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ROCKY HORROR



Students kicked off the Halloween weekend by attending the Rocky Horror Picture Show, held in Price Center Theater this past Thursday. Photo by Esra Elhendy // UCSD Guardian

CAMPUS

Campus Researchers Host Town Hall on the Environment

The event, hosted by the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, aimed to encourage partnerships between organizations on campus.

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Scripps Institution of Oceanography held a town hall meeting for Understanding and Protecting the Planet in the Eleanor Roosevelt College Great Hall on Oct. 17. This bi-annual event brings together several environmental organizations and labs from around campus to discuss what progress has been completed on the climate change front, as well as projects to come.

This recent gathering included speakers from the Human Health and Oceans Initiative, the Center for Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation and several others. Each organization provides a different take on what work can be done to help remediate the global effects of climate change and the challenges facing a particular course of action.

One of the speakers, Dr. William H. Gerwick of Skaggs School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences as well as Scripps Institution of Oceanography, hailed the event as providing an opportunity to bridge the divides between some of the labs and provided an example of a project for which they could collaborate.

"Many Labs around SIO and UCSD have chemical compounds they have isolated or synthesized, and there are many labs that want unique compounds ... but the coordination between these two is not currently present," Gerwick said.

Gerwick's presentation focused on creating a forum focused entirely around the medical field and the oceans with the aim to "identify areas for development and grants."

Dr. Michael Burkart, another speaker at the event, presented his lab's work on photosynthetic bio-manufacturing in algae, for which the ultimate aim is to develop algae as a major fuel source in place of petroleum-derived fuels. His presentation cited issues facing the global population as fuel and food compete for resources while human numbers continue to rise, and why his labs work could greatly manage the global problem.

"[There is] no question we need to find a way to feed the population on this planet ... We need to improve algae as an agricultural format," Burkart said.

He went on to describe how oils can be extracted from algae for fuel and the husks for protein in animal feed and even for human consumption, really emphasizing the full benefit of this alternative fuel source. He also explained how the institutionalization and subsidized price of petroleum-derived fuels make it nearly impossible for algae or any other renewable source to compete. One of the challenges of his research that was further discussed was

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UC SYSTEM

UCSD Ranked 15th Best Global University By U.S. News & World Report

BY MATTHEW ZAMUDIO STAFF WRITER

UCSD was named the 15th best global university on Tuesday, according to college rankings released by U.S. News & World Report.

Surrounding UCSD on the list were Yale University, ranked 14th, and UCSE, ranked 16th.

The Best Global Universities rankings report differs slightly from the publication's popular Best Colleges rankings report, where UCSD was ranked 44th, focusing more on research statistics than graduation rate and retention.

The publication ranked UCSD's departments of pharmacology and toxicology fifth; neuroscience and behavior, sixth; biology, biochemistry, psychiatry and physiology, eighth; and molecular biology and genetics, ninth.

"We are honored to be recognized again as a world-class university that is devoted to exceptional education

and collaborative research," Chancellor Pradeep Khosla said in a statement. "Our innovative scholars across campus push boundaries, challenge expectations and redefine conventional wisdom to make our world a better place."

Sophomore and cognitive science major Catherine Eng said that while she only researched rankings pertaining to her major when selecting a university, she believes "rankings are useful in deciding which school will help you most career-wise when you're accepting admission offers."

"I will say that UCSD is generally known as a great school for the sciences so I'm not surprised we're highly ranked globally," she added.

Nearby San Diego State University was ranked 448th, with no other San Diego universities listed.

Specialized categories showed UCSD ranked 15th

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SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Big Data Techniques Help Predict Cell Activity

Researchers discover new regularities such as enzyme turnover rate and translational pausing.

BY MING-RAY LIAO
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Members of the Systems Biology Research Group at UCSD have developed two big data techniques that enable discovery of biological regularities. The discoveries allow scientists to better understand and predict cell activity, according to the findings that were published online in the Nature Communications journal on Oct. 26.

First author and doctoral student in the SBRG Ali Ebrahim revealed that research is integrating and making use of the plethora of relevant datasets.

"Biology is rapidly changing because of more and more omics data, which is basically data that measures everything in a cell," Ebrahim told the UCSD Guardian. "Before omics, you would measure a handful of RNA levels, but the omics datasets, thanks

to advances in sequencing, let you measure the level of every single RNA inside a cell."

Co-author and postdoc at the SBRG Elizabeth Brunk explained that first technique developed pairs of disparate omics data in a purposeful manner for further interpretation.

"Pairwise integration means pairing more than one type of omics data and trying to make sense of what the data is telling you when you pair it together since there's a lot of biological processes that we might not understand," Brunk said. "Changes in one type of data may not reflect or give you any reason to understand changes in a different type of data but we were able to pair them and find meaningful associations."

The researchers looked at pairwise integration in Escherichia coli and discovered regularities in the number of protein molecules made per

mRNA transcript and the number of ribosomes required per translated protein molecule.

The second technique allows omics data, like expression, to be integrated into genomic and bibliomic based genome-scale models. This technique resulted in the discovery of two novel regularities: enzyme turnover rate and translational pausing.

Brunk stated that the parametrized model uses the genome-scale model to predict gene expression.

"The parametrized model is taking certain types of omics data and directly integrating it into the genomes scale model," Brunk said. "Proteins in the cell operate under different catalytic rates, and you can parametrize the model and understand the rates of those enzymes to predict expression of genes."

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Brunk continued to explain

WEEKLIES By Alex Lee



NASA

UCSD Alumna Returns From Space After Sequencing DNA In Space

Kate Rubins spent 115 days in space and conducted research allowing for the future identification of microbes in the Space Station.

BY AYAT AMIN
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NASA Astronaut and UCSD alumna Kate Rubins safely returned from space on Oct 29. She touched down in a small town in Kazakhstan with two fellow crewmates, one from the Russian Space Agency and the other from the Japanese Space Agency. Rubins and her two crewmates were part of the Expedition 49 crew and spent a total of 115 days in space conducting hundreds of research experiments for NASA. While in space, Rubins left her legacy by becoming the first person to sequence DNA in space.

Sequencing DNA in space was an important accomplishment for NASA as it will allow future astronauts to diagnose illnesses and identify microbes growing within the Space Station.

"With a way to sequence DNA in space, astronauts could diagnose an illness, or identify microbes growing in the International Space

Station and determine whether or not they represent a health threat," NASA said in a press release. "A space-based DNA sequencer would be an important tool to help protect astronaut health during long duration missions on the journey to Mars, and future explorers could also potentially use the technology to identify DNA-based life forms beyond Earth."

Before becoming an astronaut, she graduated from UCSD with a Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology in 1999. While at UCSD, Rubins researched HIV-1 at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies under the Infectious Diseases Laboratory on HIV-1. After UCSD, Rubins completed her Ph.D. in Cancer Biology at the Stanford Medical School in the Biochemistry Department and the Microbiology and Immunology Department, graduating in 2005.

Throughout her career, she's studied several dangerous and viral diseases such as HIV-1, smallpox

and Ebola. Following Stanford, Rubins became a Principal Investigator at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During her time at Whitehead, she led a team of 14 researchers in studying viral diseases that dominantly affect Central and West African populations.

