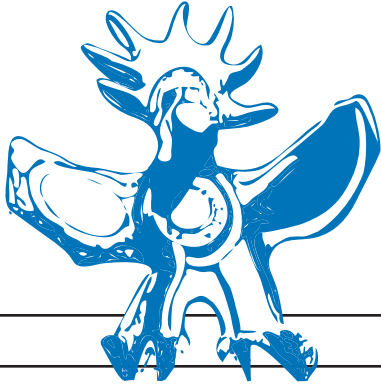


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UCOP Slashes Budget as State Funding Hits Low

Seeking to reduce internal costs, top office implements employee severance program, redistributes funding.

By Yelena Akopian
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

In an attempt to deal with the state budget crisis and improve internal efficiency, the UC Office of the President has enacted a series of measures to downsize staff and restructure operations since November 2008, cutting its current operating budget by \$60.4 million.

The Office of the President, which serves as the central administrative office for the University of California, was able to decrease operating costs by transferring programs previously administered by the central office to UC campuses and initiating a voluntary employee buyout program.

"These efforts are part of the ongoing efforts at UCOP to downsize and restructure the Office of the President," UC spokesman Paul Schwartz said. "[The goal is] to be more efficient and better serve the campuses and to respond to the state budget situations as part of the university."

Schwartz explained that non-campus-specific programs such as the Continuing Education of the Bar Program — which provides services for UC-trained lawyers — were previously located at the central



UC President Mark G. Yudof, who took office last June, is faced with leading the university through the worst state budget crisis in recent history.

office but will now be moved elsewhere. Roughly half of the central office's total reported budget savings stemmed from such initiatives.

Schwartz emphasized the budgetary importance of cutting UCOP down to only its core programs.

"[The Continuing Education of the Bar Program] really does not have anything to do with the core

functions of the president's office as the central administrative office," Schwartz said. "That doesn't need to be here and can be located elsewhere, [as well as] other kinds of academic programs that are systemwide or multicampus."

The voluntary severance program, which examines a university employee's current salary and number of

years at UCOP to determine the size and nature of the buyout package, was accepted by 155 employees and is expected to save \$5 million annually.

Additional funds were also saved by restricting executive travel and decreasing consulting expenses while consolidating and reorganiz-

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UNIVERSITY LEADS ENRON LAWSUIT PAYOUT

By Larisa Casillas
STAFF WRITER

Seven years after joining the federal class-action lawsuit against Enron Corporation in December 2001, the University of California will now begin distributing settlement funds of approximately \$7 billion to nearly 200,000 investors, both individual and institutional.

The suit marks the largest ever settlement of securities in class-action lawsuits with the university serving as lead plaintiff in the case, appointed by the United States District Court in February 2002.

As lead plaintiff, the university was responsible for managing and overseeing the litigation process and working with other investors in pursuing the case. The law firm Coughlin Stoa Geller Rudman and Robbins LLP represented the university.

"We're proud of our role in securing the largest recovery ever obtained for investors victimized by corporate fraud," chief trial counsel Patrick J. Coughlin said in a statement. "The

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UC Nurses Vote to Approve Strike

By Henry Becker
STAFF WRITER

Nurses at five University of California medical centers voted last week to pass an initiative authorizing a strike, responding to what the California Nurses Association calls the university's unofficial policy of understaffing hospitals past the minimum required by the state, exhausting nurses and potentially endangering patients.

State law requires a minimum ratio of nurses to patients at all times, depending upon the condition of the patients being monitored.

Nurses like Geri Jenkins, an employee at the UCSD medical center for 32 years and co-president of the CNA, allege that UC officials have been cutting staffing levels and stretching resources, forcing nurses to fill in extra hours, miss breaks and work under unsatisfactory conditions to meet patients' needs.

Jenkins said that at UCSD, which draws a significant annual profit for the university, there is no reason to maintain inadequate staffing levels or unsafe hospital conditions.

"UCSD made \$61 million in profit last year, so we don't think it would be too much to ask to staff up for when a nurse goes on a lunch

break," Jenkins said. "It puts the patient and the nurse in an unsafe and unhealthy position."

Jenkins added that the continual inflation of UC executive salaries is evidence of the university's ability to pump more funding into bettering hospital conditions.

"In light of all this financial crisis the executives get very large raises," Jenkins said. "They have enough money to give their executives huge advantages so the CEOs have all the money to give raises and pensions but not enough to make sure nurses can effectively take care of patients."

Jenkins said the strike authorization should serve primarily as a means of illustrating the gravity of the issue and hopes that university officials adequately address the nurses' concerns before a strike is necessary.

However, university officials claim the allegations are groundless.

An official response from the UC Office of the President called the grievances an "unfair labor practice charge" and cited a past agreement between the university and CNA stipulating that staffing regulations were to be decided individually by each medical center.

"CNA's accusations that UC has

bargained in bad faith are false, and the university believes there is no factual basis for CNA's unfair labor practice [accusation]," UC spokesman Paul Schwartz said in a statement.

According to Schwartz, the university pays its nurses above state market value while offering extensive medical and pension benefits.

CNA representatives, however, claim that the university continues to cut corners around medical center costs.

The UC system reported a total profit of \$227 million during the 2007-08 fiscal year, with nearly \$3.6 billion in assets coming from its medical centers, a number the CNA cites as reason to route more funding toward university medical centers.

Nurses at the UCLA medical center expressed similar grievances last year, leading officials to increase staffing levels.

"At UCLA the nurses forced the [staffing] issue a year ago," Jenkins said. "UCLA has the biggest hospital in the system and the deals they worked out have lasted. They pleaded it was too costly, too, but it's still making profit."

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City Sky Ignites for 2009



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The San Diego Ports Tenant Association staged a New Year's Eve fireworks display over San Diego Bay.

