight necessary given the influx of new undergraduates. Instead, what the campus is left with is an expensive, student-funded construction project whose number on UCSD's figurative list of priorities should've been much lower.

Some of the primary bouts of skepticism directed toward the new center stem from its logistical challenges. In order to wedge in the building, the western terminus of Matthews Lane needed to be shut down. Thus, not only were shuttle bus routes rerouted, but more importantly, any previous

hopes for a Matthews-Myers-Lyman Lane connection that would ease traffic congestion have been permanently dashed. Add in the prospect of more delivery and service trucks needed to maintain the new building, and you've got a profoundly large traffic problem developing.

The questions surrounding the new Price Center do not limit themselves to mere issues about congestion. Questions remain as to which group of UCSD's students will be forced to foot the bill as a result of a referendum in 2003 that effectively approved the expansion of both Student Center and Price Center.

Consequently, the referendum's makeup stipulated that students would begin to be charged extra in their quarterly university centers fees once the new Price Center is completed. Yet the problem is that those who voted for this new building are now alumni, while those who are expected to pay up never got the chance to vote.

It is now 2008 with the project incomplete — it has not benefitted anyone and will be paid for by students who did not vote for it.

Priority is the operative word.

And given the fact that student enrollment volumes are trending upward, it is only logical for one to consider the different avenues available to help an already stressed student body dealing with limited essential resources. Indeed, UCSD is adding a new dormitory complex just north of Eleanor Roosevelt College in an effort to ease the living situation on campus. The bad news is that a portion of the north parking area will be scavanged in order to make room for the new structure. Had the new Price Center area been afforded plans for a dormitory complex, none of the vaunted parking lots would have been touched.

But given that the new building is apparently nearing completion, it may be time to look ahead and make the best of what may turn out to be a quintessential example of bureaucracy trumping efficiency.

So in an effort to alleviate the possibly adverse effects of future traffic congestion, one suggestion is to leave open enough space to connect Matthews Lane and Myers Lane. That way, at least the heart of

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#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

#### University Depends on Librarians, Not Wikipedia

Dear Editor,

It could be argued that a university's most central facility is its library. Particularly at a major research institution like the University of California, the library is not only the primary repository for accumulated knowledge but the springboard for furthering that knowledge, whether the user is a student just beginning to explore a field or a faculty member at its forward frontier.

Over the last quarter century, the science of information storage and retrieval has progressed immensely. Today's libraries are not just repositories for books and documents, but technologically advanced communication centers with a global reach

University-level research requires far more than Google and Wikipedia, and this university's information search and retrieval systems are growing increasingly sophisticated. Librarians, especially in the UC system, must master more skills than ever to aid students, faculty and other researchers. One would expect that, as professional demands increase, librarians would receive a concomitant share of the university's resources.

Unfortunately, even as student numbers and fees increase, along with dramatic jumps in top-administrator salaries, librarians have been losing ground to the rising cost of living.

A recent survey of UCSD's 61 professional librarians revealed that most work more than 40 hours a week. Part of this is due to the rising student population, and the library staff has not been increased enough

to keep up. The remaining librarians spend more time than ever working without increased compensation. While the majority report a high degree of job satisfaction, they

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do wish the library had sufficient staff to accommodate their expanded needs and more time to pursue professional activities such as their own research and training. While many librarians also report overall good working relations with library management, it is time for university administrators to treat these information professionals as equal and respected partners in our educational mission. After all, university administrators are willing to raise compensation for themselves and to attract and retain Academic Senate faculty members in California's expensive environment.

"Money is not everything," said Fred Lonidier, president of the professional union for non-senate faculty and librarians at UCSD. "But salaries have a major impact on the kind of librarians we can recruit and retain."

If the administration will not provide them with more time for professional and creative work, more staff or salary commensurate with their duties, the UC system will soon inevitably face reduced research and information services.

And that, we absolutely cannot afford.

— Victor Chen

The Professional Union for Non Tenure-Track Professors and Librarians

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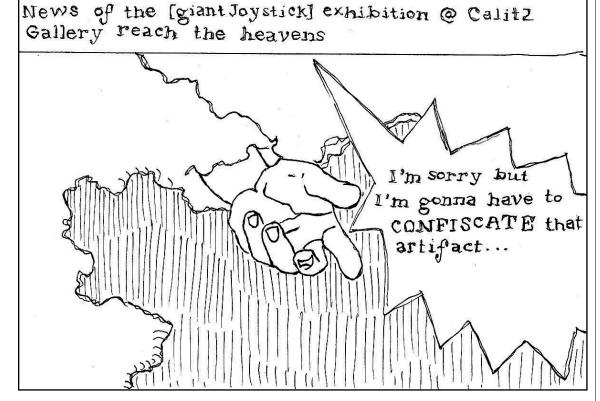
In addition, and perhaps more importantly, it is without question that the intention for the new Price Center is not to turn into the Student Center in terms of sustainability. Thus, the new center should attract clientele that will prove interesting and beneficial to the school's students; a nightclub and a grocery store are fine starts.

In essence, those diving into a project whose basis for construction and planning relies upon a contestable notion back in 2003 would be wise to look at the more practical necessities of this growing campus. Before they look into creating entertainment facilities geared toward attracting more prospective applicants to the campus, they should take note that the campus' growth belies the needed action to help out UCSD's students more productively.

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## A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



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## You're Shit Out of Luck

▶ SHOES, from page 4

health; how am I supposed to know how this works? I told her all my symptoms, and she told me I should come to the urgent care waiting room. I explained to her that I had a busy day ahead of me and would prefer to book an appointment, even if it meant I would be seen later. Catrina told me if I wanted to make an appointment, she needed to forward me to a nurse who would evaluate my symptoms and schedule an appointment.

Wait? Then what the hell was all this for?

