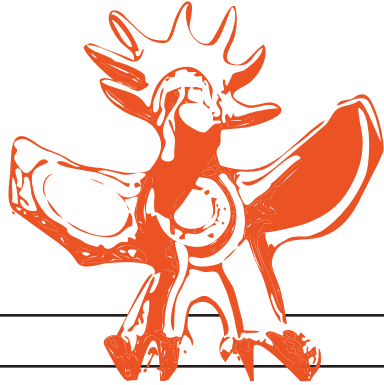


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Cash-Starved UC Faces Record Applicant Pool

Regents to consider plan for curtailling freshman enrollment at special meeting this week.

By Sarah Smith
STAFF WRITER

Following a projected decrease in future freshman enrollment figures due to lasting budgetary constraints, the University of California received a record number of applications for the 2009-10 academic year.

The approximately 127,000 applicants seeking admission to the 10-campus system for the 2009-10 academic year constitute a 5 percent larger applicant pool than that observed for the 2008-09 academic year, which totaled 121,005. Current state funding for the university, however, does not account for this increase. As a result, the university will only be able to enroll 26,300 of this year's applicants.

This will likely create an unprecedented number of rejection letters, according to UC spokesman Brad Hayward.

If the UC Board of Regents approves a plan to curtail freshman enrollment at its special meeting this week, acceptance rates at many campuses, including UCSD, will drop.

"We received 47,000 freshman applications," said Mae W. Brown, assistant vice chancellor of admissions and enrollment services at UCSD. "At this point we have no



The UC Board of Regents warned class sizes would increase if state funding continues to drop. Now, the regents will consider cutting enrollment by 6 percent. JOSEPH HO/GUARDIAN

enrollment target. The one thing that we know is that our freshman enrollment target will decrease from 2008."

While the number of freshman applications to UCSD has remained relatively stagnant compared to last year's figures, the number of transfer applications continues to climb. University officials reported a 7 percent increase in the number of transfer applicants for the 2008-09

academic year and a 13 percent jump for the 2009-10 academic year.

"Clearly, the campus is going to continue to attract excellent students," Brown said, citing the university's status in both the Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report. "With regards to rankings, we are very popular. The demand is going to be there, it is whether or not we will be able to accommodate them."

Brown also noted that the 2009-10 applicant pool is particularly strong.

University officials remain hopeful that the change in economic climate and expected low acceptance rates will not alter the makeup of the student body with regard to race, ethnicity and family income.

"We have very strong

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LITERATURE DEPT. CANCER REPORT MADE PUBLIC

By David Harvey
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

An investigation conducted over the 2007-08 academic year by Cedric Garland, adjunct family and preventive medicine professor, has found a possible connection between the unusually high instances of breast cancer among staff in the Literature Building and electromagnetic fields in the building's elevator equipment and electrical rooms.

Between 2000 and 2006, eight cases of breast cancer were reported by UCSD employees who worked primarily in the Literature Building. One case each of ovarian cancer, carcinoma of the adrenal cortex, adenoid cystic carcinoma of the salivary gland and metastatic cervical cancer have been reported as well.

"All cases are of considerable interest in surveillance for cancer, and all require consideration as part of comprehensive overall evaluation of an apparent cancer cluster," Garland said.

The report systematically ruled out mold due to leaks, dust collecting in unused air-conditioning ducts, the local water supply and chemical contaminants as causes.

According to the report, the Literature Building's unique layout — elevator equipment and electrical rooms located on the ground floor near offices, rather than being located in a basement or rooftop — may contribute to the higher frequency of cancer diagnosis.

EMF spikes associated with the elevator operation exceed levels deemed safe in studies cited by Garland.

Additionally, the concentration area of reported cancer cases more closely coincides with that of the concentration area of EMF exposure than would be expected by chance, Garland said.

While EMF exposure is a possible contributor to breast cancer, Garland expressed stronger concern about the effects EMF could have on patients already in treatment.

"Perhaps of most immediate relevance for the Literature Building are recent in-vitro studies that have found that moderate exposures to EMF interferes with the action of tamoxifen against preventing recurrence of breast cancer," Garland said.

Garland presented his findings to the literature department in a town-hall meeting held Nov. 5. In a letter dated Nov. 10, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox expressed concern for the women diagnosed and, despite taking a reserved position, called for further investigation.

"If there is a health and safety issue in any building on this campus,

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Deejay Fest Goes Triple-Stack



JOHN HANACEK/GUARDIAN

The UCSD Deejay and Vinylphiles Club hosted "Let's Bounce," a free three-stage deejay showcase, Jan. 10 at Price Center. The event attracted a large crowd despite last-minute security complications.

Lt. Gov. Proposes Accelerated Program at UC Merced Med School

By Kimberly Cheng
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Plans were announced last week for a new fast-track medical school at UC Merced as part of an effort to reduce the shortage of physicians in the San Joaquin Valley.

Proposed by Lt. Gov. and UC Regent John Garamendi, the plan would allow students to earn medical degrees in five years, condensing the conventional eight-year program by eliminating summer vacation. It would also make UC Merced's medical school the fastest program in the nation.

Garamendi said the medical program would cost less for students since the duration is shorter, adding that existing resources in the UC Merced region should be used in order to implement the program by 2010 and further lower costs for students.

"The university has to think outside the box," Garamendi said. "The budget is tight. Resources like classes, labs and professors could and should be utilized to cut down on expenses."

The Board of Regents has already approved planning for UC Merced's medical school, although the authorization was for a research-focused

program. Garamendi's proposed fast-track curriculum would eliminate the school's research component, unlike the five existing UC medical schools at San Diego, Los Angeles, Irvine, Davis and San Francisco.

Construction of new buildings would not be necessary because the program would be held at the UC Merced campus, community colleges, local clinics and hospitals, Garamendi said.

The likelihood of starting the program by 2010 is "feasible if the university gets started today on the program," he said, adding that it would need to be done in coordination with UC Davis, UCSF and other resources in the area.

Under Garamendi's revised plan for the medical school, high-school students, especially those with family ties to the region, would be recruited to complete a three-year bachelor of science degree followed by a two-year general medicine program. They would then participate in two-year residencies to finish their training.

Aside from supplying much-needed medical care to the underserved

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FOCUS A Lasting Search for Peace

Amid international debate, students take matters into their own hands to help curb the violence in Gaza.



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Plan Seeks to Increase Presence of Doctors in San Joaquin Valley

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 region, the new fast-track program also aims to shift focus from medical research to educating aspiring doctors and nurses. Students who complete the program would be equally qualified as other physicians since they would be required to pass all the same tests and licensing boards in order to practice medicine.

"It's not about sacrificing quality, but putting aside expensive lab research and focusing instead on education and clinical research," Garamendi said. "The university needs to recognize that there is an enormous need for medical professionals and they're not producing them."

The San Joaquin Valley is one of the most physician-poor regions in the state, with only 173 physicians per 100,000 residents — 129 fewer than the state's average. Many residents suffer from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and respiratory ailments from dust, diesel-burning farm equipment and wood-burning stoves.

"There are a lot of health challeng-

es in the valley that aren't going away," Brandy Nikaido, director of regional university relations at UC Merced, said in an e-mail. "In tough economic times, we need to be creative about solving pressing challenges."

Garamendi's approach is one of many creative models that could be used to implement medical education quickly and cost-effectively in the valley, Nikaido said.

"UC Merced is continuing its planning for a medical school with faculty, our consultants and academic partners and the UC Office of the President to come up with a plan that is attainable, meets the needs of that region and state and will meet accreditation requirements," she said.

Trey Davis, director of special projects at the UC Office of the President, said in a statement that the Washington Advisory Group consulting firm is currently looking at how the fast-track medical program could be started and will release its report later this month.

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Literature Building EMF Levels Remain Below U.S. Legal Limit

► **CANCER**, from page 1
 I want to know about it, so I can fix the problem and protect our people," Fox said.

Both Fox and Garland said the EMF levels are not prohibited by existing U.S. regulations. However, Garland cited Swedish regulations, which set the standard lower than exposure levels he observed during the study.

Fox has tasked Environmental Health and Safety Director Stephen Benedict with retaining an EMF expert to investigate the correlation with a higher than average presence of cancer.

"UCSD EH&S is in the process of identifying experts and will be making a recommendation to the chancellor soon," university spokesman Rex Graham said in an e-mail. "An initial physical survey was about \$10,000. At this time, we do not have an estimate of what the new survey will cost."