FOCUS Going Back to Basics
The education studies minor offers students the chance to gain hands-on training at local schools.
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Women's basketball: The Tritons played five home games over winter break, raising their record to 11-2.
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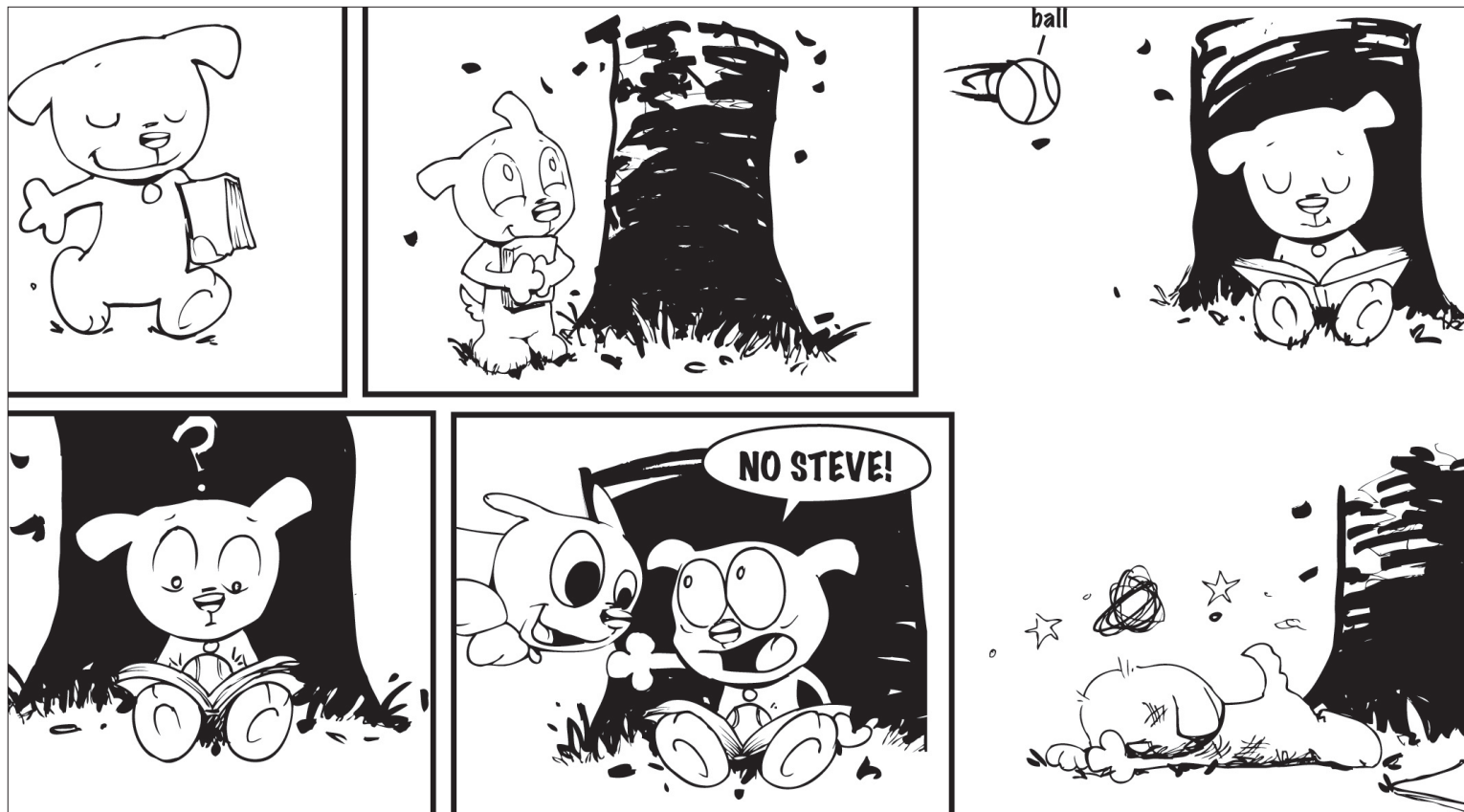
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CURRENTS

Laser Technology Could Boost Irrigation Efficiency

New laser-beam technology could revolutionize the irrigation of crops in San Diego and beyond, according to a group of students at the Jacobs School of Engineering.

The research team led by assistant professor of environmental engineering Jan Kleissl is using a large aperture scintillometer to measure the amount of water that crops lose to evaporation and the peak hours at which this loss occurs.

Many recent irrigation advancements have addressed systems of water delivery, such as sprinklers, but Kleissl said state droughts have created a demand for more sophisticated methods of water conservation.

The goal is to give farmers an accurate reading of how efficiently their crops use water, more so than any current technology provides.

"What's new about our

approach is the monitoring side of it," Kleissl said. "We're trying to improve on that."

The scintillometer that Kleissl's team is using focuses laser beams across a field and records changes in the air's refractive index caused by fluctuations in temperature and humidity.

Farmers can use this data to decrease irrigation during hours of high water loss.

Researchers placed the device on half of a UC-operated experimental alfalfa farm roughly a half-mile long and a quarter-mile wide to study the area for at least two years. The other half of the farm will be irrigated conventionally.

In addition to being especially thirsty, alfalfa is the most common crop in the Imperial Valley, where the average annual rainfall is fewer than three inches and temperatures often exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit for several months of the year.

If the tests show substantial water savings, Kleissl hopes to see scintillometers placed on farms across the state.

University to Receive \$22M from Initial Settlement Payout

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distribution of these funds is what it's all about, getting billions of dollars back in the hands of defrauded investors."

The lawsuit alleged that between Oct. 19, 1998, and Nov.

27, 2001, investors who purchased Enron securities were defrauded by way of false financial statements that deceitfully inflated the price of Enron stock. It was during this period that the defendants — among them

Enron's accountants, bankers, senior executives and lawyers — were able to carry out illegal insider trading of up to \$1.1 billion.

The case was tried in the U.S. District Court for the southern district of Texas in Houston. A settlement allocation plan was approved in September 2008 and the distribution process will take place in stages over

the next several months.

The university announced Dec. 13 that it had begun distributing \$5 billion of the \$7 billion awarded to claimants, with reimbursement amounts varying depending on the

"We are extremely pleased to be returning these funds to the members of the class."

— Charles Robinson, general counsel, University of California

type of securities purchased and at what time the investment was made. During this initial distribution period, the university will receive \$22 million, 20 percent of its allowed loss of \$109.4 million under the allocation plan.

"We are extremely pleased to be returning these funds to the members of the class," UC general counsel Charles Robinson said in a statement. "Getting here has required a long and challenging effort, but the results for Enron investors are unprecedented."

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WORD

On the Street



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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Saturday, Dec. 20

12:10 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 20-year-old female was reported as "going in and out of consciousness" due to alcohol poisoning at C Street, San Diego.

6:32 p.m.: Petty theft

▶ Three white males "with tools" and a "little white dog" broke into Argo Hall. *Field interview administered.*

8:45 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A male was reported as ringing the doorbell of a South Mesa apartment, "offering [the female resident] apples." When she refused, the male "started yelling and cussing." *Gone on arrival.*

Monday, Dec. 22

1:47 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ An unknown subject was seen in the suite of a Sixth College residence hall that was supposed to be empty. *Will cooperate.*

4:58 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 30-year-old white male with dirty-brown facial hair and wearing a hooded sweatshirt was seen in the laundry room of a Regents Road apartment building.

Tuesday, Dec. 23

11:27 a.m.: Suspicious person

▶ Two clean-cut white men carrying screwdrivers were seen attempting to break into an office across from Groundwork Books, but left when they saw the reporting party. *Gone on arrival.*

12:54 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A black male transient in his 40s wearing a gray beanie was reported as publicly urinating, after which he "took out a piece of metal and used it to cut open a motorcycle cover," and was last seen heading toward Fir Street.

6:05 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A tall white male in his 30s with long, stringy blonde hair and wearing sunglasses was seen "talking to himself" at Gilman Parking Structure.

Unable to locate.

Wednesday, Dec. 24

12:09 a.m.: Report of burglary

▶ A Hubbs Hall office was "ransacked" in a three-hour period. "Money and other things" were reported as missing.

12:50 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 62-year-old, who had remained in a semiconscious condition for "many years," was reported as conscious and breathing after having several seizures.