I said I'd like to make an appointment. She told me the nurse was busy and that if I came to student health before noon a doctor would see me right away. Too delirious to argue, I hung up the phone and made my way

When I got there, another student was checking in at the front counter. I waited behind her, and as she moved aside to fill out paperwork I stepped forward. Maureen the secretary ignored me, looking down at her papers. She was middle-aged, but her hair was perfectly coifed in a harsh little bob and her petite features were sharp like a bird's.

"Hi," I said. Maureen's beady eyes glared up at me.

"You'll have to wait there until someone can help you," she said, snapping a glorified talon toward a waithere sign a foot behind me.

I couldn't help but laugh; she wasn't actually serious, was she? But as Maureen turned quickly back to her papers I swallowed whatever runnynosed, bleary-eyed pride I had left and took a big step backward.

Fifteen minutes later Maureen decided to acknowledge my existence with a simple "fill out the blue form around the corner," I noticed a sign telling me of a potential two-hour

wait and we had lovely discussion that boiled down to her inability to schedule me an appointment — I again accepted defeat and plopped down on a waiting-room chair. I was in this for the long haul.

I figured I should at least get some work done, so I opened my batterydepleted laptop and plugged it into a nearby wall socket. Not five minutes later, an official-looking man came out of nowhere to inform me that I was not allowed to "tap into the electrical system" in such a way.

And that was it; student health broke my mucus-y soul. Sensing my dejection as he watched me silently unplug my computer, the man added one more gem to student health's bureaucratic stockpile of wonder.

"Yeah, you're just not allowed to," he said. "And the reason is: A lot of people want to, and you're just not allowed."

Yes, he really said that. I kid you

My name was called a little over an hour later and a nurse — *not* a doctor - looked down my throat and told me to take some Sudafed, which, conveniently, isn't sold at the on-campus

So I pay \$849 a year for the Student Health Insurance Plan, and the one time in three years that I get really sick and need to call upon student health for assistance, I'm harassed for two hours and sent home? Great.

I guess the daily hassles of everincreasing tuition expenses, cramped and costly housing, outrageous textbook prices, overcrowded buses, downright shitty parking and a total rejection of student input just weren't enough. Now UCSD's staff is going out of its way to give sick students a big fat fuck-you when they're at their weakest.

So good luck, Tritons. Call me if you need some Sudafed.



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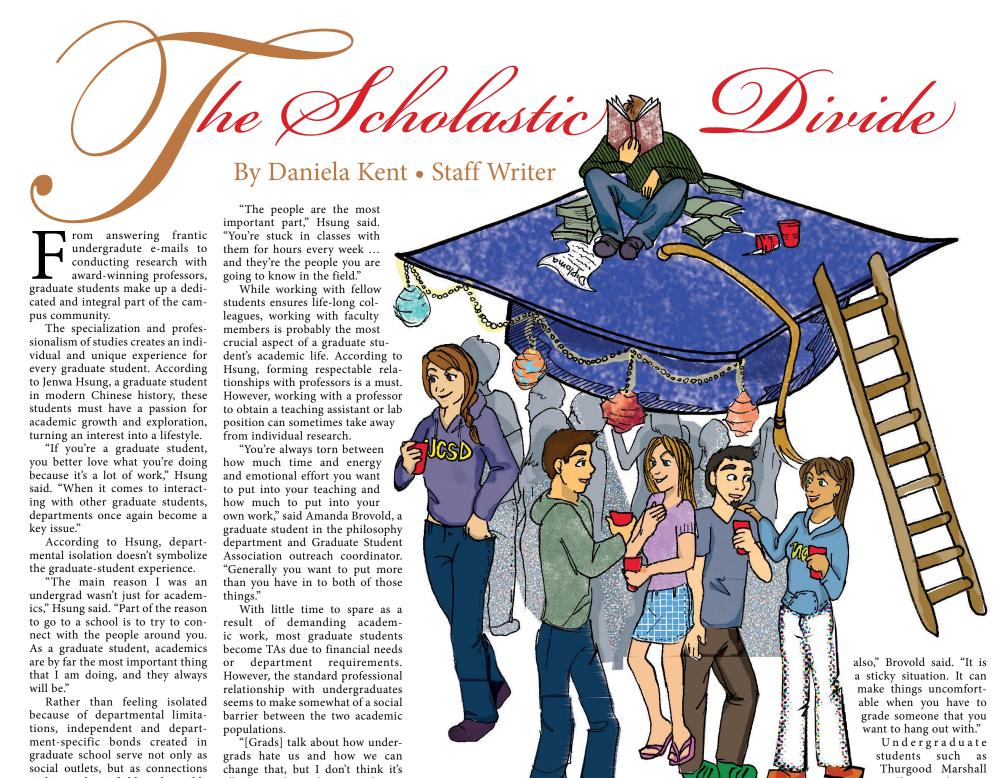


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▶ The percentage of non-Egyptian students studying at the American University in Cairo according to the American University Web site.

MONDAY, JANUARY 28, 2008



## SITE SEEN | Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant

t Pomegranate Russian-Georgian Restaurant, the writing's on the wall — literally. Located between Texas and Louisiana Streets on El Cajon Boulevard, customers at this dimly lit house-turned-restaurant are allowed to write their compliments to the hef, or simply make their mark, on whatever surface (ceiling, bathroom, vintage piano) they see fit. The dining environment is kitschy, fascinatingly mixed with wall-mounted Russian propaganda posters, lamps with Russian newspaper clippings glued to their shades and chili-pepper lights hung from indoor tree

within academic fields and possible

career boosters.