On Nov. 19, a literature department meeting was used to discuss the report and the town-hall meeting, after which a staff and faculty committee was formed. According to

professor Nina Zhiri, the committee is not completely formalized and had hoped to begin work during Winter Quarter.

"People are really very concerned," she said. "We want this report to have some repercussion on the way we live on this campus and work on this campus."

Zhiri said she hopes the committee can play an active role in the continued investigation and solution implementation process. Like Garland, she said the general feeling within the department is that it is better to take action, even when faced with circumstantial evidence.

"Prudent avoidance has become the principle rationale in recent years for minimizing human exposure to high electric current configurations," Garland said. "[It] is almost always better to risk making an error in the direction of worker safety, than in the direction of no action when there is a possible increase in risk associated with an exposure."

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Jan. 2

6:54 p.m.: Grand theft

▶ A laptop worth \$1,900 was stolen from Thornton Hospital.

Saturday, Jan. 3

1:06 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A female fire victim reported suffering from an allergic reaction at Douglas Hall.

1:52 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 32-year-old Regents Road resident with kidney stones was reported as "shivering" and having a temperature of 105 degrees.

12:17 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A white male in his 20s with a thin build and wearing a blue bandana was seen at Muir Surf and Sport.

Sunday, Jan. 4

2:47 p.m.: Skateboard stop

▶ Seven "Asian juveniles" were stopped by officers at Price Center. Verbal warning issued.

5:13 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A female at Africa Hall reported having an MRSA staph infection on her arm that was "getting worse."

5:19 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ An 18-year-old female was complaining of stomach pains, and required medical assistance at the Sixth College apartments.

Monday, Jan. 5

12:14 a.m.: Drunk in public

▶ Two intoxicated females were seen sitting outside of Perks coffee shop.

1:40 a.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A student was reported as urinating in public outside of Goldberg Hall.

7:36 a.m.: Minor injury accident

▶ A female reported being hit by a vehicle at Lot 406.

12:11 p.m.: Suspicious package

▶ A bag was left by an unknown subject for an hour and a half at Geisel Library.

4:37 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 25-year-old white male wearing

a printed white shirt was reported as soliciting funds for a scholarship to San Diego State University at the Central Mesa Apartments. *Arrest felony.*

10:01 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ An 18-year-old male reported "having a concussion" from a motorcycle accident that occurred over the weekend.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

1:46 a.m.: Assist other agency

▶ A white female in her 30s wearing a hooded jacket was reported as driving around the Thornton Hospital loop, despite taking prescribed narcotics. When security called a cab, she "took the cab off campus, came back and tried to drive her car away." *Gone on arrival.*

5:24 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ An 18-year-old male reported vomiting and feeling "like he [was] going to pass out" at North America Hall.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

4:53 p.m.: Grand theft

▶ A thin, 30-year-old white male with tattoos and wearing a gold chain was reported as committing grand theft at the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center.

Thursday, Jan. 8

8:23 a.m.: General disturbance

▶ A male was seen pushing a female into the trunk of a Honda at Genesee Avenue.

11:15 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A white male with a goatee, wearing a white shirt and "champagne Converse [shoes] with dark tops" was reported at Genesee Avenue.

4:30 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 62-year-old male lost consciousness for approximately 20 seconds at the Computer Science and Engineering Research building.

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

UC Aims to Admit All Eligible Applicants

▶ **APPLICATIONS**, from page 1 financial-aid programs," UC spokesman Ricardo Vasquez said. "If there is some impact, it would be very slight."

UC President Mark G. Yudof said the university hopes to maintain its goal of granting a spot at the university to every student who has met the university's admission requirements.

"As much as possible, I want to limit the disruption for students who have worked hard to make themselves UC-eligible," he said.

The regents will meet Jan. 14 to discuss a plan to reduce freshman enrollment at six of the UC campuses. At UCSD, the plan includes decreasing freshman enrollment from 37,600 in 2008-09 to 35,300 in 2009-10 and increasing transfer enrollment from 15,800 to 16,300. The number of graduate students would not change.

"I have always been reluctant to constrain freshman access to the university, but the absence of state funding for enrollment growth and continuing budget cuts have left us no choice if we are to protect the quality of the instructional program we offer," Yudof said.

Brown added that the 2009-10 applicant pool reflects a change in the socioeconomic level of admits that can be attributed to the souring state economy.

He said there was an increase in high-income applicants, no change in low-income applicants and a decrease in middle-income applicants.

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A.S. Referendum Publicity Ineffective

By Trevor Cox
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Most every UCSD student — at least, most every UCSD student who doesn't relegate himself to the somber sort of existence that demands unwavering contact with his bio textbook — knows that the A.S. Council has introduced some kind of referendum to provide necessary funding for ... well, something. Something that's going to cost us.

What generally seems less clear to students is exactly how much lighter they can expect their wallets to be should the referendum pass, or what exactly is at stake. Despite inarguably noble efforts to publicize the referendum — the neutral campaign alone has spent \$1,800 (around the same cost as a general A.S. election) to get out the vote — its implications appear to elude the average student. All that's generally known is that a vocal faction of the A.S. Council really, really wants us to vote yes, as evidenced by its constant presence on Library Walk and its pleas for us to save Sun God.

Realistically, though, just how many students are both unoccupied and considerate enough to slow their pace en route to Panda Express, remove their sunglasses and ask, a sparkle of curiosity lighting their gaze, "Goodness! Would you folks mind tellin' me a little more about this referendum you're all so worked up over?"

Frank Carroll, neutral campaign manager for the referendum, cites promotional flyers, bookmarks and banners — all present on Library Walk — as the main forms of advertisement for the campaign. Carroll argues that common symbols like the Sun God, the Triton and Bear Garden characters used on the flyers will help students connect with this paraphernalia.