10:28 a.m.: Hazard situation

▶ A sinkhole "large enough for a car to fall in" was seen at Scripps Medical Center.

8:31 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 40-year-old black female was reported as selling drugs on Miramar Street. *Unable to locate.*

Saturday, Dec. 27

1:20 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ Three subjects were seen vandalizing the "shroom room" at Mandeville Center.

3:04 p.m. Burglary

▶ A white male in his 30s wearing blue flannel was reported as breaking into a laboratory at Gilman Drive and Eucalyptus Grove Lane.

Sunday, Dec. 28

8:10 a.m.: Vehicle burglary

▶ A CD and MP3 player were reported as stolen from a car parked near the Coast apartments on Discovery Way.

Monday, Dec. 29

2:14 p.m.: Noninjury accident

▶ A male reported hurting his right palm after driving a cart into a curb on La Jolla Shores Drive.

4:56 p.m.: Hot prowler burglary

▶ A female reported hearing "someone trying to open her [front door] lock ... possibly with tools" at her residence on Discovery Way, but was unable to see the suspect through the peephole.

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UCOP to Cut 275 Positions by Next Year

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ing departments within the central administrative offices.

The total UCOP operating budget for 2008-09 now stands at \$230.1 million.

"This is a significant achievement made possible by the dedication and hard work of the staff at the Office of the President," Executive Vice President of Business Operations Katie Lapp said. "Many participated in helping to design new consolidated units, and many more have shouldered additional responsibilities as the work force has been reduced. It has been a painful and difficult time, yet the staff has continued to fulfill the mission of the university."

The changes have been motivated partly by the state budget crisis and the resulting cuts to higher education. The Office of the Governor estimates the current state debt to be approximately \$16 billion, and UC funding has been cut by \$132 million since last year. In November 2008, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger proposed a series of additional midyear cuts, estimated at \$60.5 million.

The Office of the President plans to continue to review its programs and services that could be delivered by campuses and third-party vendors, and aims to reduce its workforce by 275 positions and \$25 million by 2009-10.

"We have to wait and see and understand what the proposed budget [cuts] mean," Schwartz said. "Clearly this is a very difficult budget environment. We are not yet done with the restructuring effort."

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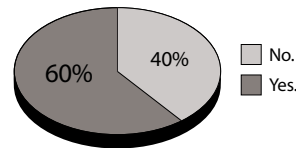
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OPINION

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UC's Financial Sacrifices Are Helpful but Late

By Matthew McArdle
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA — California schools have been hurting for money for years, and with the state's fiscal crisis deepening seemingly by the minute, the situation does not look to improve anytime soon. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to understand that the state's current \$11.2 billion shortfall has hurt education programs ranging from kindergarten all the way up through the University of California, leaving many officials scrambling to find money just to support essential programs and forcing them to balance services with responsible fiscal rearrangements, oftentimes through massive cuts.

Within the state's flagship 10-campus UC system, the problem is as evident as ever, with the university's governing body — the Board of Regents — acknowledging that student fees will undoubtedly shoot up again next year while enrollment figures will drop systemwide in response to ever-shrinking state funding.

Although they opposed raising fees for next year at their November meeting, the regents readily admitted the move was largely symbolic, reasoning that there was virtually no way the university could sustain its current services without the fee increases because the Legislature would be unable to honor the full amount of the state funding increase — \$755 million — requested by the university for the next fiscal year.

With the university in penny-pinching mode and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger announcing a \$65.5 million mid-year cut to the UC system, campuses have already begun feeling the crunch, and UC officials have not been silent about the extremely negative impacts the funding shortfall will bring to the university. At UCSD, for example, the world-renowned Scripps Institution of Oceanography is facing an uphill battle to maintain its operations, with Chancellor Marye Anne Fox describing the situation to the regents as "precarious." Other UC campuses face similar dilemmas, with no immediate relief in sight.

To cope with the fiscal crisis, the UC Office of the President has announced that it has undertaken massive streamlining measures meant to consolidate programs, downsize staff and ultimately save money. To date, the office estimates that is has reduced its operating budget by a cool \$60.4 million — a 21 percent savings over the prior year — with UC President Mark G. Yudof and others praising the

downsizing for helping the university maintain services during such a difficult financial time.

"This is a significant achievement made possible by the dedication and hard work of the staff at the Office of the President," Executive Vice President of Business Operations Katie Lapp said in a statement. "Many participated in helping to design new consolidated units, and many more have shouldered additional responsibilities as the workforce has been reduced. It has been a painful and difficult time, yet the staff has continued to fulfill the mission of the university. This must be acknowledged."

While it's true that the consolidation has saved UCOP millions, the sad reality is that it took an extreme financial crisis for the university to realize that its management needed restructuring, when in reality good old-fashioned smart backroom bookkeeping could have been just as effective.

Take, for example, the Continuing Education of the Bar Program, which provides services for UC-trained lawyers and was previously housed within UCOP before being funneled out of the central office to specific campuses. According to UC spokesman Paul Schwartz, CEBP and other non-campus-specific programs that were moved away from the office were responsible for nearly half of UCOP's savings. If this

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UCSD's 2009 Resolutions: Less A.S. Waste, More Admin. Support

Now I know in the past I've used this column to degrade resolution making, even going so far as resolving to abandon the practice altogether, but for some reason this Jan. 1 felt just a little different. Yeah, I still spent the morning on the couch eating junk food and watching the Rose Parade, but there are a few shiny things hanging in the misty 2009 future that weren't there before. I'm



Stealing the Shoes

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not just talking about the incoming president (a huge upgrade silver-lining basically everything else in national politics at the moment) this year also holds my last quarters at UCSD and the great big world beyond. So while I'm resolving to make the next two quarters some of my best, I also have some suggestions for my campus peers to consider adding to their lists.

A.S. Council, please resolve to tackle your bureaucratic laziness this year and give Tritons the student government we deserve, not one that has trouble doing the bare minimum. With a new fee referendum coming up in two weeks, you'll already be focusing your efforts full force on getting students to bail you out. But what you should really be funneling this fresh enthusiasm toward is fixing the faulty practices that got you into this mess. I know it's unrealistic to demand proactivity from a bunch of slate veterans whose backstage politicking maneuvered an election of unopposed races, but come on. Just because you and your 20 best friends are able to make totally self-interested control moves with a basically unlimited budget, doesn't mean you should.

I challenge you to make 2009 the year of earning your title. And to save you the five months it will take to motion to form a subcommittee on the subject, form said committee, debate then table its findings for three weeks and finally pen an aptly titled yet ultimately toothless Resolution in Response to *Guardian* Columnist Remarks, I'll even give you some starting ideas.

Figure out this Grove Caffe mess, and check in on all those other floundering enterprises while you're at it. Once you've got that under control, stop wasting money in general. If you're really running out of funding to the point that Sun God might be downsized (which you're not, but that's a different story) put yourselves on a spending diet by skipping the extravagant retreats and cutting back all those voluntary coalition memberships and lobbying campaigns. Those projects are important, but not if you can't provide for the campus first. And on the topic of Sun God: make sure it's awesome, because after last year's festival it's pretty clear that Associate Vice President of Programming Garrett Berg can't be trusted with oversight responsibility alone.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Auto Bailout Will Lead to Greener Future

Dear Editor,

California College Democrats have come out in strong support of a bridge loan for the Big Three auto companies, believing that the bill will not only help our ailing economy, but will also help create a clean energy economy as well.

