STUDENT LOBBY CORPS READIES FOR CAPITOL TRIP

Delegates from all UC campuses, selected in monthlong process, will advocate fixed tuition proposal in Sacramento.

By Joyce Yeh

A delegation of 35 UCSD students will join hundreds of other UC students in lobbying state legislators for a five-year fixed tuition plan at the University of California Student Association's annual Student Lobby Conference in Sacramento from Feb. 28 to March 2.

Students will urge legislators to include the College Affordability Act — also known as the tuition-freeze ballot initiative — in the November 2009 general election. The measure would freeze tuition for undergraduate students at the University of California and California State University for five years by allocating 60 percent of a 1 percent tax on incomes exceeding \$1 million to both university systems. The plan would require roughly \$2 billion in total tax revenue.

In addition to offering students an opportunity to speak with legislators, the conference will include workshops and lectures addressing a number of current higher-education issues.

While UCSA's full-time staff organized the logistics of the conference — from the guest-speaker list to catering and living arrangements each UC campus was responsible for selecting student delegates through an application process that began in January.

UCSD Legislative Liaison of External Affairs Facundo Ramos said that he and other delegation leaders chose students who would "benefit the most" from the experience and "bring the knowledge they receive back to UCSD."

"[Students attending the conference] hope to learn about the legislative process, about the many issues that affect California today - such as the budget crisis and the rising student fees - and to be able to get experience actually talking to legislators," Ramos said.

In an effort to attract politically active students, delegation leaders primarily advertised the conference at the meetings of political organizations on campus, as well as over their

Ramos said that organizers have historically struggled to attract conference participants, but this year

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The Steady Decline of State Funding ver the last two decades, state funding for the University of California has fallen nearly 40 percent per student, accounting for inflation and enrollment growth. The university faces another 10 percent reduction in state funds this year. PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN

State General Funds for Allocation at UC San Diego

State Funding for University of California

Under Tight Budget, Chancellor Lays Out Campus Priorities

By Yelena Akopian
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox hosted a town-hall meeting last week where she discussed the impact of the budget crisis at UCSD and opened the floor to faculty and staff concerned about the survival of vital department programs.

Every unit on every campus will be affected," Fox said. "We're actively reviewing campus projects and trying to complete or delay them. These are not things we feel comfortable with, or things that we want to do."

As state funding for higher education continues to decrease, the university has attempted to deal with its shrinking budget through cuts to student enrollment, a voluntary employee buyout program, suspension of academic enrichment programs, postponement of ladder-rank faculty recruitments and implementation of soft-hiring freezes.

Fox listed several key areas of state-funding allocation that will most likely be saved from the chop-

Cuts must have minimal impact on classroom and academic laboratory instruction," Fox said. "We have to protect our students. Campus





Top: Chancellor Marye Anne Fox discussed the effects of state budget cuts on the UCSD campus at a Feb. 10 town-hall meeting. Bottom: Vice chancellors were called on to to address areas of the campus budget specifically related to their positions.

UC Leaders Prepare to Juggle Further Cash Reductions

By Reza Farazmand

As lawmakers in Sacramento struggle this week to form a budget plan capable of resuscitating California's sinking economy, higher-education leaders are preparing for yet another decrease in state funding.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed budget package also includes a 10 percent across-theboard funding cut for the University of California and the California State University systems, pro-

jected to save the state a sum of \$264.4 million in the 2009-10 fiscal year. The Legislature passed a similar budget last year that denied the UC Board of Regents the funds it had requested to accomodate for enrollment growth.

UC spokesman Brad Hayward said that while the university is aware of the complexity of the state's budget crisis and the limited range of fiscal options currently available to legislators, the continued lack of state financial support will be a heavy burden on university operations.

"We certainly understand the severity of the state's budget situation and the need play a role in the solution," Hayward said. "That said, we



Mark G. Yudof UC President

also are very concerned about continuing budget cuts to the university. To serve our students and the state well, the trend of disinvestment needs to turn around as soon as the state is able."

According to Hayward, state funding for the university has decreased nearly 40 percent per student in less than 20 years, accounting for inflation and enrollment growth. The trend has led UC officials to seek out potential areas of savings in the university budget, resulting in a decision by the Board of Regents earlier this month to freeze executive salaries and cut freshman enrollment by 2,300 spots, about 6 percent of the current class

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FOCUS Ready for Liftoff

Many NASA projects get their start at UCSD, where prospective space explorers launch their careers.



SPORTS Valentine's Heartbreak

Women's basketball: The Tritons saw their undefeated CCAA record crumble in a loss to the Coyotes on Feb. 14.



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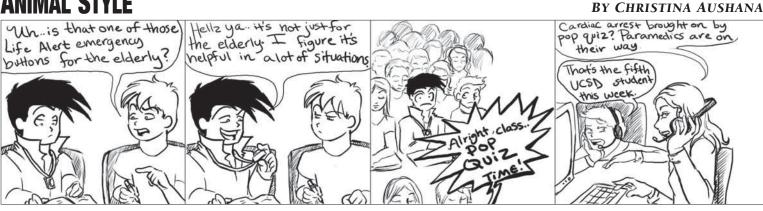






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NIH Grant Funds Imaging Technology at Moores

UCSD's Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center has received a \$7.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health to develop new methods for detecting cancer and monitoring its treatment at the newly established In Vivo Cellular and Molecular Imaging Center.

"We want to develop diagnostic tools that define the cancer at its earliest stage, not just whether it is there, but its characteristics," said Robert Mattrey, co-principal investigator of the project and radiology professor at the UCSD School of

Along with pharmacology, chemistry and biochemistry professor and recent Nobel laureate - Roger Tsien, Mattrey will lead a project to improve strategies for detecting enzymes called matrix metalloproteinases, which aggressively break down tissue and enable cancers to spread. The research team is developing imaging tools for conducting ultrasounds that will help detect enzymes in prostate and breast can-

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Mattrey said that clearly determining the aggressiveness of a cancer will likely influence the treatment decisions of both doctors and patients.

In another project, co-principal investigator and professor of radiology David Vera will collaborate with medicine professor Stephen Howell to use nuclear imaging and ultrasounds in virtually tracking cancer cells and monitoring the effectiveness of an experimental, platinumbased chemotherapy drug.

"It's difficult to know if a drug is reaching its molecular target,' Mattrey said. "It's not just a matter of knowing that the drug reaches the tumor, but also if it was able to inhibit or stop the chemical reaction that it was designed to do.'

A portion of the grant will also fund a study led by assistant professor of pathology Dwayne Stupack involving the use of nanoparticles to detect changes in the blood vessels associated with tumors. Stupack hopes to develop an imaging system that will expose tumors in their earliest stages.

Ramos: Students Motivated to Lobby **After Impressive Electoral Turnout**

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was an exception, with 46 applicants for 35 spots.

"Maybe we advertised it better, but we believe that the fact that we

had such a historic presidential election this past November got students interested in politics and the legislative system," Ramos said. "After this election, students feel like they have a newfound voice in politics, and they, too, can make change happen."

Ramos added that he expects state legislators to appreciate this year's increase in stu-

dent participation.

"I think the Legislature will be greatly responsive to students lobbying," he said. "They always like that students go and share their issues, specifically this year, after UCSA registered over 40,000 students state-

Camille Anderson, deputy press

secretary Arnold Schwarzenegger, said that funding for higher education remains a top priority for the governor. "Right now,

the governor and legislative leaders are negotiating the state's \$42 billion budget Facundo Ramos, deficit, including UCSD student lobbyist how to best help preserve highereducation fund-

ing in this national economic downturn," Anderson said.

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Share your thoughts on funding options for UC San Diego transit and shuttle service.

Focus groups will be held at the Price Center:

Tue, Feb. 24, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Marshall Room Tue, Feb. 24, 5 – 6:30 p.m., Earl Warren Room Wed, Feb. 25, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., ERC Room Thu, Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bear Room

Food will be served.

Groups are limited to 12 participants; RSVP required. E-mail commutesolutions@ucsd.edu to sign up.



LIGHTS & SIRENS-

12:34 a.m.: Reckless driving

▶ The sound of "vehicles racing" was heard at the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center.

3:48 a.m.: Welfare check

▶ A 30-year-old Latino male with curly black hair "jumped out of the bushes" while a female nonstudent walked by on a dirt road near the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center.

5:40 p.m.: Burglary to vehicle

▶ An unknown subject used a crowbar to break into a vehicle at Lot 701. Gone on arrival.

Saturday, Feb. 7

10:27 p.m.: Fireworks disturbance

▶ The sound of fireworks was heard at Tenaya Hall. Unable to locate.