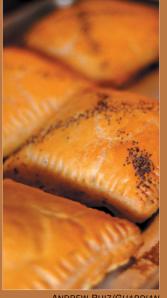
While diners are treated to an entertaining eyeful once seated, they're also given a reason to laugh. Pomegranate's menu, which is prefaced with the restaurant's motto, "Borscht by the bucket, vodka by the inch," pokes fun at Russia's historical figures like Stalin, bashes Napoleon for his failure to conquer the motherland and claims dishes like Shashlik — a tantalizing pork loin, vegetarian or lamb dish marinated in pomegranate juice and grilled over prunings — saved the 1944 accord in Yalta between Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin. Although comical, the menu is honest; appetizers like Vareniki, potato cheese dump-



all the undergrads - grad stu-

dents [feel a sense of separation]





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From left to right: Dishes like Shashlik take 25 minutes to make and are served exclusively on Saturday and Sunday. To create an authentic atmosphere, Pomegranate Russian-Georgian decorates with unique candelabra and offers humourous descriptions of all menu items

lings, and desserts like Kutuzov Soup Vishnya, a rich wild cherry soup, are both extraordinary and pleasurable. As for beverages, Pomegranate serves fine quality vodka, beers and Chilean wines. Designated drivers for the night can try the Russian Samovar Tea or an extra spicy Blenheim ginger ale.

Be warned: make a reservation

and bring cash. Otherwise, you may find yourself apologizing to an unforgiving, domineering hostess and paying unreasonable service charge fees. The meal is both filling and satisfying, so don't be afraid to ask for a box and take it home. After all, the food is so delectable that one visitor scribbled, "If my girlfriend falls asleep tonight ... I'm

making love to these leftovers," on the restaurant's bathroom wall.

Alyssa Bereznak

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See GRADUATE, page 8

munity all their own." According to Brovold, with the ception of late nights at Porter's Pub, graduate students tend to view campus as a place to work, while the Gaslamp Quarter and Pacific Beach are the places to In order to encourage social

College sophomore

Jenni Lundergan also

feel a definite rift between graduate and

undergraduate students because of

the social division between the

ferent stage of life and a more spe-

cific environment. I don't talk to

[graduate students] unless they're

my TA. Graduate students defi-

nitely have a culture and a com-

"It's harder to relate on a personal level to a grad student," Lundergan said. "They're in a dif-

two communities.

interaction between the campus' departments of graduate studies, GSA hosts various events in which graduate students from all fields of study can meet and mingle. As a fall-2007 admit to the graduate structural engineering department, Kate LaZansky found the GSA's beginning-of-the-year beach party (complete with barbeque, burgers and beer kegs), a good way to acclimate herself with other graduate students and the social scene at UCSD. Nick Saenz, GSA vice president of academics, said events like these allow graduate students to view UCSD as more than just an academic institution.

"The departments here can be very isolating," Saenz said, "so [graduate students] are looking

## Forget the Resume: Live Like an Egyptian

he sound of honking horns filled the air, engines rumbled and shouts rang out from behind me. The buildings along Kasr el-Aini, the avenue running perpendicular to the main campus of the American University in Cairo, rose up into the fog of

My return to Cairo after 30 days of travel was a bit surreal. I was excited to be home. I considered it home now — despite my lack of an actual house or apartment and while I was eager and happy to land once again at the Cairo International Airport, I felt a bit strange returning to a place where so many of my friends would no longer be living, and where I knew I would be in limbo until classes start on Feb. 4.

Nevertheless, the chaotic life of Cairo pouring west from Talat Harb Square and the Tulip Hotel, where I spent my first few nights in the city five months ago, was a warm welcome back. From Tahrir Square, the smog and shouts, the noise of com-



muting masses drifted down past the campus alongside Garden City, home to many study-abroad students and several embassies, right to the street off Kasr el-Aini where I spent a large part of the afternoon searching for apartments.

Wandering the streets of Cairo and searching desperately for a decent but affordable apartment in the city's center took me back to my first few days in Egypt, when I found myself alongside several curious Americans, bustling through the shock of a new place and a new culture

Many of those students have since returned home. My first semester roommate Ben Barclay left with no small amount of sorrow but was content to face new challenges at his U.S. university in Minnesota. Others I knew left eagerly, longing for the ease of the comfortable surroundings they grew up with. Missing friends, family and, in some cases, baseball, these semester-long study-abroad students did not regret their choice to spend a shorter time overseas.

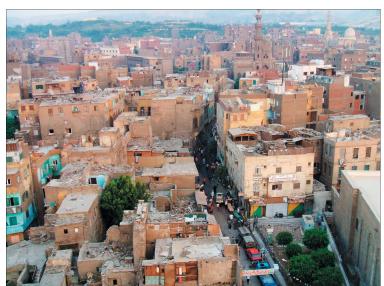
During a recent chat about departing American students, an Egyptian friend said she thinks most students coming to Cairo leave without fully experiencing the city, without knowing what it is to be an Egyptian, or to truly live in Cairo. Foreign students' semesters abroad in Egypt are bullets on resumes - foreign experience for international relations students — and little more.

If I had left Cairo in December, I'm not sure my study-abroad experience would have been much more than a bullet point for me either. I cannot be certain that after a full year I will have even touched on what life in Egypt is really all about. Studying at the university we are surrounded by a bubble — one that is hard to break — but after reflecting on the experience during my winter travel, I intend to try harder during the second half of my year by speaking Arabic more often, spending time with Egyptian friends rather than only American students and finding an apartment in the heart of downtown.

Unlike myself, Brigid Grund, an archaeology major from Boulder, Colo. who began studying at AUC in the fall, would rather head home now. She has discovered what she







PHOTOS COURTESY OF DAVID HARVEY Top: People and cars crowd Talab Harb Street, one of the main shopping strips in downtown Cairo. This area is a student hangout because of its proximity to American Unviersity in Cairo. **Middle**: An apartment building in Doki, west of the Egyptian Nile and across from downtown Cairo, where several study-abroad students choose to live because it's close to the metro line. Bottom: The view from the mosque Minarut in Islamic Cairo shows the weathered apartments and shops

wants out of Egypt, and learned it is not for her. Brigid's issues with Cairo relate to some of the challenges that come with being a woman in the Middle East, such as harassment. But no matter the city, someone will always be too far out of their element.