While conducting her research in the Congo, Rubins decided to apply to NASA to be an astronaut. Rubins described to Nature Magazine that she did not think NASA needed biologists, but applied anyways because she always wanted to be an astronaut.

As Rubins told tells Nature Magazine, "It was one of those childhood dreams I couldn't let go of. I thought that NASA didn't take biologists and so nothing would come of it, but I knew I would regret it if I did not apply."

Rubins' experience working with viral diseases in hostile environments did not go to waste

in space and instead gave her a lot of experience for working in space. While in the Congo, Rubins had to do her research in biosafety level 4 facilities, which is the most dangerous level on the Biosafety scale. According to the Center for Disease Control this level is reserved for laboratories studying infections that are 'frequently fatal, for which there are no vaccines or treatments.' Working in such labs requires a full-body, pressurized suit with its own air supply, not too unlike an astronaut suit except that, as Rubins points out, a spacesuit is heavier.

"It was very helpful to work in a biosafety level 4 suit, you're doing difficult task with not a lot of dexterity and limit mobility," Rubins said to Wired Magazine. "But in the space suit it's the first of all much heavier, 300, 400 pounds and your mobility is even more limited. And you're working on all six axes."

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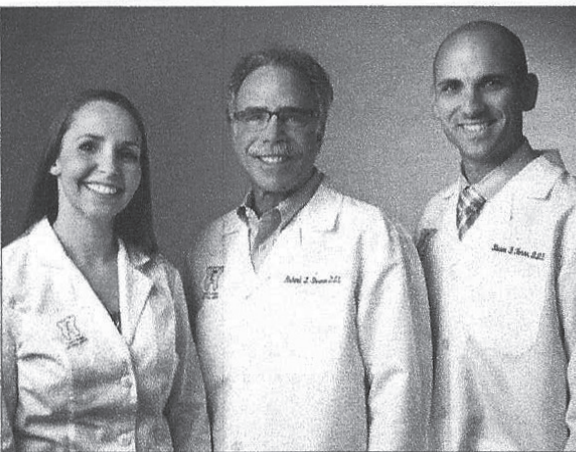
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Trolley would extend to Pepper Canyon Hall. This was incorrect; "Hall" is not part of the name. In addition, The Guardian reported that the City of San Diego administered the TransNet funds. It did not. The San Diego Association of Governments administered the tax.

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Tuesday, Oct. 25

1:21 a.m. Noise Disturbance: Sixth College Residence Halls

Loud talking.

Referred to Student Conduct.

2:22 a.m. Noise Disturbance: The Village East, Building 1

Adult male singing loudly.

Will cooperate.

9:10 p.m. Medical Aid: Pangea Parking Structure

Adult male fell by unknown means, causing him to hit his head.

Transported to hospital.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

1:38 a.m. Information: The Village West, Building 7

Two separate blue lights out on emergency tower phones.

Information only.

4:10 a.m. Medical Aid: North Mesa Apartments

Toddler having difficulty breathing

Transported to hospital.

6:57 a.m. Welfare Check: Gilman Dr./La Jolla Village Dr.

Subject with pink blanket.

Field interview.

9:51 a.m. Citizen Contact: UCSD Police Department

Report of disturbance with

housemate, possible gun involved,

subjects live off campus. Checks OK.

9:51 p.m. Citizen Contact: UCSD Police Department

Upsetting mass email sent by grad

student. Report taken.

1:21 p.m. Disturbance - Argument: Preuss School

Report of student being disruptive,

trying to start a fight with another

student and not following assistant

principals commands. Report taken.

1:28 p.m. Welfare Check: Lot 705

Juvenile child screaming inside vehicle with adult female.

Checks OK.

9:12 p.m. Drunk in Public: Genesee Ave./Campus Point Dr.

Possibly intoxicated adult male;

subject on corner coming in and out

of bushes. Unable to locate.

9:21 p.m. Suspicious Person: Lot 705

Checking on party bus. Report taken.

Thursday, Oct. 27

2:24 p.m. Medical Aid: Goody's

Young adult female passed out after

giving blood. Service provided.

4:30 p.m. Drunk Driving: Matthews Ln

Adult male hanging around

in loading dock area, appears

intoxicated, blocking street with

vehicle and driving around in circles.

Field interview.

4:56 p.m. Medical Aid: Peterson Hall

Adult male fell over while sitting

on bench, hit head and lost

consciousness.

Transported to hospital.

5:03 p.m. Injury: Student Health Services

Female fell off skateboard causing

injuries to face.

Transported to hospital.

9:45 p.m. Found Narcotics: Geisel Library

Found marijuana.

Marijuana impounded.

11:41 p.m. Injury: Mayer Hall

Two females fell off skateboards and

hit their heads.

Transported to hospital.

— JACKY TO
Managing Editor

Burkart: We are Not Far From Producing Biofuels at Larger Scale

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raising awareness.

“Our group at Cal-CAB and others have already demonstrated that algae biofuels are feasible, and we are not very far away technologically from implementing them on a large scale,” Burkart stated.

The final speaker of the event was Dr. Jane Teranes, who spoke of student involvement and education in all things related to climate change and how it will affect them in the future.

“UCSD graduates too many students without an understanding of climate change in their lifetime,”

she stated during her presentation. “Addressing climate change is going to take a whole range of skillsets and will need the talents of all students, regardless of their major, from engineers to design technical solutions, to social scientists and the humanities to address the political, social and human dimensions of this problem.”

One of the educational methods that Dr. Teranes helped to implement was the incorporation of “topics of climate change into existing classes, as a low cost and effective way to infuse climate change into the existing curriculum.”

The overall theme of this event

each time it is held is the same: Climate change and the preservation of the planet are increasingly becoming a topic of concern for the rising generation. SIO and other campus organizations and labs aim to get more students informed and involved in the issues that will come to define much of their lives.

“To any students reading this, I say loudly — get involved with research. We need your help to make the world a better place,” Burkart told the UCSD Guardian.

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UCSD Ranks Behind Only UCLA and UC Berkeley in the UC System

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in the world for the number of academic publications that are among the 10 percent most cited; 16th for the number of highly cited papers that are among the top one percent most cited; and 32nd for global research reputation.

As for other UC campuses, only UC Berkeley, ranked fourth, and UCLA, ranked 10th, preceded UCSD in the

rankings report. UC Santa Barbara came in 24th place, with UC Santa Cruz following in 27th, UC Davis in 42nd and UC Irvine in 65th. In a steep drop, the 113th ranked UC Riverside and 687th ranked UC Merced were represented at the bottom of the list.

“U.S. universities do especially well in the Best Global Universities rankings because they place an enormous emphasis on academic research — a key factor in our methodology

since these are indicators that can be compared globally,” said Robert Morse, chief data strategist at U.S. News & World Report.

The top three spots, in order, went to Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Stanford University.

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Brunk: Interdisciplinary Approach Should Bring Interesting Findings

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the second discovery which led to the finding of chromosome translational pausing.

“On a different level, we’re still using the genome scale model but in a totally different way,” Brunk said. “We pair the genomes to the model with structural biology — crystal structure of proteins — and run profiling data to make sense of chromosome pausing.”

The researchers found a correlation in protein translation where the ribosome pauses to make certain structural features, which is essential to that protein’s function.

