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JACOBS SCHOOL City Council Bars Booze from Local Beaches

JACOBS SCHOOL ROLLS OUT WORLD-RECORD SILICON CHIP

Campus engineers develop breakthrough computer chip with revolutionary potential for military technology.

By Christina Homer STAFF WRITER

Scientists at UCSD's Jacobs School of Engineering have developed a first-of-its-kind computer chip that acts as a powerful miniature electronic version of a satellite dish, a discovery that could dramatically improve military applications such as radar and missile tracking.

The device, called a phased array, is a broadcasting or receiving mechanism that contains many small antennas. The signals sent to each of these antennas are delayed, and their phase is shifted in a specific pattern that electronically simulates the signal delay of a physically curved satellite dish.

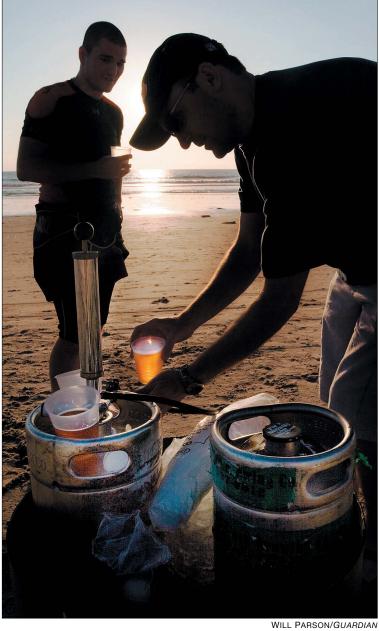
Phased arrays have an advantage over normal antennas because they can selectively receive or broadcast signals in one particular direction. This decreases interference from other signals and increases the speed of data exchange.

The military, which uses phased arrays in radar systems, depends heavily on the speed at which a phased array can electronically "swivel." While tracking a missile, for example, there may be no time to manually turn an antenna.

The chip represents a revolution in phased array technology with its unprecedented complexity and small size.

Until now, phased arrays had mostly been used for military applications because their size — which can be as large as a highway billboard — and million-dollar pricetag made them impractical for commercial purposes.

Working for about a year, two



San Diego residents Scott Koehler (left) and Jesse Bandle enjoy a keg of beer along the shores of Pacific Beach. The San Diego City Council approved a one-year ban of all alcohol at city beaches on Nov. 5.

LOCAL NEWS -

Local officials approve one-year ban on alcohol at all beaches. Ordinance will take effect after second vote next week.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO

By Serena Renner Senior Staff Writer

In response to growing concerns about liberal alcohol policies regulating local beaches, the San Diego City Council voted Nov. 5 to endorse a yearlong ban that would prohibit drinking at the city's beaches, bays and coastal parks.

Councilman Kevin Faulconer, whose district includes Mission, Pacific and Ocean beaches, pressed for a permanent ban but was unable to rally enough council support. City Attorney Michael Aguirre then proposed a one-year trial ban; the compromise passed in a 5-2 vote. Councilman Ben Hueso cast the deciding vote when he switched in favor of the ban last minute, meeting the minimum threshold for passage.

Faulconer began his council tenure opposed to such a regulation, but agreed to establish a Beach Alcohol Task Force to examine the issue further. After eight months, the committee was united on 21 proposals but gridlocked over whether to permit drinking on San Diego shores.

Motives changed after Labor Day, however, when Pacific Beach faced national media attention for a drunken brawl that broke out after a man trying to recover an all-terrain police vehicle from the surf was arrested. Police officers were pelted with beer cans and water bottles by the combative mob, and lifeguards had to shut

Check That Keg

• City Attorney Michael Aguirre proposed a one-year trial ban, which passed 5-2.

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• Councilman Kevin Faulconer was unable to muster support for permanent ban.

SOURCE: SAN DIEGO CITY COUNCIL

down four towers and two stations to assist in stopping the fray. Mace, pepper balls and officers in riot gear finally quelled the unruly crowd.

Faulconer called the event "an embarrassment and a disgrace," and said he never wanted to see such behavior again. He has since been pushing to prohibit drinking at local beaches.

Councilman Tony Young, one of the two councilmembers who voted against the ban, called the move "draconian" and an "overreaction" to one specific incident.

"Most people want to come to the beach, have a good time, have a beer or not have a beer and not commit the terrible acts that opponents are trying to portray," Young said.

He cited the 350,000 people and limited law enforcement present on Labor Day as other major factors along with alcohol — that contributed to the scuffle.

Though similar measures are in place up and down the Southern California coast, La Jolla is currently the only area in San Diego County where alcohol consumption is illegal 24 hours a day.

Mayor Jerry Sanders took middle ground on the issue, proposing that alcohol be barred only on three summer holidays: Memorial Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day, when

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Education Dept. Orders Expansion of College Lender Choices

By Sarah de Crescenzo Contributing Writer

In an effort to curb "deceptive practices" in the \$85-billion-per-year student loan industry, a set of new regulations issued Nov. 1 by the U.S. Department of Education requires colleges and universities to add a minimum of three unaffiliated loan companies to the preferred lender lists they students and parents understand that repayment benefits offered by a "preferred lender" may not remain intact if the loan is later sold to a different lender.

Cuomo also addressed other problematic relationships between academic institutions and lending companies, including financial agreements between schools and lenders such as revenue sharing, referral fees or reciprocal benefits that were second, dubbed the "other approved lender list," contains the remaining five.