Around 1 a.m. on Jan. 25, Becky Fogel and Anoush Suni from Claremont arrived in Cairo, elated to be in Egypt and to start their spring semester. They were immediately offered a slew of unsolicited advice and enthusiastic stories. Certainly, many of the spring semester's new arrivals will find the same - a stark contrast to the confusion and learn-by-mistake approach of fall's arrivals. They'll still have a chance to learn for themselves, but with added guidance, spring students like Fogel and Suni may have the opportunity to make more of their time in Cairo.

The choice whether to study abroad can be a bit daunting; choosing where can present another challenge. But perhaps one of the hardest decisions, in retrospect, would be how long to stay overseas. The problem I am discovering is that there is no good way to determine which choice will be the right one, and students I've met studying abroad in Paris, London and of course Cairo, all have ups and downs. Everyone knows a student who wished they could be home, or could have stayed longer.

The atmosphere of the second semester is likely to be much different from the first, and I would bet that the spring semester students will be caught up in it, rather than follow the trends we experienced in the fall. Does this mean they will have a fuller experience? Perhaps. But really, the experience is about the person and about their goals and choices. Barclay, Grund, Fogel and Suni, as well as myself, are testaments to the diversity of students here in Cairo and the diversity of options. How can you be sure which choice is right for you? You can't. One thing I can say for sure, no matter when you choose to study abroad, where you choose to study abroad or for how long — just make sure you get something more than a bullet on a resume.

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# GSA Efforts Expand Graduate Community

► **GRADUATE**, from page 6

for those avenues to broaden their social circles and certainly that's one of the roles of GSA: to break down some of the very fierce barriers that exist between [departments]."

GSA also aided the growth of the graduate student community by partnering with UCSD Housing and Dining Services to incorporate Cafe Vita into its new graduate housing, One Miramar Street.

Additionally, HDS is currently working on a 400-bed housing project in the Health Sciences neighborhood to provide housing for 50 percent of all graduate students. According to HDS Director Mark Cunningham, the opening of One Miramar Street and Cafe Vita has allowed graduate students to enjoy individual experiences while being part of a larger community.

"The graduate residents choose to form their own communities within our housing facilities and are almost completely self-sufficient," Cunningham said in an email. "[Graduate] housing tends to be more like a neighborhood with neighbors being friends and colleagues."

Ultimately, the graduate experience is an individual one. While an unbridled passion for anything from philosophy to structural engineering keeps graduate students dedicated, a more relaxed and intimate social atmosphere allows them to choose their level and intensity of social activities.

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## Men's Basketball Seeks Redemption Against Grand Canyon

▶ M. BASKETBALL, from page 12 points, grabbed five rebounds, dished out a team-high four assists, blocked a game-high two shots, and recorded one steal in a team-high 45 minutes of play.

Despite the personal achievement, it was the mark in the loss column, and not the point total, that stuck with Patterson after the game.

"It doesn't matter if you score 100 points and you lose," Patterson said. "Coming off of last night we were really pumped up and we knew we had to redeem ourselves. Unfortunately, it just didn't work out that way."

Lawley scored 15 points with four rebounds and two assists, while Kim contributed 14 points with four rebounds and four assists against the Otters. Allard pitched in with 13 points, three rebounds and four assists.

As a team, UCSD shot 56.9 percent from the floor, committing only 11 turnovers. However, the Otters connected on 59.1 percent of their three-point opportunities, turned the ball over only twice more and held a slim rebounding edge.

The record-sized crowd on Spirit Night was intensely cheering a Triton team that was off to its best start in the program's Division II history. Unfortunately, the Tritons' game against San Francisco State did not begin as impressively as their previous games, as both teams struggled from the floor, with UCSD shooting only 30 percent and the Gators connecting on just 36 percent of their first-half field goal attempts. After Lawley hit one of two free throws to tie the game at 14 with 10:18 left in the half, both squads suffered from a nearly four-minute scoring drought that included seven missed shots, four fouls and three turnovers. Junior forward Darryl Lawlor ended the scoring lull with two freethrows at the 6:27 mark as the teams scored only six points each in the final 10 minutes of the half and went into the break tied at 20.

The two teams remained close throughout the second half, turning up the intensity and putting on a show for the raucous Spirit Night crowd. Again, defense would play a bigger role than offense, with the largest lead of

the half amounting to only a six-point Triton advantage. Two successful San Francisco State three-pointers cut the UCSD advantage in the final minutes. The Gators would tie the game from the free-throw line at 48 with just over a minute remaining. Neither team allowed a score before the buzzer, sending the teams into the five-minute overtime. San Francisco State put an unhappy end to the Spirit Night festivities, scoring the first 12 points in overtime and not allowing the Tritons to get closer than six the rest of the way.

Carlson said that the Tritons could have performed better and should have come out of the weekend with at least one win, but he is confident that the Tritons still have their best performances ahead of them.

"There have been very few games where we haven't been in or had a chance to win," he said. "If there's one encouraging point, it's that I don't think we played close to our best this weekend, but we still had chances to win. We competed well ... we're just not closing the deal."

Junior guard Andrew Hatch led

UCSD on offense with 12 points in 26 minutes off the bench, while Lawlor and Kim added 10 points apiece. UCSD recorded eight steals and forced 20 Gator turnovers, but San Francisco State won the rebounding battle, 42-33, and held the Tritons to just 4-of-19 from three-point range.

The Tritons will attempt to end their two-game slide as they conclude their five-game home stand this week with a Jan. 29 matchup against Grand Canyon. UCSD will then visit Chico State on Feb. 1 and Cal State Stanislaus on Feb. 3.

Patterson said he has no doubt that the Tritons will bounce back and play to their potential this week.

"We just need to keep our focus and the main thing is staying together. A lot of teams have a tendency during adversity to stray apart from each other and develop grudges against one another," Patterson said. "We just have got to stay together as a family and weather the storm. We'll get through it."

