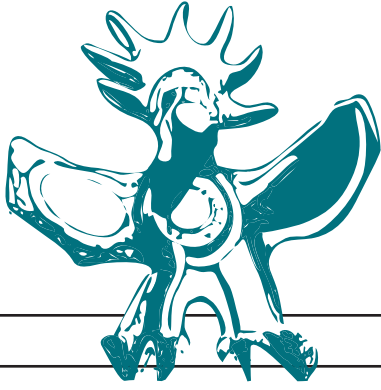


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GOV. PROPOSES MIDYEAR CUTS TO UNIVERSITY FUNDING

By Reza Farazmand
NEWS EDITOR

With an \$11.2 billion budget shortfall looming over California's economy, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger convened an emergency legislative meeting Nov. 9 to propose a series of midyear budget cuts, including an additional \$65.5 million reduction to state funding for the University of California.

Calling for a total \$132 million decrease in funding for the UC and California State University systems in addition to a \$2.3 billion reduction to K-12 funding, Schwarzenegger's plan was developed to address the state's ongoing economic difficulties.

A shortfall projected at \$14.5 billion earlier this year prompted drastic budget cuts to nearly all state-funded enterprises and operations included in the 2008-09 state budget. The continued severity of the economic downturn led Schwarzenegger to seek additional budget reductions in an effort to revive California's ailing economy.

University officials contend that the suggested midyear cuts would place an untold financial strain on the university, which has already been forced to endure the effects of a budget that fell \$100 million short of the amount deemed necessary by the Board of Regents last year to support continued enrollment growth.

UC Office of the President spokesman Ricardo Vazquez said the additional cuts would likely require campuses to search for savings in areas that would otherwise be considered safe from the impacts of financial reductions.

"If these cuts are approved there would definitely be deeper budget cuts and it would force campuses to turn to other reductions that would potentially have an impact on the quality of the educational experience at the UC," Vazquez said. "It would force the campuses to turn to options like hiring more lecturers, having fewer ladder-rank faculty, reducing class offerings and increasing class sizes. It would definitely have a more harsh impact."

UC President Mark G. Yudof called for legislators to consider the importance of higher education before finalizing any decisions regarding funding for California's public universities.

"We are of course disappointed to be facing another potential budget cut on top of the reductions we are already making this year," Yudof said. "We believe higher education is crucial to California's ability to grow its way out of this economic downturn, and we ultimately need to be talking about ways to improve investment in our state's human capital."

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JOSHUA MEADOR/GUARDIAN
Literature graduate student Joo Ok Kim found a letter on her door the morning of Oct. 21 notifying her of a new housing policy requiring that she vacate her South Mesa apartment by December. Over 600 graduate students with secondary tenant status received the same notification.

Eviction Notice

Grad Students Outraged Over New Housing Policy

By Joyce Yeh
STAFF WRITER

Over 600 graduate students may be evicted from university-owned residences by December under a policy approved by UC Affiliated Housing late last month.

The new contract — which affects about a fourth of the 2,178 graduate students housed in all four of the university's graduate and professional communities — will limit guaranteed housing for incoming graduate students to one year in lieu of the previous housing policy, which guaranteed students a place to live for the entire duration of their graduate studies, providing that academic qualification was maintained.

Those students who will have resided in university housing for

over a year come December now face having their stay cut short by the new policy.

According to Dean of Graduate Studies Kim Barrett, the purpose of the contractual reform is to foster graduate unity and assist new students, especially those from outside the San Diego area, in finding housing in the private sector.

"The ultimate goal, which is consistent with the [Graduate Student Association] survey, is to offer and guarantee two-year housing, build community among incoming students and allow interaction between students of different areas of study," she said.

Although the eventual goal is a two-year contract, only a one-year contract will be available during the transitional stage to accommodate all students currently waitlist-

ed for housing. With new graduate housing complexes nearly complete, 400 new beds are expected to be available by March 2009.

Barrett added that these policy changes will not affect graduate students living in family housing or students who were guaranteed housing or waitlisted before Sept. 30.

"[The plan] would help recruit graduate students if all of them got housing and got to keep it, but when they realize they're going to be kicked out at the end of the year, it's not very meaningful," literature graduate student Benjamin Balthaser said. "I think this is incredibly ill-advised. It does a great deal of harm to current graduate students."

Secondary tenants — residents

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OBAMA'S EDUCATION PLANS UNCERTAIN

By Henry Becker
STAFF WRITER

Although President-elect Barack Obama unveiled a plan to reform higher education early in his campaign, declaring a goal to make college affordable and available to middle-class families, recent public statements have led experts to doubt whether his presidency will reflect those promises.

For college students seeking ways to cover growing tuition costs, Obama has proposed a \$4,000 refundable tax credit, nearly four times the current Hope Credit offered by the IRS, in return for 100 hours of community service. Obama also discussed streamlining the financial-aid process while increasing the availability of work-study programs during talks with the National Education Assessment Program last spring.

Obama declared his intention to increase Pell Grants for low-income students to attend college by \$1.5 billion. Currently the program has a \$16 billion annual budget.

However, professor of political science Sandy Lakoff said that while Obama made education a recurring theme throughout the primary election, he played the issue down during the general election.

"Obama's elaborate proposals for student aid were made in 2007, at a time when he was relying heavily on support from younger voters, especially those on college campuses who were vital primary voters and caucusgoers," Lakoff said. "Since he

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Grove Reports Profit; Council to Assess Cafe's Future

Relying on customer loyalty and expanded catering, last month's profits raise hopes for the heavily indebted enterprise.

By Omair Qazi
STAFF WRITER

The Grove Caffe is projected to make an \$11,000 profit for the month of October, following significant changes to the student-run business' internal operations enacted in response to the eatery's massive debt.

Chelsea Maxwell, associate vice president of A.S. Enterprise Operations, said she expects the Grove to continue earning a profit in coming months as returning customers and increased

catering services bolster the cafe's financial margins.

"I think that as time goes on we will gain a strong base of customers loyal to the Grove, and that as we expand our catering services we will be reaching out to more of the UCSD community," she said.

Maxwell serves on the Grove Advisory Committee, a nonvoting body responsible for facilitating communication between Grove management and the A.S. Council. The committee plans to meet at least three times before the end of the quarter to discuss pertinent financial issues before establishing a formal meeting schedule for Winter Quarter. While no benchmarks or timetables have been set, Maxwell said councilmembers are closely observing

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JOSEPH HO/GUARDIAN
Although there are currently no plans to shut down the Grove Caffe, A.S. councilmembers say the future of the eatery depends on its ability to maintain viable profit margins.

FOCUS Dancing in the Streets

Columnist Katie Corotto finds herself amid post-election celebration at the edge of the White House lawn.



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Women's soccer: The Tritons upset the Torros Nov. 9 to claim their seventh conference title.



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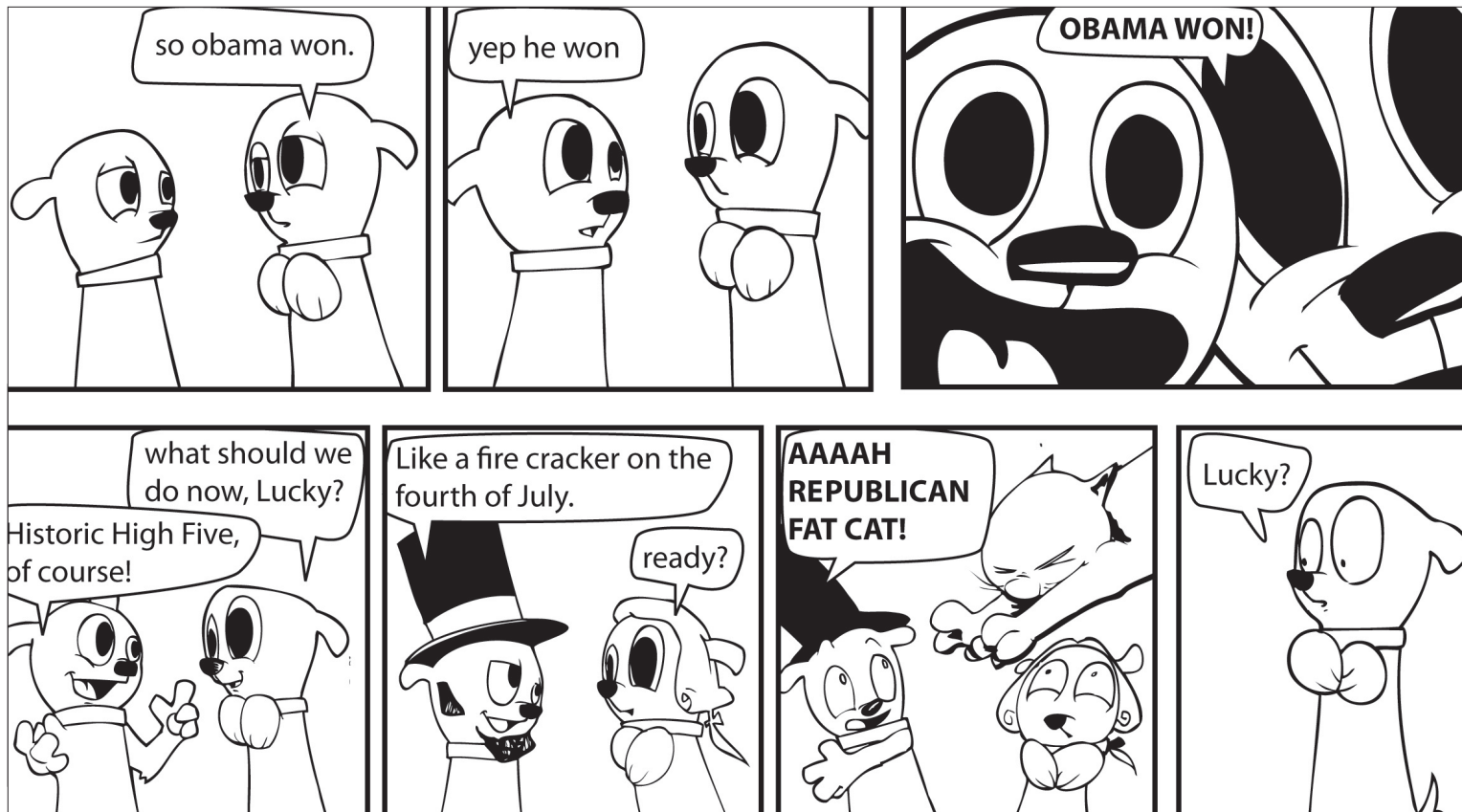
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STEVE & LUCKY

BY BEN HOLM



Education Reform Promises Appear Solid, Experts Say

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won the nomination and has had to court a broader segment of the electorate, he has alluded to these proposals only vaguely."