The three options on the top-tiered preferred lender list include a large financial institution, a nonprofit lender and a local lender.

To be considered for either list, loan companies must fulfill requirements such as providing personnel and technology to improve loan processing, as well as presenting timely and relevant information to staff and students. Companies looking to be one of three choices on UCSD's preferred lender list must also provide a special electronic service that eliminates paperwork, thus expediting loan processing. De Anda said he sees preferred lender lists as a positive component of financial aid, as long as they are constructed in the best interests of the students. "If done correctly, the list helps students avoid predatory lenders and 'fly-by-night' lenders, who get in and get out with quick profits and won't be there when it is time to service the loan," he said. There has been a marked increase on direct-toconsumer marketing, especially on the Web, and I worry about students and parents obtaining loans

graduate students in the electrical and computer engineering department, Jason May and Kwang-Jin Koh, fit an entire phased array onto a single chip.

Koh, who researches phased arrays for his doctoral thesis, was drawn to work with phased arrays because of the increasing demand for commercial applications, which was hampered only by the tradition of constructing them with many separate chips made from high-cost semiconductors.

May said that fitting the phased array onto one chip makes the

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provide to students.

Effective July 2008, these regulations follow an inquiry of the college loan industry by New York Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, who conducted a nationwide investigation in March into possible corrupt relationships between universities and loan companies. Cuomo found evidence of questionable practices, ranging from stifled competition among the lending industry — resulting in a poor range of loan terms — to discreet financial arrangements between colleges and lenders that enriched loan companies at students' expense.

He then contacted more than 400 colleges and universities nationwide, requesting that they end relationships with lenders that coerce students into entering loan agreements that are not in their best interest, or that may have hidden consequences. Cuomo argued that universities should ensure that

kept secret from potential borrowers.

The UCSD Financial Aid Office offers a list with eight suggestions for loan companies. Though this type of list has been troublesome in the past, UCSD Financial Aid Director Vincent De Anda said he believes that the variety of lenders on the university's list keeps options open for students seeking loans.

"We have done our best to assemble a list of lenders that offer stability and the best terms and service in the industry," he said in an e-mail. "Additionally, the list contains a mixture of different kind of lenders, so that our students have a choice."

The lenders recommended by UCSD are divided into two categories: "tier one" and "tier two." The first, labeled the "preferred lender list," contains three recommended lenders, while the

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CURRENTS UCSD Donors Awarded for Philanthropy

Jerome Katzin, San Diego civic leader and former Qualcomm director, his wife Miriam and Amylin Pharmaceuticals will be honored by the San Diego Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals on Nov. 14 for their contributions in support of UCSD's various campus initiatives.

In celebration of National Philanthropy Day, the Katzins will be presented with the 2007 Outstanding Philanthropist Award at the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

"Being involved with UCSD challenges my intellectual curiosity and keeps me occupied, and I like being with an organization that I regard as worthwhile," Jerome Katzin said in a press release. "It fulfills my life."

Amylin Pharmaceuticals, a company renowned for its continuous commitment to strengthening the community through participation leadership in educational, and civic and cultural initiatives, will receive AFP's 2007 Outstanding Philanthropic Corporation award.

Both Amylin Pharmaceuticals and the Katzins have donated numerous gifts, ranging from student scholarships and fellowships to endowed faculty chairs and academic programming. They are ranked among UCSD's most loyal friends and benefactors.

'By supporting a wide range of science education initiatives at UCSD, Amylin [Pharmaceuticals] is investing in the cultivation of the next round of human capital, a talent pool which is essential to the future of the life science and high tech industries," Amylin Pharmaceuticals spokeswoman Julia Brown said in a press release.

Tau Beta Pi Wins Most **Outstanding Chapter**

UCSD's engineering honor society, Tau Beta Pi, was recently presented with the Robert Clayton Matthews Most Outstanding Chapter Award for its many service activities and social events.

Tau Beta Pi continuously strives to bring students together and encourages interactions with engineering professors through the coordination of both on- and offcampus events. The award is given to one Tau Beta Pi chapter out of 232 chapters across the nation. based on the activities that the chapters host.

The UCSD chapter, open to the top eighth of juniors and top fifth of seniors at the Jacobs School of Engineering, initiated 94 new members and held about 70 events last year, many of which were open to the entire campus.

Its various activities included teaching engineering and science fundamentals to 75 fifth-grade students, tutoring fellow UCSD undergraduates, cleaning local beaches, cooking a Thanksgiving dinner for a needy local family and helping with trail restoration.

We were selected not only because we hold many events throughout the year but also because of the quality of our events," Nadia Cheng, last year's Tau Beta Pi president, said in a press release.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Nov. 2

7:55 a.m.: Domestic violence

► A white female was seen jumping out of a moving vehicle when a white male driver got out of the car to try and push her back inside. The female was last seen running toward Center Hall. 12:44 p.m.: Citizen contact

► A staff member at the Center for Molecular Genetics reported that his coworker had been repeatedly harassed by animal rights activists and feared they would return to look for him.

Saturday, Nov. 3 8:30 a.m.: Suspicious person

► A white male in his 30s wearing glasses and a tan corduroy suit was seen taking components out of a callbox by the Sixth College Apartments. 9:04 p.m.: Medical aid

► A male on Lot 408 reported hives breaking out on his hands and face. 11:33 p.m.: Noise disturbance

► People making loud noises and possibly "building something" were heard from a Miramar Street apartment for three nights in a row.