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## Raucous Spirit Night Crowd Wills Tritons to Victory

We loved having the

crowd and we loved

the fans."

- Meaghan Noud,

senior forward

► **SPIRIT,** from page 11 midrange jump shot to give the Tritons a 32-21 lead, and UCSD extended the margin to 43-29 with 13:17 left in regulation.

The Gators, however, remained resilient and pecked away at the Tritons' lead during the final 13 minutes of the game. San Francisco State converted on a three-point play with 8:53 remaining to cut the Tritons' lead to 50-45. The Tritons, with the crowd behind them, shot the ball well from the free-throw line late in the game and held off the Gators in their comeback attempt.

Elliot said that Triton Tide was much appreciated in staving off the

Gators.

"I really think the crowd made

the difference in the last five minutes of the game," Elliott said. "They were yelling and screaming and were into the game."

Noud, Osier, Mezzetta and Gaskin all

scored in double digits, with Noud's 14 points leading all Tritons. Noonan scored seven points while collecting nine rebounds and Valenzuela added six points off the bench.

The win on Spirit Night was spe-

cial for the players because it was one of the few times this season that the Tritons could play in front of such a large crowd.

"We loved having the crowd and we loved the fans," Noud said.

"It's always my favorite home game of the year. It's great having the support from our peers."

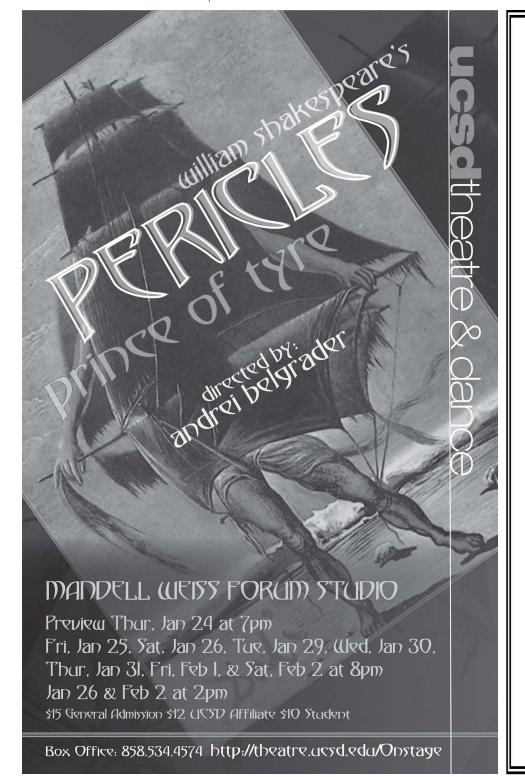
UCSD's next game on the road

against first-place Chico State on Feb. 1 should prove to be a difficult contest for the Tritons, who hope to make up the one game that separates them from first place in the CCAA.

"Chico plays very well at home and they shoot well," Noud said. "They don't lose often at home."

The Tritons will follow that game with a road contest against Cal State Stanislaus on Feb. 2. UCSD defeated both of these teams earlier this season and hopes to sweep both of the season series with victories this weekend.

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#### CAREER

Company Information Session: Intuit (QuickBooks Groups) - Meet reps from Intuit, a financial software and web-based services company, develops and markets Quicken(r), the leading personal finance software; the most popular small business accounting software with openings for CS, CE, Economics and Management Science. 5-6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room - Student Services Building.

#### LECTURE

Sudan: What's Next? - Ambassador Tom Vraalsen will be speaking on the topic "Sudan - What's Next?". Ambassador Vraalsen has served as the Special Envoy for Humanitarian Affairs for the Sudan since June 1998. 7-8:30pm in the IR/PS Robinson Auditorium.

#### RECREATION

Roma Nights presents Jed Sheldon, 8-9pm at Price Center, free.

#### SPECIAL EVENT

No Parking? Open Forum for Students - Learn about possible solutions to UCSD's future transportation/parking needs. Share your feedback. 11am-12:30pm at Price Center Ballroom A.

#### **TUE JAN 29**

#### CAREER

Resume Writing for Internship and Part-Time Job Seekers - We'll guide you through the hands-on steps to developing an eye-catching cover letter and an effective resume that includes all of the essential elements. 10-11am at PC SB/LA.

Resume Writing for Graduate Students - Convert your academic CV into a powerful resume for career options outside of academia. This workshop will teach you to "think outside the academy" and emphasize your skills. 12-1pm at PC SB/LA.

Teach for America Info Session - This session will serve to promote awareness about the education inequity that exists in our nation and what we can do to end it. We will also inform students about the non-profit organization and its goals. 5-7:30pm at PC SR/I A

#### LECTURE

Party Time, Not Jail Time - We will explain how one addresses alcohol and drug-related citations (e.g. minor in possession, DUI, etc.) and will provide guidance on how to avoid receiving these types of citations. Presented by Student Legal Services. 12pm at PC SF/SC.

#### RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents Gracie, 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, free.

Matthew Jenkins Percussion Concert - Featuring works by Christian Wolff and Birtwistle's Axe Manual. Minji Noh will accompany him on piano. 8pm at Mandeville Recital Hall, free admission.

#### SPORTS

Men's Basketball vs. Grand Canyon, 7pm at RIMAC.

#### **WED JAN 30**

#### CAREER

Peace Corps Opportunities - Learn about the adventure of a lifetime in one of 70 countries for education, business, health, computer science, agriculture, and environmental projects. 12-1:30pm at the International Center.

Obtaining an Internship or a Part-Time Job - Learn strategies for searching internship and part-time job listings to find positions that will meet your goals. 2-3:15pm in PC SB/LA.

The Ultimate Guide to Finding a Job Seminar - Get your job search in gear with this efficient, fast-paced seminar. Refreshments included. Please call 858.534.3750 to register for this free event. 3:30-6:30pm in PC SB/LA.