During the primaries, Obama made promises to increase teachers' pay based on individual performance and promoted a "zero to five" program, which places an emphasis on early care and education for infants and encourages states to move toward voluntary universal preschool, but Lakoff said that within subsequent speeches and during his debates with Republican nominee Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) he toned down his rhetoric. In a Sept. 9 address on the topic of education in Dayton, Ohio, Obama avoided specific policy goals regarding funding and restructuring, focusing instead on the general importance of education and reform.

"This [trend] may indicate that his commitment to [funding and restructuring] is more that of an office-seeking politician than a champion and is therefore subject to the vagaries of campaigning and governing," Lakoff said. "In any

case, they are probably not going to get higher priority."

However, Obama's focus on reforming the Bush administration's No Child Left Behind Act since 2002 is promising, UCSD professor and Director of Education Studies Amanda Datnow said.

"Obama has promised to improve the assessments that are used to track student progress and to provide support to rather than punish low-performing schools," Datnow said. "He has also suggested important changes with respect to recruiting and retaining high-quality teachers, educating English language learners and improving after-school programs."

Additionally, Obama has talked about enlarging Head Start, an early childhood education program, and making it more affordable for low-income families, according to Lakoff. Both Datnow and Lakoff consider Obama's proposals, as they stand, to be solid.

"His proposals are indeed a step in the right direction, both in K-12 and higher education," Datnow said. "His education advisor through the

campaign was Stanford professor Linda Darling-Hammond, who is a strong, well-respected voice regarding educational reform in the teaching profession and in creating more equity and access."

The issue of education has been frequently overshadowed by the current economic crisis. Datnow said she considers Obama's proposals in higher education as a way to slow the damage currently sustained from massive budget cuts.

"With respect to the UC system, Obama's proposals will hopefully assist us in achieving goals of improving access and funding for higher education at the student level," Datnow said. "However, in California, we will still be grappling with a severe budget shortfall at the institutional level."

Chair of the department of economics Julian Betts agreed that the economy is deeply linked to the state of education in California.

"Both K-12 and postsecondary education in California are entirely held hostage by the budget crisis in Sacramento, which in turn is a function of the global financial crisis,"

Betts said. "We all are going to have to hold our breath and wait for the economy to mend itself."

However, Lakoff said that because both Obama and his wife Michelle were students who depended on loans to pay for college, he remains hopeful for the president-elect's commitment to higher education. In January 2004, Obama and his wife paid the last of over \$42,000 in student debts for both undergraduate studies and law school.

"Enabling young people to pursue higher education is a cause in which Obama obviously has a keen interest, especially since he and his wife were beneficiaries of aid programs," Lakoff said.

Lakoff also noted that the Democratic president-elect is much more likely to find cooperation in the UC system.

"University faculties are overwhelmingly in favor of the Democrats and would rather deal with an Obama administration," Lakoff said.

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Need a ride to the airport? UCSD students can ride the Holiday Airport Shuttle to San Diego International Airport for FREE.

Holiday Airport Shuttles depart from Peterson Hall Wednesday, Nov. 26 and return from San Diego International Airport on Sunday, Nov. 30, 2008.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Oct. 31

7:27 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A white male in his late 20s wearing a bulletproof vest and black clothing was seen at the La Jolla Playhouse.

11:51 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ An unknown group of people was reported as making bombs out of dry ice at the Humanities and Social Sciences Building.

Saturday, Nov. 1

▶ 1 a.m.: Welfare check

A female was vomiting in the Tenaya Hall stairwell.

4:49 a.m.: Robbery

▶ An unknown number of armed people were reported as robbing the Mobil station at La Jolla Village Drive.

5:51 p.m.: Suicide attempt

▶ A female received a call from her friend, who said that she “[felt] like no one [cared] about her,” and “bought pills” in order to commit suicide.

Sunday, Nov. 2

12:30 a.m.: Drunk in public

▶ A 20-year-old Asian male wearing plaid shorts and glasses was seen lying near the Cognitive Science Building. *Unable to locate.*

2:59 a.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A group of students was reported as “throwing rolls of toilet paper and body-shaped objects wrapped in toilet paper” off the roof of Tioga Hall. *Unable to locate.*

5:58 a.m.: General disturbance

▶ A male voice was heard “yelling at a female for slapping him” at Black Hall. *Field interview administered.*

12:36 p.m.: Petty theft

▶ A number of bike seats were reported as stolen from bicycles parked at Atlantis Hall and Beagle Hall.

4:26 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ An 18-year-old female reported feeling “sweaty” with “stomach pains” and “chills” at Foodworx dining hall.

Monday, Nov. 3

6:54 a.m.: Welfare check

▶ A 70-year-old white male with a checkered shirt was reported as looking “disoriented,” saying “he did not know where he was” and that “his car wouldn’t stop,” despite driving over a parking lot median shortly thereafter.

Tuesday, Nov. 4

10:28 a.m.: General disturbance

▶ A man and woman holding “Proposition 8 signs” were reported as standing less than 100 feet from the RIMAC polling area.

7:01 p.m.: Welfare check

▶ An unknown white female with no eyebrows was seen at a bathroom in the Cognitive Science Building. *Field interview administered.*

Wednesday, Nov. 5

5:46 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ Ten people were reported as spray painting in the hallways of Mandeville Center.

6:07 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ A white Ford Arrowstar was reported as tagged with “possible gang symbols” at the Biology Building.

6:14 p.m.: Chemical spill

▶ Fluid used for developing photos was reported as leaking from a container at the Biomedical Sciences Building, “completely soaking the floor.”

11:26 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A student’s knees were reported as “swelling” at Stewart Hall.

Thursday, Nov. 6

11:50 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 50-year-old white male with a “pot belly” was seen holding a sign reading “Satan children” on Library Walk.

9:31 p.m.: Drunk in public

▶ Ten intoxicated females wearing black underwear were seen at Gilman Drive.

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

Policy Targets Secondary Residents’ Housing Contracts

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who are not listed as the primary contact on the lease — will face eviction upon the primary tenant’s departure. Currently, the housing contract gives secondary tenants a “permanent resident” status after a 12-month stay in Affiliated Housing. Because the new policy is retroactive, though, residents who have already fulfilled their year requirement still face potential eviction.

“They want to vacate hundreds of secondaries when their primaries move out,” Affiliated Housing Advisory Committee representative Reece Peck said. “I find that very troubling, considering that the secondaries made their decision to live in on-campus housing in terms of housing stability. I see that as extremely unfair to retroactively make them move out.”

GSA unanimously passed a resolution on Nov. 4 against the new housing policy, calling for the immediate suspension of the plan, which the group labels “excessively restrictive and unfair to the transitional cohort.”

The resolution condemns the plan on the grounds that students signed the current contract without knowledge of the proposed changes, forcing them to give up other housing options that may no longer be available.

“What’s troubling to me in debating this new policy with the administration is how consistently the debate is framed solely in terms of availability rather than in terms of

affordability,” Peck said. “What this new one-year residence limit does is drastically reduce graduate students’ access to and occupancy in the only housing options that are semiaffordable.”

According to the resolution, the change is a violation of the UCSD Principles of Community and goes “against the best interests of graduates and students.” The GSA contends that the policy was passed without

“This policy was enacted behind closed doors with no consultation with the graduate student body.”

— Benjamin Balthaser, graduate student, literature dept.

“significant graduate student or faculty input or oversight,” preventing a proper committee review process and the support of either the Affiliate Housing Advisory Committee or the Grad Life Steering Committee.

“The university is violating its own contract,” Balthaser said. “This policy was enacted behind closed doors with

no consultation with the graduate student body. If [the plan] is so beneficial, why didn’t [Barrett] consult with the Graduate Student Association?”

In response to the new policy, graduate students have circulated a petition opposing the change, gathering over 1,000 signatures so far.

A meeting to discuss the policy changes — which will be attended by GSA President Nick Saenz, Barrett and Director of Housing and Dining Mark Cunningham — is scheduled for Nov. 10 at 5:30 p.m. in the Price Center Forum.

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McCoy: Council Must Address Grove Problems

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the Grove’s performance to see if the A.S. enterprise is providing a service that interests students.