"We need to bail out the auto industry to protect jobs and our economy, but we also need to bail out our planet," said Chrissy Elles, president of the Campus Democrats at UCSB. "We need an automaker bailout bill that will require Detroit to re-organize and begin to build clean, efficient cars that will help us reduce greenhouse gas emissions."

California College Democrats Political Director Charlie Carnow, who marched with the United Auto Workers in Los Angeles, stressed the importance of the bridge loan for our economy.

"Can we afford to lose hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs in California?" Carnow said. "Hell no! We bailed out the banks, and now it's time to take the first step to bail out hard-working Americans."

According to a study by the Economic Policy Institute, failure of the Big 3 would put over 305,000 California jobs at risk. By granting \$15 billion in loans, the automaker bailout bill will save a total of 3.3 million American jobs.

The link between the auto industry and climate change is blatant.

Transportation accounts for nearly 30 percent of the United States greenhouse gas emissions, according to the EPA.

"What I hope is that the automaker bailout will help transition the blue-collar jobs of the auto industry into green-collar jobs," Elles said. "For years, Detroit has produced gas-guzzling vehicles that threatened our energy security and contributed to global warming. Hopefully, this will be a new beginning for Detroit, and the environment."

The California College Democrats support the bailout as the first step toward greening the economy and call for the auto "czar" to demonstrate a commitment to fuel efficiency, leading us toward the cars of the future.

— Stephanie Chan
Representative, California College Democrats

Recent Grads Should Explore All Options in Job Search

Dear Editor,

With the new year arriving there are a large number of December college graduates still trying to chart their career plan. There are no simple answers for those looking, but here are four things to consider:

1) Take a job where you will learn the most.

Pre-1980, college students took jobs where they thought they would get the most job security. They went to the big companies like IBM, GM

and GE. In the '80s and '90s, college seniors started to focus on where they could make the most money, like Wall Street. In the 2000s, students focused on where they could enjoy the best lifestyle, like the dotcoms. Today, the focus should be on where you can learn the most. In the long run, the skills that you develop will enable you to get that next great job and chart a career path toward success.

2) Go broad and deep in your job search.

When times are tough, most people concentrate on going very broad in their job search. I would never deter a recent college graduate from pursuing any and every possible lead; however, you may find that your time is much better spent going deep instead of broad. Recent grads should focus on a specific industry (e.g. retail, media, banking) or functional area (e.g. sales, marketing, finance) and get as smart as they can on that particular area. This means understanding all companies, required skills, current events and networking opportunities related to that area. There is a high correlation between focus and success when it comes to job hunting.

3) Look internationally.

Get your butt out of the country. This may mean studying for an extra year in an exchange program or taking a more menial type of job abroad. When working abroad, the specific industry or functional area is less relevant, because much of your learning will be cultural. Learning a language and how to interact professionally and socially in different cul-

tures is just as important as learning a discrete job skill. Tops on my list of places to go include: China, India, Southern Africa and Brazil. These are big markets that are only going to become more important to the global economy.

4) Don't cop out and go to law or business school right away.

Although I strongly suggest taking the entrance exams (e.g. LSAT, GMAT, GRE) for graduate school within a year after you graduate, don't go right away. Even in a good economy, I would tell you to work for a few years before going to graduate school. These schools will always be there for you. Once you go to grad school and saddle yourself with even more school debt, you will have less flexibility to pursue the things you really want to do. Grad school is also a great opportunity to transition careers. If you use that chip too early, you may find it more difficult to transition later in your career.

— Ron Mitchell

CEO and Co-founder of Gotta Mentor

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Going Digital Will Help Student Orgs Save Face and Paper

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University administrators, please resolve to not impede the A.S. Council's new mission in former-Vice-Chancellor-of-Student-Affairs-Joseph-Watson-like fashion. Obviously this council needs all the help it can get, so it might be nice to consider actually working hand-in-hand with Triton leaders, to make life more cheery for the campus' most important constituency — its students.

While your 2008 efforts were noteworthy (props specifically to new VC of Student Affairs Penny Rue for at least adjusting her new office's dreary status quo and University Events Office Director Martin Wollensen for all his hard work on the Loft and even Chancellor Marye Anne Fox for giving last year's No on 8 rally the attention it deserved) you can do even more to stop hindering campus quality in 2009.

This can mainly be accomplished by demanding that satellite offices lighten up. Put an end to outrageous space rental charges so that the A.S. Council can put on events without spending half its budget on renting our own gym. Remind those overzealous Residential Security Officers that students are innocent until proven guilty. Conduct a massive overhaul of Student Health Services so we can get some help this flu sea-

son. And if nothing else, please do something about the campus meter maids and ticket appeal process — it shouldn't take an epic two-month battle to overturn a parking ticket that was issued while the recipient had a permit in the first place.

Student organizations, specifically the Greek system, please resolve to go green in 2009. Random as it seems, this should be an easy goal for you, since so many of UCSD's orgs are service oriented anyway. Yet somehow despite all this high-minded hoopla, the campus is still littered with the daily frenzy of flyers and periodic rush-week posters.

Now I'm normally not one to get all save-the-trees on people, but this really is getting ridiculous. Not only are you littering Library Walk and consequently making a huge hassle for whatever custodian is charged with cleaning up after you that day, you're also failing to attract people to your events. The flyer thing is futile, so why not copy the success of those ever-controversial Library Walk evangelicals? They come armed with only a kooky sign and a booming voice but are always surrounded by interested students. Or just go digital and use Facebook — you'll gain interest by blending in with the parties we actually want to attend, and the rejection won't seem so personal when people choose to ignore.

A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



Reaction Rather Than Action Shows Poor Management

► **CUTS**, from page 4

is the case, why were they there to begin with? Apparently, not even the university knows.

"[CEBP] really does not have anything to do with the core functions of the president's office as the central administrative office," Schwartz said. "That doesn't need to be here and can be located elsewhere."

Additional funds were also saved by restricting executive travel, decreasing consulting expenses and consolidating and reorganizing UCOP's central departments. More than 150 employees also took part in a voluntary buyout program that allowed them to leave their UCOP positions with hefty

severance packages.

But again, just like any other organization facing budget woes, why didn't the university simply pull the plug on nonessential positions when it smelled fiscal trouble to begin with rather than opting to pay large sums to employees in return for leaving? The regents don't hesitate on raising student fees every year, so the university shouldn't be reluctant to lay off UC personnel when the positions can be readily consolidated and money can be saved, especially during a financial crisis that threatens to keep eligible students from enrolling next year.

While the university is praising itself for allegedly saving money, don't

let UCOP's reorganization fool you into thinking the university spends its money wisely. It's just another example of the university reacting to budgetary restrictions instead of acting to prevent them from the beginning. If the university is serious about effective management, it should not limit financial restructuring to periods of fiscal crisis and instead focus on efficient operations at all times, because if the university can't even manage the money it already has, it has no business leaving students out on the curb while whining to Sacramento for more.