Company Information Session: Triage Consulting Group - The Career Services Center's On-Campus Interviewing program invites you to meet reps from Triage Consulting Group, a fast-growing healthcare consulting firm based in San Francisco (with a second office in Atlanta). Clients included the largest hospitals and healthcare systems in the national with openings for all majors. 5-6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room, Student Services Building.

#### CLUB

Schmooze with the Jews - A gathering of Jews and non-Jews on campus that wish to be informed of upcoming Winter Quarter Jewish events. Food, arts, and crafts. 11:30am-1:30pm at PC SB/LA.

#### HEALTH

Campaign for a Healthy Heart - Sponsored by Public Health Outreach and Prevention Projects, free blood pressure reading and body mass index with information regarding a healthy lifestyle will be offered to the UCSD community. 12-3pm at PC Gallery R

#### LECTURE

Conflict and Health in Iraq: A Man-made Disaster with Professor Al-Delaimy - Dr. Al-Delaimy's presentation will touch on recent history from the point of view of public health and the consequences of the internal and external conflicts that helped produce one of the worst man-made health disasters. He will present his personal experiences and literature documenting the events. 4pm at the Robinson Building Complex, IR/PS Room 3202.

Making of the Modern World 2007-08 - Edmond Chang, Ph.D. gives a lecture on "The Radicalism of Confucius." 7-8:30pm at Great Hall.

#### RECREATION

X-Games: All Campus Tournament - Catch all the action as the top teams from all the colleges battle it out to be the smartest team at UCSD. The top 4 scorers from the All-Campus Tournament advance to the regional competition representing UCSD at CSU Fresno in February. 6pm at PC Theatre.

Percussionist Ross Karre's British Invasion Concert - Featuring works by Birtwistle, Ferneyhough, and

Pintscher. Aleck Karis accompanies on piano. 8pm

#### SPORTS

Men's Volleyball vs. Princeton, 6pm at RIMAC.

#### **THURS JAN 31**

#### CAREER

Scoring a Career in Sports Panel - Gear up for a career in the sports industry, including sports marketing, sales, journalism, media, and coaching at this informative alumni career panel. 2:30-4pm at PC SB/LA.

#### HEALTH

Campaign for a Healthy Heart - Free blood pressure reading and body mass index with information regarding a healthy lifestyle will be offered to the UCSD community. 12-3pm at PC Gallery B.

#### RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents 30 Days of Night, 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

Focus the Nation: Green Concert - Concert dedicated to raising awareness about global warming. 100% carbon neutral. 8-11pm at Warren Mall.

Winter All Campus Dance - Featuring: La Riots, Lazaro Casanova, and Ima Robot. Free for UCSD undergraduate students with a valid ID. Alumni, Graduate, and Student Guest tickets available 2 for \$10 at the UCSD box office. 7:30pm at PC Ballroom.

#### SPECIAL EVENT

Focus the Nation:Clean Car Show - Focus the Nation will present a showcase of different cars that are environmentally friendly...Written information will be available and open questions to the owners of the cars may be asked.11am-3pm at Warren Mall.

#### FRI FEB 1

#### RECREATION

Hip Hop Show - Elzhi, Blue & DJ House Shoes - Free hip hop concert for UCSD's student community featuring world renowned MC, and one half of Slum Village, Elzhi, West Coast up-and-comer Blu, and Detroit's premier dj, DJ House Shoes. 8-11pm in the Student Center.

#### SPORTS

Baseball vs. Western Oregon, 2pm at Triton field.
Men's Volleyball vs. Pepperdine, 7pm at RIMAC.

#### SAT FEB 2

#### RECREATION

APSA'a 13th Annual Talent Show Auditions - No appointment necessary, just show up and show us your talents! 10am-4pm at Center Hall 105.

The Price Center Film Series presents 30 Days of Night - 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

LGBTQIA Annual Drag Show: Divas in Denial XIII - Divas in Denial XII is a community-building performance with local performers singing and dancing in drag! 8-10pm at PC Theatre.

#### SPORTS

Baseball vs. Western Oregon, 2pm at Triton field.

Men's Volleyball vs. USC, 7pm at RIMAC.

#### **SUN DEC 3**

#### RECREATION

APSA'a 13th Annual Talent Show Auditions - No appointment necessary, just show up and show us your talents! 10am-4pm at Center Hall 105.

iSports Superbowl XLII. Come join us for the kick-off of iSports programming with Superbowl XLII as the New England Patriots square off against the New York Giants. Refreshments to be provided. 3pm at the International House Great Hall.

Ballroom Dance Club Night - Open to all UCSD community for a night of ballroom dances including the Cha-cha, tango, and others. 6-11pm at PC Ballroom B.

#### SPORTS

Baseball vs. Western Oregon, 12pm at Triton field.

#### **UPCOMING**

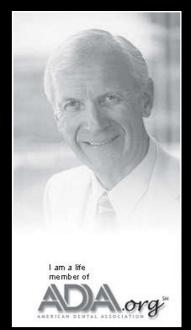
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## **Tritons Bounce Back With Rout Over Bulldogs**

By Janani Sridharan

CLUB SPORTS - UCSD returned home to mixed results on Jan. 25 and 26 against UC Irvine and Fresno State after successful matches against Loyola Marymount University and University of the Redlands on Jan. 18 and 19. The Tritons fell for the second time this season to UC Irvine on Jan. 25 by a score of 6-3, but bounced back against Fresno State with a 13-2 blowout victory the following evening at UTC Ice

In the Tritons' match against Fresno State, UCSD took advantage of its first power play of the night, scoring an early goal to take a 1-0 lead. Minutes later, a slapshot from junior forward Troy Miller put UCSD up 2-0.

The Tritons controlled the puck and kept play in the Bulldogs' zone for much of the first period. On one rare occasion, Fresno State pushed play through the neutral zone and the Bulldogs scored a goal to cut the Tritons' lead to 2-1. But junior forward Chris Bachman responded with another goal for the Tritons, putting them up 3-1 at intermission.