Brunk said that their findings should be indicative of a paradigm shift in biology toward a more interdisciplinary approach.

“It’s one of the first times a lot of different fields come together — we’re making use of systems biology,

we’re making use of methods in computational biology but also structural biology and omics data information,” Brunk said. “That’s one of the implications of this method — these different approaches can be integrated and that should bring about very interesting findings once they’re integrated together.”

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Fans of Stephen King's "It" may have foreseen this past month's dramatic rise in clown-related pranks. What no one expected was the dangerous side of the phenomenon.

Once every three decades, Pennywise the Dancing Clown, a primordial manifestation of evil, reemerges to feast on children and bask in humanity's fear. At least, that was the premise of Stephen King's classic novel "It," published in September 1986. How appropriate that exactly 30 years later, hundreds of menacing clown sightings have suddenly come in from people around the world?

One can track the "patient zero" of this year's rash of evil clowns to an August sighting in Greenville, South Carolina. By early October, incidents were reported in Canada, UK and Australia. The phenomenon grew exponentially throughout October, eventually reaching nearly every U.S. state, nine provinces of Canada, and 18 countries across Europe, Oceania, and the Americas.

Some have suggested this began

as a viral marketing campaign for the upcoming film adaptation of the novel "It," set to be released next year. Others think the originators were simply dedicated Stephen King fans who knew the lore of Pennywise

"Because some hooligans in clown clothes took a prank too far and some reactionary civilians responded to fear with violence, the hysteria will only escalate until we reexamine our own role in this phenomena and decide how best to stop perpetuating it."

and started the prank in homage. Regardless of original intent, the clown sightings quickly became a meme both on the internet and in other mass media, spreading the news of yet another ridiculous testament to

a ridiculous year.

Its memetic fame on the internet propelled the clown sightings into a global context, practically inviting more people to participate. Due to the extent of our social networks,

in a process some call Stand Alone Complex — emergent copycat behavior with no coordinated planning — can create the illusion of mass-concerted effort. The world's interconnectedness via media has led

enough people to independently dress up as evil clowns to the extent that a worldwide clown army has formed with no centralized structure.

Unfortunately, this army has not had solely benign motives. In California alone, a clown tried to abduct an infant, while others were spotted brandishing kitchen knives and, in one case, a gun, and several schools were disrupted by "clown-related threats." These range from elementary schools all the way to colleges like Cal State Northridge and UC Davis, where a clown harassed students with an unidentified weapon, according to campus news sources.

Elsewhere in the country, altercations between clowns and civilians have led to arrests and physical fights. Ordinary criminals have also taken advantage of the

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Refugees Welcome

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The Syrian war began in 2011, but the conflict began long ago with the Arab Spring. These rebellions achieved success in many countries, but the government did not yield in Syria, beginning the Civil War that still continues. Two years ago, the Islamic State, taking advantage of Syria's political weakness, spread across the country. Syrian President Bashar al-Assad asked for help from the U.S., but was ignored. This situation was not the best for the country, but it was America's passivity which brought an opportunity to jihadists to have even more power and weapons.

Since the resulting Syrian War began, almost five million Syrians escaped from their country and became refugees. These people are doctors, teachers and scientists, even if not depicted as such a diverse group by the media at large. More so, they are not running away because they want to improve their economic situation. They are escaping from death.

There are more than 4.5 million Syrian refugees in just five countries: Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. These countries have a rent per capita of less than \$6,000 on average, while the USA has \$55,000. So if here, where the rent per capita is more than nine times greater, how many refugees is the U.S. welcoming? Unfortunately, the answer is no more than 10,000, or 250 times less than Turkey, according to Amnesty International data.

The United States has always been a referent of immigration. If it is the land of opportunities, as it claims to be, the United States should reach out to these refugees.

Canada is a great example of a country that is doing its best. Justin Trudeau promised that if he became prime minister of Canada, the country would accept 25,000 Syrian refugees. In April, Canada announced it would surpass that number, committed to accepting more than 38,000 refugees. It has become the country with the most refugees relative to the distance to Syria. Germany is the only western country with more refugees, but its distance to Syria is far smaller.

So what should we do to help refugees? First of all, we must ask our politicians to take action, to increase the number of refugees accepted and to help Syrian rebels finish the war. In doing so, it is important to be informed. Reading about the Syrian War is crucial. It is necessary to be conscious of a problem in order to start changing it.

But students' involvement can easily begin on a local level by donating either time or resources to the large refugee population in El Cajon, as some students have already begun to do. It is said that the best thing to donate to refugees is a car, as it helps tremendously with transportation for the sake of groceries and children's education. While this is not a realistic contribution for students, there are a lot of nongovernmental organizations working with Syrian refugees. You can donate blankets and clothes in various drives held on campus. If you want to know more, you can contact Refugee Connections, a UCSD student organization on campus.

But do not forget the most important thing: Do not pretend this is not happening.

OP-ED

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Teamsters, Researchers Play Hunger Games with UC Contract Talks

Outside the headquarters of the University of California in Oakland, researchers Peter Dreier and Megan Bomba sat alongside two officials of Teamsters Local 2010. Behind them: signs that read "UC: Pay Workers Enough to LIVE."

The Teamsters local is negotiating with the university system over clerical and administrative support salaries. Part of the union's campaign is to persuade outsiders that the UC's hardest-working employees are going to bed hungry — and likely showing up at work that way.

Hence the presence of Dreier and Bomba, researchers at Occidental College's Urban & Environmental Studies Institute. The pair had just finished Exhibit A in the Teamsters campaign, a study that finds a remarkable 70 percent of University of California clerical and support staff are "food insecure" — lacking access to food at some point in a year.

That 70-percent finding is about 5.5 times the rate of food insecurity among all California households — more remarkable because UC's Clerical and Allied Services Unit

earns 47 percent above the median Californian individual income, \$46,583 compared to \$31,587.

Beneath those extraordinary numbers are some elementary research problems. Dreier and Bomba used an abbreviated six-question survey to measure food security rather than the 18-question survey the U.S. Department of Agriculture recommends. According to the USDA, the six-question survey is "less precise and somewhat less reliable than the 18-item measure" and "does not measure the most severe levels of food insecurity."

The report's methodology is troubling in other ways. The authors acknowledge that their 2,890 respondents volunteered to take the survey online. That raises the possibility that those who responded were overwhelmingly (and unscientifically) attracted by questions about hunger. That's called "self-selection," and there is no evidence the researchers accounted for a non-random sample.

Translation: The shorter survey and self-selection may have biased the

results to overreport food insecurity.

The Teamsters have used this sort of science to produce political findings before. A previous study requested by Teamsters Local 2010 from the Economic Policy Institute estimated that 93 percent of UC clerical workers do not earn enough to cover a basic family budget. The study was built on the assumption of a one-parent and one-child household, though it's not clear that that is representative of UC clerical worker households.

Food insecurity is a real problem, and the researchers correctly point out the negative effects it has on well-being. There is no doubt that single-parent households face significant strain. But it is not clear why UC clerical workers suffer from food insecurity more than five times the average Californian while making above the individual median income. Studies that are methodologically flawed to overestimate the problem do a disservice to those who are actually going hungry.