Sunday, Feb. 8 10:12 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A male was reported as "unresponsive" and needing medical attention after getting hit in the head while playing water polo at Canyonview

Monday, Feb. 9

2:54 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 60-year-old white male was reported as knocking on the door of a Galbraith Hall apartment, "trying to get [the female resident] to unlock the door" and "[asking] for directions." The resident "hid under her desk" until the knocking ceased after

11:23 p.m.: General disturbance

▶ Two males, one possibly intoxicated, were seen arguing outside the men's bathroom of an Earl Warren College residence hall.

Tuesday, Feb. 10 11:08 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 40-year-old white male wearing a straw hat and plaid shirt was seen "picking flowers on the hillside" and

"offering them to a student worker" at Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Field interview administered.

8:35 p.m.: Prowler

▶ Residents of a John Muir College apartment reported finding their room "open with the lights turned on" after leaving for a short period

Wednesday, Feb. 11

8:22 a.m.: Hazardous situation

▶ The smell of "gas and smoke" was detected in the stairwell of the Pharmaceutical Sciences building. 4:11 p.m.: Welfare check

▶ The mother of a 21-year-old black male who "studies at Geisel every day" was unable to reach her son for over a week.

11:26 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 21-year-old male reportedly chopped off his finger at RIMAC, but remained conscious and breathing.

Thursday, Feb. 12

3:19 a.m.: General disturbance

▶ A 21-year-old white male with stubble was reported as stealing another student's iPhone after physically fighting with him at Earth Hall.

9:07 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 65-year-old white male with gray hair and wearing a navy-blue shirt was seen at the School of Medicine. Field interview administered.

4:38 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A white male in his 20s with a thin build and shoulder-length brown hair was seen carrying a laptop and guitar case at the Engineering building. Field interview administered.

9:47 p.m.: Suicide attempt

▶ An 18-year-old female attempted suicide by ingesting half a bottle of Tylenol after breaking up with her boyfriend. Field interview adminis-

— Compiled by Sonia Minden SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Yudof Seeks to Preserve Academic Quality Despite Cuts

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Lt. Gov. and de facto regent John Garamendi, who has offered vocal criticism of Schwarzenegger's budget-reform plans over the last several months, issued a statement last week decrying the lack of educational funds included in the governor's proposal.

"The budget accelerates the financial decline of the University of California and the largest university in America, the California State University," Garamendi said. "California needs teachers, engineers, nurses, doctors and every other job skill. This budget gets a 'D' in meeting the educational needs of tomorrow's workforce."

UC President Mark G. Yudof has met with chancellors from the 10 UC campuses over the past sev-

eral weeks, discussing the impact of a growing gap in state funding on the university's operating budget. According to Hayward, campus leaders are in the process of identifying items within their budgets that could sustain heavy cuts in order to preserve funding for more essential campus services.

"All of the campuses have been working intently to identify areas where they can achieve savings while minimizing the impact on the academic program and student services," Hayward said. "So a tremendous amount of work throughout the system is going into managing the budget as well as possible. But we are still quite concerned about the possibility of additional budget cuts and how they would impact the

Despite these efforts, Yudof has warned that the state's continued failure to adequately fund the university will eventually result in increased class sizes, decreased course offerings and the hiring of fewer instructors.

Facing a projected budget deficit of nearly \$40 billion, state legislators are now considering a plan that would generate roughly \$15 billion in new taxes to aid the failing state economy — funds drawn from a state sales-tax increase of one cent on the dollar and a 12 cent increase in gasoline tax, among other sources.

State legislators are expected to finalize California's budget plan sometime this week.

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Open Forum Addresses Diversity, Transportation

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diversity efforts, including outreach to public schools, must remain intact. Patient care and environmental health and safety cannot be compromised. Administrative efficiencies will be followed rigorously."

Fox also promised that maintaining job security for campus employees would be a top priority for UCSD.

"We're going to do everything we can to avoid layoffs — whether we're going to be able to do it, I can't tell you," Fox said.

In response to concerns raised by several students and a representative from the UCSD Chicano/Latino Concilio about retaining minority faculty and students, Fox stressed the importance of supporting campus diversity programs.

"Diversity is part of our heart and soul, and relevant to the success of this university," Fox said. "We need to keep

[diversity programs] intact. Intact does not mean that there won't be cuts. It's very likely that every unit is going to

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Marye Anne Fox, UCSD Chancellor

be cut on some level, but I can promise that there will be a high priority on diversity activities.

Senior Vice Chancellor Paul W. Drake promised that diversity efforts will be redoubled.

Addressing several concerns about parking and public access to the campus, Transportation and Parking Services Director Brian d'Autremont said that the university plans to maintain — and even expand — public transportation operations.

"We've tripled the size of [the] free bus program, added subsidies, frozen prices," d'Autremont said. "Recently we froze parking increases ... We're the only UC that's done that. [These initiatives are] very salient demonstrations of the university trying to meet the needs of people coming into campus."

Fox also announced the launch of budgetline.ucsd.edu, a new Web site providing budget-related resources and news.

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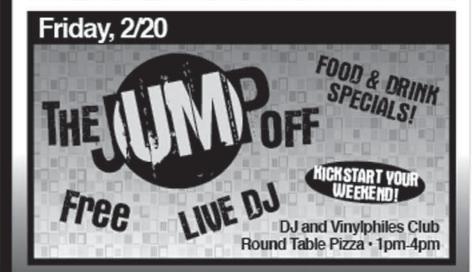
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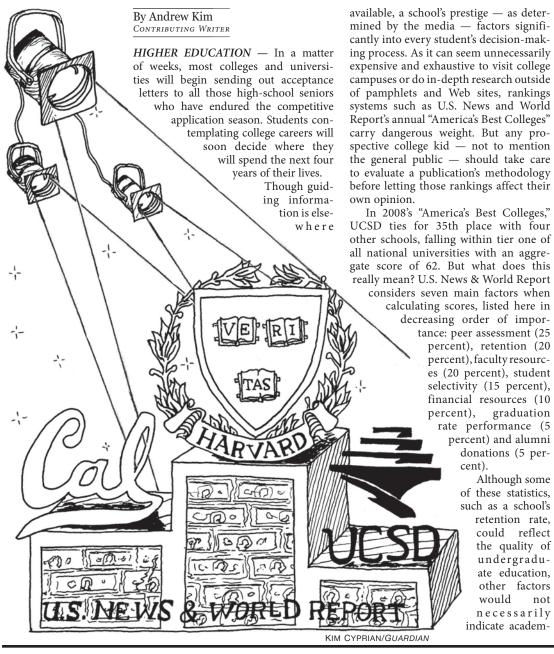
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TOP-COLLEGE RANKINGS OVERSIMPLIFY SEARCH



For instance, peer assessment — the most heavily weighted factor in the aggregate score — is measured by surveys asking top academics, such as presidents and provosts, to rate academic programs offered at peer schools on a numerical scale. While peer assessment eliminates any personal bias that schools might have in assessing themselves, it is by no means impartial. Survey respondents can't be expected to be experts on competing institutions, and varying degrees of knowledge could compromise their scoring. Also, because university officials maintain contact with many administrators at other schools, their own experiences with those specific representatives may be biased. Furthermore, fewer than half the people surveyed for the most recent publication of the college rankings actually responded, making for a largely incomplete evaluation.

Faculty and financial resources also factor significantly to calculating of college rankings, placing public schools such as UCSD at a continual disadvantage. The faculty-resources score is determined mainly by the ratio of small to large class sizes, faculty salary and faculty-to-student ratio - holding a collective weight of 80 percent. These numbers favor private institutions that charge exorbitant tuition rates nearly double what in-state UC students pay, which in turn allows for smaller class sizes with fewer students per faculty member. Institutions such as Harvard, Princeton and Yale, which currently top the list, have financial endowments of \$28.8 billion, \$16.3 billion and \$17 billion, respectively, compared to UCSD's current endowment of \$525 million. Although schools with greater financial means are generally better able to provide for their students, these rankings do not necessarily

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Evaluations Offer Students Constructive Feedback

Dear Editor, I just wanted to clear up one mistake in your article entitled "Grading Outside the Alphabet" that is a common misconception among people outside of our school: UC Santa Cruz still uses narrative evaluations. As a recent graduate myself, I can promise you that in addition to my grades, I received evaluations for every class I took during my undergraduate career except one (that's 45 classes and evaluations). In fact, my department, literature, uses the evaluations as a way to bestow honors to graduates, as I myself achieved. This misconception about UCSC's grading system continues to affect the greater public as well as our alumni. Many people who do not know that we offer both grades and evaluations sometimes write the school off as a party school with no grades. Other alumni are still infuriated, because they believe evaluations were completely done away with in lieu of grades.