Within the first minute of the second period, the Tritons scored another goal. Then, with 17:45 left in the period, freshman forward Stephen Lockwood broke away and slipped the puck past the hapless Bulldog goalkeeper to put the Tritons up by four.

The Bulldogs, who played defensively for most of the game, finally answered back with a goal to cut the Tritons' lead to 5-2 with 11:21 left in the second period. However, Bachman banged a shot into the high corner of the goal before sophomore forward Michael Frederick passed the puck to sophomore forward Casey Gong, who scored another goal to give the Tritons two quick scores and a 7-2 lead. UCSD added two more scores in the period to take a 9-2 lead going into the break.

With the game out of reach for the Bulldogs, UCSD continued its onslaught, adding four more goals in the final period, including scores from Gong, Miller and senior forward Tim Armstrong.

The Tritons wanted to atone for their previous loss, and their merciless and unified play gave the Bulldogs a long and sad ride home.

"After a so-so game [the night before] we came out strong tonight," freshman defenseman Will Cho said. "Our team banded together and we weren't selfish."

The win came after the Tritons took a tough 6-3 loss to UC Irvine one night earlier. The Tritons struggled for much of that game, digging themselves into a 6-1 hole after two periods. It didn't help that they racked up an unusually high amount of penalty minutes.

The first two periods of the game, we were in the [penalty] box the whole time," junior defenseman Matthew

Not willing to leave without a fight, the Tritons outscored the Anteaters 2-0 in the third period, but by then it was too little, too late and UC Irvine took the victory.

We lost focus," Cho said. "We could blame the referees for the loss but we've got to play the game better."

Now with a 9-6 record, the Tritons have three more games left in the regular season. UCSD will face Cal State Northridge on Feb. 2 and Sacramento State on Feb. 8, and will finish its schedule against UC Davis on Feb. 9. All three games are at home and the Tritons are confident that their history with their opponents will lift them to much-needed victory.

We've beaten two out of the three teams that we're playing this season," Robinson said. "We need to win the next three games."

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SANH LUONG/GUARDIAN

The UCSD ice hockey team fell for the second time this season to UC Irvine on Jan. 25, but bounced back the next evening against Fresno State, scoring early and often to trounce the Bulldogs 13-2.

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## Women Send **Gators Back** Upriver

▶ W. BASKETBALL from page 12 line for UCSD.

With the Tritons in complete control of the game in the second half, UCSD tapped into its bench, which was very productive in the game.

"We got contributions all around and we used everyone," Noud said. "That makes for a successful game."

Noud had a game-high 22 points for the Tritons with Osier being the only other Triton in double digits for scoring. Osier had a great all-around game, scoring 13 points, collecting 20 rebounds and adding three steals.

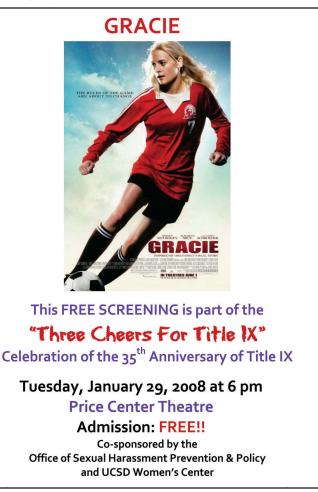
The Tritons' win over Cal State Monterey Bay came in front of a considerably smaller crowd than their victory over San Francisco State one night earlier. UCSD pulled out the close win over the Gators in front of a large crowd of 1,220 spectators on the university's annual Spirit Night.

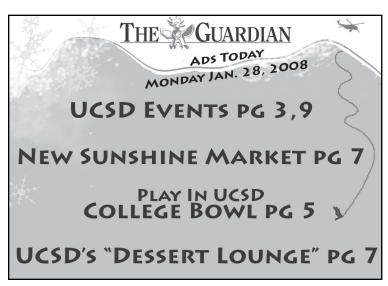
The Tritons found themselves in an 8-2 hole to start the game, missing three three-point attempts in the first two minutes of the game. UCSD managed to stay close in the game, not giving the Gators a chance to open up a larger lead in the contest. The two teams battled for most of the first half, tying the game on four occasions.

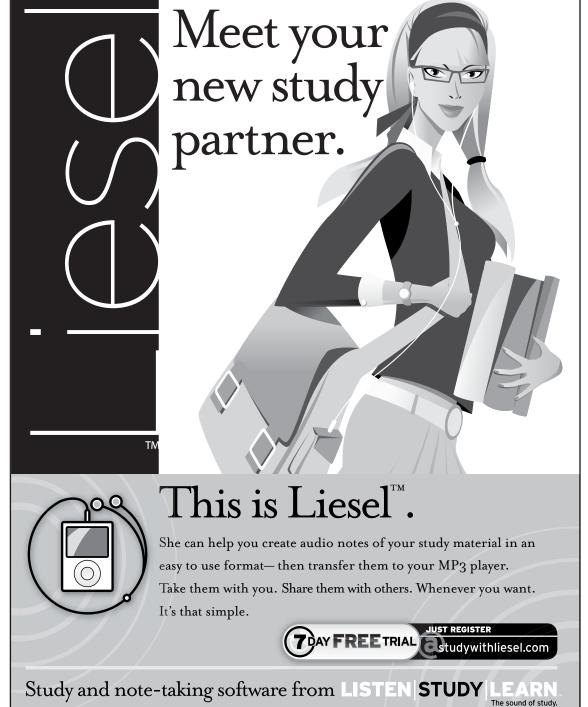
With the game tied at 19 with 3:55 to play in the first half, the Tritons took control of the game on baskets from freshman forward Neyra Valenzuela, senior center Alexis Gaskin and a three-pointer from Mezzetta. With one second left in the half, Noonan's jump shot missed the mark and Valenzuela threw the ball back up and into the basket to give the Tritons a 30-21 lead at halftime.