If the study's findings are correct, they raise a question the researchers

did not ask: Why can't University of California support staff afford to eat? The answers may be related to other trends: The UC system has increased the number of high-paying administrative positions by 60 percent over the past decade. At the same time, UC students have seen an increase in tuition of over 200 percent since 2000. These hikes make college less affordable for students who, in a separate study, report high levels of food insecurity.

At least one UC official said the timing of Dreier and Bomba's report is suspicious, coming as it does during contract negotiations with Teamsters Local 2010. "I'm not surprised to see these kinds of things sort of planted, if you will, to affect the collective bargaining process," a university regent said.

A recent California Policy Center study found that UC Berkeley's pay distribution is more unequal than Haiti, the world's most unequal country. Many administrators and professors make six-figure annual salaries — including, ironically, those in Cal's Center for Equitable Growth.

WORLDFRONT WINDOW By David Juarez



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clown scare by disguising themselves as clowns during burglaries and robberies. In response, students and civilians on college campuses in Texas, Indiana, Pennsylvania and New York have formed “Anti-Clown Armies” to go on “clown hunts,” wielding weapons like baseball bats and even guns.

Not all the clowns have had violent intentions, but because some have, police and wary civilians react more severely across the board despite no actual affiliation between violent and nonviolent clowns across state and country borders. In one case in Kentucky, a man shot in the direction of a woman walking her dog because he mistook her for a clown. Many people already deal with the fear of

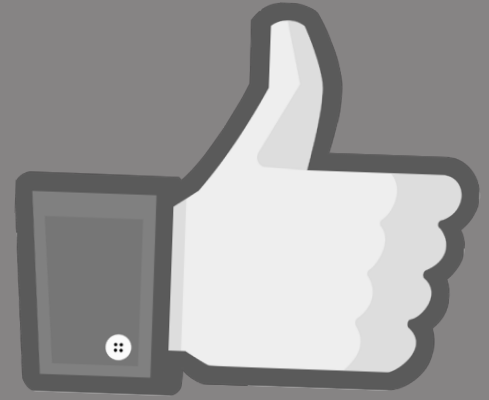
clowns — coulrophobia — or at least feel uncomfortable to some degree because clowns in masks or heavy makeup fall into the “uncanny valley” of seeming human enough for us to assign motives but too inhuman to read these motives.

Professional clowns outside of 2016’s evil clown surge must now bear exacerbated stigma against all clowns, an unjustified one that impacts real livelihoods. The World Clown Association has condemned the fad and the “evil clown” trope in general for misrepresenting what clowns do. McDonald’s has reportedly sidelined Ronald McDonald, their clown mascot of over 50 years, due to the “current climate around clown sightings” according to McDonald’s spokeswoman Terry Hickey.

Because some hooligans in clown clothes took a prank too far and some reactionary civilians responded to fear with violence, the hysteria will only escalate until we reexamine our own role in this phenomena and decide how best to stop perpetuating it. Target and other companies have scaled back their sales of clown costumes and paraphernalia, often at the behest of police despite the fact that the clown craze has increased sales. In all, the Great Clown Scare of 2016 may have started with harmless intent, but via mass media, the trend spread rapidly to a massive scale, affecting the economy, law and order, and people’s lives.

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One-on-One with a Student Veteran at UCSD

On Transitions, Challenges, & Successes

Written by Noam Lead // Staff Writer

Known for its honorable character, the student veteran community at UCSD is comprised of some of the most diverse and experienced students on campus. Their status makes them unique, but it also comes with a considerable number of challenges.

The UCSD Guardian sat down with Matthew Muse, former president of the Student Veterans Organization, in order to get an inside look at the Student Veterans Resource Center and some of the issues the community faces.

A Difficult Transition: From School to Service and back to School Once More

Muse joined the navy right out of high school in 2006, serving two years in Guam. He came back to San Diego in 2008 and served on active duty for three years. Once off active duty, he started going to school at Grossmont and joined the reserves, which he is still a part of today.

“When you transition from high school to college, you get used to never having a break — school year round,” Muse told the UCSD Guardian. “But once you’re done with school and you start working it’s a different story. Our average work day ranges from 12 to 16 hours. [You] come in at 4:30, 5:00 in the morning and leave at 6:00 at night, but then when you get off, you’re off. And you don’t talk or think about work again. You think, ‘Man, I left school but this sucks.’”

Muse became an avionics technician in the navy and decided to later pursue electrical engineering at UCSD. He transferred in 2014.

“By the time you get here — because very few people leave community college and just start at the university, almost all of us are transfers — you think to yourself, ‘OK, calculus. I haven’t done calculus in what, eight years?’” Muse said. “You experience this at the community college level too. I mean some of them, that’s why they joined the military. Either high school grades were bad or wide range of differing family lives. [Still], some got full rides and wanted to join the military anyways. But when you leave an academic setting for so long, it’s hard to come back.”

Dealing with Age: Negotiating Age Difference at UCSD

A lot of veterans are much older than the average student on campus — or even the teaching assistants. They range from ages 27 to 35, an age difference that comes with its own set of advantages and disadvantages.

“Being older is kind of a catch 22 because you get a better idea of what you want to do in life, and you get more mature in the sense that you got a little bit of the partying out of your system,” Muse said. “We definitely still party, but you rationally and objectively manage your time better. If you were to look at veteran attendance in non-mandatory sessions or discussions it’s probably in the 90th percentile. They’re usually the first ones in the class and normally sit in the front. Their maturity allows them to take advantage of their resources, and a lot of great things come out of that.”

At the same time student veterans often feel as though their age can be an impediment at a four-year university.

“You often feel like Billy Madison in class since you’re much older than everyone else, and when you transfer here, you only have two years,” Muse stated. “It’s tougher to build rapport with your professor and get an internship in comparison to someone who’s been here for five years. You lose a little bit there.”

Helping This Transition: Developments

The SVRC has been open for about two years, but most veterans are still quite disconnected from one another. According to Muse they’re just starting to build a stronger bond.

“When I was the president, one big thing I tried to get people to do was come in here and utilize the amount of student [veterans] we have on campus, which is about 1,000 people,” Muse discussed. “The first year it was strictly veterans, [but] then we started to encourage people to bring in study partners or groups. Now we’re starting to see people who are not veterans at all. A lot of the time they’re older students like us so they just feel like they connect with people here. I think this allowed a lot of the veterans to lose the mentality of ‘These civilians, I can’t stand them’ or, ‘These kids, I can’t stand them.’ So it’s really been a good thing in terms of transition and socialization, if you will.”

Drawbacks: A Lot of Work Still Needs to be Done.

Although progress has been made in regard to the SVRC connecting student veterans, there are still quite a few challenges facing the veteran community at UCSD.

Housing

All the other UC campuses allow their veteran students to apply for regular, relatively cheap grad housing, but that isn't the case with UCSD. UCSD provides family housing for those who are married or with kids, but veterans who are single have to find a place off campus, which tends to be expensive, or choose to live in the Village, which has its own set of problems.