As more of a personal comment, I believe evaluations are a wonderful way to "grade" students. They reward the students with the most genuine intention of learning, not those that can merely perform well on tests or dominate discussion. They are wellrounded and can be as clear as grades in letting students know their level of achievement. In fact, specific language allows students to know how they have succeeded or failed, even if no grade was present. Words like "excellent" and "amazing" would clearly represent what we may know as an "A." Other phrases or words like "above average" ("B") "average" ("C") "dismal" ("D") and so forth should give any intelligent UC student enough insight to understand how their performance was marked.

When it comes to larger classes, writing many evaluations can be extremely difficult. However, the UC system's use of TAs makes it somewhat easier to manage for professors — TAs that lead section or grade work can take on partial responsibility for writing the evaluations, especially since they may interact more with students than professors themselves. While many professors and TAs spend the time to creatively write each evaluation, others follow a sort of formula, using performance-specific language in conjunction with a description of coursework (that has already been graded over the course of the quarter) to easily compose specific yet simple evaluations.

Evaluations reward success much better than a letter grade ever could. You may spend only one quarter with a professor, but if they are impressed by you, a brief evaluation serves as a mini recommendation letter that may come in handy in future professional and academic use.

Thank you for bringing the subject up to UCSD students, staff and faculty, as I think it is something that could greatly benefit students.

— Perry Radford Alumnus. UC Santa Cruz

Active Innovation Crucial to Energy Independence

Dear Editor,

Only 12 months ago, oil was racing past \$100 a barrel, and it seemed like our nation's ability to address our energy future would become the defining issue for our times. It might be tempting to dismiss talk of our energy challenge as just another fad born out of those crazy subprime mortgage days. After all, gasoline prices have come down, and how can we worry too much about the environment when millions of Americans have just lost their jobs? Nonetheless, there are three key reasons why energy remains an urgent issue.

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First, the fundamentals that drove the price of oil and gas to stratospheric highs are not going away. These fossil fuels are finite resources, our ability to extract them cheaply is diminishing and their costs will again increase as global markets recover and as the developing world surges ahead in population and economic growth. The cost of a barrel of oil is already up 20 percent from its December 2008 low.

Second, our demand for foreign oil and the related foreign-policy decisions we make to ensure supply from abroad has greatly diminished our leadership position in the global political economy. According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, the U.S. imports 58 percent of its petroleum needs. The top three global oil exporters are Saudi Arabia, Russia and Iran, and 56 percent of global oil reserves are in the Middle East. If we want to restore both economic and geopolitical strength to the U.S., we need to increase our self-reliance.

Third, the environmental cost of burning fossil fuels is increasingly hard to ignore and policy changes acknowledging this are gaining momentum. Evidence for climate change is so compelling that even oil company executives have acknowledged it as a critical problem. Consider the words of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, a group

that includes the petroleum giants ConocoPhillips and Shell. In their 2008 Call to Action they announced, "We need a mandatory, flexible climate program ... The most efficient and powerful way to stimulate private investment in research, development and deployment is to adopt policies establishing a market value for GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions over the long-term."

Awareness is just a mindset. You too can contribute to the clean energy movement by getting involved in your university's energy community - and if none exists, you can create one. You can also seize the opportunity to build a team and compete for the MIT Clean Energy Prize, sponsored by NSTAR and the U.S. Department of Energy. This competition, open to student teams from all U.S. universities, is designed to develop a new generation of energy entrepreneurs. Enter by Feb. 26 to compete for over \$500,000 in prizes.

Every community in the U.S. depends on energy and the solutions to our energy challenge will not come from any one policy, university or company. What will be your contribution?

> — Marcio von Muhlen Co-Director, MIT Clean Energy Prize

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The Nuances of Successful **Buffet Eating in** Five Easy Steps

¬ his weekend, as I found myself howling down the Vegas Strip with a gaggle Guardian editors, our heads fogged and our stomachs empty, I was reminded of the cosmic importance and meaning embedded in the intricacies of buffet eating. Our annual trek through the city's garish halls is a newspaper standard more fundamental than the Sun God masthead, and in the name of tradition we made our way to the Bellagio with just two things in mind: protein and desserts.



I was ready. I had perfected my game plan. And now friends, I'll share it with you.

1. Plan ahead. Optimal stomach preparedness starts early. If you're going to maximize food intake and enjoyment your body needs to be primed. So skip the midday Chipotle, no matter how much your cloudy senses make you believe you need it; no matter how much it beckons from your friend's fiending grasp across the littered hotel room that 15 people, each in varying states of wakefulness, now share. Instead, grab some hearty recharge food early in the day, maybe even as early as 6 a.m. on your way back from a night of merriment, in a Vegas-decadent but dining-commons-cheap cafe your friend's flatmate recommends. (And planning ahead doesn't just apply to the meal, keep in mind that a full stomach absorbs more, so ration your pre- and post-game beverages accordingly.) Remember, you got into UCSD. If you apply the same careful planning that got you into college to buffet eating you can definitely succeed.

2. Don't be sold on the very first one. After an hour or what feels like it in line for the big meal, buzzing with overstimulus and directed harshly by a secret-service-looking walk-space regulator man, you'll be ready to pile your plate high with the first delight that crosses your path. But wait! Many a buffet casualty has fallen at the hands of the novelty bread trough, lured ruthlessly by the heaps of marbled sweetbread and pretzel buns. You paid \$38.74 for this carnival of luxury so take advantage of it. Don't just settle down with the first charming starch who makes eye contact.

3. Know thy self. You'll want to do this soul searching ahead of time (see number one) so you're ready to jump right in once the aged hostess, angry that it took your party of 25 so long to figure out how to pay and even angrier upon her discovery that you've tried to commandeer two favorably positioned booths in exchange for the long separated tables she's seated you at, gets off your back. In general, there are two buffet-eater archetypes: the person who sticks with the staples they know they like, filling their plate over with prime rib, sushi, Asian pears and flan; and the person who tries a little of everything, loading up on lamb, crab, Kobe beef, cranberry salad, salmon, turkey,

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A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



The Important Things in Life Include Protein and Dessert

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mandarins, cheesecake, chocolate cake and a meringue-topped lemon bar. Whichever you are, remember to focus your energy on the things you'll most enjoy; life's too short for dull apple strudel.

4. If you're feeling overwhelmed take a breather. Slowed by excess two or three plates in you'll begin to question your commitment to the cause. Your throat will thicken, dry and cottony with delight, and you'll lean back in your chair unsure of how to proceed. When in doubt, order a drink. The refreshing coolness of a simple lemonade will help cleanse your palate and restore your hun-

ger for enchantment. Plus, by eating slowly and hydrating appropriately you'll be able to savor every bit of the

A simple lemonade will help cleanse your palate and restore your hunger for enchantment.

experience, while giving your body time to begin digesting and thus protecting you from that painfully heavy gut that comes so often with holiday feasting. Don't worry; there is no shame in taking a break, collecting your thoughts and pressing forward with renewed enthusiasm.

5. End on a high note. No buffet trip is complete without at least one dessert plate, toppling over with cakes, cookies, tarts and ice cream. If you've followed the first four steps, this one should be easy, so easy that you might even feel cocky, tossing your sixth treat aside because it isn't as appealing as the seventh looks.

Now inhale the sweetness of achievement in your warm smiling stupor and take a bow my friend. You dreamt it. You did it. You are a champion

Dropping Arbitrary Appraisal Would Set Example for Other Universities

Current college rank-

ings correlate prestige

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take into account the ways in which a public university could make up for larger class size — like more TAs, longer office hours or more widespread resources — or the satisfaction levels of students, especially in relation to how much they're paying.

Despite the general comprehensiveness of U.S. News and World Report's ranking system, the amount of consideration given to each factor is highly subjective, making them heavily biased towards elite, privately

funded universities that will remain exclusive in order to maintain their prestige.

Worst part is, these lists and prizes are often superficially used by prospective students and their parents in choosing which school is right for them. Though UCSD's current ranking

within over 1,400 colleges places it in the top 5 percent of undergraduate schools in the nation, the same students who apply are most likely also applicants to other UC schools such as UCLA and UC Berkeley, whose higher rankings (25th and 21st, respectively) prompt students to choose the most prestigious college to which they've been accepted rather than considering which university might fit their individual needs.

In the wake of California's budget crisis, the University of California's funding losses may cause UC campuses to be ranked even lower, despite a disproportional decline in educational quality. An alternative might be to rate schools on their ability to

foster success, further emphasizing statistics such as the graduation rate, acceptance rates to graduate/professional schools or even the percentage of employed alumni in a certain time period after graduation. These statistics would demonstrate each university's utility for success in the job market and apply more directly to the real world. Current college rankings correlate prestige and financial resources with educational quality, likewise downplaying the importance of campus life and resources, lead-

ing students to make uninformed choices.