“As long as the Grove is producing [a] profit, we see no reason to shut it down,” Maxwell said. “However, if October proves to be an anomaly, and we do not see profits in the months to come, we will then have to make decisions on what to do next.”

Eleanor Roosevelt College Senator Chris McCoy has called for greater accountability with the council’s oversight of failing student enterprises. As part of his senator project, McCoy is attempting to gain access to the budgets of various A.S. enterprises.

“Right now [A.S. enterprises] seem to be losing money for us,” McCoy said. “I’m trying to work on how we can reverse that, so we don’t have to resort to raising student fees.”

McCoy has called for the council to hold a discussion on the Grove, something he said has not occurred because the upcoming A.S. student fee referendum has been occupying the council’s agenda. McCoy plans to speak with Grove management and examine the financial health of the enterprise.

“What I really think is necessary is just common business sense,” McCoy said. “We have to see if the operation is a good one. Is it necessary?”

McCoy is reluctant to call for the Grove to be closed, stating that every student enterprise contributes to a more self-sustaining student community.

“We need to have more of an entrepreneurial spirit and fill in the gaps [with respect] to what students are and are not offered,” he said.

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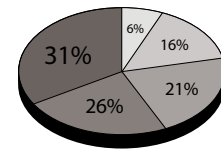
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Quit Playin' Tritons, You're Not Really This Lame

Last week we came together like never before, overwhelmingly casting our votes for President-elect Barack Obama and giving a great big middle finger to everyone who ever underestimated the power of motivated young voters. And I'm fucking excited to see that most people as frustrated as I am with the last eight years of corruption, hypocrisy and downright stupidity we've seen from Republicans, led by the Bush administration. But it was also pretty exciting to see UCSD students rally together over something other than the Sun God Festival.



Stealing the Shoes

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Yup, cat's out of the bag Tritons. You aren't soulless zombies, magically unleashed only once a year, you're humans — now it's time to start acting like it the other 364.

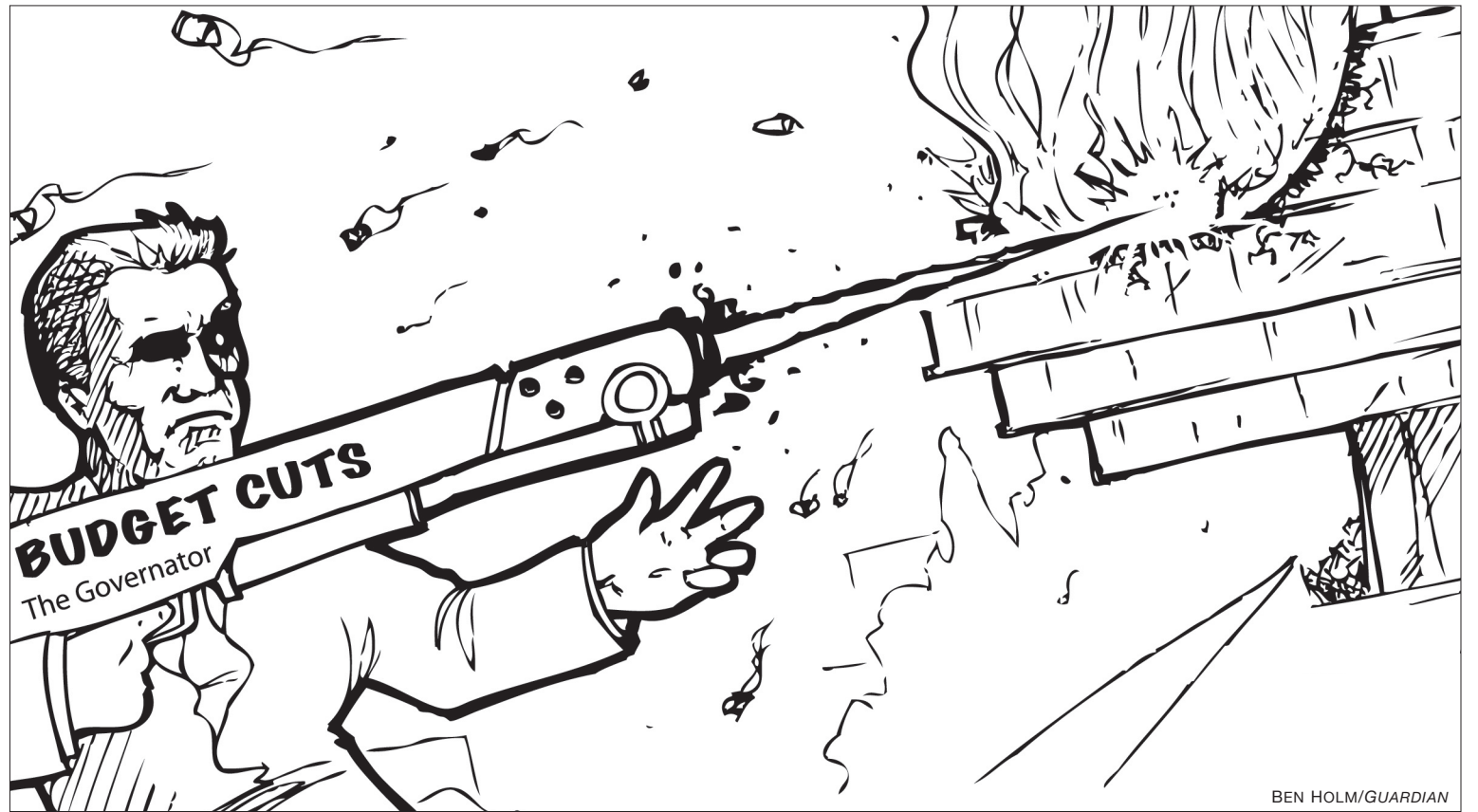
Don't play dumb; don't look up from your paper, glancing around like you're *so innocent*. I'm talking to you!

You, who ventures into UCSD's sprawling landscape only to attend your classes and sometimes not even then. You, who walks briskly from one lecture to another, plugged immediately into your iPod or Bluetooth, making zero effort to communicate with your classmates. You, who arrives in class early, sitting along the aisle so as to force latecomers to scramble awkwardly over your unforgiving knees. You, who visits campus eateries and shops with your eyes locked tightly on the ground, cutting human interaction to its absolute minimum and ruthlessly rejecting friendly small talk from well-meaning cashiers. You, who when boarding a campus shuttle plants yourself prematurely forward in the middle aisle, forcing other riders to cluster unreasonably at the front of the vehicle and denying other students entry altogether. You, who denounces campus activities as stupid, poisoning these potentially awesome events in favor of another Halo marathon. This needs to stop!

We found the magic fix-it elixir, it was right in front of us all along. Now rather than complain about how lame UCSD is, we can actually do something to change that. Come on guys, seriously. Electing a president that we wanted turned out to be simple, all it took was for each of us to show up on Nov. 4 and cast our vote. Fixing UCSD's chronic anti-socialness is just as simple, but like electing a president, we all have to commit to the change for it to work. But there's nothing like an epic victory to get you feeling a little friendlier, anyway. So smile at a passing Triton, introduce yourself to a classmate, do your homework outside for a change, put on some blue and gold and check out a home game, if you live on campus attend a dorm-sponsored event and if you're an upperclassman attend a Bear Garden.

Let's ride this wave as far as it will take us.

SECOND ROUND OF CUTS TARGETS STATE'S BEST BET



BEN HOLM/GUARDIAN

By Deepak Seeni
STAFF WRITER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA — In an effort to address the \$11.2 billion funding shortfall, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has proposed additional midyear \$65.5 million budget cuts to the University of California — already struggling to support surging enrollment while maintaining educational standards with stripped-bare financial resources. The cuts arrive during an already dire budget crisis affecting California's entire public-education system, including — in addition to the University of California — K-12 schools, community colleges and the California State University.

Higher education's giant allot-

ment of funds, second in size only to those of K-12 education and health and human services (both currently under similar funding fire) on the state budget, seems the most logical place from which to cut. Though we've slowly but surely been pulling ourselves from the hole, California is still in devastating debt — and, compared to more concrete areas of spending, the UC system budget is largely flexible in that there's hundreds of theoretically downsizeable items to undermine. But in the long run, sanding down our highest-minded promise for self-betterment is dangerously detrimental to the eventual recuperation of the state's economy and budget deficit.

California's nationally lauded higher-education system is an indi-

rect contributor to the state's future growth and prosperity — additionally working to shrink the social-class gap by providing thousands of low-income individuals with opportunities for social mobility, career advancement and the chance to compete for a six-figure jobs in more profitable sectors of the state's economy. But the UC system also steps up as a highly visible and valuable player in the current California economy, hosting more than 370,000 jobs for residents and their families while producing approximately \$16.65 billion of the state's gross domestic product, one of the largest outputs by any given entity within our economic system.

In essence, this shortsightedness could trap us in a permanent state of merely trying to keep our heads above

water, instead of taking budget blows now in other areas and investing in our most concentrated cluster of talent to, potentially, overcome and prevent the recurrence of this drought in the future. More immediately, further budget cuts to the university will not only stifle the state's economic progress by lowering both the quantity and quality of human capital, but cost thousands of individual families their source of income, especially within the middle and working class — the very demographic that has already bore so much of the brunt of the current financial crisis.