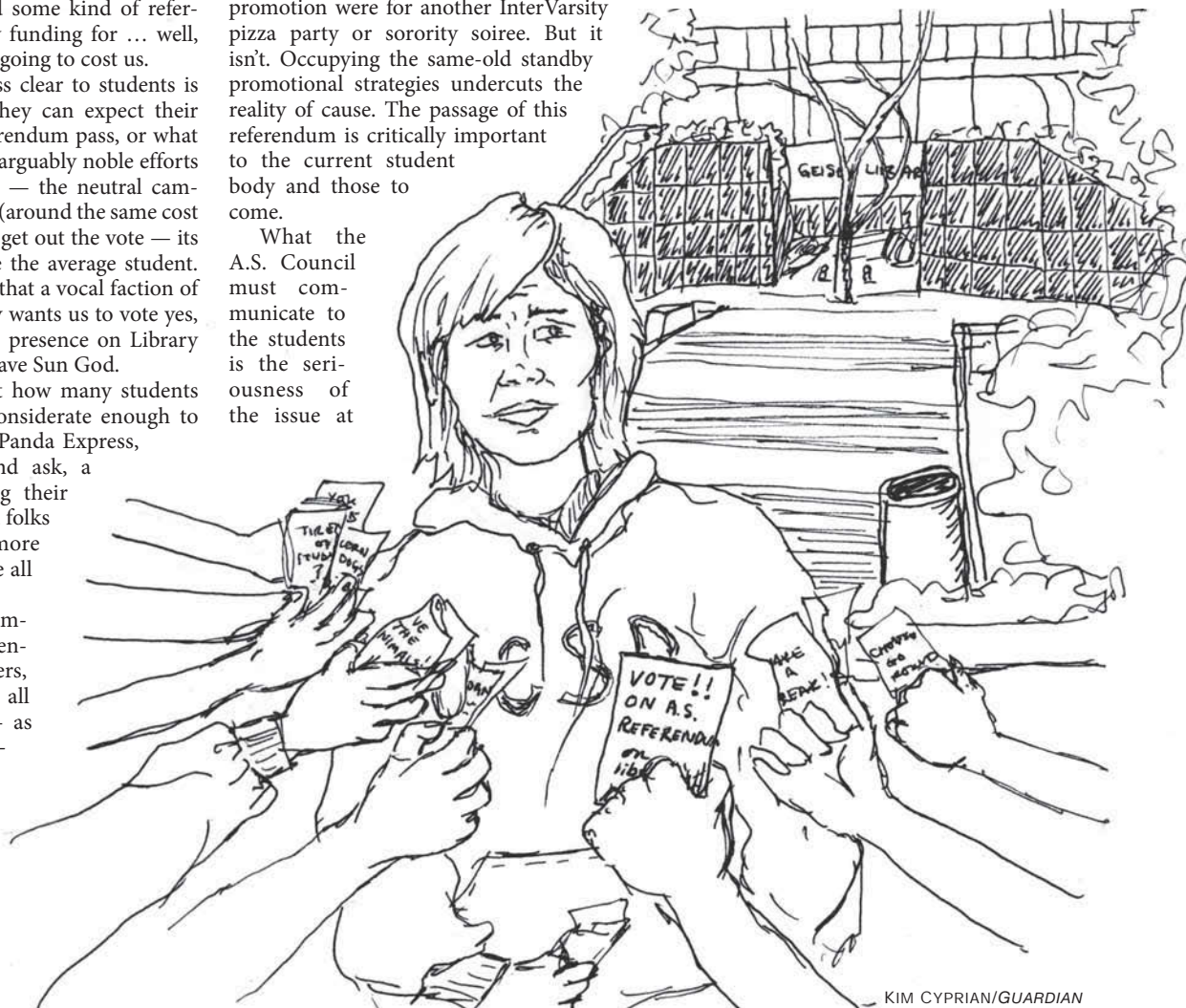
But really, how effective

can the mass flyer-printing (or bookmark-printing, for that matter) be when virtually every organization along Library Walk uses exactly the same tactic? The eventual impact of this campaign isn't very clear when communicated through promotional tactics used by everyone else — which wouldn't matter in the slightest if this promotion were for another InterVarsity pizza party or sorority soiree. But it isn't. Occupying the same-old standby promotional strategies undercuts the reality of cause. The passage of this referendum is critically important to the current student body and those to come.

What the A.S. Council must communicate to the students is the seriousness of the issue at

hand. A.S. Vice President of External Affairs Lisa Chen said that at present, there's around a \$30,000 reserve to fill Spring Quarter's student-organization allocations. In Spring 2006, A.S. Council received \$330,000 worth of funding requests, and

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Academic Banter Useless Outside the Country Club

Like many Tritons, acceptance-rate statistics and unimportant Newsweek articles trumpeting UCSD's revered standing in public education have led me to believe I am extremely intelligent. Since I became a college student, my sense of authority has skyrocketed, nourished from A's in my Dimensions of Culture



Burnt Soup

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courses and my ability to successfully integrate the word "plethora" into a sentence. I figured that if I could write six pages on the prevalence of heteronormativity in public media, then I must be brilliant.

Last quarter, I brought this inflated mindset with me to France, assuming that a language barrier wouldn't necessarily discredit my hard-earned superiority. I practiced conjugations, read worksheets on French culture and even mentally prepared myself to eat frogs' legs. I likened the experience to an essay: some light research and a collection of big vocabulary words, and I'd be set.

But when I arrived in Lyon, eager to prove that my three quarters of

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sustainability Center Will Aid Conservation Efforts

Dear Editor,

We would like to address some of the comments expressed in the *Guardian* article on Tuesday ("Faults Aside," Jan. 8), namely those assertions that the Sustainability Resource Center is a "pointless venture," "a reinvention of the wheel" and a project led by an unorganized group of students.

Instead of ignoring the campus' green projects, the SRC plans to exhibit and further these existing green initiatives, actively seeking to involve more students with the staff and administration on these projects. The SRC will not only empower undergraduate students to contribute to sustainability, but it will also allow students and the administration to better work together.

Numerous issues on our campus need to be addressed, so now is the time to join together and focus on solutions. Passionate and dedicated students who understand this have stimulated a bevy of worthwhile initiatives. The compost program, sustainable foods and campus farm programs, the fair trade campaign and the Academic Computing Services' green printing option all came about because students took time to voice their concerns to staff and administration. The SRC will ensure that these efforts expand, facilitate communication between student groups and teach all students, staff or faculty members more about sustainability.

The planning and development of the SRC vision has taken nearly a year. Students, as well as staff and

faculty from various departments including Facilities Management, Environmental Health and Safety, the Engineering School, the Environment and Sustainability Initiative and several of the college provosts have participated in ongoing discussions about the mission and workings of the center. The original plan, including a business proposal, has been circulated and edited by staff and faculty; it has been reviewed by Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Steven W. Relyea, who granted funding for the renovation of the space.

The SRC will empower students to directly participate in sustainability efforts at UCSD. All students will benefit, as \$0.92 of the \$2.34 in sustainability fees on the new A.S. referendum will be allocated to the SRC.

The remaining \$1.42 will fund the Green Initiative Fund, which will provide grants to transform undergraduate students' innovative green ideas into projects. UC Santa Barbara, UCLA and UC Berkeley already have Green Funds; UC Riverside, UC Davis and UC Irvine are expected to follow. This funding has allowed students at these schools to produce environmental films, create a program to reuse laboratory chemicals and put solar panels on residence halls. Creating this opportunity for students at UCSD will ensure that students' ideas can be funded and made a reality.

The SRC will be the central hub for sustainability on campus where questions about recycling, involvement and so much more can be answered. It will also be the catalyst for continued efforts, ensuring that students may work with staff, faculty and the administration to sustain

roles in the sustainability movement on campus.

If UCSD really wants to become the greenest university in the world, it must start with educating and working with its students. Voting yes on the A.S. referendum will help ensure that all students are able to learn about the green movement on campus and become involved in these efforts.

— Jessica Wall
Representative, Social and Environmental Sustainability Committee

Associated Students Active in Improving Student Life

Dear Editor,

While I do not typically feel the need to respond to the incessant rants of the editorial board, when the articles read more like a tabloid than a newspaper, I feel I should say something. First, this "lazy" A.S. Council has undertaken some of the most substantive projects in the last decade. Currently, the A.S. Council is drafting a syllabus policy so students will have the right to know what will be expected of them at the beginning of the quarter and end the practice of arbitrarily changing the grading or assignment criteria after the add/drop period. Additionally, the A.S. Council has taken part in drafting a new sexual assault policy that will expand the rights of victims and their accessibility to key services. These examples are only a fraction of the crucial committees and meetings that the A.S. Council participates in every week. And in regards to the "extravagant retreats," the A.S. Council spent \$200 on a retreat for 50 people. That's

1/3 the price of one advertisement in the *Guardian*. This A.S. Council has and will continue to dedicate the sweat equity that is required to enact substantive change for the student constituency. So I leave you with one more New Year's resolution for Ms. Mendoza; stop by the fourth floor of the Price Center every once in a while before you smear the very people who work tirelessly to ensure that your rights are protected on a daily basis.

— Frank Carroll
Associate Vice President of Student Advocacy

[Editor's note: According to A.S. Council records, the retreat in question was for 30 people and cost more than \$200.]

Mosaic Objects Facebook's Breastfeeding Ban

Dear Editor,

Facebook's crackdown on breastfeeding mothers continues unabated, but today the community has unleashed a potent new way for moms to add their voice to the protest — one which makes use of the very images of breastfeeding that Facebook banned.

An enormous visual mosaic (which will eventually include 100,000 images) is under construction as a form of visual protest. The breastfeeding mosaic is built out of pictures submitted by people who support the cause. Images of women breastfeeding are heartily welcomed — particularly those images previously deleted by Facebook — but any type of picture can be contributed to support the effort.

While the visual mosaic is a core

part of this protest effort, people who don't want to submit an image are still strongly encouraged to add a comment or to sign the virtual petition.

When Facebook decreed that a mother nursing her child was an obscenity and began to delete these "offensive" images from its Web site, it probably didn't anticipate the stiff resistance that it has faced. Unfortunately, even in the face of impassioned protests, Facebook has remained stoic — and has refused to draw an official distinction between the image of a mom nursing and pornography.

The breastfeeding mosaic is being hosted at Pregnancy Health Guru, a site that is home to the largest library of pregnancy videos on the Web. In addition to hosting the mosaic, PHG will also allow people who upload images for the protest to create personal libraries of their images, which can be stored and shared — with no risk that they'll be deleted.

You can see the mosaic and add your pictures at <http://pregnancy.healthguru.com/applications/petition/breastfeeding>.

— Joshua Silberstein
CEO, FullTurn Media

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Take Your Insignificant Markers of Intelligence and Shove Them

► **SOUP**, from page 4

French at UCSD had paid off, I opened my mouth to ask a pedestrian directions and he reacted as if I had spewed sizzling diarrhea onto his face. Disgusted at my incomprehensible attempt at communication, he walked away shaking his head, sans explanation or aid.

Hoping that I'd just encountered an unusually mean French man, I pieced together another plea for direction and asked the next passerby. This one was much more sympathetic, and after a speedy explanation, she stopped to ask if I understood. I stared blankly and I nodded my head up and down. I understood nothing.