"Living on campus is an option, and you could go back to sharing a room, but the military is a lot like your first couple years of college in regards to the dorms," Muse described. "You have to live in the highly inspected barracks and you share a bedroom with somebody. So to go back to a room sharing thing is a pretty big regression on its own. You're also 28 and sharing a room with someone who's 18 or 19. In the barracks if you had friends who were underage or your roommate was underage, you couldn't have alcohol in there. If you gave it to somebody who was underage or they took it without your knowledge it's still your fault. You were almost always caught, and that was the end of your career. It's an instilled fear that translates over to living on campus as a student veteran. When I was president of the Student Veterans Organization, we were trying to get regular grad housing. It hasn't been completely worked out yet, but it's in the right process."

Child Care

About half of the student veteran population has children, but the waiting list at the school for child care is about two to three years. By the time you get accepted, you've already graduated.

"I don't know how to fix this one, so I rarely bring that one up, but it's a big deal to a lot of people because it's discouraging if you want to live by the campus," Muse said. "If your kids are school age, that's great, there's some great schools here, but if they're pre-school age, well that's horrible because the most expensive day cares in the city are all here in La Jolla. So then you have to fight traffic to drop them off elsewhere. There needs to be some type of access, especially for student veterans with disabilities, so that they can be prioritized into these services."

Working with the VA

A lot of student veterans working with the VA Hospital are still getting treatment and have the benefit of the VA Hospital being right here on campus. That being said, there are major complications in regards to timing.

"We have everything ranging from veterans who need brain surgery to those injured from explosives to a lady who jumped out of a helicopter and broke both of her ankles," Muse stated. "She constantly will make it [to] week seven, week eight, and then the VA will call and say, 'You have surgery next week.' Their issues with the VA are their own, but they're at least common knowledge enough to say, 'Well, if I don't take the one [appointment] that's next week then I don't get to have this surgery for another year maybe.' Many [student veterans] end up having to drop all their classes or take incompletes."

Positive Steps Forward: The SVRC on Accessibility and Diversity

The Student Veterans Organization has worked hard to make more resources accessible for students with disabilities at the SVRC.

"We know that veterans are not statistically self-help seekers," Muse explained. "And we know that if we bring in counselors, representatives and all the services that the school provides, they can and will get help. In addition, whether it's through a veteran organization general body meeting and we bring in financial aid, or through what we call 'feast with friendlies' where we bring different departments out and they get free food, we are continuously trying to promote more interaction and seek new connections."

The Student Veterans Organization hopes these connections will result in new resources for the SVRC. Already, the SVRC has been able to create a diverse space of comradery and positivity.

"The resource center brings students together and creates coalitions of students," Muse said. "If you were to go into that room you would see people from arts and humanities majors to those in the STEM fields. You would think they were all working on homework together because one person will stand at the white board trying to figure something out and then randomly another person will help or correct him. You know, we have this giant Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion requirement here, and this is a place you really get to see that come to life. I mean there's not many places where you see every race represented, every sexual orientation represented and many different languages represented. It's amazing, you really get a good petri dish of what DEI actually means, and it's here."

FLYING SAMARITANS

WRITTEN BY OLIVER KELTON//
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Located a mere 40 miles from our university, Baja California is often seen by UCSD students as a place to kick back, relax and go bar hopping. A few, however, decide to go to our southern neighbor for a more noble purpose. Called the Flying Samaritans, this diverse group of eager-to-help college students and medical professionals visits a clinic serving a community near Ensenada, Mexico once a month to provide free supplemental health care to those in need. Co-President Jennifer Corona, an Eleanor Roosevelt College senior, sat down with the UCSD Guardian to explain what her organization does and why she's passionate about its cause.

Q: What does Flying Samaritans do?

A: Flying Samaritans is a nonprofit organization, so we have a chapter here on campus like a lot of other schools do. Really what we do is provide free health care to a community in Ensenada — what we call the Chapultepec region of Ensenada. What we do is we bring down volunteers, and we bring down providers. The providers vary a lot: It could be a physician, it could be a dentist, it could be a physician's assistant. We come and we do consults for the people who sign up to take one. We show up, and there'll be a list of people we need to see. We do patient histories, vitals, labs, then we leave them to the doctor and we prescribe medications. It's like one-day trips, we'll leave really early in the morning like 6:30 and we usually get back sometime like 10 at night.

Q: What is the history of Flying Samaritans?

A: The club actually was started in 2000 here at UCSD and then 2001 is when we had our first clinic trip, so it took like a whole year to get started. Just as you can imagine, to get people to come down with you, to get everything organized, just to come to fruition took about a whole year. We've been at the same clinic site for like 15, 16 years now, since 2001. When it started out, there's like this dramatic story that our old co-president would like to tell about how the very first president of Flying Sams had to defend herself. This was one of the first chapters that was going to be started at a college campus, and Flying Samaritans International as an organization was almost all adults — adults who were established in careers, and this was something they did on the side as community service because it was their interest. I think her name was Joy, she wanted to start a chapter at UCSD, and in order to do that, she had to sit in front of the board and explain her rationale and explain what exactly she would be doing, what her course of action was, and these people berated her. They were questioning her, like they thought she just wanted to go down there so that college students could go drink in Mexico, and she had to be like, 'No, we're doing real, honest, good work here. We are making a difference.' And honestly, I don't understand how they thought we would have time for drinking. We go down at 6:30, we're eating at like 4, we have to drive straight back so we can get back home at a reasonable hour. So there's no time for drinking, and I don't allow it either way.

Q: Personally, what got you involved in Flying Samaritans?

A: I guess my interest was that I have Mexican descent: My parents are from Mexico, and I know that there's kinds of conversations that go on that my generation — like my cousins, my siblings — were sheltered from. So I know that there are people in my family and people in my, I guess, circle, my social circle, that are heavily impacted by disparities in health, their ability to get good healthcare, with their resources and especially if they're undocumented or if they're living in Mexico. And now I know firsthand how broken the system is. I always knew it was something that existed, but it wasn't something that was shared with me because people don't like to talk about it when they're not healthy. People don't like talking about things they're having issues with to their children. They want you to think that everything is good so your life will be good. So I knew that was an issue, and I wanted to be a little more educated on that in a way that I could help sort of hands-on, because I'm selfish like that. I just like to know that there's something I'm doing that can help. It's just something I knew was an issue, but I wanted to be involved so that my education was fully immersive. That's definitely the experience that I have had, which is why I've stayed so long.

Q: What types of students does Flying Samaritans attract?

A: I would say it's a really diverse group, even in the leadership of our board. We'll always look around and we'll say, 'Wow, we're such a diverse group,' because there's people from all different walks of life, and it just attracts all kinds of people. Many speak Spanish and come from Latin backgrounds because we have a lot of opportunities for members who speak Spanish. So you get priority on a trip if you're a fluent Spanish speaker, if you can translate, if you can speak to the patients to take a patient history. Those are the people who get picked for trips often, so they get more of a chance to come see what we do in our element. So I think once you get there to the clinic, you really get invested in the club, so those are the people we get who stay around. But we also have a lot of people who are just trying to dip their feet in. Like, they don't know about these issues or they're starting to learn about them, and they're like, 'Wow, here's an opportunity for me to see it in real life,' and we have all kinds of people. So we also like to tell people, don't feel afraid if you don't speak Spanish; you don't need to. We can teach you whatever phrases you need to know in the car on the way there. Then people are not going to expect you to bust into Spanish conversation with them. Just be open to the experience.