If perhaps the University of California system removed itself from consideration for college rankings, students would be less likely to compare individual campuses by magazine hype; it would also

encourage students to make more informed decisions in respect their intended majors.

And hopefully, because the University of California is such a well-known and successful public college system, other state-run universities might follow suit, prompting students to research universities on their own and simultaneously lifting the weight of popularity from the process. Perhaps then, the university will not have to rely on unflattering monikers — say "Hottest School for Science" — to assure students that they are in the right place.

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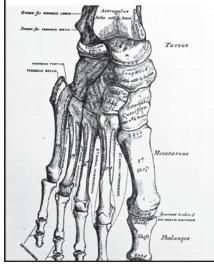
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■ TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2009 ■

▶ Number of immigrants who died crossing the border into the United States from Mexico over the past year, according to the Los Angeles Times.



fter traveling 350 miles above the Earth's surface, the space shuttle Atlantis will land on the 18-year-old Hubble Space Telescope to deliver much-needed repairs. Mission specialist astronaut Megan McArthur, a 2002 Ph.D. graduate of UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will be among the seven astronauts slated to depart in May.

McArthur is not the first UCSD alumnus to travel to outer space, nor is she the only prominent connection UCSD has to NASA - physics professor Sally Ride became the first American female to visit space in 1983.

Using underwater acoustics to study the ocean floor at Scripps, work unrelated to her current tasks at NASA, McArthur said she aquired valuable skills needed to become an astronaut.

"Doing ocean-going research has some parallels [to] space flight in that you are deploying instruments, recovering instruments and taking data," McArthur said. "If [your instrument] breaks, you have to fix it while you're removed from your normal environment. So, you're going to be applying the same type of problem-solving skills and engineering knowledge you had [in your graduate studies] to your current environment.

Many NASA-funded research projects are currently in progress at Scripps. One project is the Ice, Cloud and Land Elevation Satellite, a laser optometer that tracks the movement of ice sheets over the Antarctic and Greenland, and provides data on topography and vegetation around the

For the past 15 years, Scripps chemistry professor Jeffrey Bada has been working on another NASA project: the design and building of the Urey Instrument, which will extract organic materials from space dust and break them down into individual amino acids to determine whether the basic building blocks for life exist on Mars. If completed on time, the Urey Instrument will deploy in 2016.

"[Scripps] has a very active program in climate and atmospheric chemistry," Bada said. "Right now, we know there was once liquid water on Mars. We do not know if there are any organic compounds. So, [the Urey Instrument] is really a culmination of a long-funded NASA project."

UCSD's Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences also has a hand in NASA projects, focusing primarily on astronomy and the development of space observation instruments. Technology from CASS has been used in the Hubble Telescope and by the European Space Agency's International Gamma-Ray Astrophysics Laboratory, as well as in one of the three telescopes on NASA's Rossi X-ray Timing Explorer.

"A lot of research deals with looking back as far in time as you can and figuring out how the universe got to be the way it is," CASS Associate Director of Operations Richard Rothschild said. "Where did the elements come from? Did they come from the big bang? No, only hydrogen, helium and a bit of lithium were formed. All the rest were made in stars, so [we] study the life

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SITESEEN

BY GLORIA WU STAFF WRITER



a classy venue where blackpow-tied attendants gracefully serve hors d'oeuvres and wine to the soft sound of tickled ivory. At peak hours, the Shout! House swarms with jovial, red-faced patrons pounding tables as the wait staff dances atop two beat-up grand pianos and the sticky bar counter.

The restaurant resembles a cozy barnyard, furbished with rugged wooden furniture, neon lights and an obnoxious stuffed SpongeBob SquarePants surfing just above the stage. Tables and chairs are jammed tightly on the floor so patrons are forever jostling elbows and inhaling air permeated by sweat, beer and perfume. Because the entertainment is crowd-driven, customers are instructed to let their inner crassness loose and act as rowdy and boisterous

Sharp-witted pianists perform songs requested by the audience, giving precedence to those accompanied by heftier tips. The performers' musical prowess is expansive; the playlist includes a little Elton John, Bon Jovi, Queen and some obligatory Billy

his dueling piano bar is far from Joel, as a friendly tribute to the man who began his illustrious career performing anonymously in plano bars. The players can also break out into dead-on renditions of Gwen Stefani's "Hollaback Girl" and Akon's "Smack That" without batting an eyelash.

> An unhinged — and very likely drunk - person might throw away \$25 on a request for the Mario Brothers' theme song and the pianist will demand no less than \$26 from the audience to make him stop playing it.

> The entertainers crack bawdy jokes throughout the evening, some subtle and others brazen. As the Shout! House is a popular site for bachelorette and 21st birthday parties, the jokes are predictably saturated with lewd comments about the human anatomy. Shameless attentiongetters and bashful brides-to-be alike are pulled on stage and instructed to dance for the crowd or sit on the piano for a song.

> To mark the end of every guest performance, the audience erupts into one big chorus: "You bitch! You slut! You whore!" and the merriment only increases as the night progresses, after the audience has consumed



enough alcohol to howl with laughter over jokes that are repeated again and again.

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Food options aren't revolutionary: Customers are served typical burgers and appetizers in red baskets, often ordering the popular 32 oz. Big Ass Beer and complimentary plastic cup imprinted with an illustration of someone's hairy lower backside.

The best times to grab a group of

friends and head downtown for some rock 'n' roll piano without a cover fee are Sunday evenings, Tuesdays and Wednesdays before 8 p.m. and Thursday evenings with current col-

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he Coptic Club, consisting of mostly second-generation Egyptian students, met Wednesday with guest speaker Bishop Serapion of the Diocese of Southern California and Hawaii, to celebrate the end of the three-day fast of Jonah. Copts belong to a minority Christian religion concentrated in Egypt. Today, the Coptic faith — similar to Orthodox Catholicism — has followers worldwide. Serapion was invited to give a lecture; he chose the importance of giving in religion. During a questionand-answer session afterward Serapion garnished his responses with Arabic, and club members who understood translated for those who did not. According to John Muir College senior and Coptic Club principal member Jackie Tanios, the group has grown from three members to nearly 40 in her time at UCSD and hopes to expand outside the Coptic religion, and Egyptian heritage, as a forum for academic discussion ranging from issues of sexuality to evolution. Currently operating as a Facebook group, the Coptic Club tries to hold weekly meetings, but attendees should be prepared for what Tanios calls Egyptian time — everything starts a little more than casually late.

> - DAVID HARVEY FOCUS EDITOR

Border Issues Hit Home BY HENRY BECKER STAFF WRITER

've been here, I've seen the pictures," Mexico's Ambassador to the United States Arturo Sarukhan said to his audience at UCSD's Institute of the Americas on Feb. 12. Sarukhan was discussing the cycle of booms and busts that has squeezed the middle class and increased the flow of illegal immigrants into San Diego from Tijuana during the past few decades.

"Mexico needs to address its unwillingness and lack of capability to provide sustained economic growth at a rate that will bridge the asymmetry between Mexico and the U.S. and prevent 300,000 men and women from crossing the border every year," Sarukhan said. "Our loss is your gain. If we lose these talented men and women, we cannot sustain."

However, migrants' problems persist on the northern side of the border. Working to alleviate migrants' health concerns, the Border Health Project, a UCSD School of Medicine program, provides free and confidential medical assistance to those working as farmhands in San Diego. In partnership with the project, Chicanos/Latinos for Community Medicine, a student organization, recruits Spanish-speaking translators and puts together care packages for migrants.

[Migrants'] living conditions [in Carmel Valley] are horrible, they live pretty much out in the wilderness in cardboard houses and little tents," Revelle College senior and CCM President Vania Frias said. "They don't have access to bathrooms or clean water and that's why they're getting so sick. Their conditions are so unsanitary, but they're afraid to seek help because they might get deported back to Mexico.'

The project holds semi-monthly clinics at the intersection of Carmel Valley Road and Interstate Highway 56, with the help of CCM and the Latinos Medical Student Association, to diagnose and cure basic injuries and diseases among migrants in the area. Project President Hyuma Leland said most of these migrants are too afraid go to a regular clinic or receive help where they live.

'We have met them [at their homes] in the past and it's kind of threatening," Leland said. "They generally live in canyons in Carmel Valley. Their neighbors sometimes call on them and they have their camps raided a lot. We give them care packets, like in early December we gave out tarps because of the rain.