As she walked away, I knew it was official: I was an idiot. Within the span of two minutes I had lost my ability to improvise and the respect that came with it. As I wandered the streets to search for a map, I felt completely worthless. No one cared if I was a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars, or how many Nobel laureates were employed at my university; without the actual ability to communicate, I was just some weird clueless foreign girl.

As time went by in France, my misunderstandings became routine. I'd come home to my host family at 3 p.m., oblivious to the fact that I'd

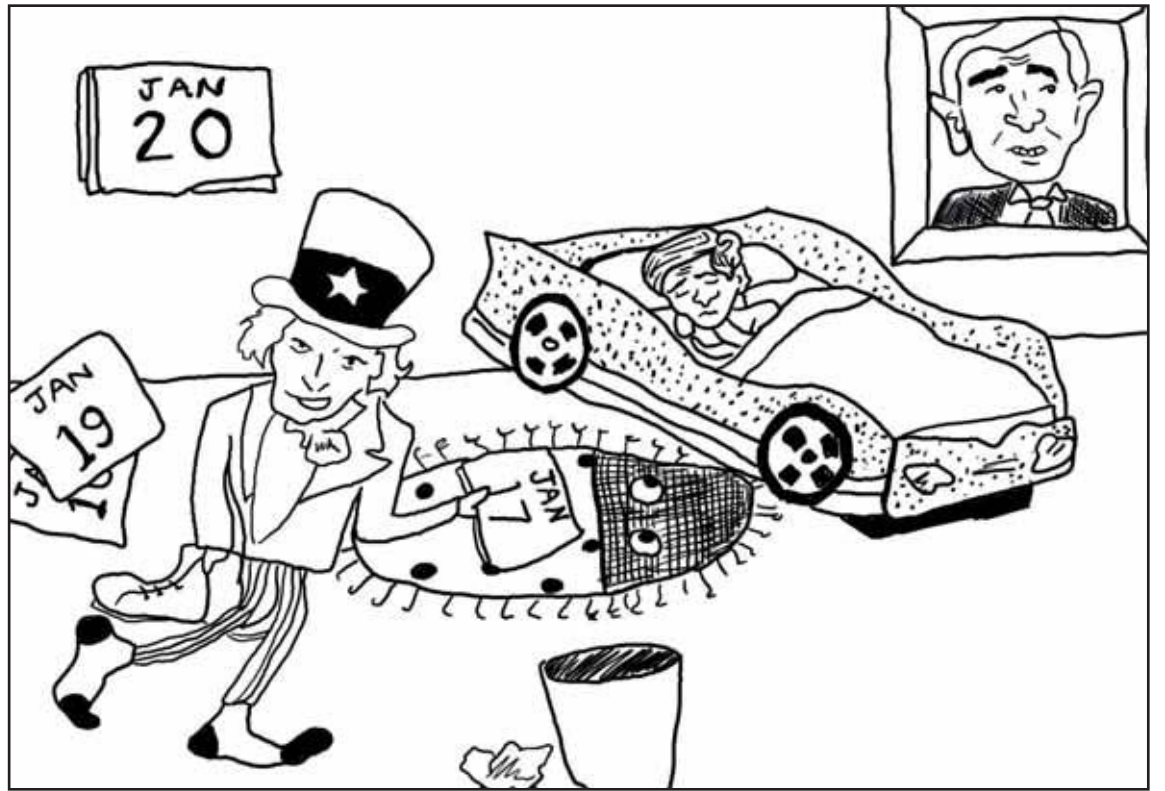
agreed to meet them at 1 p.m. the day before. I'd arrive empty-handed in class without knowing my professor had assigned us several pages of homework at our last meeting. And I eventually realized people didn't really expect me to understand what was going on in the first place, so I just stopped bothering to put on an intelligent front.

After returning to the United States and being plopped back into UCSD's snooty academic bubble, I was disappointed to spend my first week of school listening to students namedrop obscure novels and throw around college buzzwords like "diaspora" or "hegemony" in a desperate attempt to be recognized as a legitimate human being. Not only is it exhausting to participate in stilted conversation, but half the people who use those words don't even know what they mean anyway.

As graduation day approaches, we'd all do well to stop hiding behind superficial markers of intelligence and face the real world as inexperienced twits who can quote *The Joy Luck Club* but don't know how to use a fax machine. And as we're all hopelessly pressing buttons and swearing at office contraptions, maybe then we can step back, realize how ridiculously illegitimate our education was and have a good laugh.

A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



Campaign's Message Lost in Lame Communication

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was only able to provide around \$132,000. Which would mean that instead of being able to meet 40 percent of requests like last year, it can currently meet around 9 percent.

Chen said that no matter the outcome of the referendum, students will see immediate consequences. The thing is, students need to see those effects beforehand, or they're not going to wake up until it's too late. We're young, distracted and far too apathetic to respond to all but the most extreme threats to our daily lives. Which is why a flyer and a banner just plain don't cut it — we've seen it before, we'll see

it again. What's needed is a more dramatic, eye-catching promotion. Really, why not cover the sun god in a body bag, or make it a headstone with the inscription "R.I.P. Sun God: 1983-2008"?

Chen said that the A.S. Council wanted to steer clear of scare tactics, in the spirit of honesty. But while it may be admirable to present students with only the reality of the situation, without making much use of exaggeration, printing a bunch of bookmarks and flyers can't and won't elicit the strong reaction that the referendum relies on, because the foremost concern is simply to get people to vote. The last A.S. election

failed to recruit even 20 percent of the student body to cast a vote (the necessary percentage in order for any change to take effect), and if this pattern repeats, all efforts to bring in the vote would once again be for naught.

Most importantly, the council should do all it can to ensure students know why the referendum's passage is so important. Most of us still don't realize the gravity of what we're (hopefully) voting on — or what the referendum's failure will mean for the rest of our college experience.

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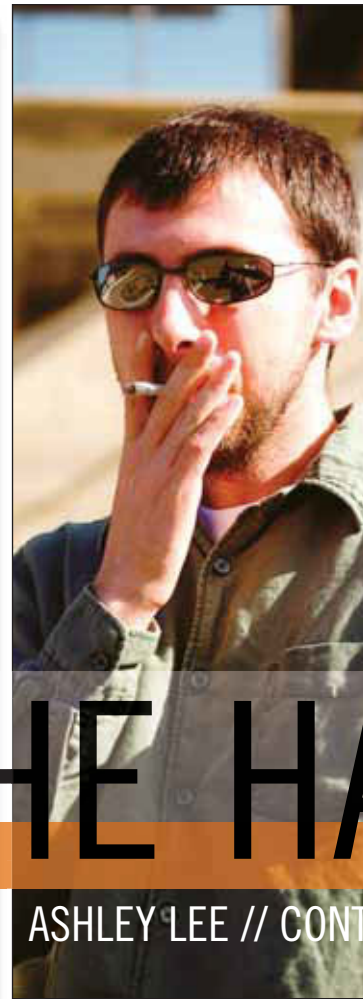
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KICKING THE HABIT

ASHLEY LEE // CONTRIBUTING WRITER

During finals week, the entrance to Geisel Library is always crowded with students taking a break — in most cases by lighting up a cigarette. It's a tradition going back to the high-school bathroom, but if UCSD takes up behind a number of San Diego community colleges that have spent the past four years adjusting their tobacco policies to make their campuses 100-percent smoke free, it could make for a far fresher respite.

Adjustments first began at Mesa College, where Kendra Jackson, a severely asthmatic freshman student, felt threatened by second-hand smoke. After meeting with the San Diego Community College District Board of Trustees, Jackson sparked the formation of the Smoking Investigation Committee in December 2005 to rally for the ban of on-campus smoking.

"It's not good, not just for me, but for everyone else. It's a bad

health issue," Jackson told the *San Diego Union-Tribune*.

Consisting of students, faculty, campus police officers and nurse practitioners, the committee hosted student-health fairs and delivered presentations to SDCC governing bodies, all of whom voted to make Mesa College smoke free. By relegating the habit to certain parking lots, Mesa College achieved its goal of being a smoke-free campus on Jan. 1, 2007, six months after the creation of SIC.

Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College have also banned smoking — as of Jan. 1, 2009 — after a yearlong transitional period of restricting smoking to designated peripheral areas and creating student awareness campaigns.

All three campuses incorporated bans into their updated policies after receiving failing grades from the American Lung Association and the Tobacco-Free Communities

Coalition in 2005. Letter grades were distributed to San Diego colleges based on various factors, including smoking-policy enforcement by campus officials and the protection of nonsmokers from second-hand smoke.