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BY JOANNA CARDENAS ▶ ASSOCIATE FOCUS EDITOR

TRANSPORTATION INITIATIVES TAKE STUDENTS OFF THE ROAD TO CURB SINGLE-OCCUPANCY COMMUTERS

During peak hours, students sometimes begin hunting for a parking spot as much as a full hour before scheduled classes — spiraling up and down the Gilman or Pangea Parking Structures, driving from lot to lot around campus loop and shamelessly stalking students who give the slightest indication that they may be leaving for the day. While many UCSD commuters accept this fate, slumped behind their wheels until they find a coveted on-campus parking space, more than half of campus commuters are now looking to alternative forms of transportation as their primary means of getting to UCSD.

According to a survey conducted last Winter Quarter by the Department of Transportation and Parking Services, UCSD reached a record high in public transportation with over 50 percent of student, staff and faculty commuters using alternative programs offered by T&PS.

According to T&PS Director Brian

d'Autremont, the university has gone from 66 percent single-occupancy commuting in 2001 to 49 percent in 2008. He attributes this shift to the cost-effective array of alternative transportation now available.

"The university, for a very long time, has tried to get people here and try to save them money if they can, and the way we do that is having a huge menu of different programs so that a people can pick what works for them," d'Autremont said.

These alternative methods now extend beyond the widely used campus shuttles and the free MTS routes. Pedal Club, car-pools, vanpools

and daily rental Zip Cars contribute to the growing number of commuter solutions at UCSD.

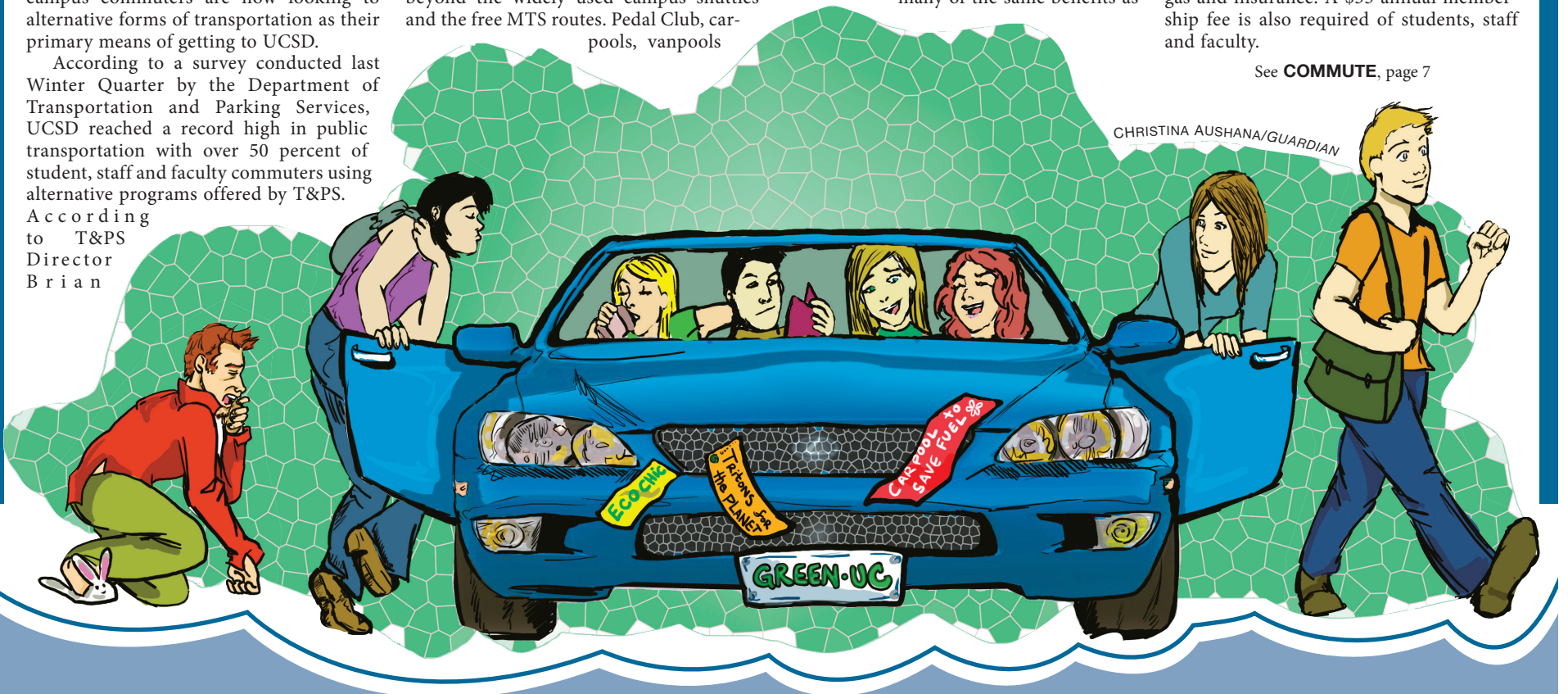
While Pedal Club requires a commuter's commitment to bike to school and register a bicycle for \$6, cyclists in the club receive an Occasional Use parking permit good for any 10 days of one quarter. Also, Pedal Club members may receive up to three rides home in times of emergency through the Guaranteed Ride Home program.

Carpool and vanpool users receive many of the same benefits as

Pedal Club members including Occasional Use parking permits and access to GRH services. As an added incentive, carpoolers can park in a number of prime designated spots throughout campus. T&PS facilitates the search for same-routed commuters through an online ride-matching service.

For alternative commuters who find themselves without a car on campus when they need one, Zip Car rentals are available through T&PS. Zip Cars are rentable for \$9 per hour or \$66 per day; these fees include gas and insurance. A \$35 annual membership fee is also required of students, staff and faculty.

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CHRISTINA AUSHANA/GUARDIAN

EDS Minor Turns Students into Educators

By Jasmine Ta
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

While most students take a lab class or shadow a business professional to decide what career they would like to pursue, Revelle College sophomore Jeanette Rosas opts for a more direct approach. As part of her Education Studies (EDS) minor, she spends four hours twice a week at Porter Elementary School to gain an in-depth look at teaching.

Serving 106 undergraduate students, the EDS department offers three minors — mathematics education, science education and general education studies — to students interested in a career in education.

What makes the minors unique are their practicum requirement, in which students must spend at least one quarter working at a local preschool, elementary or high school to observe, tutor or mentor students.

"[The practicum] gives them firsthand experience," EDS Assistant Student Affairs Officer Melissa Wolf said. "There's no better way to teach them than to have a student go to a classroom and see what it's all about. There's only so much you can learn from a lecture classroom and to have that applicability."

The practicum is a collaboration between EDS and Partners at Learning program, which sets up relationships between 20 different, underrepresented and underserved schools within the San Diego Unified School District from Mira Mesa to Oceanside to National City. Open to students of all majors, P.A.L. assigns each participant to a specific teacher.