The project treats repetitive stress injuries, acute muscle pains and fungal infections, in addition to offering nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medicines. Anything more severe is referred to UCSD's free clinics. Often, major diseases such as diabetes have gone unchecked, Leland said.

The project and its partners are doing as much as possible to alleviate the pressures immigrants are feeling in San Diego, but according to Sarukhan, long-term solutions are still lacking. The failure to reform immigration has helped it remain a highly divisive issue, one unlikely to be resolved soon considering the problems facing the United States today, he said.

"Latin America is not a priority," Sarukhan said. "We should not be surprised it's not. With a deepening and widening recession in the U.S. and with the double helix of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, with a potentially nuclear Iran and with talks in the Middle East, it is not surprising Latin America will not be on the radar screen."

As the principle orchestrator of President Barack Obama's meeting with Mexican President Felipe Calderón — Obama's first with a foreign head of state — Sarukhan is looking forward to a new paradigm in the Obama administration. Nevertheless, Sarukhan acknowledged the many challenges in sparking bilateral relations, such as strengthening border communities like Ciudad Juarez and Tijuana.

This quarter, one of Sixth College's Culture Arts and Technology classes has been traveling to Tijuana, observing living conditions, diversity and art in the crowded border town.

Tijuana is a cultural transition place, not so much a part of Mexico, but a huge merger of cultures," Sixth College Practicum Director Ebony Williams said. "We'll be looking at how art is dealing with the tension. There are multiple cultures there that might not understand each other."

Students are visiting Tijuana, an area recently

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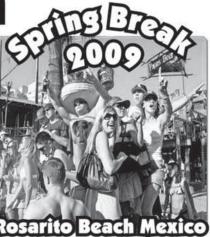
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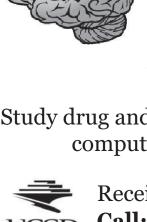
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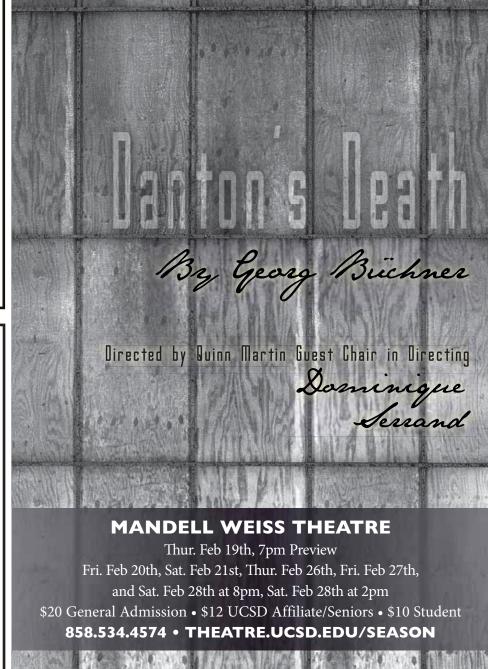
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Astronaut Hopefuls Get Started on the 'Long Shot' into Space

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cycle of stars and the elements created there."

Because most space research is done over the course of several years, there are not many opportunities for students to get extended hands-on experience. Thus, the California Space Grant Consortium was formed in 1988 to train and educate the next generation of space workers. Composed of several universities throughout California, CaSGC is headquartered at UCSD.

Every year, UCSD's CaSGC recruits a team of undergraduate and graduate students for a project to test their understanding, assessment, development and utilization of aerospace technology. Assembled from groups of seven to 20 students, teams do anything from designing and building a rocket to creating a new urine receptacle for astronauts.

"Currently, we're testing the free stream flow [of liquid] to see how urine behaves for an astronaut in microgravity, for the purpose of increasing knowledge on such phenomena to help in the design of a new urine receptacle for NASA astronauts," Thurgood Marshall College senior and second-time CaSGC participant Timothy Havard said.

Utilizing engineering principles through CaSGC projects, Havard

said he is able to reap the benefits of actual scientific research. After completing his first project, a tensegrity model, he was able to test it on NASA's Vomit Comet, an airplane that flies in a parabolic vertical flight path to create brief moments of weightlessness.

"It was a lot of fun," Havard said. "It's supposed to be all business: focus on your experiments. But we had some time to float around and do somersaults. They even ran a few extra parabolas that were lunar G and Martian G, so you get the feel [of] what it was like to be on the moon and Mars."

In a more grounded approach to NASA and space travel, the Students for Exploration and Development of Space club hosts year-round lectures and activities where students can interact with researchers and astronauts. In some cases, members end up working in the field.

Earl Warren College senior and SEDS principal member Christie Carlile participated in NASA's cooperative education program, where students work at the Johnson Space Center for two to three quarters. After spending two quarters at the Johnson Space Center, Carlile was offered an engineering position with NASA.

Carlile, who participated in



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Astronaut and UCSD alumna Megan McArthur dons a training version of her shuttle launch and entru suit in preparation for a training session in the Space Vehicle Mockup Facility at Johnson Space Center.

ground operations for two shuttle missions, said she enjoyed working with NASA, where she trained in mission controls.

Hired on as a NASA engineer, Carlile said she realizes that becoming an astronaut is extremely difficult. McArthur echoed this senti-

"The advice that I was given was that getting to be an astronaut is a real long shot," McArthur said. "So if you're planning a career around NASA, pick something you love to do regardless of whether you think NASA will hire you. You won't be truly good at something unless you love it. Just figure out what you love to do and do it well."

Readers can contact Jasmine Ta at

Border-Fostered Fear Uncages Faceless Violence

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characterized by surging violence and fear as a result of the newly constructed border fence and drug trafficking, to better understand the messy corners of immigration and border life, professor Patricia Montoya said.

"There is fear and that influences the way the city works," Montoya said. "That to me is an indicator of consequence in the everyday life: drugs, random shoot-outs. Nobody knows who these people are that commit the violence."

A rampant rise in drug trafficking and violence has become a major problem across the entire Mexican border and Sarukhan said U.S. and Mexican authorities must cooperate to find a solution.

Sarukhan said he remains optimistic that issues of trade, immigration and drug trafficking will be resolved, and is eager to work with the Obama administration.

"And in everything, Mexico is willing to help," Sarukhan said.

Readers can contact Henry Becker at hbecker@ucsd.edu.



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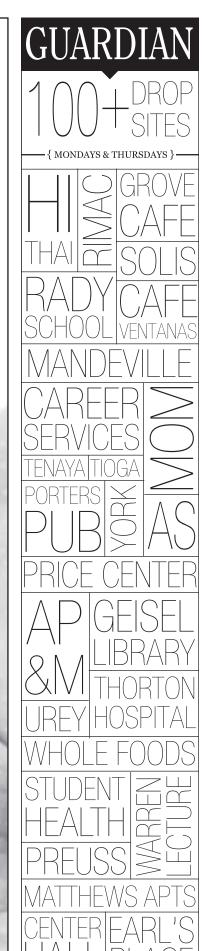
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Peace Corps Info Session - Learn about the adventure of a lifetime in one of 70 countries for education, business, health, computer science, agriculture, and environmental projects. 11am-12:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room

ORGS

Chi Omega Date Auction Philanthropy Event-Chi Omega Date Auction is a silent auction benefiting the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Our date packages range anywhere from VIP treatment at Stingaree to laser tag to dinner and a movie. We will also be having an open auction in the middle of the silent auction so people can bid on packages which stand alone. 8pm at PC West.

LECTURE

An Evening with Jay Allison- Join independent broadcast journalist Jay Allison for a night of Citizen Storytelling.. 7:30pm at The Loft. Students: \$5 advance, pay as you can at the door. GA: \$15 advance, \$18 day of show.

SPECIAL EVENTS

E-Week: E-Games - The 3rd Annual Engineers-Games marks the beginning of UCSD's celebration of National Engineer's Week, E-Games unites each of the 16 engineering student organizations in a day long competition as they compete for the coveted Golden Calculator, the grand prize given to the winning team after three grueling engineering design competitions. Come watch the teams (or make a team) and enjoy the fun! 10am at Warren Mall.

Support Triton Spirit Week - Decorate the lobby entrance, entrance door and windows of yours department workplace and win up to \$250.00 in prizes for your department. The first ten departments to sign up receive a free decoration kit with washable window paint, streamers, balloons, and other supplies. Judging takes place today and tomorrow, Wednesday February 18th. The decorations will be judged based on their creativity, Triton spirit, and how they communicate the purpose of their department. Visit the A.S. website below for more details and to sign up: http://as.ucsd.edu/contest/office_decoration_contest.php.

WED FEB 18

ARTS

La Jolla Playhouse presents Peter and the Starcatchers - GA: \$35, Children under 12: \$17.50. 7:30pm at Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre.