"The failing grade caused administrators at the campus and district level to take a proactive stand toward the issue of smoking on campus," said Lina Heil, public information officer at Mesa College. "It was serendipitous that a student came forward shortly after the grade. Its success was based on the campaign being student-led."

Currently, the only four-year institution in San Diego to have made the switch to smoke-free is Point Loma Nazarene University, where attendance requires an agreement to also refrain from all drug and alcohol consumption.

Other parts of San Diego are also encouraging cleaner air. Everyday

destinations such as public-transit stops, restaurants and bars — along with popular tourist attractions like the San Diego Zoo, Wild Animal Park, Petco Park and Qualcomm Stadium — have enforced stricter smoking regulations since 2003.

Also, all coastal cities in the San Diego area — including the city of San Diego, Solana Beach, Oceanside, Encinitas, Del Mar and, most recently, Carlsbad — have enacted bans prohibiting smoking on beaches, parks and trails, though enforcement is limited to personal implementation and communal politeness.

In contrast, the newer policies at the community colleges rely on the power of information availability, a shifting social norm and student-based peer pressure to enforce the smoking bans. No formal policing of the policy is in place and according to Mesa College's campus paper, many smokers are not following the

new guidelines.

"California has found that social norm change is an excellent enforcement tool as evidenced by no smoking in restaurants bars and other public areas," said Mesa's Smoking Investigation Committee in an educational presentation.

Christine Jensen, a third-year nonsmoker at Mesa, has witnessed the positive effects of the ban.

"People still smoke in the parking lots, but there has been a decrease in smokers since the ban," Jensen said. "People just aren't smoking while they're at school, or they just don't want to walk to the designated smoking areas off campus. Campus is definitely way cleaner."

UCSD currently complies with state law regarding indoor smoking and enforces the policy that smokers must be at least 20 feet from any facility when smoking, but there

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SITeseen ► STEPHANIE'S ORGANIC BAKERY CAFE



One of Stephanie's bakers prepares a hand-made pizza, whose flavors range from vegan cheese to meat lover's with all-organic and vegan products in the small kitchen of the Ocean Beach vegan-friendly cafe, open seven days a week.

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Maybe it's after the fourth trip to the grocery store trying to locate the pack of tofu that's the right firmness, or maybe it's after failing to find that imitation meat packet that doesn't taste like shoe leather, that anyone who's ever tried to leave meat behind decides to venture out in search of more diverse options.

Stephanie's Bakery, a 100 percent vegan and organic establishment located at the center of Ocean Beach's typically sunny and welcoming Voltaire Street, is one such option. However, at this vegan hot-spot, it's really not about raising the health-meter or saving a cow's life; it's about the food.

Strudel will be served heated, either sweet or savory, something like strawberries and cream or samosa, in a pleasant wicker basket. Pair the succulent, flaky crust of the strudel with a hot Americano in a glass and take a seat inside on the soft, flower-print seat cushions or enjoy the sun outdoors and watch the morning wane.

But, for those in the mood for more than a light breakfast daze, Stephanie's offers everything from New York Style Cheesecake to Meat Lover's Pizza. The bakery also serves salads and sandwiches, and a hot salami sandwich, with vegan salami and vegan mozzarella, is less than \$7 — hardly above the price of a sandwich from Ocean View Terrace or Plaza Cafe.

It's difficult not to want to try everything on the menu. Not only do the brownies, sitting casually next to the register under a shiny glass jar, call your name, it's tempting to let your taste buds explore what food can be when it's devoid of the expected ingredients.

Stephanie's is pretty easy to locate and parking isn't all that difficult to find on laid-back Voltaire Street. Get there earlier on the weekends, though, as those are the bakery's busiest days. By noon, most of the pastry case is empty, leaving very little to kick-start those salivary glands.

If you plan on ordering a pizza, it would be best to call in, as they take 25-30 minutes to prepare. Or, sit around and get acquainted, as everyone seems to know each other at Stephanie's — OB locals are obviously taking advantage of the local vegan cuisine. But don't be intimidated; fresh faces are welcomed just as warmly by Stephanie's hospitable staff.

— Stephanie Tsank
ASSOCIATE FOCUS EDITOR

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CONFLICT IN GAZA

OVERSEAS TRAGEDY SPLITS HOME

BY DAVID HARVEY // FOCUS EDITOR

Gathered around the table in a conference room in the UCSD Cross-Cultural Center on Jan. 8, students scribbled the addresses of Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer onto the fronts of envelopes and stuffed them with letters urging the senators to up pressure on ending the conflict in Gaza.

After 16 days of fighting, the war between Israel and Hamas shows little sign of slowing. Air raids and ground forces continue to operate in the Palestinian territory; rockets continue to be fired toward Israel.

Since the current conflict began, at least 885 people have been killed in Gaza, including 275 children; in contrast, 10 Israeli soldiers and three civilians have been killed in combat or in rocket attacks by Palestinian militants, according to ABC news.

Revelle College sophomore Wafa Ben Hassine organized a letter-writing campaign, in hopes of seeing an end to the conflict, after the idea came up in a discussion with a friend from North Carolina.

"I kept watching the news and I felt like I couldn't do anything," Ben Hassine said. "I am a really sensitive person, and I wanted to channel that positively."

Ben Hassine and her friend started sending out messages over Facebook and soon saw the movement spread nationwide. Ben Hassine received offers for sponsorship from UCSD student organizations, but wanted to keep the event unaffiliated so all students would feel comfortable participating. Approximately 1,300 letters were written to Congress members, 110 of those from UCSD.

"I think it is symbolic; I don't think the senators will change their policies," Ben Hassine said. "It's more about the gesture."

The Muslim Student Association held a bonfire vigil directly after the letter-signing at La Jolla Shores, where students discussed the conflict.

After receiving such positive feedback in response to Ben Hassine's event, a new organization on campus, Students for Justice in

Palestine, is looking into holding another letter-writing session this week.

SJP has already started off their first quarter as an official org by staging a protest on Jan. 5 from 12 p.m. to 1:30 pm. The protest was a peaceful demonstration in which students from SJP joined fellow Tritons in marching up and down Library Walk. Several passersby stopped to ask questions, and after the march, students were read a firsthand account of the conflict in Gaza.

"We got a lot of positive response," Thurgood Marshall College senior and SJP co-President Ali Abugheida said. "This is an issue extremely linked to the U.S., our taxpayers are paying for this war and we want people to question what they say in the media and think critically. ... I think we corrected a lot of misconceptions."

SJP has been looking into holding another letter writing session next

week, after hearing positive responses about Ben Hassine's event.

Because the protest was calling for an end to the conflict in support of the Palestinian cause, several students in support of Israel staged a simultaneous demonstration on Library Walk.

"There are lots and lots of different voices about what is going on," Hillel Rabbi Lisa Goldstein said. "There are some students who will be focusing more on the fact that Hamas is sending rockets into Israel and will put more emphasis on where [to] put the blame, and other students [want to] find moderate Palestinians to enter into dialogue with and how to end violence across the board."

"Its such a complicated issue," Goldstein said. "The tendency is to

really simplify it, and as soon as you [make the issue] good, bad, black, white — the more you do that, the more you lose the real truth of what's happening there."

Ben Hassine has been actively working to create a safe place for dialogue on the Israel-Palestine debate since arriving at UCSD. She helped institute a nonprofit based on campus, the Middle East Cooperation Initiative. The

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Students Hesitant to Join Campus Smoking Ban

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have been no plans yet proposed to make UCSD a smoke-free campus.

The same year that today's smoke-free community colleges received failing grades from the ALA, UCSD received a B- and was complimented for enforcing its current smoking policies. The university was docked, however, for not adjusting the policy to reduce second-hand smoke in all areas, selling cigarettes on campus and accepting money from tobacco companies for research funding.

"I think it's ironic that the largest institutions that do serve the largest student population have been the least progressive," said Debra Kelley, ALA vice president of government relations, about UCSD and two local Cal State universities in an interview with KPBS News. "It's a huge disappointment for us that our institutions here in San Diego are not leading the way."

Yet the need for such UCSD policy amendments is debatable, according to some students.

"I think [the policies] are reasonable since certain people are allergic to cigarette smoke," said Macy La, an Earl Warren sophomore. "Even though people don't like cigarette smoke, we are all above the legal age limit to smoke; people can just walk

around you."

Though Earl Warren senior Deborah Johnson does not choose to smoke herself, she respects the option for those who do.

"As a music minor, I know that a lot of people smoke in the arts department, but they always stay away from the buildings like they're supposed to," said Johnson. "I think there would be a fight for the health of the students overall, but because it's such a big school, you can't monitor a rule like that everywhere. Even for the people that did smoke, they should have the right to smoke. Why should they have to go off campus?"