"We base [school assignment] on several factors: where they live, what their majors and minors are, what languages they speak," EDS professor Caren Holtzman said. "We also put

them in groups so that they can work out a carpool. Whether they tutor or mentor depends on what co-required course they are taking."

In order to receive their grade of pass/no pass, students must spend four to six hours a week at their assigned school. However, they are given freedom to choose when they work.

"They need to work out a schedule with their host teacher," Holtzman said. "We tell them to set up a consistent schedule because students and teachers really start to depend on them. Some teachers will even set up activities for the student to work with the kids; they may be in charge of a math or science

See **EDS**, page 7



Above and right: Revelle College sophomore Jeanette Rosas works with students at Porter Elementary School as a part of her EDS minor practicum requirement.

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EDS Students Get Experience With P.A.L.

► **EDS**, from page 6 activity.”

Even though Rosas was wary about the 20 minute drive from UCSD to Porter Elementary in San Diego, she found the practicum experience very rewarding, and throughout the quarter she was able to run several activities with her second-grade class.

“I read a story aloud to the class and ran a math game activity, and I’m writing a bilingual children’s book as part of my EDS final,” Rosas said. “Luckily, [the students] have all enjoyed the activities. It’s great because you get that experience of coming up with a lesson plan or activity that is your own. You have to think about the students, how they will react, and how to get them involved. It’s your activity, and you’re going to run it and hope it succeeds.”

The practicum also provides students with a chance to interact one-on-one with students and make a great impact on their lives, according to Thurgood Marshall College senior Chelsea Maxwell. She took the practicum for three quarters: once as a social studies tutor for high school students and twice as an elementary school mentor.

“I just couldn’t get myself to stop mentoring them [after only one quarter],” Maxwell said of the fifth graders she worked with. “I wanted to continue with them and ease the transition from middle school to high school. I just couldn’t break off that relationship so quickly.”

Rosas agrees that P.A.L. and EDS students serve as great role models to the students they are assisting, especially since these students are part of the underserved and low-income community.

“These kids have grown up without a role model that’s gone to college,” Rosas said. “It gives these students an idea. A lot of times,



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Revelle College sophomore Janeatte Rosas sits with class for their full-time teachers presentation during one of her practicum sessions to fulfill her EDS requirements.

college isn’t an option because of lack of resources or lack of money. For these kids to see that it is possible, it makes a difference. It’s great that we’re able to show them that what we are now, they can be too some day.”

EDS and P.A.L. students are a great resource to the teachers as well. Having college students in the classroom on a consistent basis has enabled Florence Elementary kindergarten teacher and EDS graduate Elizabeth Frausto a chance to talk to her students about college and what they can do in the future.

“I’ll have the EDS students lead small group activities to support those of my students who are struggling, or enrich the thinking of others,” Frausto said in an e-mail. “Often, they’ll assist me in supervising and questioning students to deepen their understanding. EDS students are a terrific way for me to provide one-on-one interventions for my most needy students. They are an invaluable resource to make sure all my students receive personal attention.”

After students complete the EDS minor, they have the option to apply for the EDS Master of Education Degree and Credential program, either to become a single-subject high school teacher or multiple-subject elementary school teacher.

“If a UCSD student completes the EDS minor, they’re finishing off the first year of our credential program, or the foundational coursework,” Wolf said. “So, they stay at UCSD for an extra 10 to 11 months after they graduate and are then certified as a California teacher.”

However, not all EDS minor students choose to go to the graduate program because of its limited options. The EDS graduate program only offers credentials for single-subject teachers in biology, chemistry, geosciences, physics, English and mathematics.

To find more about the P.A.L. program or EDS minor, visit www.eds.ucsd.edu.

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Alternative Commuting Cost-Effective, Sustainable

► **COMMUTE**, from page 6

Each of these options attempts to combat three major hurdles facing both commuters and the university, which include commute costs, sustainability and parking capacity according to Curt Lutz, Commute Solutions and Marketing Manager.

“Commute costs are the first place many people must look to reduce their monthly expenditures,” Lutz said in an e-mail. “The costs of purchasing, insuring, maintaining, fueling and parking a private vehicle can be a large part of anyone’s monthly budget.”

Because these alternative solutions take many single-occupancy commuters off the road, a sense of environmental accountability is also championed by those involved in alternative transportation on campus.

“The other major portion of what we’re trying to do here is we’re trying to put less pollution into the air,” d’Autremont said. “In the last three years, we put around 2,000 people into buses and other [types of] public transportation that used to be in single-occupancy cars. That saves around 500 tons of pollution.”

Along with cost and sustainability, alternative transportation stands to alleviate long-term parking capacity issues. According to a report published by Sam Corbett, assistant director of T&PS, between 2001 and 2008 campus population increased by nearly 26 percent while parking occupancy only increased from 11,893 to 12,304 occupied parking spaces on average over the same period — an increase of 4.1 percent.

“As the campus grows over time, ground lot parking areas are often the site for new campus structures, as those less expensive surface lots

disappear, the decision to build multilevel parking structures is a huge financial commitment with costs running at many thousands of dollars per space,” Lutz said. “Ultimately the cost for this parking capacity falls on the end user.”

The All Campus Commuter Board, a student-run organization aimed at voicing the concerns of student commuters, also advocates the use of alternative transportation despite being largely left out of the policy-making process.

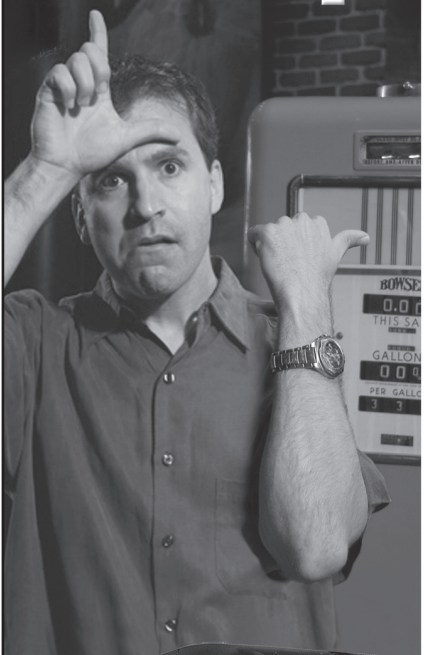
The board has participated in transportation issues in the past, opposing the construction of a new parking structure that would raise student parking fees during last year’s Transportation Policy Committee’s annual meeting. However, they were not asked to participate in the most recent Transit Subsidy Survey concerning the allocation of transportation funds. According to d’Autremont, the survey still included student input.

ACCB Director of Programming and Earl Warren College senior Kari McNickle said the board is looking forward to the survey results so it can begin working on future programs.