The almost impossibly constrained budget could deal fateful blows to our reputation — and for

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Church Pushes Hidden Agenda Onto Nonreligious

By Trevor Cox
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

ON CAMPUS — That midmorning stroll down Library Walk may begin innocuously enough — all you want, really, is to make it to Center Hall without being victimized by a careless, civilian-trampling bicyclist as you glance down at your iPod — but then, in that fleeting moment between tracks, you're ambushed by a perfectly sweet-looking girl who has already extended a flyer your way without the slightest air of agenda, though it's quickly established that there's a free party on Saturday night and she wants YOU to be there!

If you're in a charitable mood (let's face it, you didn't have plans that night anyway), you decide not only to acknowledge the girl's presence with eye contact, but to accept the little scrap of paper — hell, you even hold on to it for a couple hours.

It's not until later, as you actually read over the flyer, that your interest is piqued. Free pizza is a strong enough selling point in itself, but upon realizing that there will also be a dance party, you know you're in. It's not entirely clear what type of organization this UCSD InterVarsity is, as the flyer offers no hints of explanation — we're merely promised a Saturday night worth remembering. To satiate curiosity you log on to the Web site, only to

learn that the so-called IV (because the young and the hip always favor acronyms) is ... the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship?

The Christian Fellowship is only one of several campus organizations that aim to increase membership through less-than-upfront means. Nowhere is it mentioned, except perhaps in the most illegible of fine print, that we're being recruited by a religious organization. Not even the most perceptive of lit/writing majors could possibly infer — from the glossy, carefree flyer — that the group of students, according to its Web site, is devoted solely to "developing 'inductive' ways of studying the Bible, making small-group Bible studies mainstream structures in churches, [and] training in relational approaches to evangelism."

Granted, the recruiters take a pretty pragmatic approach; they must recognize that revealing even so much as their full name on a flyer would turn off almost every unsuspecting student on his way to Center Hall, so instead they rebrand themselves as the catchy, elusive UCSD IV. They know that to most students, a "student Christian movement started by students in England in the late 19th century" holds about as much appeal as a post-writeup disciplinary meeting with the college dean. So instead (promotional materials don't lie, exactly — after all, how un-Christian would that

be?) the recruiters just withhold the truth a little bit. Bury the lead, if you will.

But there's something to be said for seeking membership through more honest means. Can a non-religious student who showed up merely on the promise of pizza and a little midterm-tension release be reasonably expected to stick around for Bible study, based on whatever short-winded keyword a recruiter could slip in from across the picnic table?

A little further down Library Walk, you may have also come across a table for the pre-election Yes on Proposition 8 campaign. Conversely, this membership drive — though defined as political rather than religious, as the church cannot technically interfere with the state — openly flaunts its Christian agenda. Sure, they recycle all the same old standby secular arguments — "Think of the *children!*" — but they also use traditional religious appeal to their advantage, going so inappropriately far as to place Bibles on their table. The implication here, of course, is that if you're still undecided on how to vote on Prop 8, you need look no further. It's spelled right out for you, the common folk, and it sure don't come any more clear-cut than this! Forget the fact that, for our own protection, there exists an alleged constitutional barrier against the interests of the church affecting

governmental policy — do you *really* want to go against the word of God?

But at least the on-campus sector of Yes on Proposition 8 is being upfront with itself and the community about its motivations. On a national level, the campaign was no more honest with its agenda than an InterVarsity pizza party: The initiative to define marriage as between a man and a woman was falsely portrayed as a protective measure against the teaching of gay marriage in schools and other unrelated consequences, when in reality the proposition was only in the interest of the church, in an effort to violate others' rights so it could maintain an aged and prejudiced tradition.

What's most disheartening about the existence of such subversive movements — both concealing their true nature, and with one going so far as to impose religion onto a political arena — is their success. InterVarsity claims to be the largest student organization at UCSD, and Proposition 8 succeeded in its mission to amend the California Constitution to ban gay marriage. If there's one thing that is indeed clear, it's that we the students must question what these groups are beneath the surface — and, in doing so, must ask what exactly they're trying to hide.

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A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



Budget Cuts Cost UC Its Competitive Edge

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this, dry up future private funding and the positive feedback that allows for attention and growth. According to UC Office of the President spokesman Ricardo Vazquez, proposed budget cuts may “force the campuses to turn to options like hiring more lecturers, keeping fewer ladder-rank faculty, reducing class offerings and increasing class sizes,” dragging the University of California far behind in the race for top honors among other research universities across the nation.

Increasingly tighter fiscal restraints could render us effectively

unable to retain and attract students, as tuition and fees increase and the financially feasible quality of each UC location inevitably dwindles. These latest midyear cuts could result in the reduction of course sections, graduate programs and student mental-health services — programs that leg-up public institutions such as the University of California with a competitive chance against private institutions with unlimited funding inlets.

The university presently struggles to maintain competitive hiring packages for a star lineup of professors and researchers; Schwarzenegger’s additional cuts could leave the UC

system operating at 10 percent less than its original 2008-2009 budget, placing us in an even darker corner of disadvantage, in less of a position to attract and retain distinguished faculty who give the system its current edge. The pending midyear cuts pose a highly risky solution for the drought by halting our most promising source of economic stimulus and rejuvenation, further weakening a fundamental pillar of the state’s well-being and risking an even larger crisis for the horizon.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

‘Yes on 8’ Abuses Instinct to Protect Children

Dear Editor,

It has severely dented my faith in humanity that in the 21st century, California, a state which I would consider representative of one of the most progressive, educated and liberal populations in the United States, attained a majority in favor of legislation based on discrimination.

What I have observed is people congratulating each other and saying they have done a great service for the children of America.

Sometimes the best way to win an argument is to make a perfectly valid argument about an irrelevant point, particularly one involving children or puppies — basically anything cute.

People become irrational when you put a child in front of them. As a scientist I understand; it’s animal instinct, there’s 400 million years of evolution behind a drive to protect our offspring at all costs. Put the welfare of a child, particularly a girl — given a natural male tendency to protect the female sex — into an argument and you can illicit an irrational response. Then you can attack the moral conscience of anyone who opposes your position regardless of the debate, and it’s no longer a debate about equality, it’s “Do you hate children or don’t you?” I don’t know about you, but I don’t hate children. Hating children is just immoral.

Picture the scene. You’re on the 7 a.m. flight, you dealt with traffic, having your personal space violated by security and have the misfortune of being seated next to a screaming, banging, spitting little creature. The rational part of your brain says this is a six-hour flight and it has already reached over and yanked out my earphones three times. But instinct takes over. I don’t hate children, I

don’t want everyone to think I do, so I’ll force a smile and tolerate it, irrationally so, until the end of the flight or the little so-and-so dumps grape juice on my laptop, whichever comes first.

To the population of California who voted yes because you were convinced it served to preserve the welfare of your children, I hope in 15 years they thank you for doing what you were most likely falsely convinced into thinking was best for them. One thing I would like to witness, however, is that little girl turning around to her parents and saying, “You claimed it was detrimental to my welfare to be exposed to same-sex marriage before I could understand it, yet you exposed me to it when you made me an unwilling participant in a campaign I neither understood nor supported.”

Finally, a note on morality: I find it hypocritical for organizations claiming to conserve moral and family values in society to misappropriate millions of dollars, to conduct a campaign of lies, with the intent of legalizing discrimination. But that’s just my opinion, and if they believe that they can rationalize their actions by taking a moral high ground and saying they are pursuing what they believe to be a moral cause, well, that’s called denial.

— Andrew Telford

EAP student from Ireland

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Getting connected

Web entrepreneurs launch program at UCSD that compiles online information about their academic future into a one-stop hub.



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By Gloria Wu • Contributing Writer

The typical college student can log on to Facebook to receive notice of a friend's forgotten birthday, nominate Stephen Colbert for president and exchange electronic bumper stickers to display on a profile page. Now, using the Veechi application on Facebook, students from UCSD, UC Berkeley and UC Davis can also search for instructor ratings, reviews and grade distributions at their colleges.

Veechi Corporation launched its beta Facebook application on Oct. 26 to gain recognition and get feedback. Less than a week later, Veechi had amassed over 1,000 users and has continued to grow steadily. Additionally, the corporation has been in talks with the UCSD Career Services Center for its first partnership.

Joining the many college success tools available to provide students with access to academic resources online, Veechi compiles supplements provided by programs such as RateMyProfessors.com, PostYourTest.com and UCSD's Course and Professor Evaluations, which can all be obtained instantaneously with a few clicks of the mouse.

"We are leveraging the power of Facebook and [harnessing] that power of the social network to the advantage of the students," Veechi founder Abraham Shafi said.

With the anticipation of launching Veechi.com — a Web site independent from the Facebook application — by Spring Quarter, the site's UCSD campus representative Travis Lowe began searching for a partner to assist the site in facilitating career and internship information into their available services.

"When I walked into [the Career Services Center], the response was warm and interested, so we decided to move forward with UCSD first," Lowe said. "The reason we decided to start the discussion here was that it would give us a background in how we would work with other campuses in the future."

Located in Silicon Valley, the company is the brainchild of Shafi, who met Lowe at Diablo Community College before they transferred to separate universities. As the chief persuasion officer, Shafi gears Veechi to adapt to its target users; he promotes and recruits for the company.

Veechi's goal is to help students conquer college. The name itself originated from a Greek advertisement that caught Shafi's eye when he visited New York City. The slogan of the advertisement was "Veni, Vidi, Vici," the illustrious Latin phrase uttered by Julius Caesar that translates to "I came, I saw, I conquered." The Veechi team plays on that phrase by embellishing the Facebook application with

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CELEBRATING DEMOCRACY IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL

After midnight in the United States capital, when most of the nation was glued to their televisions and the Nov. 5 early morning editions of the *Washington Post* were hitting the racks, I found myself, a Republican, in a cheering mob of Democrats.