Jessica Ngo, a fifth-year Revelle transfer student from Grossmont, says the need for smoking bans at community colleges may have been more urgent due to the lack of campus surface area.

"You see smokers more often at Grossmont because it's a smaller campus, so it seemed like there was a lot more smokers in the designated areas," said Ngo. "Here, everyone is all over the place. There might be the same amount of smokers but it's not as noticeable."

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Gaza Conflict Finds Forum On Campus

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organization is meant to be just the kind of place students can bring diverse and opposing viewpoints to create progress rather than aggression. While the organization is currently inactive, Hassine is busy laying out plans how it too can help bring an end to the conflict.

Though students at UCSD continue to be affected by the happenings in Israel and Palestine, some have found themselves particularly close. Several students visited Israel over winter break through the Birthright program, and at least two students are studying abroad this quarter in Jerusalem, giving them a different perspective on the conflict than those of us safe in California.

"It is obviously different to actually be here while something like this is happening, to see my Israeli friends in the reserves being called up to defend their country," Thurgood Marshall College junior Myra Meskin, studying abroad at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, said in an e-mail. "Think about it, would the U.S. tolerate this constant attack on its citizens that's lasted for many years? Here we realize that this attack on Hamas was a response to their breaking of the cease-fire, but I fear that many people around the world will simply blame Israel for everything that's happened."

While several sources stateside reported early in the conflict that the cease-fire between Israel and Hamas, which took effect on June 19, 2008, was broken by Hamas, Rick Sanchez of CNN ran the most popular conflicting report: On Nov. 4, six or seven Hamas operatives were killed in combat with Israeli forces. How the cease-fire was broken is still hotly contested.

Michael Province, associate professor of modern Middle East history at UCSD, urges students to not only follow the news actively, but also to question and critically examine reports. He notes the American media's tendency to try and sell the issue as unbiased. Newsweek ran two full-page photo spreads in its Jan. 12 issue: two funerals, one of a young Palestinian boy, the other set in Israel.

"There are 700 [deaths] on this side and 10 on this side; the idea that [coverage] needs to be equal is absurd," Province said. "Things have never been equal. The imperative for 'balance' is a distortion that doesn't suit us well."

Province, a staunch supporter of Palestinian rights, feels the media's characterization of the situation in Gaza has been continuously misleading.

"The phrase 'the world's biggest open-air prison' is appropriate [for Gaza]," Province said.

In an attempt to provide a forum for opinions about the conflict and to discuss the issue, the Institute for

International, Comparative and Area Studies will be holding a town-hall meeting Jan. 14, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the I-House Great Hall, entitled "Perspectives on the Gaza War." Province, along with communication professor Gary Fields and IICAS Director Gershon Shafir, will serve as the event's featured speakers.

So while disagreements over cause and effect continue to plague the discourse over the conflict in Gaza, those equally eager for peace both on and off campus are trying to come together despite conflicting positions.

"[In Israel], the news lets us know about some of the operations of the Israeli Defence Forces (IDF), and most often focuses on the actions and reactions of foreign leaders in the UN and the EU, as well as the circumstances under which a lasting peace agreement could be made — because ultimately, peace is the goal here," Meskin said in an e-mail.

"It doesn't matter if you're pro-Palestinian or pro-Israeli — it is just about condemning violence," Ben Hassine said. "It may seem skewed because of the numbers, but we condemn violence toward Palestinians or Israelis. I don't care about politics anymore; innocent people are dying."

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LECTURE

Drug Violence, Public Security, and the Rule Law in Mexico - Dr. David Shirk, Director of the Trans-Border Institute at the University of San Diego, will lecture on drug violence, public security, and the rule law in Mexico. A reception will follow to welcome to the new USMEX director, Alberto Diaz-Cayeros. Please RSVP at usmex@ucsd.edu. 4pm in the Deutz Room, IOA Complex.

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Fri, Jan 16 / 9:00 PM

Check out the best new nightclub party at The Loft. This "Eclipse" features Top 40 Hip-Hop DJ Julio Velazquez. As always, dress to impress. Free

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TUES JAN 13

ACADEMIC

Passport: The 'I' in Team? - Effective team work is built on concerted, collaborated efforts. The "I" also stands for the contributions YOU can make as a leader to make your group thrive and survive. Presenter: Sam Soloman, Center for Student Involvement. FREE and open to all students. 12:30pm at the Bear Room, PC West (Level 2).

ARTS

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CAREER

How to Make the Most of the Triton Job and Internship Fair - 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. 12:30-1:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

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ORGS

Calling all Queer Womyn Color! - Join Brianna Marquez and Michelle Strange and come together to establish our own space, acknowledge our intersectionalities, create visibility and community, and discuss possible ways to move forward! This is a new organization for queer womyn of color and our allies. Light refreshments will be provided. 7pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

WED JAN 14

CAREER

Triton Winter Job & Internship Fair - Exclusively for UC San Diego students and alumni, meet top companies recruiting for full-time, part-time, and internship positions across all majors. Bring your student ID, polish up that resume and dress for success! See who's coming on Port Triton at: <https://ucsd-csm.symplicity.com/students/>. 10:30-2:30pm at PC Ballroom.

HEALTH

Passport: Life in the Stress Lane - Learn a variety of ways to handle stress! Student Health Advocates

will accomplish this by taking students through a series of fun activities and a group discussion. FREE and open to all students. 1-2pm at the Student Health Clinic.

LECTURE

Just Tell Me What I Need To Know - Learn the Top 10 things you need to know about the UCSD Libraries, like: where to start your research, how to get full-text journals online, and the best places for you to study on campus. 12:15-1pm at the Biomed Library.

Nonverbal Communication & Body Language - So much can be said (and read) about all the things we don't say. This workshop will demystify these revealing cues to help you focus on what others are telling you (in not so many words), and will develop your ability to get your message across the way you intend to. Presented by Sam Soloman, Center for Student Involvement Leadership Coordinator. 2-3pm at PC West Red Shoe Room.

RECREATION

Rock the Loft - Think you're the ultimate Rock Band god? Grab your friends and a hot-to-trot attitude as The Loft turns into a live rock show, featuring you as the star. We hook you up with the game. You try to nab bragging rights by out rocking your competition. 7pm at The Loft, free.

THURS JAN 15

ARTS

Kamza and Bar Kamza - ArtPower! Film and UCSD Music professor Schlomo Dubnov present *Kamza and Bar Kamza*, a site-specific installation and performance piece created for The Loft, featuring Steven Schick, and Philip Larson. As part of the Architecture + Cinema series, *Kamza and Bar Kamza* tells the story of the Talmud in a multimedia hyper-explosion experience that includes video, online chatting, and live debate. Audience members who come with their laptops will be able to engage with the Talmudic story via online chats. Don't go into overdrive with the above description—this is a mesmerizing and entertaining experience! UCSD Student: \$5, GA: \$10. 7pm at The Loft.

CAREER

Teacher Education at UCSD - Representatives from UCSD's Education Studies teacher credential programs will lead this informative session on how to prepare and apply for the UCSD program. 12:30-1:30pm at the Career Service Center Horizon Room.

Interview Interactive - Prepare and Practice for your Health Professional School Interview - Make the most of your admissions interview! Practice answering questions in this interactive workshop. Get experience with the interview process and tips from admissions directors. 2-3:30pm at the Career Service Center Horizon Room.

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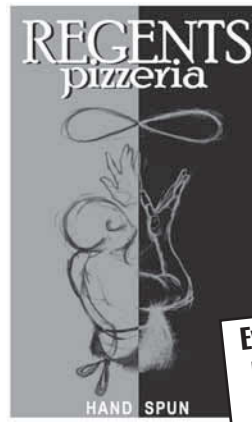
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Crossword Puzzle Solution will be on Thursday's Classified Page

Struggles on the Road Extend UCSD's Losing Streak

► **M. BASKETBALL**, from page 12 his impact."

UCSD could not hold its slim lead for long as the Broncos tied the game less than four minutes into the second half. After the Tritons regained the advantage with a Poppen tip-in and layup from junior guard Jordan Lawley, Cal Poly Pomona put together a 7-0 run to take its first lead, 36-35, since the 7:15 point of the first half. The teams exchanged leads four more times over the next five minutes. UCSD trailed by four points following a layup with 2:26 left to play. After a missed three-pointer by Gordon, Lawley grabbed the defensive board and assisted on Husted's three-pointer, cutting the lead to one, 52-51. Cal Poly Pomona protected its lead down the stretch as senior forward Brett Stuckey, Lawley and Husted all missed potential game-tying shots. Gordon converted two from the free-throw line and grabbed two defensive boards to help secure the win for the Broncos.