CAREER

Physical Therapy Graduate Study - Interested in Physical Therapy? Hear from a graduate school advisor and a local PT school admissions representative about pre-requisite courses, getting the required clinical experience, and the competitive admissions process. Learn about the new PTCAS application, whether to get a DPT or MPT degree, salary, job prospects, and more. 1-2pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Discover Your Dream Career - Uncertain about your future career? Discover career options compatible with your interests, personality and values during this two-session workshop. 2-4pm at the Career Services Center West Conference Room

Resume Marathon for Engineers - Polish up your one-pager with an industry expert and our advisors. No sign-up needed, just bring your resume! 3-6pm at the Career Services Center

LECTURE

Assert Yourself! - Do you want to be less passive, less aggressive, or simply more effective in interacting with others? This interactive session will provide you with the tools to develop your confidence. 2-3pm at PC West Red Shoe Room.

Nobel Prize Lecture by Roger Tsien , PhD -Professor Roger Tsien was one of three recipients of the 2008 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the discovery of Green Fluorescent Protein (GFP) and groundbreaking work to design and create fluorescent molecules that enter cells and light up their inner workings. Professor Tsien will present the speech he gave in Stockholm, Sweden, when he traveled there to receive his Nobel Prize from the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, and will talk about his experience and the activities surrounding the Nobel ceremony. 4pm at PC Theatre.

RECREATION

The Vagina Monologues- \$12 at the Box Office, all proceeds go to charity. Doors at 7pm, curtain at 8pm at the PC East Ballroom.

SPECIAL EVENTS

E-Week: Enspire - Enspire is a student-run outreach event designed to introduce middle school students to university-level engineering. Approximately 400 students will be shown around labs and introduced to engineering through hands-on projects. The students will also participate and compete in a design competition outside of Geisel Library and Warren Mall. Come volunteer for this great event and help make a difference! 10am at Price Center.

THURS FEB 19

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Audre Lorde Reading Circle: Intersections of Race, Gender, and Sexuality - Please join the Campus Community Centers as we learn about and explore the life a seminal artist that impacted the ways we think about race, class, sexuality, and gender in the US. Free and open to faculty, staff, students, and the San Diego Community. 12-1pm at the Women's Center.

Afro-Caribbean Dance and Drumming Workshop by Gene Perry - Drumming and dance instruction by percussive artist Gene Perry. Free and open to the public. 3:30-5pm at SSB 101.

ARTS

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CAREER

Technical Interviewing for Engineers - You've got the technical know-how, but can you communicate it well enough to land the job? Learn how to prepare for technical interviews that test your major-specific quantitative knowledge and your ability to solve problems. A representative from Microsoft will be here to help you ace your technical interview! 11am-12:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Approaching Employers at Decaf - Engineering Students! Get your action plan in place with our tips for preparing yourself for the fair, making the best use of your time, and successfully approaching employers at DECaF. 1:30-2:30pm at CSE 4140.

Resume Marathon - Polish up your one-pager with one of our advisors. Learn how you can make your resume more effective in today's job market. No sign-up needed, just bring your resume! 2:30-5pm at CSE 1202.

Company Information Session: Northrop **Grumman** - Northrop Grumman invites you to visit them during their information session at UCSD. They will provide a corporate overview and discuss the exciting career opportunities they have to offer, including full-time, internship and co-op positions. Food will be served. Please bring a copy of your resume. 5-6:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Company Information Session: Microsoft -Students can learn about Microsoft's current opportunities in the SDE and SDET spaces. 7:30-9pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

Information Session: Kiewit Pacific Co. - Come get information about this up and coming corporation, 7:30-9pm at Career Services Center Round Conference Room

LECTURE

Landlord-Tenant Clinic- Having a problem with a landlord, roommate, or anything involving your living situation? Come receive detailed information about common housing issues that students face and will take questions to ensure that individual needs are met. Please call 858-534-4374 to reserve your spot! 11am at Student Services Center Rm 527.

SPECIAL EVENTS

E-Week: Engineers on the Green - Engineers on the Green is a brand new E-week event geared at having fun! Come hang-out on the field with your friends and relax with free food, drinks, T-shirts and entertainment. Think of it as an engineering carnival! 10am at Marshall Field.

Young Alumni Reunion- Reuniting graduates from 1998 to 2008 - An exciting opportunity to reconnect with friends, explore the newest spaces on campus, and celebrate Triton spirit, education and community. Get more info at http://alumni.ucsd.edu/youngalumnireunion.

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FRI FEB 20

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Living Spirits, Walking Dead: Makishi and Ancestor Spirits in Congo and Zambia - This is the first lecture in AAASRP's "Cultures of Life and Death in Africa and the African Diaspora (Zombification)" Lecture Series, 2:30-5:30pm at SSB 101.

Arts

The Cook, The Thief, His Wife, and Her Lover- As a part of our Architecture + Cinema series, we are screening the work of eccentric filmmaker and architect Peter Greenaway who creates a highly stylized and elegant Jacobean revenge tale about adultery and jealousy. Students: \$10, Faculty/Staff: \$18, GA: \$20.7pm at The Loft.

La Jolla Playhouse presents Peter and the Starcatchers - GA: \$35, Children under 12: \$17.50. 8pm at Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre.

CAREER

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

LECTURE

Enrique Serna - Acclaimed Mexican Author comes to UC San Diego to discuss his recent work - Serna is one of México's most important writers and is required reading for readers interested in genre (and gender) bending. He will read to us from his latest work GIROS NEGROS 3pm at the Literature Building, Rm 155 (de Certeau Room).

RECREATION

The Vagina Monologues-\$12 at the Box Office, all proceeds go to charity. Doors at 7pm, curtain at 8pm at the PC East Ballroom.

Young Alumni Reunion: Spirit Night Afterparty-Join your alumni friends at the Spirit Night After Party to see two UCSD alumni bands: The Modlins and Secret Apollo. 9:30 pm at The Loft.

SPECIAL EVENTS

E-Week: DECaF - The Disciplines of Engineering Career Fair (DECaF), established in 1998, is the only annual student-managed multidisciplinary career fair at the UCSD. This event provides company representatives a unique opportunity to interact and engage with UCSD's talented engineering students regarding career options, internships, and permanent or summer employment opportunities. 10am at PC Ballrooms.

E-Week: Impulse - This semi-formal dance will feature a delicious chocolate fondue fountain, catered buffet dinner, live DJ, photo booth, and ping pong tables. The culminating event to National Engineers Week at UCSD, Impulse is open to everyone. Tickets can be purchased at the Price Center Box Office and will likely sell out, so do not delay! Prices: 2/14 - 2/19: \$20; at the door: \$25. 8-11:30pm at Great Hall, ERC.

Young Alumni Reunion: Spirit- Share your Triton spirit with a pre-game tailgate party and back-to-back women's and men's basketball games. 5pm at Rady Courtyard.

SPORTS

UCSD Women's and Men's Basketball vs. San Francisco State, 5:30pm and 7:30pm at RIMAC.

SAT FEB 21

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Campus Black Forum - Reunion of Alumni to connect through the traditional Campus Black Forum. Facilitated by Dr. Bill Johnson, Counseling Psychologist, UC San Diego. For more info contact, (858) 534-3585, bijohnson@ucsd.edu. 4-6:00pm at the Cross-Cultural Center.

ARTS

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RECREATION

You @ The Loft - So you think you can sing? Think you're funny? Have a secret talent you've been waiting to dazzle the world with? Open mic nights are a great way to try out new material, or to check out your local talent scene. Sign up at concerts.ucsd.edu by February 17 to quarantee an early time, or show up on February 21 to grab a late-night slot. 7:30pm at The Loft.

The Vagina Monologues- \$12 at the Box Office, all proceeds go to charity. Doors at 7pm, curtain at 8pm at the PC East Ballroom.

CStar Productionz presents All4u- A dance talent show featuring hip hop and more that benefits homeless teenages of San Diego. \$15 with Student ID. 7pm at Mandeville auditorium

SPORTS

UCSD Softball vs. Grand Canyon, 12pm and 2pm at Triton Field

UCSD Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Monterey Bay, 5:30pm and 7:30pm at RIMAC.

SPECIAL EVENT

Young Alumni Reunion: Power Up Your Triton Network- Maximize your Triton social and professional networking opportunities at our lunch reception and exhibit hall. 11am at Price Center Ballrooms A & B. Student Members: \$5, Members: \$10, Non Members: \$15.