ACCB members also attempt to address the concerns of driving commuters by discussing possible solutions to the 80 percent occupancy rate of the campus’ approximately 16,000 total parking spaces. These suggestions include the re-location of parking spaces to create more “S” spaces out of unused “A” spaces or the possibility of restricting freshman parking on campus. The ACCB recognizes that despite the monetary or environmental advantages of alternative transpor-

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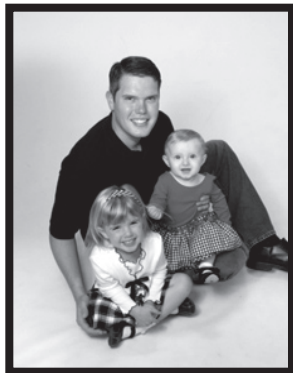
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Transportation Programs Model for Other Universities

► **TRANSPORTATION**, from page 7
tation, some students continue to favor the convenience involved in driving to campus.

Earl Warren senior Lindsay Sheridan, a resident of the UTC area, opted to purchase a parking permit this Fall Quarter and drove to school for early morning and evening excursions to campus rather than taking a school shuttle or public bus.

"I only drove when I had 8 a.m. classes," Sheridan said in an e-mail. "The other time it is beneficial is if I have classes after 4:30 p.m. In that case, I really enjoy having a permit since I can park in A and B spots, because I really don't like taking the shuttle home at night."

Lutz implores commuters to re-examine their notions of convenience and weigh their commuting options carefully.

"There is a choice involved to change the way one commutes and there are benefits to each choice, including how you look at flexibility," he said.

The success of T&PS's alternative transportation programs in helping to change the habits of over 50 percent of campus commuters is not limited to UCSD. Many universities look to T&PS's example to ease parking congestion and reduce their own carbon footprint.

"UCSD is pretty much a benchmark for other universities," d'Autremont said. "I get calls almost every week about how we're doing things. [Universities] from all over the nation like Virginia, Penn, the University of Miami, University of Texas, Austin. There are a lot of people trying to learn."

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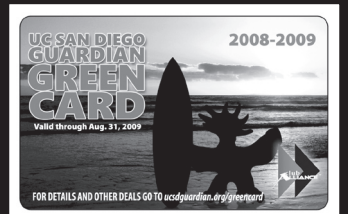
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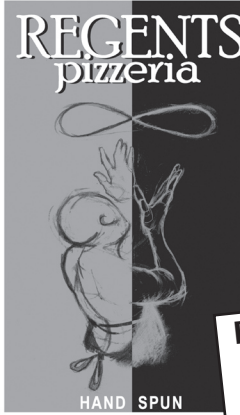


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► **M. BASKETBALL**, from page 12
 down the court, assisting on Kim's three that put the Tritons ahead by two points with just over two minutes left to play. During the Tritons' next offensive possession, Kim went to the ground to protect a loose ball and appeared to have sustained a slight injury. Following a timeout, Kim was replaced by freshman guard Kirby Ruiz. Ruiz, playing in the biggest moments of his first season as a Triton, caught a tipped offensive rebound from Poppen and hit a shot clock-beating three-pointer to give the Tritons a five-point advantage. Following a retaliatory three from CSULA, Kim re-entered the game and scored a layup on the other end.

The two teams then traded free throws before another three-pointer from Chris Fields closed the gap to one point. Kim gave the Tritons some breathing room, making 1-of-2 from the charity stripe. Fields then stepped to the line for the Golden Eagles and missed both free-throw opportunities. Appropriately, it was the returning Stuckey who grabbed the defensive rebound, drew the foul and calmly hit both foul shots on the other end to seal the victory for UCSD.

"Every night in this league is really, really difficult," Carlson said. "Any time you can beat a team with the caliber of Cal State L.A., you feel good about it. That was a very good win for us. It's a marathon, not a sprint in this league. You've got to be tough over a long haul. I don't think we've even come close to playing our best basketball. I think that's still ahead of us."

Even though they may not have reached their full potential yet, Lawley believes that the Tritons gave their full effort in the victory.

"We wanted it more than them," he said. "We came out there on fire and wanted to make a statement to the league, especially since [CSULA] just beat [CSUDH] on Wednesday."

As a team, the Tritons shot 44.2 percent from the field and recorded a 40-24 rebounding advantage. Kim led the way offensively with 16 points and added three assists, while Poppen recorded his third consecutive double-double with 15 points and a game-high 12 rebounds. Husted scored 11 points with

a game-high five assists and three rebounds, while Stuckey scored 10 points with five rebounds.

"It felt good to be back," Stuckey said of his return performance, which included going 3-for-4 from the field and 4-for-4 from the line. "I hope to be a little bit more of a scoring threat inside. All of our big guys can score, but I hope to be able to step out a little bit and spread the defense with 15-foot, 17-foot jumpers and hopefully, be a leader for all these guys. We've got a lot of young guys and I've got to try to be a good role model for them."

Over the winter break, the Tritons cruised to two victories at the CCAA-PacWest Shootout in Las Vegas. UCSD trounced the Academy of Art University, 62-40, as Poppen scored 13 points with 11 rebounds and the Triton defense held Academy of Art to just 13 field goals and 25.5 percent shooting from the field. Defense again led the way in a 78-60 win over Grand Canyon, as the Tritons held the Antelopes below 30 percent shooting from the field in the second half to turn a close contest into an easy victory.

"We know how to win," Lawley said. He currently leads the team in scoring with 13.2 points per game. "When we played Grand Canyon, the guys gave it their all. It showed us that we're a capable team."

All five starters scored in double figures, led by Husted's season-high 19 points, 14 from Kim and Poppen, 13 from Lawley and 10 from Maulhardt. Maulhardt and Poppen also grabbed a game-high 12 rebounds each, nearly matching the 27 rebounds Grand Canyon University grabbed as a team.

"I thought we showed a lot of toughness, especially against a very good Grand Canyon team," Carlson said. "We were just a little tougher; we took care of the ball, got good shots, executed and did the things we needed to do to be successful."

The Tritons return to action next weekend with their first road conference contests of the year. UCSD faces Cal State San Bernardino on Friday and Cal Poly Pomona on Saturday, with both games scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tip-offs.

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The junior posted 14 points, four rebounds, three steals and four assists in the Tritons' 66-56 comeback victory over Cal State Dominguez Hills on Jan. 3.



UCSD Takes Care of Business on Home Court



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While defense remains the Tritons' main strength, UCSD also spread the ball around well on offense in their five games over winter break, which featured different leading scorers in each game.

By Janani Sridharan
SPORTS EDITOR

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — Taking advantage of their longest homestand of the season, the Tritons won six of their seven games at home between Dec. 6 and Jan. 3 to improve their overall record to 11-2.

After posting victories in their first conference games this season against Humboldt State University and Sonoma State University on Dec. 5 and Dec. 6 respectively, UCSD suffered a 75-65 loss to St. Mary's on Dec. 19. Since then the Tritons have been on a tear, defeating No. 21 Drury University 86-61 on Dec. 20 and San Diego Christian College 83-47 on Dec. 30. UCSD finished its homestand with conference wins against Cal State Los Angeles and Cal State Dominguez Hills on Jan. 2 and Jan. 3 respectively.

UCSD's latest victory was made in comeback fashion as CSUDH held the Triton offense in check during the first half. The Toros shut out leading scorer senior forward Michelle Osier in the opening period and held UCSD's second-leading scorer senior center Alexis Gaskin to just two points.