Cal Poly Pomona's biggest advantage came on rebounds, 37-20 over the Tritons, with 18 offensive rebounds, compared to only six rebounds on the offensive glass for UCSD.

"Pomona's strength is their ability to make plays in the key," Kim said. "They're a great offensive rebounding

team and they have some good penetrators that can get into the lane and make plays."

Poppen and Husted led the Tritons with 14 points apiece, while Stuckey grabbed a team-high six rebounds to go along with five points and two blocks. Kim was held to five points, but added a game-high five assists and two steals, and Acevedo scored six points in eight minutes off the bench.

One night earlier, the Tritons faced a tough team in Cal State San Bernardino. UCSD and Cal State San Bernardino were locked in a tight contest throughout the first half. Senior center A.J. Maulhardt opened the game with a jumper following three UCSD offensive rebounds, but the Coyotes responded with an early 8-2 run. The Tritons would trail from the 16:39 point in the first half until an Acevedo fast-break layup off an assist by Kim gave UCSD a 16-15 advantage with less than seven minutes remaining in the first half. The two teams would trade baskets until Cal State San Bernardino rolled off a 6-0 run to take its biggest lead of the half, 29-23, with 1:03 left in the first. Despite holding a slightly better first-half shooting percentage — 40.7 percent compared to the Coyotes' 37.5 percent — UCSD headed into the break trailing by five. The Tritons were unable to get to the

free-throw line in the first half, while Cal State San Bernardino went 9-for-9 from the charity stripe.

Cal State San Bernardino's junior forward Brandon Brown led a quick charge in the second half, scoring the first seven points following intermission and helping the Coyotes to their first double-digit lead of the game, 41-30, with 16:09 left to play. After trailing by as much as 13 points, the Tritons received some life from their reserves. Freshman guard Jay Wey scored on a layup, sophomore guard Casey Ryan hit 1-of-2 free throws and senior forward Patrick Dreith nailed a three-pointer as part of an 11-0 UCSD run.

"Our offensive and defensive execution is what helped spark that run in the second half," Kim said. "We were moving the ball and making the right decisions on offense and we were getting stops on defense."

Lawley scored two free throws and a three-pointer to cap the 11-0 run and carry the Tritons to 45-44 with 8:18 left to play. Following a Cal State San Bernardino three-pointer, Lawley again connected from long distance and scored his ninth consecutive point for UCSD at the free-throw line. Unfortunately, the Tritons went cold from the field, not scoring from Lawley's free throw with six minutes

until Kim's three-pointer with 1:43 left to play. The Coyotes regained their double-digit advantage and were able to hold on for the 15-point victory.

"The biggest difficulty was keeping San Bernardino on its heels after we made our little run to cut the game to one," Kim said. "I feel like there were some pivotal moments during that period where we didn't make the plays we needed to keep the momentum going for us."

Lawley led the team in scoring with 15 points, connecting on 3-of-5 from three-point range and adding two assists, one block, one steal and one rebound. Poppen scored 10 points, while Kim scored six and dished out a season-high seven assists. Maulhardt was the game's leading rebounder with six boards. Cal State San Bernardino recorded a new single-game record for free throw accuracy, connecting on 25-of-26, while the Tritons went only 8-of-15 from the line.

UCSD returns to action next weekend, hoping to end its current three-game losing streak with another pair of road conference contests. The Tritons will face Cal State Monterey Bay on Jan. 16 before traveling to San Francisco State on Jan. 17.

Readers can contact Joe Tevelowitz at jtevelow@ucsd.edu.

Bolts Come Up Empty in Playoffs Once Again

► **STAND**, from page 12 against high-caliber teams. Two of the four wins coming at the end of the regular season were against the Raiders (5-11) and the Chiefs (2-14), and their other two opponents finished at or barely above .500.

In the end, the Chargers ran right into a better team in the Steelers — only gaining 15 yards on the ground against the NFL's No. 1 defense — and could not contain the balanced attack of Pittsburgh's offense.

The Bolts rarely got close to oft-sacked Pittsburgh quarterback Ben Roethlisberger, who suffered a concussion in the Steelers' final regular-season game, nor were they able to contain running back Willie Parker, another question mark for Pittsburgh coming into the game. Without LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers needed to get production from recently acquired running back Michael Bennett to back up Darren Sproles, but they only handed him the ball once for no gain.

The worst part of the Chargers' 2008-09 campaign is not their loss to the superior Pittsburgh team. It's the fact that Norv Turner will most likely get another shot at disappointing San Diego fans next year. Turner has proven time and again that he is a great offensive coordinator and a poor head coach. Four wins over teams ranging from abysmal to mediocre and one gutsy victory over the Colts is not enough to erase his more than two decades of NFL coaching that has proven that he can't be the man in charge.

Turner almost lost his job this season after the Bolts' disappointing start. Let's hope that he does just a little worse next time so the Chargers might actually have a shot at the Super Bowl sometime in our lifetimes.

First-Place Tritons Look to Stay Undefeated in Conference

► **W. BASKETBALL**, from page 12 State San Bernardino out to a fast start by hitting a three to open the game, but the Tritons answered with an 8-2 run over the next nine minutes. CSUSB tied the game at 20 with 4:08 remaining in the first period, but four different Tritons stepped up with buckets during a 12-2 run to close the half up by a score of 32-22.

UCSD opened the second half

with jumpers by Osier and junior guard Leilani Martin before Cal State San Bernardino scored 12 unanswered points to cut the Triton advantage down to four. Freshman center Lauren Freidenberg ended the UCSD scoring drought with a layup and the Tritons came back to take a 10-point lead with less than nine minutes left in the game. The closest the Coyotes came from that point on was within

eight points as UCSD controlled the contest.

Osier finished the match with a game-high 15 points and nine boards, while Gaskin chipped in 11 points and seven rebounds. Carlisle, Martin and junior guard Annette Ilg all scored nine points apiece.

"It felt good to get those two wins and earn first place in the CCAA," Osier said. "But we want

to host regionals and so we need to keep winning — that's keeping us motivated."

The CCAA-leading Tritons (13-2, 6-0 CCAA) travel to Cal State Monterey Bay on Jan. 16 and follow up with a game against San Francisco State on Jan. 17.

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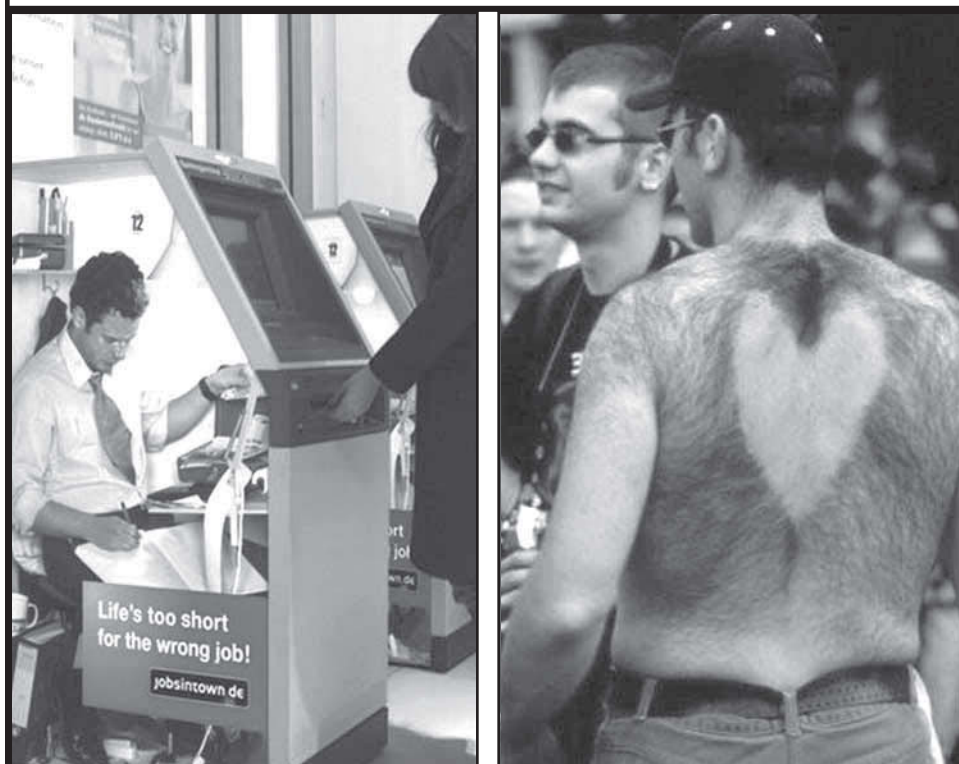
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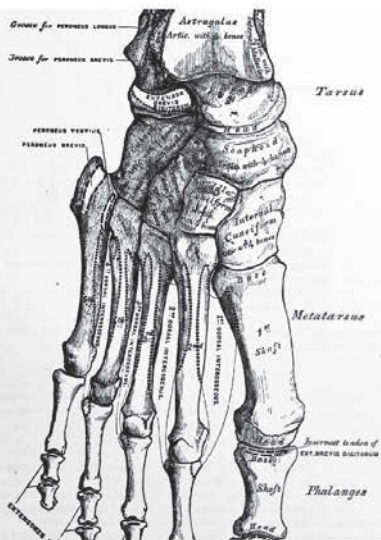
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The redshirt sophomore had a team-high 13 kills, including the last two of the match, against Hope International in the Tritons' first contest of the season.