Sunday, Nov. 4

10:35 p.m.: Suspicious person

► A 5-foot-2-inch Latina female in her 40s was reported as looking into Galbraith Hall windows.

Monday, Nov. 5

5:02 a.m.: Medical aid

► A 21-year-old female at Cuzco Hall required medical assistance for severe abdominal cramps.

8:59 a.m.: Report of vandalism

► A "big anarchy symbol" was reported as painted in the middle of the free speech zone at Price Center. 2:44 p.m.: Missing person

► An 86-year-old white female carrying a large flowered purse was reported as missing. The woman, whose memory is "going," had "been missing before?

8:15 p.m.: Welfare check

► An Asian female on the sixth floor of

Gilman Parking Structure was reported as looking very depressed.

Tuesday, Nov. 6

1:31 p.m.: Lewd act in public

► Two men in the fourth-floor bathroom of Mayer Hall, one taller than the other, were seen performing oral copulation.

8:07 p.m.: Suspicious person

► An Asian male in his 40s was seen going through trash on Miramar Street. Unable to locate.

Wednesday, Nov. 7 11:54 a.m.: Medical aid

► A 22-year-old male at York Hall, suspected of taking psychiatric medication, was found having trouble breathing and speaking incoherently. 7:15 p.m.: Injury

► A male student jumped up and hit his head on a door jam at the Revelle College residence halls, but remained conscious and breathing.

Thursday, Nov. 8

9:15 a.m.: Suspicious person Two people were seen in trees on Expedition Way. Arrest felony.

11:05 a.m.: Medical aid

 A 40-year-old male was having hot flashes at the Matthews Apartments cul-de-sac

2:15 p.m.: General disturbance

► A white, middle-aged male transient wearing a blue sweatshirt was found urinating in the bushes and "yelling at himself." Field interview administered.

3:07 p.m.: Domestic violence

► A 24-year-old Latino male wearing a plaid shirt was reported as pushing his wife at their home on Regents Road. 5:05 p.m.: Citizen contact

► A student reported that his roommate had been using marijuana in their shared living space, and was afraid of getting in trouble.

– Compiled by Sonia Minden Associate News Editor

Campus Has No Financial **Ties to Lenders**

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from some of these companies they know nothing about."

Though UCSD compiles lists detailing lenders that it feels will provide students with proper loan assistance, the Financial Aid Office does emphasize that students can choose any loan company they desire. Presently, UCSD conducts business with more than 30 different lenders.

The office distributes a letter authored by De Anda that explains the process behind constructing UCSD's preferred lender lists, and informs students that they have every right to choose any lender whether or not the lender appears on UCSD's preferred lists.

This process helps to avoid a problem Cuomo listed as evident in the student loan industry — financial kickbacks.

"Lenders pay financial kickbacks to schools based on a percentage of the loans that are directed to the lenders," Cuomo said. "The kickbacks are designed to be larger if a school directs more student loans to the lender. And the kickbacks are even greater if the schools make the lender their 'exclusive' preferred lender."

De Anda said that UCSD has no financial contracts with any lenders on the preferred list, receives no "kickbacks" and does not share any of the profits from student loans.

The new regulations requires that colleges ensure that three unaffiliated companies are on their lender list, and disclose to students the process by which these specific loan companies were chosen.

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Local Group Plans Campaign to Appeal Ban

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heavy drinking and disorderly conduct are most excessive. However, Sanders said that a yearlong ban is too far-reaching.

Fifty-year San Diego County resident Joe Rogers pointed to small groups of college-age people - generally from out of town — as the culprits who spoil the fun for all involved. He mentioned that the traditional Pacific Beach block party was permanently shut down due to accounts of disorderly conduct and public intoxication.

"The city council has their heads up their butts," Rogers said. "They've eliminated everything because of a few people and that's not right. Zero tolerance is never right."

Young and other opponents of the ban worry that such a rule will infringe on the drinking rights of residents and remove the liberties that make San Diego's beaches unique.

"People who for years and years have enjoyed the beach and have drank alcohol responsibly won't be able to do it anymore," Young said. "Some of those privileges will be taken away although they have been responsible in their actions."

Other residents have praised the motion for addressing concerns that

alcohol is destroying the coastal town's family atmosphere.

The ban will go into effect one month after a second council vote slated for next week. But considering the past, the council's word may not be final.

In 1991, the council approved a one-year trial ban that was revoked

I don't think it will solve the problems. It just means that people are going to be more sneaky about it."

- Sheila Doshi, senior, Sixth College

when opponents gathered ample signatures for a referendum. The city settled with proposal that restricted drinking between 8 p.m. and noon.

In 2002, the council attempted to impose an 18-month, around-theclock ban from South Mission Jetty to Felspar Street in Pacific Beach. Signatures were again collected from San Diego residents, beer distributors and liquor stores, forcing the measure onto the ballot, where it was defeated by a margin of 3,000 votes.

Rob Rynearson of Pacific Beach, a spokesman of FreePB.org, told the San Diego Union-Tribune last week that members of his group are preparing to mount a similar referendum.

Police Chief William Landsowne said that prohibiting alcohol on beaches would simply push the problem inland to coastal neighborhoods, bars or city streets, which may be harder to regulate than beaches.

Sixth College senior and Pacific Beach resident Sheila Doshi said the city should outlaw kegs or other devices that lead to binge drinking, but doubted that a ban — either permanent nor temporary - would stop people from drinking.