Q: So that's how the language barrier is overcome?

A: We have translators so usually, not every time. When I was a clinic coordinator, since I was a fluent Spanish speaker, my job was to coordinate flow so I would be making sure the patients were getting to each station. I was checking in on the volunteers. The clinic coordinator's purpose is that there's always somebody there waiting to help, so if anybody ever had a question they could call me over. The same goes if the clinic coordinator is not necessarily fluent. Like our public health team is all Spanish speakers so they can pull somebody from that team and be like 'Do you have a minute? This person has a question.' Or you can ask one of the translators in between. A few of our patients that come regularly are actually expats, so they live in Mexico, but they speak complete English. Or some of the students too, if they're the children of the people who come visit us at clinics, they take English classes. It's a really diverse experience; every experience is very diverse. Especially if you get a chance to communicate, even if it's a little bit broken, people are so willing to help you, like they appreciate the fact that you're trying to speak to them. We have a lot of people who come down, they're like, 'I really want to practice my Spanish, so don't speak to me in English.' So all different levels we welcome.

Q: What are your most memorable experiences with Flying Samaritans?


A: I remember once, there were women who worked there and then it's just kind of memorable for me because I'm very fair-skinned, and I don't appear like someone from my background, so there were these two women and we were speaking to one of our public health officers, who speaks fluent Spanish, and they asked us something. I responded to them and they were surprised that I spoke Spanish, so they started asking me a lot of questions like where my family was from and what my background was. Then, after that, they asked me like why I was interested in doing this, and I got to tell them a little bit about why my motivation is still to be here and why I really care about being in their community. When we got into that particular aspect of the conversation, they were so receptive to that, and they were so proud of us, so happy that this experience is something that you really take to heart. They were happy that we were bringing down all these students so they could see and interact with them and the people around them, so that was for me really nice just to get a little bit of gratitude but also to feel like I was having a back and forth. Like I wasn't there just providing a service, I was explaining why I cared, and they knew that someone cared.

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3pm OAXACA GLOBAL SEMINAR INFO SESSION - STUDENT CENTER B 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM 2

Meet Professor Abigail Andrews and learn about the courses and excursions for the Migration and Globalization in Mexico Global Seminar. We will also discuss financial aid, scholarships, and the application process. Contact: globalseminar@ucsd.edu

6:45pm UNIVERSITY CENTERS PRESENTS: TRIT'N FRIGHT'N FILM FEST - PRICE CENTER

Featured Films: THE LOFT 7:00pm - A Nightmare on Elm Street - Cringe in your seat as Freddy Krueger invades his victim's dreams in this Wes Craven classic. 9:30pm - The Conjuring - Uncover the mysterious presence lurking in the secluded farmhouse, before the paranormal investigators do. PC THEATRE - 7:00pm - Ghostbusters - Who you gonna call? Join Bill Murray and his fellow parapsychology professors in their ghostly hunt. 9:30pm - Beetlejuice - Get sucked into Michael Keaton's character as the rambunctious spirit in this 1980's tale. SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY: Scott Paulson and the Teeny-Tiny Pit Orchestra - Come to The Loft at 6:30pm to catch a silent film production the Los Angeles Times is calling "An out-of-the-ordinary cinematic experience". Contact: ucenmarketing@ucsd.edu

THU 11.03

7:30pm DUMBFOUNDEAD & MARK REDITO WITH DVC - PC BALLROOM EAST

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1pm R&R SQUAD - THE ZONE, PC PLAZA

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5pm PATHS TO PHDS: HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY APPLY TO GRADUATE SCHOOL - ART SPACE ROOM, CROSS CULTURAL CENTER, PC EAST

Interested in graduate school? The UCSD Psychology Department is holding an informational panel, "Paths to PhDs", on November 1 at 5 PM at the Cross Cultural Center in Price Center. Graduate student representatives from Experimental Psychology, Clinical Psychology, and Neuroscience PhD programs will discuss the ins and outs of choosing and successfully applying to graduate programs. Pizza and refreshments will be served. This panel is open to any and all undergraduate students that may be interested in pursuing graduate studies at the doctoral level. Sponsored by the Cross Cultural Center and the UCSD Psi Chi Club.

5pm GRANADA GLOBAL SEMINAR INFO SESSION - LITERATURE BUILDING 155

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SAT 11.05

2pm DE-STRESS WITH BIOFEEDBACK - THE ZONE, PC PLAZA

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SUN 11.06

8am UCSD FENCING - BLADERUNNER DAY 2 - RIMAC ARENA

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Soccer Heads to Turlock as the No. 1 Seed on Friday Afternoon

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Pomona, and grabbed two late goals to stun the Broncos 1-2 and win the title.

Game 1 vs. San Bernardino

At Cal State San Bernardino, the Tritons came into the match rolling on an eight-game win streak, and extending the streak to nine looked probable. However, their 1-0 lead turned into a 1-3 second-half deficit for the Tritons in the span of eight minutes. Consequently, the streak halted and gave UCSD its second loss of the season. For Cal State San Bernardino, the crucial win kept the team's playoff hopes alive.

Perhaps not the most entertaining match in the first half, the first shot of the game took nearly 24 minutes. However, the 0-0 match at halftime would not let down in the second half as a fury of goals made for an outstanding finish.

Redshirt junior forward Malek Bashti put the Tritons on the board, scoring his third goal of the season in the 55th minute after senior forward Sam Palano assisted the play for an easy finish into the right corner of the net. All looked to be comfortable up to that point, but then a penalty decision shifted the momentum to the home side.

Cal State San Bernardino converted the spot kick and leveled the match at one apiece in the 75th minute. Seven minutes later, the Coyotes gained the lead through a deflected pass that ended past the keeper. A mere 23 seconds had passed when Cal State San Bernardino put the game to bed with a third goal to earn a 3-1 victory to upset the Tritons.

With the loss, UCSD found itself in a must-win scenario against Cal Poly Pomona in Saturday's match to claim the conference title. A loss would drop the Tritons to third in the conference. The ultimate road test was upon the Tritons.

Game 2 vs. Cal Poly Pomona

UCSD and Cal Poly Pomona entered the match with an identical 8-2-1 conference record, meaning the winner of this match determined the CCAA conference champion. The drama-filled match would be historic at the end as the Tritons fought themselves back from a 1-0 deficit with 15 minutes remaining in the match to seal their first-ever conference title in their 17-year history in the CCAA.

There were plenty of shots in the first half; however, neither team could break the deadlock with their efforts on goal. UCSD held an 8-5 shot advantage in the half, including four shots on target.

The Broncos put themselves on the board first in the 75th minute as they were gifted a penalty decision, due to a supposed handball on the Tritons off a cross. Junior forward Luis Najera Jr. stepped up for Pomona and calmly put the ball in the left corner for a crucial 1-0 lead.

At this point, anyone watching knew it would be an uphill battle for the Tritons to send the match to extra time, let alone win.

Yet, the drama continued in the 85th minute when senior midfielder Justice Duerksen took on a defender toward the left side of the 18-yard box and, consequently, was brought down. Just as he did 10 minutes prior, the referee pointed to the spot. With all the pressure on Duerksen's shoulders,

he stepped up to take the penalty. He shot to his right, but Pomona junior goalkeeper Jason Trejos, read the shot and saved the goal, though the ball bounced nicely to the middle where Duerksen assured a 1-1 score.