Strangers met in the streets like old friends, hugging, clapping and crying together. If Oprah hadn't been at Grant Park in Chicago she could have been leaning on someone next to me. A



Elephant in the Room

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celebration of success poured out from D.C. bars, crowded the Washington streets and rallied in front of the White House. The future of the next four years had finally been decided with the election of Barack Obama.

UCSD students, usually off work on Tuesdays for our research seminar, filed out of the classroom on Election Day either headed to the streets to gauge the reaction of the city as the polls came in or to the Mayflower Hotel, where the Democratic National Committee was holding its election night party. The Obama supporters — nearly everyone in the room — wore their buttons and T-shirts, excited and feverish in anticipation. The few Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) supporters, weary of the insults they'd been bearing, gathered together to make a trip to the liquor store; they'd be drinking early.

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SITeseEN Whisknadle

By Allie Cuerdo
Senior Staff Writer

Meet the one restaurant worth blowing your paycheck on. It's a gastronomical explosion, a dedicated-to-freshness haven of hearty, down-to earth dishes epitomizing multicultural Californian cuisine. Unlike often-overpriced, blandish La Jolla fare, it is 100 percent worth its upscaled prices.

Whisknadle (pronounced wisk-en-lay-del) redefines "fresh" — literally. When owner Arturo Kassel and executive chef Ryan Johnston took over in 2006, they changed the originally named "Fresh Seafood Restaurant" to "Fresh[er]," reflecting their emphasis on serving only fresh, organic ingredients. Last January, the duo decided to remodel the eatery again to better match their philosophy: "You get out of the pot, what you put into the pot."

Kassel and Johnston weren't kidding. They take back-to-basics to the extreme, using only garden-fresh ingredients from three local organic farms. From baking bread and smoking pork to churning ice cream and making mustard, Whisknadle chefs craft a multilayered tasting experience akin to home-cooked food from a master chef — e.g. if Wolfgang Puck was your mom. And if the celebrity chef, like Kassel and Johnston, served only microbrews, hand-picked all wines (most under \$60) and hand-built a four-foot by four-foot cedar-lined meat-curing room.

This custom method of preparation is reflected in the balanced, tapas-style menu, which changes due to Kassel and Johnston's "commitment to stay seasonal and cook on a whim." The four-person-worthy cutting board, a selection of savory house cured meats and flaky, nutty cheeses is a must-have. A trio of butternut squash ravioli feels surprisingly hearty, filled with creamy yellow squash and topped with smoky roasted chestnuts and sage. The slow-cooked lamb osso bucco almost melts off the bone, accented with rich coco beans and colorful mustard greens. Each bite is complemented by a sip of lemon-and-cucumber flavored water, and Whisknadle's fresh-baked French-style bread is always abundant.

It's Whisknadle's attention to detail that ulti-

mately seals the deal. The understated-yet-classy patio setup gains points for its scaled-back touches: the single hanging lightbulbs, the wrought-iron woven chairs, the heated overhead lamps. Earthy tones, simple white plating and new full-bar seating brings its amenities to a 360. Along with the impeccable service — waiters don't pester you every moment, but fade in and out appropriately — there can be no possible rating but 10 out of 10 for ambiance.

Despite La Jolla prices in the range of \$31 to \$50 for a three-course meal — with appetizers (\$8 to \$18), entrees (\$16 to \$30) and dessert (\$10) — Whisknadle proves its worth with local organic ingredients, thoughtful homestyle cooking and a tasteful, cozy atmosphere.

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Web Site Plans Future of Networking at UCSD

► **VEECHI**, from page 6
 a Roman theme. At the top of the Web page, a small piece of Roman trivia is highlighted and changes every time the user refreshes the page. To draw people in, the team has developed a ranking system for each time a user writes a review or invites friends to join the application. The user will then be given electronic Denarii, or Roman currency, which will eventually accumulate. The amount of Denarii a user has will determine status in the Veechi community, which ranks from citizen to emperor. Surprises are promised for those at the top ranks.

However, students are less preoccupied with their Veechi status and more concerned with retrieving reviews about courses and instructors.

"I don't like the [ranking] system but I guess it helps that it has both reviews and grade distributions," Revelle College freshman Kailin Duan said. "[Veechi] is pretty much the same as PickAProf.com. I don't think it's completely necessary to use, since it gets its information from other sources."

Veechi provides the names of the toughest and easiest instructors on campus, including the grade ranges given by each instructor. Moreover, students can add reviews and ratings of courses that they have taken in the past and view other students' opinions on courses they are interested in taking in the future. The application also helps students find and get to know their classmates.

Currently, the beta application is performing its most basic functions: it is providing students with an aid to plot their academic courses. The Veechi team is focusing primarily on marketing strategies to spread the word across campuses. Veechi uses information already made pub-

lic by UCSD and relies on its users to keep it updated. The existing information is sparse, because the corporation is relying on resources already available for its users, something it hopes to change with prospective partnerships.

"I think this could be a potentially unique social platform that will be very positive for students," Associate Director of the UCSD Career Services Center Craig Schmidt said after an initial meeting with Shafi. "There's a lot of potential there to assist students in providing

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— Travis Lowe, UCSD campus representative for Veechi.com.

key resources.”

Veechi plans to launch its program at every UC and California State University campus this winter.

"By the end of the year, we hope to reach the entirety of college systems in California, barring private schools," Lowe said. Shafi expects that Veechi will continue to expand nationally and then internationally as long as the application remains relevant among college students.

At the moment, Lowe said Veechi is biding its time and waiting to receive results from the three schools. He has been the driving force behind the negotiations between Veechi and the Career

Services Center.

Veechi's reputation currently relies mostly on word of mouth and Facebook invitations, but the team is working on buzz advertisements as well.

Lowe and Shafi met with the UCSD Career Advisor Directors on Nov. 5 to discuss how they could utilize the Career Services Center's resources.

Once Lowe and Shafi have generated enough users and information, they will begin implementing the next step in their plan: providing employment opportunities for college students. They plan to use Veechi to help students make career decisions by choosing classes that could best prepare students for their desired career and then help them find appropriate employers. Veechi will help place students in internships or extracurricular activities that will assist them in making the most of their college years. Students would be able to contact employers through their Facebook application, while employers could seek students from a separate account on the Veechi homepage; currently, this page only operates as a front that directs traffic to the Facebook application.

This is where their partnership with Career Services Centers on various college campuses will play a key role. However, at this point the UCSD Career Services directors say that it is premature to determine whether the center will partner with Veechi.

"At this point it's too early to have any other kind of proclamation, but we certainly want to encourage them," Schmidt said. "They have struck us as very creative and have definite possibilities."

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Dancing to Obama's Tune of Pending Change: 'Yes We Can'

► **ELEPHANT**, from page 6

I went to work late that afternoon, deciding to stay at the MSNBC studios until every poll closed. But it was worth forgoing the early bar-time festivities to get updates through the flurry of news wires and NBC staff e-mails. When the wire came through that Obama was the 44th president of the United States, the information was listed as "hot" and embargoed by the network until the appropriate release time; I immediately called my mom, my roommates and a few friends from back home. As each person reported the outcome to whichever bar, club or party they were attending, I could hear cheers.

I tried to leave the studio around 11:30 p.m. to join my friends for Obama's victory speech at Hawk 'n' Dove, a local bar on Capitol Hill, but my producer was convinced that none of the interns should walk back and after having my arm twisted, I was driven home in a black town car reserved for NBC's big wigs. While the driver scrutinized me in the rearview mirror — trying to determine if I was related to an anchor or sleeping with one of them — I watched the crowds outside in the streets chanting, cheering and honking all the way to the White House. By the time I reached Pennsylvania Avenue it was so packed with people and vehicles that I had no choice but to walk.

In front of the White House, my plans changed again. A small crowd outside the gates, holding Obama signs, yelled for President George W. Bush to start packing. "If you need help, Bushie, let me know, because you've got to go!" one woman shouted through the metal bars. A flood of people, marching directly from the DNC party down the street, made their way into the area.

Anticipating a large crowd, security fences had been erected to section off Lafayette Park and the main gate,

funneling the crowd in and around — but not close to — the driveway to the president's front door. The snipers seemed to multiply in the minutes that I greedily snapped pictures, but there was no tension between the crowds and the police. I watched a group of men get overfriendly in their celebration, pushing and prodding the rest of the crowd, and I hurriedly moved out of the way expecting fists. When a few police officers arrived on the scene moments later, they exited their vehicles and after brief hesitation began hollering right alongside the revelers.

As the minutes wore on and Obama's speech came to a close, a crowd that had once been 50 became 5,000, peppered with teens and elderly; blacks and whites; high-ranking suited officials and average Joes in T-shirts. News stations, with bright lights and boom sticks, captured the entire event for the world to see; most of the reporters were foreign. The world was watching and the crowd loved it as they yelled and pumped their fists for the cameras. Eventually, one man started to sing "Na na na na, na na na, hey, hey, hey, good-bye!" and the entire crowd serenaded President Bush until the lights of the White House were finally extinguished.