"I don't think it will solve the problems," Doshi said. "It just means that people are going to be more sneaky about it."

The council will vote next week after hearing public input. The measure does not currently require the approval of San Diego residents for passage.

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Chip Has Many Projected Commercial Applications

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device less expensive and more reliable, expanding the potential military and commercial applications.

According to Gabriel Rebeiz, the UCSD electrical engineering professor who proposed and oversaw the project, the chip breaks many world records in its intricacy and compact size.

'No one has ever been able to use silicon ... to put 16 chan-

excellent amplitude and phase balance between the channels, and with phase control for each chan-Rebeiz said in an e-mail. "No nel," one. Not even Raytheon, Boeing or Lockheed. No one. This is a first in every aspect."

The team first created a chip that could receive signals, and has since completed a transmitter.

Some possible commercial uses of the chip include being able to beam a movie wirelessly between certain projectors and DVD players, or using it as a small antenna on car roofs that would allow access to over 500 television channels.

Rebeiz said he has received positive feedback regarding the chip's commercial uses.

"Heaven help us, but everyone says that this is a great commercial application," he said.

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Get Real, Scripted TV is So Last Season

f you ask most people about reality television, chances are they hate it. Some may go so far as to rant about how reality TV is ruining our country, poisoning our minds and destroying American culture and entertainment as we know it. But the truth is, deep



Marissa Blunschi mblunsch@ucsd.edu down, we all indulge in reality TV.

And many of us have trouble imagining our lives without its simple pleasures.

So what exactly is it that makes reality TV so enjoyably addictive? From top chefs to top models, reality TV offers something wonderful for all of us no matter how diverse our interests may be. Here are just a few of the reasons why we love it so very much:

1. Reality TV introduces us to wildly ridiculous and hilarious characters that we would probably never associate with in real life.

Sure, scripted television shows are full of funny, quirky, interesting people, but what makes reality TV stars so much more lovably humorous is the fact that these people actually exist. In life, most of us probably wouldn't have anything to do with superficial, glamorous teen beauty queens who would rather die by eating disorder than give up on their dreams of becoming models.

We likely don't have many friends who are desperate enough to humiliate themselves on trashy MTV dating shows with their best friends or - better yet - their parents. And sadly, most of us aren't even blessed with the privilege of associating with ridiculously spoiled, overly dramatic rich kids, who, as we all know, have much harder lives

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UC's Closed-Door Policy Muffles Student Voices

By Natasha Naraghi Opinion Editor

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA -Amid an ongoing battle to polish its tarnished reputation, the University of California recently absorbed another blow from angered students who have raised concerns over the school's policy for naming the next UC president.

This time, the UC blunder emphasized the severe need for heightened student interaction to prevent a trend of careless oversight.

According to the UC Student Association, the regents have violated guidelines set out in their "Policy on Appointment of the President of the University" by limiting the Student Advisory Committee's participation to one meeting with the final presidential candidate. Despite the UCSA's honorable intentions to amplify student voices, the UC policy offers little support for their argument.

The policy stipulates that the Board of Regents is only obligated to "present the nominee or nominees to members of the [student advisory committee] at the conclusion of the search." Nowhere does it promise multiple meetings or handsome student input in determining UC President Robert C. Dynes' successor, making the student claims somewhat unfounded.

Even though the UC Office of the President's minimal student-involvement stance may be backed by these inhospitable policies, it leaves much to be desired from university officials.

The regents would actually do well to incorporate additional student participation, given their dismal track record for making decisions harmful to the student experience. After all, their chronic closed-door policy has led to some of the system's most embarrassing moments - let's not forget 2005's pay scandals.

It was without the students' watchful eye that regents carelessly approved thousands of dollars in above-base-pay for the undeserving high-up university officials; soon-to-be-replaced President Dynes was among that wily rat pack.

Many of the current regents aided in Dynes' selection when former UC President Richard Atkinson retired in 2003. And though Dynes entered the job with lofty aspirations and promises for positive change, he will no doubt leave it in a state of disarray when he concludes his term next June.

While some of the entropy can be attributed solely to Dynes, much of it was also aided by an equally underperforming Board of Regents that failed to keep its disobedient leader in check.

Instead, regents watched quietly from the wings as Dynes often made a mockery of one of the nation's most esteemed public university systems.

Even with the bane of the system leaving, there is little confidence to be had that the regents will steer us back toward the light.

In fact, in the wake of such blustering mismanagement by UCOP and the regents, it's absurd to think that now, only two years after the scandals

- as they still fumble to pick the pieces of their infamous fall from grace - that they're capable of selecting a reasonable successor. Between its dwindling credibility and incurably poor judgment, the Board of Regents is doomed if it is to select the presidential nominee without enough student advocates to keep it in line.

And so, despite any policy that might say otherwise, the regents should for once heed the advice of a seasoned student body that has seen the chaos spawned from an incompetent administration. With undergraduate and graduate education fees rising, students can no longer afford to finance bureaucratic inefficiencies like the ones caused by UCOP, which have even led to a \$7

million study into the department's disorganized activities.

As Dynes' reign quickly dies, the time for change is now - that is, if the regents ever hope to salvage their tattered reputation. For once, students deserve the voice that they have been so unjustly deprived by their overbearing, uninspiring administration.