Five minutes remained, but surely the Tritons would not be able to snatch the title in the dying minutes of the match. Or would they?

As if it was written in the stars, in the 89th minute the Tritons earned a corner, and Duerksen sent the ball into the six-yard box. Trejos came off his line to punch the ball out; however, the ball fell to sophomore midfielder Christian Cordell who incredibly gave UCSD a 2-1 lead with his fifth goal of the season.

Even then, the drama did not end. Pomona found the back of the net off a rebound, but the goal did not stand as the linesman ruled the goal effort offside. It was the Broncos' last effort to send the match to extra time.

Meanwhile, Cordell and the rest of the Tritons celebrated the final whistle in an incredible match. Most importantly, they celebrated the first CCAA conference championship in the history of the school.

UCSD's season does not end here, however. With the win, the team earned the number-one seed in the CCAA conference tournament this upcoming week, meaning a first-round bye and automatic bid in the semifinals. The Tritons will face the winner of the Cal State San Bernardino and Chico State matchup on Friday, Nov. 4 at 1:30 p.m. Semifinal and championship matches are all played at Warrior Stadium in Turlock, CA.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Disappointing Finish on Senior Night for Women's Volleyball

Despite a two sets to one lead, women's volleyball loses in five sets and looks ahead to playing Cal Poly Pomona on the road next Friday after falling to 12-10.

BY ANTHONY TZENG
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UCSD women's volleyball team won one and lost one last weekend in conference matches. The Tritons played against Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State San Bernardino Friday and Saturday night, respectively. The matchups culminated in a 3-1 topple over the Broncos and a 2-3 fall against the 18th-ranked Coyotes. The two contests also pushed UCSD to an overall 12-10 record and 9-5 in California Collegiate Athletic Association.

UCSD 3, CPP 1

Friday night's game against the Broncos was truly a *deja vu* moment for the third-place Tritons. Like their first encounter on Oct. 15, UCSD again beat CPP 3-1. And similar to their first matchup, senior outside hitter Meagan Wright led the team in kills and digs. Wright finished Friday night's game with 13 kills and 17 digs, making it her 15th double-double of the season.

The four sets tallied scores of 25-21, 21-25, 25-18 and 25-20 in favor of UCSD. Freshman outside hitter Jessyca Beksa, sophomore outside hitter Morgan Kissick and junior middle blocker Rebecca Seaberry each contributed with nine kills of their own. The Tritons were also more efficient in hitting, having a .232 (53-181-151) to the Broncos' .171 (57-28-170).

Cal Poly Pomona's high error count was its downfall. The Broncos made an abominable 28 errors throughout the game, compared to the Tritons' 18.

UCSD 2, CSUSB 3

UCSD's final home game was a heartbreaker as the unranked Tritons almost upset the first-place Coyotes. Prior to the fourth set, UCSD held a 2-1 lead. However, San Bernardino came back and was able to force a fifth set. From there, momentum carried the Coyotes to victory and cemented their first-place standing in the Southern CCAA division.

The Tritons' defense fell apart during the fifth set, allowing the Coyotes to score several chunks of three and four points. By match point, UCSD trailed a staggering 6-14. A late-effort rally, in which the Tritons scored four points in a row, was supported by a service ace from Beksa and a kill from freshman opposite hitter Simone Frolely. However, their efforts were in vain as San Bernardino sealed the game with a final kill.

UCSD was outplayed the entire match after summoning a .170 (59-28-182) to the Coyotes' .238 (68-23-189). However, Wright, Seaberry and Beksa all managed to post double-digit kills. Wright again led the team with 17 digs and garnered her 16th double-double of the season.

The Tritons' 10th loss of the season was their last home game of the season. They will travel to Chico and Turlock next week before playing their final match of the regular season at Cal State San Marcos. The loss also signified the final career home games for Wright and senior outside hitter Shaelyn Perez.

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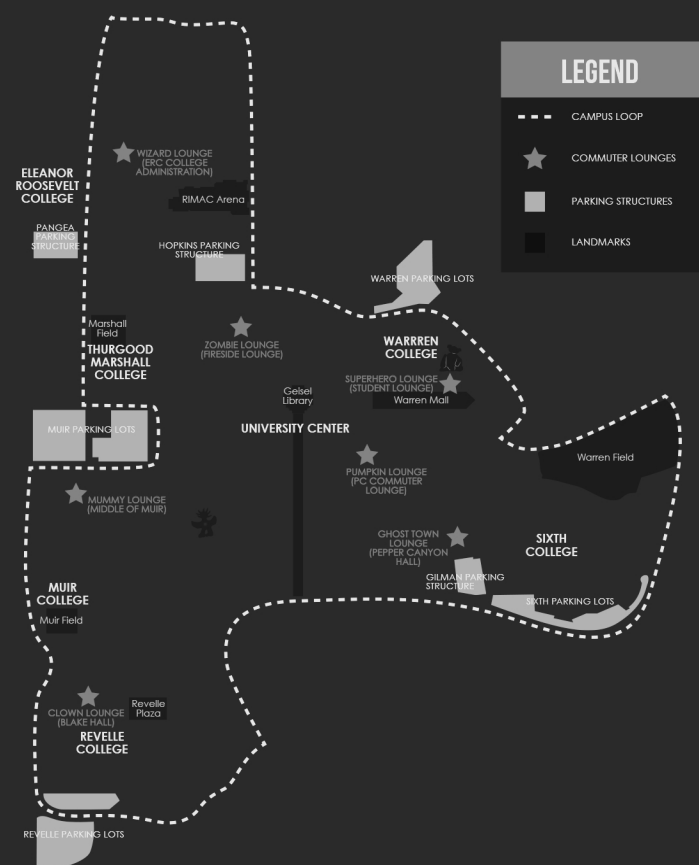
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W. Soccer	11/4	7 PM	AT Turlock

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tritons Finish Perfect in CCAA

UCSD compiles the first unbeaten season in the CCAA since 1998 and enters the postseason tournament as the 1 seed.

by Dev Jain // Senior Staff Writer

The UCSD women's soccer team won its ninth CCAA title with a 1-0 win over Cal State Bernardino. They only needed to tie to win the crown but held on

for the victory at Premier Field. The only goal of the game was scored by junior defender Aimee Ellis in the 59th minute. It is UCSD's first CCAA title

since the team won it in 2012. With the win, the Tritons improve their record to 15-2 overall, earning their 12th-straight victory. UCSD was one win away from having a

perfect record in CCAA play. The Coyotes fell to 8-6-1 overall and 7-3-1 in league contests. Third place Cal State San Bernardino had the conference's second longest win streak at six games and was 7-0-1 in its last eight games.

The Tritons broke the tie in the 58th minute when Ellis scored her first collegiate goal with a strike into the right corner from 15 yards. That goal was all the Tritons needed. UCSD took 10 shots in the first half of the game. The Coyotes' senior goalkeeper Megan Vina made five saves to keep the score at zero. Vina was the CCAA player of the week thanks to two straight shutouts on the road. Redshirt senior goalkeeper Itzel Gonzalez had one save for the Tritons and earned her ninth clean sheet and league-leading 13th.