Young Alumni Reunion: Bottle Schock Screening- Join us for a special screening of independent film Bottle Schock, which debuted at the 2008 Sundance Film Festival. Based on a true story, the film chronicles the events leading up to putting California wines on the map. 7 pm at Calit2- Jacobs School of Engineering

SUN FEB 22

ARTS

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SPORTS

UCSD Softball vs. Hawaii Hilo, 5pm and 7pm at Triton Field.

WEEKLY

Student Regent Program - Do you want your entire tuition paid for 2-years, your own parking spot, an office on campus, and invaluable connections in the professional world? -- Apply to be the next UC Student Regent! The Student Regent position is a two-year commitment, open to all UC students selected to act as a student representative on the UC Board of Regents. This position is responsible for making decisions regarding matters from student fees and financial aid, to admissions and campus development. -- Learn more about the position, application process, and its benefits. Visit http://as.ucsd.edu for more information. Deadline: 2/19.

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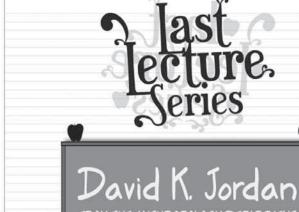
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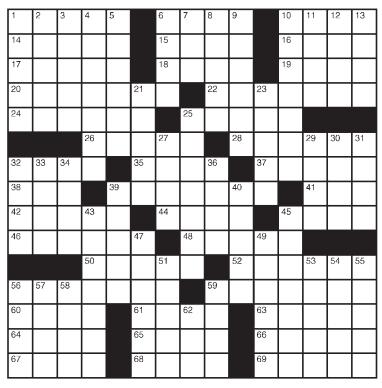
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Tritons Bounce Back From Huge Loss With Upset Victory

► M. BASKETBALL, from page 12 the energy necessary to bother the Coyotes defensively.

"We did a pretty good job of contesting shots," Carlson said. "They went up for a shot, we had a hand in their face. We got the rebounds when we really needed them. They had some really key turnovers late. I thought we did a great job defensively when we needed to."

Defensive pressure led to four straight turnovers by Cal State San Bernardino with less than five minutes remaining in the game. Lawley drew a foul and connected on both shots from the charity stripe to give the Tritons a 59-57 lead with 3:21 to play. Poppen followed that with another put-back of a missed threepoint attempt to push the advantage to four with 2:38. After two more free throws from Kim and a threepoint play by Williams, the lead was again reduced to three. The Tritons, shooting less than 40 percent from the field for the second consecutive game, missed a jumper on the other end as the Coyotes grabbed the rebound and quickly cut the lead to one.

"Our shooting percentages aren't that great," Carlson said. "We hit shots when we needed to, but I think we're a better shooting team than we've shown."

Kim, only 3-of-12 from the field at that point, hit a huge shot when he needed to, knocking down a three off a Poppen pass with just 56 seconds left in the game. Cal State San Bernardino managed only one point in the final minute as UCSD sealed the clutch win.

"I was struggling from the field, and I knew it, but my teammates were always telling me to stay confident," Kim said. "It wasn't going down until the end of the game, when we needed it."

The Tritons hit only 36.2 percent of their field goal opportunities, but went 20-of-28 from the line and held a 37-35 advantage on the boards. The team also harassed Cal State San Bernardino into a horrid 5-for-23 performance from behind the three-point arc.

"If we play tough, we can win games like this," said Poppen, who finished with 12 points, seven rebounds and three assists. "Not everything went our way tonight. I missed a lot of free throws, other people missed some shots, but we stuck together and we kept at it. It just shows that hard work and persistence will pay off."

Kim led the team with 15 points and four assists, while committing zero turnovers in 34 minutes of

"[No turnovers] is very important, especially for the point guard," Kim said. "The point guard is supposed to control the tempo; make sure everyone else is under control. I wanted to set that example by taking extra care of the ball and paying special attention to that. San Bernardino thrives off other team's turnovers and getting transition points."

As a team, UCSD committed only seven turnovers, while causing 16. The Tritons also had 15 assists

on their 21 field goals, compared to only five assists on 22 field goals for the Coyotes. Husted was the third UCSD player to score in double digits with 11 points, while Stuckey finished with eight points, nine rebounds, one block and one steal in 16 minutes off the bench.

"It was a big win," said Maulhardt, who scored eight on 4-for-4 shooting from the field and grabbed 10 rebounds with two assists. "We were hoping to get both wins this weekend, but if we're able to beat a top team in this conference, it just shows what we can do."

The Tritons were unable to put together the same type of effort on Friday night against Cal Poly Pomona, in a battle of the conference's top two defensive squads. The teams played a close first half, with neither team leading by more than five and the Broncos taking a slim 25-22 advantage into the break. UCSD then held a one-point advantage in the second half after jumpers by Husted and Lawley and a layup by Poppen within the first three minutes after the intermission. Unfortunately, the Tritons converted only four of their next 22 field-goal attempts. Down only seven with 5:56 to play, UCSD went cold, not scoring during the remainder of the game against the CCAA's top-ranked defense and suffering its biggest loss of the year and its first conference loss by 20 or more points in over two years.

"It was just such a disappointing loss on Friday," Carlson said.
"The thing about this league is you

have to have a really short memory. You can't dwell on what happened [against Cal Poly Pomona]. We did not play very well and didn't deserve to win. We lost to a very, very good Pomona team."

Only senior forward Darryl Lawlor reached double-digit scoring with 11 points. Kim added five points, four assists and three rebounds, while Husted scored seven with three assists and two steals. Maulhardt scored six points and grabbed a team-high six rebounds. The Tritons committed 14 turnovers and were outrebounded by Cal Poly Pomona 29-24. UCSD held Broncos leading scorer and rebounder Larry Gordon below his season averages, but allowed the team as a whole to shoot 51.2 percent from the field, including 61.1 percent in the second

"Our execution and urgency just wasn't there," Poppen said. "I don't think energy will be a problem on Spirit Night with all the fans here. We're just going to work on execution, working really hard on the stuff we've been working on all year."

Last year, a record 3,906 fans packed the stands of RIMAC Arena son Spirit Night. The Tritons will be looking to surpass that total against San Francisco State this Friday as they head into their final weekend at home. UCSD's regular season home finale will be on Saturday against Cal State Monterey Bay. Both games are slated for 7:30 p.m. tipoffs.

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UCSD to Face San Francisco State on Spirit Night

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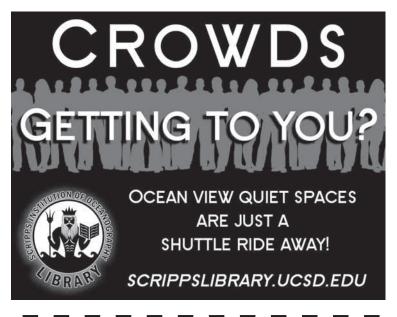
Martin went 5-for-6 from the field, leading the Triton scorers with 14 points. Ilg and Osier followed with 13 points; Carlisle notched 12 while Gaskin pitched in 10.

"Friday night was a tough fight against a very good Cal Poly Pomona team and I was really proud of how our team came out and played hard for 40 minutes," Elliott said. "Against Pomona, it was our team defense that made the difference — we were OK offensively, but our defense won the game for us."

This week, the Tritons will host two of their remaining four conference games at home. UCSD will face San Francisco State on Feb. 20 for Spirit Night. The Gators are in eighth place with a 6-10 record in conference and 12-11 overall. At last year's Spirit Night, UCSD claimed a 64-58 victory over San Francisco State.

"I know that we will learn the lessons needed and we will come back out for practice this week with a new focus and energy," Elliott said. "We all get so excited about Spirit Night and I can't wait to see all the students out supporting both the men's and women's teams. It's a great night for the entire student body and we are going to do all we can to make them proud."

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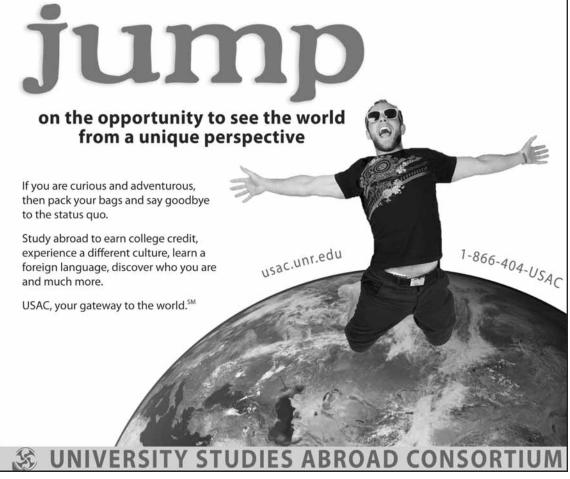
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Women's Water Polo Playing in only the sixth game of her

collegiate career, the freshman attacker ored three goals in UCSD's victory over Cal State San Bernardino on Feb. 14.