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With admission still as

chances of admission may be significantly worse in the coming years, despite the expansion, because of an increasingly competitive medical school applicant pool – meaning bad news for applicants, but great news for the medical schools to which they are applying. This year, the School of Medicine got a head start on its growth plan by increasing its number of graduate students by 10 percent - accepting a whopping 12 additional applicants for a total of 134 enrolled students out of over 5,000 highly qualified candidates. This very slight increase in addmission does not make much of a difference, considering that the number of applicants to the medical school has increased 5 percent each of the past five years - making enrollment at UCSD continually more selective.

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cutthroat as ever, future medical school applicants should not feel comforted by rising class sizes.

By Marissa Blunschi Associate Opinion Editor

STUDENT CENTERS AND HEALTH - As the popularity of medical school continues to grow, the UCSD School of Medicine, following suit with similar institutions across the country, is beginning to substantially expand its class sizes in accordance with requests from the Association of American Medical Colleges.

But this isn't necessarily good news for UCSD's flock of eager premed undergraduates.

Although UCSD's medicalschool class sizes will be expanding up to 30 percent by the year 2015,

This acceptance selectivity is not unique to UCSD: With nationwide enrollment nationwide cannot keep up with the 8.2-percent increase in eager applicants throughout the country.

Although medicalschool class sizes at UCSD will be expanding ... applicants should not feel encouraged."

So what does this mean for the flood of biology majors, Geisel library frequenters and Scripps Memorial Hospital volunteers who dream of one day becoming surgeons, anesthesiologists and pediato be much more difficult if current applicant and enrollment trends continue, particularly because both the quantity and quality of applicants is increasing drastically. According to AAMC, this year's medical school applicants have the highest undergraduate grade point averages and medical college admission test scores on record.

The negative repercussions are obvious for applicants: Since the rate of qualified applicants is clearly overwhelming enrollment rates for medical schools, many hardworking students will go to great lengths by cramming for MCATs, acing their courses, volunteering and researching, but still won't be guaranteed a spot at the graduate school of their choice.

Activities and recommendations that were once used to one-up other applicants are now practically requirements. Community service and straight As are expectations, not

In order to keep up, undergraduates are expected to work even harder if they wish to remain a cut above the competition. The activities these schools recommend for students to become more competitive seem too overwhelming to accomplish in a 24-hour day.

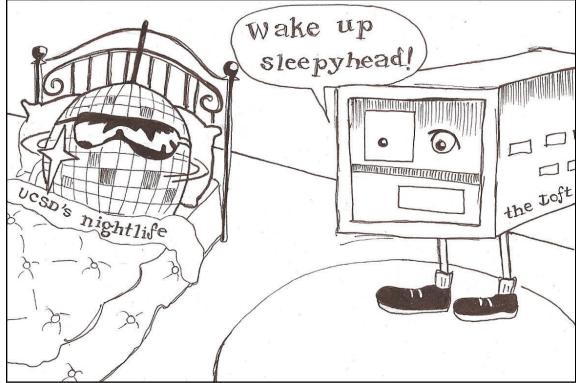
Fortunately, there are some winners in these unfortunate circumstances: Stringent selectivity has definite positive repercussions for those picky medical schools, at least. Since undergraduates are becoming increasingly competitive, applicants who do get into medical school are often well-prepared, having volunteered at hospitals or worked handson in research labs.

Ideally, this should result in a generation of highly committed and highly skilled future physicians. Selectivity will weed out students who may not be fully committed,

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A DROP FROM THE INKWELL



Med School Competition to Breed First-Rate Doctors

► MEDICAL, from page 4 and reward those who have dedicated their undergraduate careers

cated their undergraduate careers to hitting the books and sacrificing Saturday-night fun in order to study.

Not only do these dedicated students mean good news for medical schools, but society should also benefit significantly from the superior doctors that these medical schools produce.

In spite of the unpromising statistics and ever-increasing competition, UCSD pre-meds won't have to give up getting into medical school entirely. As long as they do extremely well academically, get fantastic GPAs, obscenely high MCAT scores, write impressive personal statements, attain research experience, have volunteer experience at hospi-

Society should also benefit significantly from the superior doctors that these medical schools produce."

tals and do well on their interviews, admission to medical school is virtually guaranteed. Of course, it also helps if in addition to that, they have spectacular letters of recommendation, community-service activities and relatives who chair medical school admissions committees.

But even if these unfortunate undergraduates don't get accepted to the graduate schools of their dreams, they can still rejoice in the fact that their future doctors were way more competitive than they were in college, which obviously makes them more qualified and dedicated as well.

At least that's what everyone hopes for.

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By Priscilla Lazaro Reality Programs Spice Up Bland Weekday Routines

Watching average

people sing, dance,

rap, tell jokes, cook or

generally make fools

out of themselves is

definitely entertaining."

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Fortunately, with reality TV, these characters become our best friends and our worst enemies. We can get as involved in their insecurities, competitiveness and drama as we'd like without actually having to deal with them 24 hours a day. This brings me to my next reason for loving reality TV.

2. We're really bored with our own lives.

Let's face it: we all love to pretend that our lives are incredibly exciting, but sometimes, our dayto-day college experiences seem to lack the flavor that only reality TV can provide. With our favorite programs, we can live vicariously through the exciting lives of affluent Beverly

Hills residents or travel the world in search of clues and fabulous prizes. I guess that beats writing papers, matching socks or rearranging our rock collections to avoid studying for midterms.