Cal Poly Pomona

The eighth-ranked Tritons scored two goals to overcome a 1-0 deficit to beat Cal Poly Pomona 2-1 Saturday at Kellogg Field. The win means that the Tritons went a perfect 12-0 in conference play. It is the first time a team has gone undefeated in CCAA play since Sonoma State went 14-0 in 1998. This also marks the first time in UCSD history that the Tritons have gone undefeated in CCAA.

The Tritons improved their record to a stellar 16-2 with a 13-game winning streak. Cal Poly fell to 7-6-3 overall and 6-4-2 in CCAA play.

At the 16th minute, the Broncos' senior forward Tori Tappero scored

a right-footed shot from the penalty area that was just out of reach from Gonzalez. It was Tappero's first goal of the season.

The goal ended the Tritons' long shutout streak of nine games and 851 total minutes, both which were the longest since UCSD entered Division II in 2000. It was only the second goal UCSD gave up against a league opponent and the first time it was behind in a league match.

The Tritons finally tied the game in the 63rd minute. Junior forward Katie O'Laughlin drilled a right-footed shot from the right which was saved by Bronco junior goalkeeper Ricki Ives, but the ball fell to sophomore forward Mary Reilly, who tapped it in from the right for her 10th goal of the season.

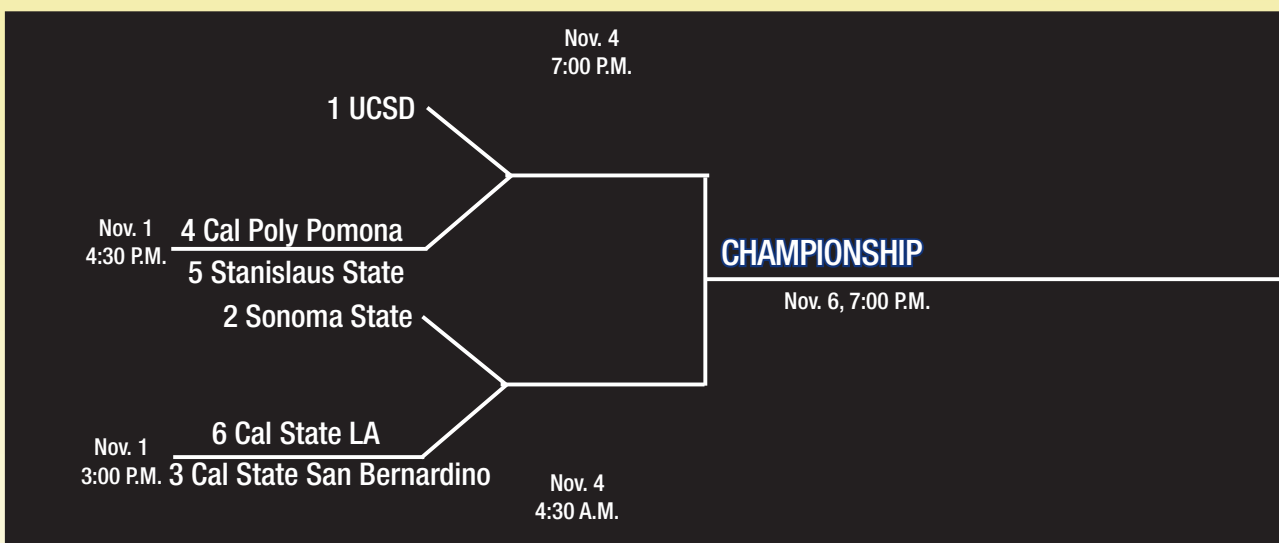
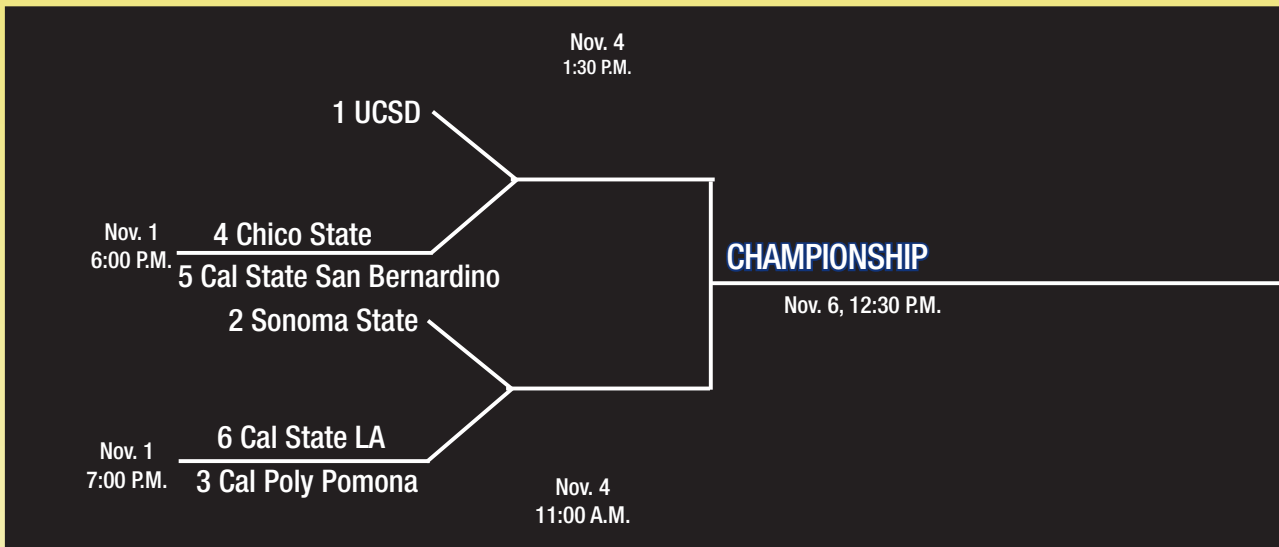
In the 75th, the Tritons were able to take the lead when sophomore midfielder Summer Bales dropped a perfect pass from the right and O'Laughlin drilled a shot into the left corner for her 15th goal of the season.

Gonzalez had one save for the Tritons, and Tappero's goal was the only shot that Cal Poly had in the first half.

UCSD will fly north to Turlock to defend their CCAA tournament title at Cal State Stanislaus on Friday, Nov. 4 as a top seed. The Tritons will await the winner between Cal Poly Pomona and Cal State Stanislaus.

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MEN'S SOCCER

UCSD Comes From Behind to Win First Regular Season Title

After losing out on a chance to clinch the title on Thursday, UCSD secured their first ever title in heroic fashion, beating Cal Poly Pomona's on their turf.

BY DANIEL HERNANDEZ
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

What a weekend it turned out to be for the UCSD men's soccer team, as it won its first-ever California Collegiate Athletic Association championship — but, of course, not

without some drama. Going into the last two matches of the regular season, the Tritons did not have much room for error if they wanted to clinch the conference title. Thursday, UCSD blew a 1-0 second-half lead versus Cal State San Bernardino and lost 1-3. The result leveled the team in the

standings with preseason favorite Cal Poly Pomona, which the Tritons would play on Saturday. The winner of that game would clinch the title. UCSD dug deep in the last five minutes that remained, down 1-0 against Cal Poly

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