At the back of the park, cars slowed so that both driver and passengers could roll down their windows and shout in approval, earning high-fives from courageous crowd members who stole into the intersection. It was as if each person in the car, or on the sidewalk, or in the crosswalk, were personally responsible for bringing about change. Even I, a skeptic fiercely loyal to McCain, realized that there's something to say about a bombardment of car horns synchronizing with the crowd's cheer, "Yes we can," and so I did what felt right — I danced along with the beat of the song the masses were singing.

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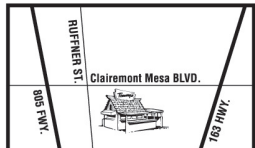
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Two-Part Semifinal Shootout Sets Lady Tritons Up for Championship

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them," McManus said. "Why would you want to shoot with the pressure on you when you can apply it on them?"

That's exactly what Belak-Berger was able to achieve, calmly netting UCSD's first penalty kick into the top right corner. But the Tritons failed to match San Francisco State's next two conversions, giving the Gators a 2-1 advantage.

For UCSD's fourth kick, Capobianco nailed the ball just past the outstretched arms of the Gator goalkeeper and into the right side of the goal, knotting the shootout up at two. Both teams then missed their fifth and final shots, sending the teams into sudden death.

McGovern delivered huge stop after huge stop during the do-or-die period, pulling a final block that made Belak-Berger's second penalty goal the hard-fought match's winning point.

In the longest game McManus has seen as a head coach, seniors Belak-Berger and McGovern came through big.

"Jess [McGovern] did her job, which allowed me to play my role,"

Belak-Berger said. "Pressure pushes you and I thrive on it by turning it into something positive."

Belak-Berger and McGovern were respectively named the CCAA offensive and defensive players of the tournament, and honored with positions on the all-tournament team, along with Capobianco, Esquivel and Wethe.

McManus pointed out that different players have different roles — while it was the seniors who led the team to victory against San Francisco State, it was the freshmen who ended up coming through, accounting for two of the three goals against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

UCSD's battle for the national title will begin later this week. Though the tournament's details haven't yet been revealed, McManus has his predictions.

"I'm about 99 percent sure we're going to be heading to Seattle," he said. "We need to rest and get our heads right before we travel up there."

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Cross Country Teams Fail to Advance to Championships

► **CROSS COUNTRY**, from page 12
my girls."

Overall, the UCSD women secured sixth place out of the 24 schools present.

"We had a great season," head coach Nate Garcia said. "We had a good, developing group that continued to get better as we raced through; we came a little bit short on the race [on Saturday], but I'm really proud of the effort our women put in. Whenever you go in and face the best in the country, you're going to face a challenge, and our girls faced it very boldly."

According to Montgomery, the season provided the harriers with a strong foundation for the future.

"I'm optimistic because they're a group of girls that are willing to work hard and push themselves," she said. "They're very selfless. I want to leave them with a great tradition — to enjoy it and run every race like it's your last."

For Schofield and LeVieux, the cross-country journey will make one last exciting stop: Slippery Rock, Penn.,

where they will represent UCSD in the NCAA National Championships, scheduled for Nov. 22.

Garcia said he hopes his runners will place within the top 30 and earn an All-American award.

"For our individuals going to nationals, we are looking to see them race better than they have in the past — to continue to develop their skills and abilities," he said. "Any time you take an individual [to nationals] you're looking to represent the West Region and [UCSD] well, and All-American status is definitely one of those ways."

With such a growing roster of talent, the upcoming cross country seasons look bright for UCSD.

"We have a good young group of folks who have great leadership in their older teammates," Garcia said. "I anticipate that we are laying the groundwork for a lot great seasons to come."

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Tritons Seek First Place in Last Regular-Season Games

► **VOLLEYBALL**, from page 12
your home crowd and think about all the great memories you've had playing in the gym over the past four years and then you realize that it's over. You never think it's going to come to an end — it just kind of sneaks up on you."

In Thursday night's game, UCSD improved to a 22-2 all-time record versus Cal State Stanislaus (6-22, 3-15 CCAA), sweeping the Warriors 25-20, 25-22, 25-19. Though the Tritons have seen success when up against California State teams in the past, the game started out a little rocky for the squad.

The beginning of the first set featured nine tie scores and was highly contested. The Tritons trailed 15-13 before rallying behind freshman outside hitter Hillary Williamson. Williamson served up an ace to give UCSD a two-point lead and then sent down two of the final three kills that allowed the Tritons to take game one.

The Warriors took a 16-10 advantage, apparently on their way to taking set two, when freshman outside hitter Katie Condon led the Tritons to a seven-point run. UCSD managed a 23-20 lead, and Schmidt and Bailey reinforced the win with back-to-back kills in the set's last moments.

The third and final set of the night remained close until kills by Condon

and Schmidt put UCSD ahead 10-8. The closest the Warriors came to a comeback was at 13-12, but Williamson responded by sending down a kill and posting a block to stymie Cal State Stanislaus. The match ended with two final kills from Carpenter. Bailey led the way for the Tritons with 13 kills on .407 hitting, while Williamson chipped in 11 kills to complement her seven digs.

After triumphing in their final home games of the season, the Tritons see their goal of winning a national championship as a real possibility. With only two regular-season games remaining before playoffs begin, the team is up to the challenge.

"Our team has trained so hard since the end of last season to prepare itself," Torres said. "I know that we can beat any team in the country when we play our game, so we just need to approach our opponents with an aggressive and confident mentality and take care of business. We want to have fun, but more importantly, finish the season with no regrets."

The Tritons will end the regular season on the road against Humboldt State Nov. 14 and Sonoma State Nov. 15.

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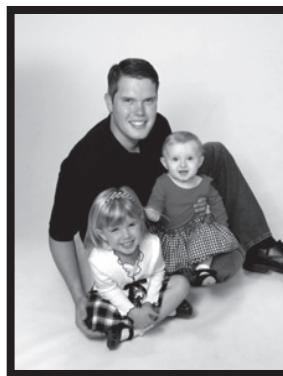
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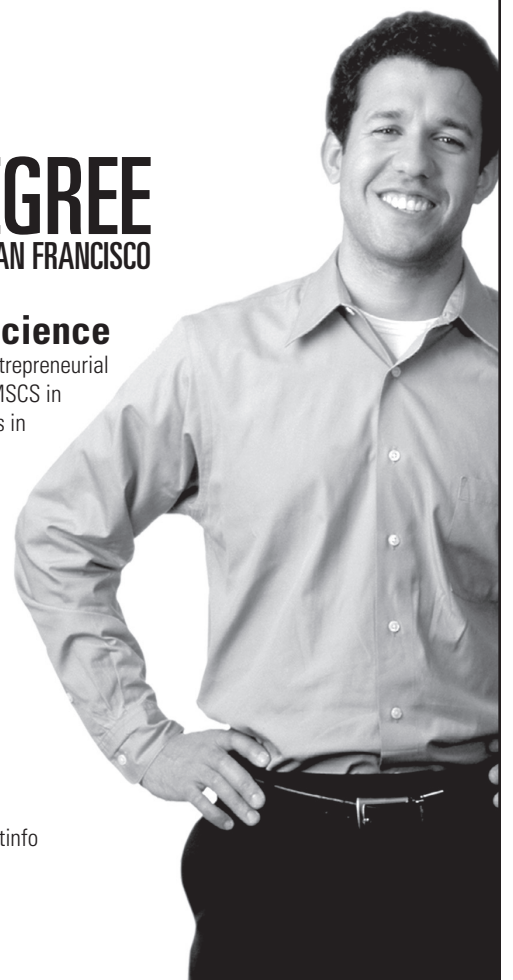
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The junior setter recorded 67 of the team's 82 assists in back-to-back, three-set victories over Cal State Stanislaus and Chico State University on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7.



UCSD Reclaims State Title

After letting the CCAA crown slip last season, the women's soccer team defeats CSUDH to seize this year's championship.



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Top: The No. 20 Tritons celebrate after pulling off a decisive 3-1 victory over the Toros in the CCAA Championship game. **Above:** Senior Kelly Mayo battles with Toro defender Cassie McKay for possession in a physical game between the two teams.

By Matt Croskey
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S SOCCER — For the seventh time in nine years, the No. 20 Tritons hold the esteemed title of California Collegiate Athletic Association Champions.

The team took back control of one of the toughest conferences in the nation with a 3-1 domination over Cal State Dominguez Hills in the CCAA finals on Nov. 9. The win came on the heels of an emotional, penalty-kick victory against San Francisco State on Nov. 7 in the semifinals.

The state championship will take the Tritons national, earning them an automatic bid into the NCAA Division II Championships, set to begin Nov. 13. UCSD awaits the announcement of the final, 48-team lineup — which will arrive today by 2 p.m. — for a better idea of when, where and who they will be playing.

After sneaking by San Francisco State in the semifinals, the Tritons charged into what they knew would be a highly physical match against Cal State Dominguez Hills.

Senior Natasha Belak-Berger was proud of the team's composure throughout the brutal face-off.

"Everyone got knocked down and got up more than any other game this season," she said. "[CSUDH] was pushing with everything they had, and we just had to weather the storm."

As bodies flew at seemingly every battle for possession, the Triton offense got the push it desperately needed when freshman midfielder Anne Wethe scored her first goal of the season only 10 minutes into the game. The goal broke a streak of nearly 350 minutes of scoreless play for UCSD.

Up 1-0, the Tritons saw their second goal of the match off the foot of another freshman. This time, it was midfielder Courtney Capobianco, who found the back of the net after receiving a pass from fellow freshman forward Sarah McTigue and flipping the ball over the Toro goalie. Like Wethe before her, Capobianco's goal was her first of the season.