3. We love the talent (or lack-there-of).

Watching average people sing, dance, rap, tell jokes, cook or generally make fools out of themselves is definitely entertaining. When contestants do have talent, these shows can be intriguing, and even inspiring, to the average Joes that wish to some day experience those 15 minutes of fame. When contestants frankly have no talent, it's equally enjoyable to laugh at how embarrassingly pitiful they are, and then make ourselves feel better about our own lack of talent.

4. On some level, we can all relate to people on reality TV.

Even if we don't demean ourselves by looking for love in unconventional places like TV dating shows, we've all probably felt like we would do anything for love. And maybe we don't live fabulous lives in ritzy southern California mansions, but even the wealthy reality TV stars

have issues with their parents and drama with their significant other or best

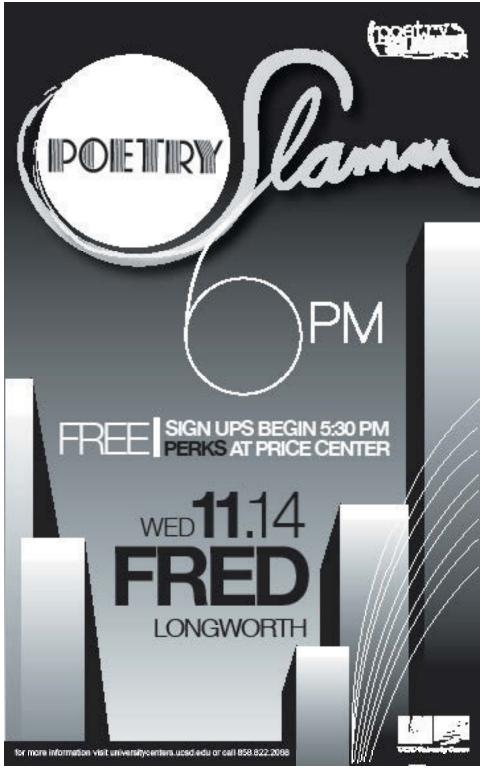
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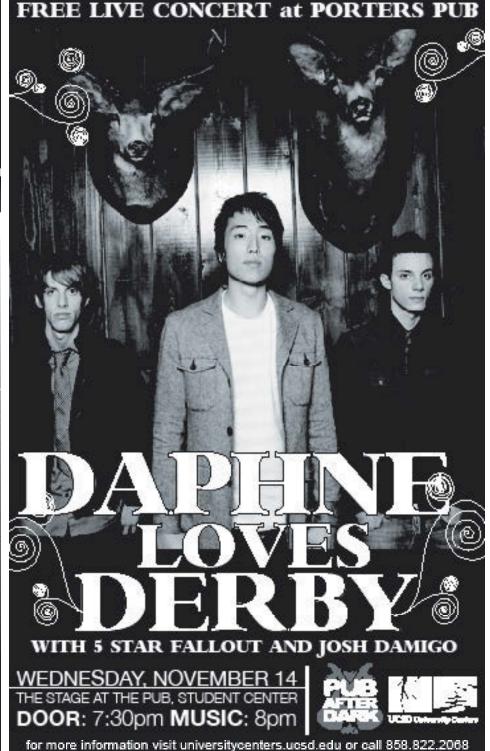
ously, who of us out there doesn't have goals or dreams that we haven't worked hard to achieve? Maybe not everyone wants to become America's Next

Top Model, but perhaps there's a little bit of that Top Model ambition in each one of us.

No matter what draws us into the guilty pleasure of reality TV, one thing is for sure: It's not going anywhere anytime soon.

So for all of those who haven't hopped on the band wagon yet: there's really no reason to fight the urge any longer — go ahead and buy the latest season of American Idol and prepare a cozy spot on your couch, because chances are, you'll be spending some quality time with your remote control as long as we have reality TV to protect us from the harsh realities of our own mundane lives.





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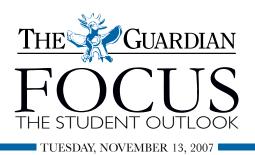
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▶ The year the Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade* overturned all state and federal laws that outlawed or restricted abortion inconsistent with its holdings.

BENEATH THE BLUEPRINT

Campus Community Members Address UCSD's Poor Design.

hile many factors contribute to feelings of isolation on campus, the physical design of the school bears some responsibility for how we do (or don't) interact.

Despite conspiracy theories that administrators plan architecture to specifically discourage protests, a combination of missteps, bad timing and experimental designs are more likely responsible for the anti-social architecture that UCSD students intermingle in today.

In "The UCSD Master Plan Study and its Antecedents," Patricia Aquilar, who was the director of physical planning from 1986 to 1993, explained that the 1963 architectural blueprint contained principles that were to apply to each college, including physical distinctiveness, playfields and housing on perimeters and a central court to be the focus, suggesting fixed and small areas in which students would interact.

According to Aquilar, the construction sprawl that now defines UCSD resulted from administrators' efforts to secure land when a declining birthrate caused the city to consider reclaiming some of the campus' land grant.

Increasing the need for space are the multiple colleges inside a university system — a factor that changes student interaction.

The 1989 master plan envisioned the colleges as neighborhoods, a cohesive space for students to interact within the growing campus. "...[T]he intent is to provide understandable, human scale physical

zones within the larger campus land mass," Aquilar wrote.

Abraham Shragge, the director of Dimensions of Culture at Thurgood Marshall College said in his experience, the separate college system does not work throughout students' time at UCSD.