Chargers Unlikely to Win It All Under Turner

No one expected the Chargers to win this game. All four analysts on CBS before the game picked the Steelers to win. San Diego was the underdog from the time they outlasted the Colts on wild-card weekend — the Bolts were lucky just to be playing in the divisional round. After the loss, every expert on TV was quick to say that Norv Turner and the



Goal-Line Stand

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Chargers deserved credit for coming back from 4-8 to make the playoffs and win a game — the Bolts had a successful season just by getting this far.

No one expected the Chargers to win this game — and that's the problem. Before the season began, the Chargers were picked by all 16 ESPN experts to win the AFC West and five of them picked San Diego to win it all. Even with all the injuries and the shaky officiating early in the season, that's exactly where the Chargers should have been all along. Going 8-8 this season and losing in the divisional round was an underachievement for this San Diego team stacked with talent on both sides of the ball.

While coming back from 4-8 and winning the division was an achievement, it's not like the Chargers did it

See **STAND**, page 11

WIN STREAK VAULTS TRITONS INTO FIRST

By Robert Ingle
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — After running slightly behind Cal Poly Pomona for much of the match, the UCSD women's basketball team came back to finish the game strong and took a 62-58 win Saturday night to remain at the top of the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

Senior forward Michelle Osier went 12-of-15 from the free-throw line and finished with a game-high 24 points to go along with 10 rebounds.

"We consider Pomona to be a rivalry game because they're a very physical and athletic team and they usually give us problems," Osier said.

The Broncos (8-7, 4-2 CCAA) weren't able to shake the Tritons in the first half despite a quick start. After taking an early 9-4 lead 5:44 into the game, UCSD answered with a three-pointer by junior forward Erin Noonan and a layup by senior center Alexis Gaskin. Cal Poly Pomona would continue to hold a slight margin, but the lead never grew to more than five as the Tritons battled to stay

in the game and tied the score at 26 going into halftime.

Coming back from the break, the Broncos went on a 19-10 run that left the Tritons down nine with 10 minutes left in play. Led by junior forward Kristen Cabral, UCSD chipped away at the lead over the next five minutes. During the stretch, Cabral scored all nine of her points in the game, including a three-pointer, to tie the score at 46 with 5:08 left on the clock.

A solid effort by senior forward Michelle Osier and a strong performance at the free-throw line iced the game for the Tritons. Noonan finished the match with seven points, seven rebounds and four steals while freshman guard Chelsea Carlisle contributed seven points, five rebounds and three assists.

Friday night, the Tritons took on the then-CCAA first-place team, Cal State San Bernardino (7-5, 5-1 CCAA), and clamped down defensively to take a 62-52 victory.

The Coyotes' senior forward Jaelyn Rainville seemed to get Cal

See **W. BASKETBALL**, page 11

UCSD VS. CAL POLY POMONA

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Gaskin, A.	1	5	1	4	17	Ford, M.	0	7	1	6	22
Martin, L.	1	3	2	5	30	Beard, R.	2	2	3	5	29
Ilg, A.	0	1	2	6	27	Colson, R.	5	5	3	17	31
Carlisle, C.	3	5	1	7	27	Servin, S.	0	0	0	2	10
Cabral, K.	0	2	0	9	22	Duran, J.	1	1	0	0	6
Freidenberg, L.	1	0	0	0	6	Nichols, E.	0	1	0	12	11
Dreher, L.	0	0	0	0	3	Brown, N.	0	3	0	2	8
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						Smith, D.	0	2	1	0	7
						Joshi, N.	0	0	0	3	2
						TOTAL	15	51	9	58	200
						Team Total: FG 33.8%, 3-Pt. 41.7%, FT 53.8%					



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Senior forward Michelle Osier led the Tritons in their two victories over the weekend, scoring a total of 39 points and pulling down 19 rebounds against Cal State San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona.

UCSD Falls to CCAA Foes on the Road

By Joe Tevelowitz
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons suffered a rough weekend on the road, dropping consecutive decisions to California Collegiate Athletic Association opponents. UCSD came within one point in the second half before falling 74-59 to Cal State San Bernardino on Jan. 9 and led at the half before losing 54-51 to Cal Poly Pomona on Jan. 10. UCSD's overall record now stands at 6-6 and 2-4 in the CCAA.

The conference's top two defensive teams played exactly as advertised in the first half, where each squad allowed only seven field goals. Senior forward Shane Poppen and senior guard Alan Husted combined to score the first 14 points for UCSD. Poppen opened the game with a dunk, while Husted hit one three-pointer and was then fouled on another long distance attempt, converting all three attempts from the line. Neither team led by more than two possessions throughout the first half, with the Tritons opening their largest lead of five points following a three-pointer by junior guard Tyler Acevedo with less than a minute before the break. UCSD keyed in on Cal Poly Pomona's leading scorer and rebounder Larry Gordon, holding the forward scoreless throughout the first half.

"One of our main focuses is containing one of the best players in our conference, Larry Gordon," senior guard Kelvin Kim said before the game. "He is the centerpiece of this team, so we need to make sure to limit



JOHN HANACEK/GUARDIAN FILE

Senior guard Shane Poppen scored 14 points in a defensive battle against Cal Poly Pomona, but the Tritons were unable to pull out the win, falling 54-51 to the Broncos and extending their losing streak to three.

STRONG FIRST GAME LEADS VOLLEYBALL TO SWEEP

By Tyler Nelson
STAFF WRITER

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — The UCSD men's volleyball team began its season on Jan. 9 with a victorious showing against Hope International University, a 30-17, 30-28, 30-24 sweep for the Tritons. The Tritons' athleticism, speed and power proved to be too much for the Royals to handle as the Tritons breezed through their first match of the season. It has been almost a year since the men's volleyball team played a competitive game on the court, but the Tritons did not let that fact stop them from winning in front of their home crowd.

"It feels really good to get our first win," redshirt sophomore and captain Will Ehrman said. "We hadn't played in about a month so it was good to get back out on the court."

The Tritons were led by Ehrman, who recorded a team-high 13 kills in the match. The outside hitter took advantage of the smaller blockers from Hope International, putting down hit after hit. Sophomore setter Phil Bannan led the team in assists with 44, while redshirt sophomore middle blocker Adrian Guthals put up 12 kills and devastated the Royals' hitting game with his blocks. Junior opposite Frank Fritsch registered 10 kills.

"When you get good passing, your offense just runs better," Ehrman said. "All our hitters had really good games."

After the first game, which the

Tritons led 20-5 at one point, the Tritons seemed to slow down and allow Hope International to get back into the game.

"We let up in the second and third games," head coach Kevin Ring said. "But after you beat a team like that in the first game, you kind of let up like that."

It could have been a disastrous affair for the Tritons, but Ring said that Ehrman rallied the team to put away Hope International in the second and third sets.

The Tritons begin division play in a few weeks, and as usual, will be playing high-caliber teams such as UC Irvine, UCLA and national runner-up from last year, Pepperdine. But the size and strength of the Tritons' opponents don't scare them.

"It's not about money on the court," Ring said. "It's about Team A vs. Team B, and whichever team plays better wins."

The Tritons hope to build on last year's success, which included beating UCLA, University of Pacific and defending national champions UC Irvine. The Tritons' next match against Cal Baptist University will be the team's last contest before its conference schedule begins. UCSD will travel to play Cal Baptist on Jan. 13 in Riverside. UCSD will then open conference play on the road against Long Beach State University on Jan. 17. Both games are scheduled to start at 7 p.m.

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