Knowing its season was on the line, CSUDH came out firing in the second half, cutting the deficit to one with a score in the 63rd minute.

Senior goalkeeper Jessica McGovern rushed out from the net to meet the Toro offenders, but was instead forced to watch the ball soar just over her head and bounce into the goal.

The Tritons fell back into power when senior forward Kelly Mayo — dribbling the ball through the box — was clipped from behind by a CSUDH defender, who was carded for the foul play. Belak-Berger nailed her third penalty kick of the tournament to give the team a 3-1 lead.

Despite being outshot 15-13 during the match, UCSD found itself with far more scoring opportunities than usual — an area in which the team has struggled over its last five matches.

"We just kept doing the same thing that we were doing," head coach Brian McManus said. "You go through three or four games where you can't buy a bit of luck, but it comes back. We've had opportunities but were unable to finish — and today, we finished."

The players could have used little of that offensive luck against San Francisco State in the CCAA semifinals: The Gators and Tritons battled for 110 minutes without a single goal, despite chances on both sides of the field.

UCSD's most promising set-up arrived in the final seconds of the game's first overtime, when senior defender Amanda Esquivel lofted the ball across the field to Belak-Berger, who strode past the sleeping Gator defense to knock a shot past the keeper and barely over the goal line.

Both the team and its supporters went wild on false hopes that the Tritons had captured the victory — but the referee soon whistled otherwise, claiming the ball had entered the goal seconds after the game's official end.

Belak-Berger said that after the call was made, she fell to the ground in exhaustion and disappointment.

"I wish it would've counted," she said. "It was a long game and everyone was physically tired. I had to pick myself up and keep playing."

UCSD won the shootout coin toss and elected to shoot first, challenging the traditional belief that kicking second is advantageous.

"I'm a big believer in putting pressure on

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LADY TRITONS SWEEP FINAL HOMESTAND

By Robert Ingle
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — In their final home series of the year, the UCSD women's volleyball team swept consecutive opponents Cal State Stanislaus and Chico State on Nov. 6 and Nov. 7. Prior to the match against Chico State, the seniors from UCSD's squad were honored in front of 827 fans in a ceremony that commemorated their final collegiate match at RIMAC Arena.

The team's four seniors have all played pivotal roles in the UCSD Athletics program for the last few seasons, helping make the squad and the university a dominant force in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

"I felt that each one of us brought something new and unique to the team," senior outside hitter Rebecca Bailey said. "I've gotten a lot closer with the team this year in particular, and it's just been great getting to play with these girls."

In the senior-night game on Friday, the No. 12 Tritons avenged a previous loss to the Chico State Wildcats (18-10, 11-7 CCAA) earlier this season in straight sets 25-17, 25-21, 26-24. Senior setter Kacey Martinez warmed up early on, going 5-for-5 on assists to lead the UCSD offense in the first game. The Tritons gained a 10-4 lead and never

looked back, pulling ahead by as many as seven points late in the set. The game ended on a kill by junior outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt — one of her 12 kills of the night.

In the second game, the team jumped out to an early 7-2 advantage by forcing Chico State out of its normal high-speed offensive rhythm. UCSD never let up, holding an eight-point lead mid-set after an ace by junior setter Elaine Chen. Despite a rally by the Wildcats that brought them within two points at 21-19, consecutive kills by Schmidt again ended the game in the Tritons' favor.

Chico State gained some early momentum in the third set, leading 10-8 after a back-and-forth beginning. After several even scores and lead changes, the Tritons were behind 22-18 before senior outside hitter Kimberly Carpenter stepped in. After a kill, she served up two consecutive points for the Tritons and evened the score at 22. A service ace by Schmidt and two errors by the Wildcats topped off the sweep for UCSD. Bailey ended with a total of 12 kills while Carpenter came out with seven.

"It's definitely a bittersweet feeling," senior defensive specialist Michelle Torres said. "You look around and see

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Harrier Duo Races to Nationals

By Brianna Lee
STAFF WRITER

CROSS COUNTRY — Competing in their most critical event of the season, the UCSD cross country teams bolted out their best efforts on Nov. 8 during the NCAA West Regional, attempting to score a returning trip to the NCAA National Championships. In the end, however, the Triton harriers came up short to powerful rivals such as Chico State University and Seattle Pacific University, neither the men's nor the women's team able to qualify for the Division II National Championships.

In spite of the meet's disappointment, the Tritons maintain their hope in senior Jake LeVieux and sophomore Bre Schofield, selected to represent UCSD at nationals.

The men's team faced some surprising adversity early on when the 10,000-meter race was interrupted and later rescheduled due to miscommunication and erroneous turn-navigating during the course run. According to senior Jake LeVieux, the setback negatively affected the runners, as some of their momentum was considerably shaved off by the botched first attempt. Nevertheless, LeVieux finished strong, seizing 14th place overall with a time of 33:41. Next in line was senior Gabe LaMothe (34:04), junior Mike Wright (35:39) and freshman Jeremy Riley (35:55), claiming 18th, 45th and 51st place, respectively. Ultimately, UCSD would place



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Because of a miscommunication, the men's 10,000-meter race was stopped in the middle of competition and postponed. Following the delay, UCSD finished in seventh, with senior Jake LeVieux qualifying for nationals.

seventh in a pool of 18 schools.

According to LeVieux, the team drew from its ability to refocus its efforts and regroup.

"We had a really positive outlook right before our second time," he said. "That was really important because it's hard to get back into your game."

The Tritons were also aided by their superior knowledge of the UCSD home course, allowing the harriers to race with confidence.

"We've run [the course] so many times that we are so used to it," LeVieux said. "Mentally we know what to do at every turn and we know what to expect. We don't have to think about the course at all — it's second nature."

For the women's 6,000-meter run, Schofield powered through the pack to garner a fifth-place finish at 21:44. Close behind came teammates senior captain Ashleigh Montgomery (23:26) and freshman Elena Inouye (24:09), earning 27th and 51st place, respectively.

"I prepared myself fully for this race," Schofield said. "The number-one thing I find myself doing is keep pushing, because if I take my foot off that pedal, then I know I won't be doing my hardest ... All throughout the whole season we're there for each other. With that support, I have [to race well] for

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MON NOV 10

ACADEMIC

UC Law School Admission Directors Panel - Get in the know with the inside scoop! Come learn directly from the admissions directors at the UC law schools about applying to law school. Discover what the schools are looking for in applicants, how to successfully apply and what to expect in the admissions process. 6-7pm at the Horizon Room, Career Services Center.

LECTURE

Visiting Artist Lecture Series Presents: Michael Corris - Professor Michael will discuss the life, work and contemporary significance of this extraordinarily versatile figure of American art of the post-war period. The lecture will be illustrated with rarely-seen examples of works by Reinhardt and his colleagues. 3:30pm at the Visual Arts Facility Performance Space.

The Politics of Anti-Racism in France: Lessons from Government - Drawing on his experience as Minister of State for Equal Opportunities in the Villepin government (2005-07), Azouz Begag will examine the challenges of introducing meaningful measures for promoting economic, social, and racial equality in the context

of French Republican traditions of citizenship and a partisan political climate shaped by rivalries between Right and Left parties in France. 4-5:50pm at Social Sciences Building, Room 104.



RECREATION

Roma Nights: Kenny Eng - Kenny Eng will make his triumphant return to Espresso Roma and once again amaze us with his music. This show is free and open to everyone, so bring all of your friends! 8-9pm at Price Center.

Bishop Allen - Fresh from their appearance in the indie kid-flick *Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist*, Charm School graduates Bishop Allen head to The Loft as part of their nationwide tour. Joining them will be One Am Radio and Electric Owls. Student: \$5; GA: \$10. 8pm at The Loft, Price Center East, 2nd floor.

TUES NOV 11

ARTS

Xanadu - the journey of Greek muse, Kira, who descends from the heavens of Mt. Olympus to Venice Beach, California in 1980 on a quest to inspire a struggling artist to achieve the greatest artistic creation of all time...a roller disco! This hilarious, roller skating, musical rolls along to the original hit score composed by pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, and includes, "Magic", "Suddenly", "Evil Woman", "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Xanadu." Student: \$39, Staff/faculty: \$42, GA: \$42, Senior Citizen: \$29. 7:30-10pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

RECREATION

Live band Trash Talk, Alpha & Omega, Down Again and Rotting Out play the **Che Cafe**. Doors open 6:30, show 7pm, \$8.

WED NOV 12

ACADEMIC

Organizing and Writing with RefWorks - Learn how to use RefWorks to organize your references and instantly format your research papers, articles, and other publications using APA, NLM and hundreds of other writing styles. You'll also learn how to download references using your favorite research databases and library catalogs. 3-4:30pm at Geisel Library.

ARTS

Xanadu - Student: \$43, Faculty/Staff: \$46, GA: \$46, Senior Citizen: \$43. 7:30-10pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

CAREER

Company Information Session: Apple, Inc - Come and learn more information about our company and what job opportunities are available. 7:30-9pm at the Horizon Room, Career Services Center.

LECTURE

Mexican Oral Traditions and Cultural Identity - Guest Scholar and author Beatriz Mariscal Hay will be speaking on "Mexican Oral Traditions and Cultural Identity". There is no cost of admission and the event is open to the public. 3:30-5:30pm at the Deutz Room in the Institute of the Americas Complex.