"The separation of colleges gives [students] a sense of commu-nity for the first two years but by the time they move on they are

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BY JACLYN SNOV * SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Through my

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he San Diego Zoo — tourist destination, bastion of endangered species - is a locale I've returned to repeatedly when I get the photographic itch. Even though I've about certain species that seeing them in a zoo is anticlimactic; seeing animals fenced in and forced out of their ecological context is often disappointing. In some cases, however, I've



WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN An disinterested male gorilla turns his back to intrigued zoogoers as they stare and snap some photos behind their glass barrier.

navigated its network of pathways and exhibits enough times to fix them in my memory, there is always something to keep me coming

back. Little things have the power to suddenly change a disappointing trip into a memorable one. Seeing the kiwis, for example, made my summertime zoo trip worthwhile.

With a camera in hand, the formula for a satisfy-

ing picture has varied little from visit to visit. It involves a lot of walking, finding animals that are awake and framing the photo so that there are no reflections off the glass or blurry remnants of fence. Anything to suggest I didn't venture into the wild to shoot an elusive tigress meant I had failed as a photographer. But after so many visits, even the catalog of endangered species has grown stale. The problem is that photos of animals don't tell my story. As a visual document of my experience, my zoo photography was lacking.

It took about five visits for this predicament to become unbearable, but it was a slow buildup. I had known all along that, as a biology major, my experience at the zoo was different than that of the average tourist. I know enough

stopped to appreciate a less-popular animal, once I've learned of some of its history. I realized on a more recent visit that I resented the

> majority of zoo-goers, who ignore the more obscure species to head straight for the popular ones.

They're called charismatic species. They're cute, cuddly, furry, colorful, big or otherwise identifiable and memorable to

the common citizen - at least to the extent that they stick in the public consciousness long enough for an outcry to erupt should they warrant a conservation effort. In that way, charisma can make the difference between saving a species and losing it to extinction. Because of this I have developed an appreciation for how other people perceive wildlife. So when I was finally tired of focusing my camera on cute pandas and ponderous hippopotamuses, it was obvious what prey I should switch to.

I went alone on my latest visit to the zoo in order to efficiently hunt my new human subjects: the common visitor. They travel in small groups, in most cases, with a stroller in tow,

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VOICE OF

VOX takes a stand against a radical anti-abortion group's pictoric protest.

We just want to let students know that we're an honest on-campus resource and that we're here for them."

- Vanessa Cooney, grassroots coordinator for Planned Parenthood

Students who happened to pass Geisel Library on Nov. 7 saw quite an eyeful: large photographs featuring grotesquely distorted and bloody limbs, chopped and cut up in an array of tiny legs, arms, heads and torsos, befitting of any horror film. Accompanying the graphic display were chalked phrases littering the ground that loudly asserted, "If you're pro-choice, you're for death," and "real women don't kill babies - some choices are just wrong."

Alongside the disturbing posters were students dressed in bright red t-shirts, holding signs which proudly proclaimed, "Fuck you means no, but fuck me means yes!" and "My voice is pro-choice," all the while chanting messages like "Stand up for choice!" and "Girls heart boys who are prochoice!" to both students and faculty.

The radical anti-abortion group Survivors of the Abortion Holocaust - an off-campus, religiously unaffiliated organization - made its biannual trip to campus to hold an informative, if not disturbing, protest against the legalization of abortion. In an effort to persuade passers-by to support their cause, group members distributed flyers, brochures and handbooks designed to inform readers about abortion's dangers (including diagrams demonstrating exactly how abortions are executed) and the alternative options available to pregnant women.

But when Stephanie Moody-Geissler, co-president of the prochoice student organization Voices for Planned Parenthood (or VOX, which is Latin for voice), discovered that SAH intended to protest at UCSD, she immediately coordinated a counter-

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presence at the opposite end of Library Walk.

"We don't want any fights to break out or for there to be confrontations between the groups, even if it's tense," said Vanessa Cooney, grassroots coordinator for Planned Parenthood. "We just want to let students know that we're an honest on-campus resource and that we're here for them. Planned Parenthood of San Diego and Riverside Counties is proud of UCSD VOX for being a strong pro-choice presence on campus."

VOX is an on-campus group dedicated to informing students about reproductive health and choice, and has worked to spread sexual tolerance and awareness throughout campus. VOX regularly organizes several events throughout the academic year, including information tables on Library Walk, free movie screenings of reproductive health films and the annual Sextravaganza, a fair focused on issues of sexual health. The group also passes out holiday-themed condoms throughout the year and celebrates the anniversary of Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade during the first week of January.

Last year, SAH visited UCSD as part of its Southern California college and high school campus tour in order to sponsor their message.

They came last year during spring quarter, and we had no idea that they would be on campus, but earlier in the year we had decided on a plan of action in case an anti-abortion group Top to Bottom: SAH uses pictures of fetuses to decided to show up" Moody-Geissler said. "Within minutes of a VOX mem-



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WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN evoke emotional response from onlookers. As a counter-presence to SAH, VOX hands out condoms. A SAH member holds two information sians about the growth of fetuses and abortion procedures.







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Pro-Life Group Incites Debate

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ber noticing [SAH], our plan was put into effect and an impromptu counterpresence occurred,"

Whether improvised or not, the presence of VOX members countering normally tense SAH protests did not go unnoticed by students.

"When I saw the disgusting images that SAH showed, it was shocking," John Muir College sophomore Lina Dajani said. "No one wants to see that. But I felt more comfortable with the student organization, because their information was easier to handle and to trust. People were even avoiding eye-contact with SAH, but didn't mind approaching VOX."