TRITONS NARROWLY UPSET CCAA LEADERS

By Joe Tevelowitz SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons enter Spirit Week on a wave of momentum, following their Saturday night upset of then top-ranked California Collegiate Athletic Association squad Cal State San Bernardino. UCSD rebounded from its worst defeat of the season, a 61-39 loss to Cal Poly Pomona on Feb. 13, with a hard-fought 69-63 win against the Coyotes, who entered the game tied for first place in the conference standings. The squad now stands fifth in the CCAA with a 10-6 conference record (13-9 overall) in preparation for the annual Spirit Night game on Feb. 20 against San Francisco State University.

Senior guard Alan Husted provided the opening shot for the Tritons against Cal State San Bernardino, hitting a three off an assist from senior forward Shane Poppen just seconds into the game. The teams battled through six lead changes in the first half, though the Coyotes never led by more than a field goal during the first 20 minutes. Consecutive layups by senior forwards Patrick Dreith and Brett Stuckey kicked off a 12-2 UCSD run with just over nine minutes to play in the half. Husted's steal and two free throws capped the stretch that gave head coach Chris Carlson's team the only double-digit lead of the first half.

UCSD dominated the boards, collecting 23 - including nine on offense — compared to just 12 rebounds and no offensive boards for the Coyotes. Starting senior center A.J. Maulhardt and top reserve Stuckey dominated the paint, helping UCSD set the tone early in the

'[Maulhardt and Stuckey] had first half numbers of 14 [points] and 16 [rebounds] in the first half," Carlson said. "You get that out of your five spot in a 40-minute game, you're pleased."

After Cal State San Bernardino tied the score early in the second half, junior guard Jordan Lawley and Husted each connected from long distances and Poppen put back Stuckey's missed three to give UCSD a six-point cushion. But Cal State San Bernardino displayed its athleticism with another comeback, taking its first lead of the game after Coyote guard DuBois Williams completed a three-point play with 9:46 left. Maulhardt re-entered the game and followed senior guard Kelvin Kim's three to tie it with a defensive rebound and jumper to give UCSD the lead again.

"I just try to get my boards — I score when I can," said Maulhardt, who currently shoots a team-leading 69 percent from the field. "We knew they weren't a very good boxing-out team. We were trying to get in, get those offensive rebounds and second shots because we haven't been shooting as well lately."

The two teams tied things up five times and exchanged the lead six times over the following six minutes. The Tritons played tough, never allowing Cal State San Bernardino to grab more than a two-point advantage as they limited their mistakes and mustered

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UCSD STUNNED BY FIRST CONFERENCE LOSS



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Junior guard Leilani Martin scored a team-high 14 points in the Tritons' victory over Cal Poly Pomona on Feb. 13. UCSD's 15 game winning streak ended the next night with a loss to Cal State San Bernardino

By Brianna Lee STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Suffering their first conference loss of the season, the No. 10 Tritons split their games over the weekend, picking up a 63-57 win over Cal Poly Pomona on Feb. 13 before falling 64-59 to Cal State San Bernardino on Feb. 14. The upset shocked the California Collegiate Athletic Association, as the Coyotes had just come off a nine-game losing streak three nights prior. Despite the loss, UCSD maintains first place, standing atop the CCAA with a 15-1 mark in conference play and a 22-3 overall record.

One of the keys to the Tritons' success this season has been their ability to establish early, dominating leads. Against the Coyotes, however, the Tritons failed to execute in the early minutes, battling in a tight game from the start. UCSD trailed 17-24 with just under four minutes to play before a layup by freshman guard Chelsea Carlisle and a triple by junior guard Annette Ilg brought the Tritons to within two. Each time the Tritons scored, Coyote senior forward Jaclyn Rainville nailed a three while sophomore guard Lisa Takata notched a jumper. But a layup and free throw by senior center Alexis Gaskin kept ÚCSD within two at 27-29 entering halftime.

"Girls who aren't usually shooting threats were hitting threes right and left," Osier said of the Cal State San Bernardino players. "Unlike Friday night, our defense just wasn't there."

Cal State San Bernardino's largest lead came with 7:56 on the clock, when Coyote junior guard Ana Onaindia hit a three pointer to make the score 51-42. Over the next several minutes, UCSD went on a 12-7 run to cut its deficit to 58-54. But with only 41 seconds left, it proved too little too late: the Tritons, forced to foul, gave the Coyotes their final six points in free throws.

[Cal State San Bernardino] came out ready to play and it was a good reminder for us that if we don't show

up ready to play, we can and will get beat," head coach Charity Elliott said. All the credit goes to San Bernardino they played a great game."

The Tritons finished 21-for-60, and although they outscored the Coyotes 36-20 in the paint, Cal State San Bernardino dominated bench play, toppling UCSD 18-1.

Gaskin scored a game-high 22 points and hauled in 10 rebounds; senior forward Michelle Osier also finished in double figures, tallying 12 points and 10 boards. Carlisle and junior guard Leilani Martin contributed 11 and 10 points apiece.

"Although we're disappointed, we can learn a lot from this loss," Osier said. "Even though we've been successful, we've got a lot to work on. Our strength offensively is that we are all scoring threats. We make it difficult for teams to scout us because someone different steps up every night. ... But we all know that against great teams and during the postseason, that isn't going to cut it. We've got to all be on our game every night if we want to continue to be

More characteristic to form, the Tritons seized victory over the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos on Friday evening. Six Triton players reached double figures in the effort to achieve the team's 15th consecutive win — a streak that has only been set twice in school history. Trailing closely for most of the second half, the Tritons tied the game at 42 with a jumper from Martin with 12:34 on the clock. Surging ahead, UCSD then fired off a 17-8 run, clutching the largest advantage of the game when Carlisle nailed a triple, giving the Tritons a 59-50 lead with two minutes remaining. The Broncos, who failed to score any three-pointers in the second period, suffered against a well-executed Triton defense. UCSD capitalized 20 points off 14 Cal Poly Pomona turnovers, stifling the Broncos' chances for points off free throws as Cal Poly Pomona shot only 20 percent from the line in the second.

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Tritons Break Even After 13th Straight Win Over Coyotes

By Tyler Nelson STAFF WRITER

WATER POLO — With another overpowering performance in the pool against the Coyotes, the No. 16 Tritons defeated Cal State San Bernardino for the 13th straight time on Feb. 14. While the game remained fairly even throughout the first quarter, UCSD came out in the second quarter and completely crushed the Coyotes, leading to a 14-6 victory that pulled UCSD's record on the season to 3-3.

The Tritons and Coyotes battled for the lead in the first quarter, with neither team taking an advantage until junior attacker Audra Bloom, freshman two-meter Kristen Bates and freshman attacker Jessica Tran scored goals for UCSD with 1:48, 0:51 and 0:18 seconds left in the quarter, giving the Tritons a 6-3 lead after the first.

"We kind of let up there in the first quarter," junior utility Stephanie Bocian said. "But we just got back together and played hard through the rest of the game."

In the second quarter, the Tritons continued the surge that got them a strong lead in the last two minutes of the first period. Senior utility Bridgette Bugay scored the first goal of the second quarter a little over a minute in to set the tempo for the rest of the game. By the time the buzzer for halftime rang out, the scoreboard



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A trio of Tritons scored three goals in UCSD's victory over Cal State San Bernardino on Feb. 14. Triton defense held the Coyotes scoreless over the second and third quarters of the contest, leading to a 14-6 victory over the Coyotes. UCSD returns to action against No. 2 Stanford University on Feb. 21 in Irvine. had the Tritons up 9-3.

Led defensively by junior goalkeeper Markayla Quane, UCSD stayed strong in the second half, once again shutting out the Coyotes for

another quarter. "Our defense played extremely well in the second half and we came out ready to play," Bocian said.

The UCSD defense held the Coyotes scoreless from the middle of the first quarter until late in the fourth quarter. Offensively, senior attacker Sydney Gstettenbauer, Tran and junior utility Stephanie Heinrich netted three goals each in the blowout victory. The Tritons hope to build on their strong performance when they face off against No. 2 Stanford University in their first match in the UC Irvine tournament on Feb. 21.

"We've got some stuff to work on this week in preparation for next Saturday," head coach Larry Sanders said. "We're trying to prepare the girls for who they are playing against next weekend."

In addition to facing the Cardinal,

the Tritons will also be pitted against the toughest competition in the state at Irvine this coming weekend. Only the top 20 teams in the nation have received invitations to this tournament, so the Tritons will surely have their hands full.

"We are just running some new situation drills in practice trying to prepare them for Stanford," Sanders said. "It's going to be very tough."

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