RECREATION

Student Center Block Party - Live DJ and music provided by Jasmine Commerce at the Student Center Block Party at the Hump! 11:30am at the Hump at the Student Center.

THURS NOV 13

ARTS

Movement Revolution Africa - Shaped by the pressures of urbanization and global influence, late 20th century Africa provided the climate for vivid contemporary dance to flourish. A continent defined by the horrors of poverty, disease and political turmoil, Movement Revolution Africa amplifies the artistic expression of modern choreographers in filmic brilliance. 7pm at The Loft, PC East, 2nd floor.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead - Earning Sir Tom Stoppard his first of five Tony Awards for Best Play, this laugh-a-

minute production is a refreshing retelling of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Student: \$10, Faculty/Staff: \$12, GA: \$15, Senior Citizen: \$12. 7pm at Mandell Weiss Forum Studio.

Cine Mujer Seis - Six short films, told in six unique ways, by and/or about Latina women each addressing issues of identity through desire, sexuality, and longing. In partnership with UCSD campus and community organizations, we invite you to engage in a post-screening discussion and lively social gathering with some of the talented filmmakers of Cine Mujer Seis. PROGRAM: Eddie (Quentin Kruger, 2007, USA, 10 min.); Ese Beso (Kamala Lopez-Dawson, 2006, Spain, 18 min.); La Quinceañera (Adam Taub, 2007, Mexico/USA, 41 min.); Madre (Juan Pablo Laplace, 2007, Argentina, 10 min.); Saliva (Esmir Filho, 2007, Brazil, 15 min.) Student: \$4, GA: \$7. 7pm at Calit2 Auditorium.



ArtPower! At UCSD presents: Mark Dresser, Xiaofen Min & Vinny Golia Trio Concert - Splice the impulsive skips of jazz with improv's raw fluidity, and inject a sonic boom of modern electronics- it might sound like a noisy melting pot, but L.A. jazz veteran Mark Dresser (top) joins Xiaofen Min and Vinny Golia to prove that contemporary jazz can be at once eclectic and seamless. Join ArtPower! for a genre-hopping sound feast. Students: \$5, GA: \$10. 8pm at The Loft, PC East, 2nd floor.

Xanadu - Student: \$49, Staff/Faculty: \$26, GA: \$52; Senior Citizen: \$49. 8-10:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

LECTURE

Visiting Artist Lecture Series Presents - **William Franco and Mikki Seifert** will talk about living in Aotearoa/New Zealand, investigating the intersection of art, politics, economics, culture and knowledge with Māori artists and scholars. To illustrate the nature of this work, they'll discuss their project, Nō Naianei/From This Moment, a three part collaboration, consisting of a Butoh Hikoi, Butoh/VJ Performance and a Multimedia Installation. 4pm at the Visual Arts Performance Space.

RECREATION

Spectacular, Spectacular! FREE Semi-Formal! - VSA welcomes you to our annual semi-formal, Spectacular! Spectacular! Come out and dance the night away with us. This year's theme is Moulin Rouge with the colors of red, purple and gold! Everyone is welcome, so bring all your friends because it's free! 7pm at ERC's Great Hall.

Cal-Animage Beta Film Screening: Cal Animage Beta will host their weekly film showing where you can come and enjoy Japanese Animation. 7-10pm at Price Theater.

FRI NOV 14

ARTS

FEAR MINUS ONE Exhibition - Fear Minus One focuses on five artists who use preexisting films as their source, particularly in this selection, movies that have a sense of foreboding or fear as part of their dynamic. 11am-5pm at the University Art Gallery.

University Art Gallery: Artist Talk - Dutch artist **Gabriel Lester** makes installations and film works that examine the relationship between narration and image to explore the way that images, sound and signs contribute to the creation of illusion. He is one of the artists featured in the exhibition "Fear Minus One" in the Gallery. 6pm at Ledden Auditorium.

Swarmius: This quartet--boasting a skate-boarder punk saxophone and wild metro-gnome--grinds hip-hop and techno bravado into classical chordwork, for nightclubs and concert halls alike. Composed by SDSU professor John Waters. General Public: \$15; Faculty and Staff: \$14; UCSD Students: \$5. 8pm at The Loft, PC East, 2nd floor.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead - General Fee: \$15; Faculty/Staff Fee or Senior Citizen Fee: \$12; Student Fee: \$10. 8pm at Mandell Weiss Forum Studio.

Xanadu - Student: \$52, Faculty/Staff: \$55, GA: \$55, Senior Citizens: \$52. 8-10:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

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Live bands Woods, Waves and more play the **Che Cafe**, 8pm, \$6.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball vs. Dixie State College - 1pm at RIMAC.

UPCOMING

ARTS

Heritage Language Film Festival: 11/17-11/21. 5:30-7:30pm at APM 4301.

ACADEMIC

International Education Week: 11/17-11/21. Please join us in celebrating UC San Diego's 4th Annual International Education Week (IEW) from November 17 - 21, 2008. This year's theme, Celebrating, Educating, Empowering: Our World is One World, celebrates the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. The week-long event will feature lecture series on human rights and global citizenship, international themed meals, cultural presentations, workshops, a film festival, and more. The event is a unique opportunity to celebrate the cultures of the world within the UC San Diego community. For more information, please visit <http://iew.ucsd.edu>.

WEEKLY

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

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Thu, Nov 13 / 8:00 PM
Mark Dresser joins Xiaofen Min and Vinny Golia to prove that contemporary jazz can be at once eclectic and seamless.
\$5 Adv/PAYC Door

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Fri, Nov 14 / 8 & 10:00 PM
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CAMPUS LIFE

Eucharist 101 -- Join us for a service of Holy Communion this Sunday, Nov 9th at 1:01 pm at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church. 4321 Eastgate Mall (at Genesee, 2 blocks north of UTC). Rides available from campus - (858) 735-3797. Episcopal/Methodist United Campus Ministry - emunited.ucsd.edu (11/6)

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 - Excursion to Siena and Chianti Road, including a wine-tasting
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PERSONALS

ATTN Darwin Awards panel: A Georgia man trying to clean up cobwebs with a blowtorch lit his house on fire. (11/10)

Sarah Palin's next career move is an appearance on the celebrity version of "Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader?" (11/10)

Battered women... Sounds delicious? Doesn't make it right. (11/10)

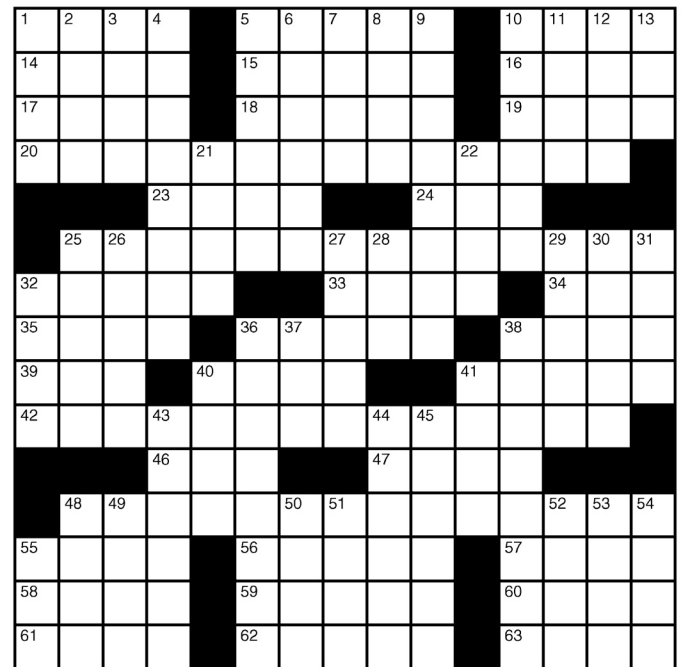
Trident. Why do people chew a gum that means three teeth? (11/10)

People call me Mr. Compromise. It wasn't my first choice for a nickname, but I can live with it. (11/10)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6 SUDOKU SOLUTION

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CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- O'Neal of basketball
- Dana of "Baretta"
- Martial arts school
- Home to Honolulu
- Slight coloration
- Vitamin bottle figs.
- Peru's capital
- Gradually declined
- Cuts down
- Oscillators
- Showing tenderness
- Zodiac lion
- Oscillators
- Tedious task
- British noble
- Joker
- Like Cheerios
- Between, in poetry
- Dryer residue
- Tussaud's title
- Dancer Verdon
- "Lola" band
- Oscillators
- Bad, in Limousin
- Ubangi feeder
- This puzzle's theme song
- Albert or Throneberry
- Sign up: var
- Microwave option
- Jai
- Rework to make work
- New Age music superstar
- Crooner Jerry
- Winged mimic
- Nearly all

DOWN

- Shoe base
- Salute
- Alas!
- Charlatan's doings
- Without end, in poetry
- Lustful desire
- Investor's channel
- Teen follower?
- Crisis period
- Leader of the Medicine Show
- German border river
- Benchley novel
- CIA predecessor
- Lose will
- Gusto
- Whale star
- Tribal symbol
- Flower of Paris?
- Period of stability
- "Dallas" family name
- Official positions
- Some NCOs
- Honey holder
- Midnight
- Place to surf
- Bookkeeping entry
- Elated
- Highlander's skirt
- No Oscar contender
- Icy satellite of Jupiter
- Riches
- Merry party
- Face-to-face exam
- 500-mi. race
- Grain husk
- It can't be!
- Contrary votes
- Police jacket letters
- Dallas hoopster

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