Noonan opened up the scoring for the Tritons in the second half with a

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## **HOT CORNER** Meaghan Noud Women's Basketball

The senior forward averaged 18 points and six rebounds in UCSD's wins over San Francisco State University and Cal State Monterey Bay on Jan. 25 and 26.

## Tritons Fall in Overtime Thrillers



WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN

San Francisco State University's big men limited the offense of senior forward Henry Patterson, who had just seven points on 2-of-7 shooting from the field in the Tritons' overtime loss on Jan. 25 in front of 3,906 fans.

By Joe Tevelowitz SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — UCSD had a long and disappointing weekend at home, losing to conference opponents in two overtime games on consecutive

The Tritons fell to San Francisco State University on Spirit Night, Jan. 25, by a 68-58 final score, taking the game into overtime in front of a record-sized crowd of 3,906. The next night, UCSD went on to play two extra periods, and lost 97-93 to Cal State Monterey Bay. With the losses — the Tritons' first at home and first back-to-back conference defeats all season — UCSD stands at 9-6 overall and 6-4 in California Collegiate Athletic Association play. Now just past the season's midway point, UCSD sits tied for fourth place in the CCAA.

The battle between the top two three-point shooting teams in the conference was decided from long distance when Cal State Monterey Bay and UCSD squared off. Unfortunately, while the Tritons held the statistical advantage entering the game in threepoint defense, the Otters sniped well from behind the arc at both the end of the fourth quarter and the overtime periods.

The Tritons' competitive spirit guided them to a 27-26 lead at halftime. Head coach Chris Carlson's squad would find itself up again in the final minutes of the game, seemingly ready to avenge its loss from the previous evening to San Francisco State.

With the Tritons up four and under a minute to go, senior guard Clint Allard drew a foul and went to the line for a one-and-one opportunity. Allard could not convert on the first attempt and Cal State Monterey Bay took possession, responding with a three-pointer from way behind the arc to cut the Tritons' lead to 64-63 with 17.2 seconds left on the clock.

Sophomore guard Jordan Lawley responded on the other end, drawing a foul and calmly knocking down two free throws to push the lead back to three points. However, the Otters made another miracle three-pointer, connecting from the corner with just three-tenths of a second left on the clock, that sucked the air out of RIMAC

Having come so close to victory, a determined UCSD squad came out firing in the overtime period, taking the lead and going up two possessions after an Allard three-pointer with 2:30 left to play. However, the Otters' hot streak from long distance tied the game at 77 with just over a minute left. Junior forward Henry Patterson then helped the Tritons regain the lead, moving around two defenders for a layup and one of his 18 successful field goals, coming by way of only 20 attempts. Unfortunately, the Otters would again tie the game in the waning seconds, and a jumper from junior guard Kelvin Kim was off the mark on the Tritons final possession of the first overtime.

Patterson again struck first for UCSD in the second extra period with a layup, but the Otters responded with a three on the other end. But this time, Cal State Monterey Bay would be the one to take a lead in the final minute. Despite a staunch Triton defense that forced a crucial turnover on an inbounds pass, the shots would not fall for UCSD as the Tritons lost their third overtime game in four chances.

According to Carlson, the doubleovertime loss stretched the limits of the team and tested its worth.

"Coming out of that adversity you learn how tough you are and what the measure of your group is, both individually and collectively," he said. "We competed well. We just didn't compete well enough."

Carlson said that Patterson's explosive performance was outstanding but that the Tritons could not convert on all of their opportunities.

"Offensively, we didn't execute a lot of things we wanted to do tonight. Henry Patterson had a good game, but we want to try and execute a few other things and I had to ride Henry too much," Carlson said. "Tonight we relied on him so much to make shots and we just weren't clicking tonight."

Patterson set a career-high with 37

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## **Lady Tritons Keep Otters at Bay**

By Janani Sridharan SENIOR STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons ended the first half of their California Collegiate Athletic Association schedule with two solid wins at home, pushing their conference record to 7-3. UCSD used a strong second half to defeat Cal State Monterey Bay by a score of 68-51 on Jan. 26, and posted a 64-58 victory over San Francisco State on Jan. 25 in front of a large crowd on Spirit Night. The Tritons are currently tied for third place in the CCAA — just one game out of first place going into their next

UCSD burst out of the gates against Cal State Monterey Bay, taking a 12-2 lead with three-point baskets from sophomore forward Erin Noonan and senior guard Meaghan Noud. After the er three-pointer, giving the Tritons a 15-4 lead with 11:05 left in the half. UCSD maintained control of the game for most of the first half, extending its lead to 15 points with 7:45 left in the first half after a three-pointer from freshman guard Mollie McIntyre.

The small and quick Otters stormed back into the game, shooting well from beyond the arc and ending the half on a 16-6 run to cut the Tritons' lead

According to UCSD head coach Charity Elliot, the Otters' run was the result of a letup from the Tritons.

"We got complacent in the middle of the first half and allowed them to climb back into the game," Elliot said. "You have to give [the Otters] credit because they kept playing hard."

The Tritons, holding on to a 28-25 lead, answered Cal State Monterey Bay's run with a run of their own to start the second half of the game. After junior forward Michelle Osier collected an offensive rebound, senior guard Alexis Mezzetta rattled in a jump shot, and the Tritons continued their surge



SANH LUONG/GUARDIAN

Junior forward Michelle Osier led UCSD with 20 points on Jan. 26 in the Tritons' win over Cal State Monterey Bay, one night after her solid performance helped UCSD defeat San Francisco State

by scoring nine unanswered points, giving them a 37-25 lead with 16:38

The Tritons continued their success, blocking the Otters' attempts to get back into the contest. With the Otters double-teaming UCSD's centers, the Tritons consistently found open players on the outside for uncontested shots. The Tritons were also able to execute several baseline drives, which resulted in layups and trips to the foul

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