"[CSUDH] definitely had our best players targeted," sophomore forward Molly McIntyre said. "They had trouble getting their offense going and were shut out in the first half."

Despite the struggles of the team's sharp shooters, UCSD remained close in the game and ended the half trailing by only three points largely due to its defense, which held the

Toros to 28.9 percent shooting.

Junior forward Erin Noonan gave the Tritons some life in the second half, starting off the period with a three-pointer that tied the game at 28. UCSD took a 30-28 lead off a layup from Gaskin with 17:46 left and never relinquished the advantage. Noonan led all scorers in the game with 17 points and junior guard Annette Ilg added 14.

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Dec. 19
ST. MARY'S 75, UCSD 65

Dec. 20
UCSD 86, DRURY 61

Dec. 30
UCSD 83, S.D. CHRISTIAN 47

Jan. 2
UCSD 79, CSULA 59

Jan. 3
UCSD 66, CSUDH 56

Of their four victories over winter break, UCSD's win over Drury University may have been the most impressive. Not only did the Tritons pull off the upset, the 25-point Drury loss was the worst defeat in the program's history.

"Part of it was because we lost the game the previous night," McIntyre said. "We had the mentality that we couldn't let a team do that to us again

on our home court. We came out with incredible focus and everyone executed well in every area."

The Tritons jumped out to a 15-5 lead, with offensive contributions from starters Gaskin, Noonan, Osier and junior guard Leilani Martin. Nursing a commanding lead early, the Tritons were able to tap into their bench and allow other players to step up. Freshman guard Chelsea Carlisle responded to the challenge, converting on her first attempt of the game with a three-pointer that put UCSD up 18-7 with 14:03 left in the half.

Carlisle added five more points in the opening period as the Tritons never let up and built a 41-27 lead at halftime.

What on paper should have been a close game ended as a blowout thanks to the UCSD bench, which scored 20 points in the second half. Carlisle led the bench with 17 points in her second collegiate game. Gaskin scored 22 points and recorded nine rebounds and Osier netted 19 points and 13 rebounds to lead the Tritons.

UCSD's wins over CSUDH and CSULA kept its conference record perfect at 4-0. The Tritons will hit the road against Cal State San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona as part of 18 straight conference games that they have just started.

"We want to go undefeated in conference," Carlisle said. "The game plan, like in our games at home, starts defensively, playing together. If we do that, we're a hard team to beat."

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First Conference Loss Halts Triton Win Streak at Five

UCSD swept two games at the CCAA-PacWest Shootout in Las Vegas before splitting a pair of conference games at home.

By Joe Tevelowitz
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons started 2009 with a split against California Collegiate Athletic Association opponents over the weekend, defeating Cal State Los Angeles on Jan. 2 by a 68-64 final score, before falling to Cal State Dominguez Hills, 63-51, on Jan. 3. The victory over CSULA was the fifth-straight win for the Tritons, including two over winter break against the Academy of Art University and Grand Canyon as part of the CCAA-PacWest Shootout in Las Vegas. UCSD's record now stands at 6-4 overall and 3-1 in the CCAA.

While struggling offensively, the Tritons stayed close to CSUDH by playing tough defense, limiting the Toros to only seven first-half field goals and out-rebounding the squad 19-14 before the half. Junior guard Jordan Lawley gave the Tritons their largest lead of the first period just over five and a half minutes into the game with a three-pointer off a pass from sophomore guard Casey Ryan, putting UCSD up 10-4. With both teams going scoreless for over three minutes from the 11:46 mark and then over two minutes from 7:51, the Tritons were able to maintain a slim advantage for much of the half. The Toros captured their first lead of the game with 4:50 left following a layup. UCSD would respond with a jumper from freshman center Christian Hatch, his fourth field goal of the half, and a three-pointer

from junior guard Tyler Acevedo.

"Christian Hatch played pretty well," head coach Chris Carlson said. "I think any time you're on the plus-side in rebounding, it's a positive. I still think we could have done a better job there though."

Toro player Rodney Yearby scored the last four points of the half with a layup and two free throws, leaving the Tritons down 20-19 at the break. UCSD recaptured the lead quickly in the second half, with a layup by senior forward Shane Poppen off an assist from senior center A.J. Maulhardt and a three-pointer by senior guard Kelvin Kim to give the Tritons a 24-22 advantage. CSUDH responded with a triple of its own to regain the lead. While the Tritons again maintained their rebounding edge, the team would fall behind by double-digits with 13:30 left to play.

Climbing to within five points down the stretch, UCSD's season-high 18 turnovers, compared to only eight total turnovers and three in the second half for CSUDH, prevented the Tritons from continuing their first winning streak of the season. Despite eight points from Kim in the final 1:21 of the game, the Toros held the Tritons to their lowest scoring output against a Division-II opponent this season.

"They're a great team and they came out with a lot of intensity," Lawley said. "We just kind of whimpered down and didn't really step up to their level and match their intensity. We're going to be working a lot on our press and press situations. We felt like we kind of gave into their pressure."

Kim's 14 points were a game-high, as he added three assists, three rebounds and a block in a game-high 38 minutes of play. Lawley scored 11 points with four rebounds in the game, going 2-for-3 from a



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Following a loss to Cal State Dominguez Hills, the Tritons conference record stands at 3-1 with the majority of their CCAA still left to play. UCSD will travel to face Cal State San Bernardino and its 3-1 conference record as well as Cal Poly Pomona, currently 2-2 in conference play, later this week.

three-point range. Poppen grabbed a game-high seven rebounds, while Hatch finished with nine points and four rebounds in 17 minutes off the bench.

The Tritons and Golden Eagles of Cal State Los Angeles were locked in a close battle throughout the entire matchup Friday night. After CSULA opened up to a six-point advantage in the opening period, UCSD responded with a 10-3 run capped off by a layup and two free throws from returning redshirt senior forward Brett Stuckey. Stuckey, having missed all of last season and the start of this year due to injury, checked in with 11:37 to play. Less than 10 seconds later, the senior

used a reverse layup off an assist from senior guard Alan Husted to score his first collegiate basket in over a year.

"There were a lot of nerves pre-game," Stuckey said. "Once I started playing and made that first basket, I had a lot of support from the team — it was all good."

Two three-pointers from Kim, one from Husted, and a layup from Ryan helped the Tritons extend to a nine-point advantage, their largest of the half, with 5:21 left to play. Limiting the Golden Eagles to 25 percent field-goal shooting and grabbing 27 rebounds compared to only eight for CSULA, the Tritons went into the break leading 29-21.

In the second half, it was the opposition that started quickly, as CSULA scored eight of the first 10 points to tie the game at 31. Following two Poppen free throws, CSULA took the lead and extended to a three-point advantage following a three-pointer and jumper from Golden Eagles forward Chris Fields. The lead changed four more times during the second half, as neither squad was able to extend to more than a five-point advantage.

With 3:21 remaining, Husted hit a three-pointer for the Tritons off a Kim assist. Husted returned the favor during UCSD's next drive