Moody-Geissler agreed that SAH's literature and presentation was a little hard to swallow.

"[The posters] serve no purpose but to be used for their shock value," she said. "[SAH is] not just content with presenting its side of the debate over choice, it has decided to falsify information or use other material that is in no way backed by the scientific community. We were not going to stand by idly and let these lies be spread on our campus."

Kortney Blythe, the SAH campus life tour director, believes that the posters and images her organization used are nothing different from those depicted during the Vietnam War.

"Graphic images have been used throughout history to fight injustice," she said. "Civil rights activists used pictures. We live in a visual society. And for that matter, this is a procedure that is legal and happens 4,000 times a day in our country. Why do people get so offended at pictures of it? If it's too hard to look at, maybe we shouldn't be tolerating it."

Some students did find the antiabortion material to be informative and eye-catching.

"I'm against abortion; for me, there's no way to justify sacrificing life for one girl's night of pleasure," Eleanor Roosevelt College freshman Sarah Figueroa said. "This group wants to spread that message. People are entitled to their own opinion, though, so the pro-life group can say what it wants."

VOX members alleged that SAH broke several campus procedural rules during their protest, including their location directly in front of the library and their use of a table, and contacted Judicial Affairs to report the violations. Although university personnel later came to investigate the reports, no complaints were officially filed.

"We understand that the university may have its own rules about free speech," Blythe said. "But we follow the first amendment, and that states that we are allowed to assemble on all public spaces. We promote freespeech advocacy — otherwise, both ourselves and the pro-choice groups could not demonstrate."

Students Look to Overcome Structural Isolation

► **DESIGN,** from page 8 more interested in their departments," Shragge said.

Kim Yu, the senior resident advisor at Revelle, pointed to the conflicting college-oriented architecture and a university spirit pushed by athletics as factors that pull students in different directions.

"Of course we are failing at having a big community but we are also failing at small community; we need to decide which we are going for," Yu said.

UCSD came of age in the tumultuous late-'60s culture; which manifested itself on campus in the form of student protests and shaped how officials would view future building projects.

Indeed, Revelle and John Muir College designs are the most cohesive and compact campuses of UCSD's six; the two were built first. However, according to Aquilar's book, at the time Thurgood Marshall College was constructed, its isolated design was based on the assumption that the students would be difficult to regulate.

"Believing the college would be dominated by radical 'third world' students, many at UCSD did not want it 'in my backyard' or in the center of campus," Aquilar wrote.

But beyond issues stemming from the university's design, students are isolated in La Jolla due to the lack of student-oriented centers in walking distance.

While Price Center attempts to create a nonacademic social space for students, the suggestion that crowd control was a factor in its initial design is plausible. The stairs are narrow and angled, making it hard for more than two students to walk together. The few avenues of entry into the plaza are easy to block, lead into a lowered area that is easily observable and, if needed, controllable from the second floor.

In contrast, Student Center, constructed in early 1960s, boasts a design more conducive to social activities, built without concern of possible student gatherings.

Some students are leery of the Price Center expansion, but its architect, Mehrdad Yazdani, emphasized that student representatives have taken a very active part in the planning of Price Center Expansion. He added that those representatives are vocal in making and vetoing decisions regarding the architecture and how the space will be used.

Yazdani said that students' experiences with Price Center and the rest of campus influenced their decisions in what was needed in the expansion. The indoor atrium, for example, was created specifically to give students an

indoor space when the plaza in Price Center gets too cold in the evening.

Despite persistent rumors of Price Center's design to ease crowd control, Yazdani dismissed the notion that the expansion was built with those considerations.

"That was never a topic of discussion, and never brought up to me," Yazdani said.

Graduate student Ben Balthasar contended that if crowd control was considered, it would not have been mentioned.

"Mike Davis [author of "Fortress L.A."] wrote about how architects openly talk about surveillance and crowd control for places like Bloomingdales but when a very similar design gets brought in to campuses they don't talk about it," Balthasar said. "It would be politically problematic to mention it."

Aside from concerns of secret motives, there are other issues raised with the construction of a largely indoor, metal and glass structure on what used to be open spaces with low, bungalow-like offices. Adjunct professor of literature Mike Grattan said construction should not substitute for real institutional changes.

"It's the old mantra, 'if you build it they will come,' but honestly to me its like throwing a bright new toy to your kid and saying 'go play with your friends," Grattan said.

Alumnus Derek Lomas taught "Social Architecture," a Sixth College practicum course that had students creating art pieces Lomas called "interventional construction." Three of the students constructed the labyrinth housed in the Eucalyptus grove last June.

Lomas said the labyrinth space was more compact and set up for social interactions, compared to the large empty spaces peppered throughout the campus.

"The library had tons of space, is in the center of campus, and no one uses it ... more benches and different landscapes could make the space more sociable," Lomas said. "The climate allows for students to be outside almost everyday but there are no outdoor central spots."

Whether the administration has ulterior motives in designing a space in which UCSD students can't fully interact, the consequences of poor design will be felt for the generations of students to come.

"The question I would have to ask is if you were really trying to create a social space, would it really look like this?" Balthasar said.

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Blythe said that although SAH does assemble at high schools, it protects the rights of minors by remaining on public sidewalks and offcampus. She also noted that while she has led protests at more than 260 schools during her term as director, there have only been five arrests due to trespassing charges.

But Moody-Geissler found the groups disregard for campus policies to be aggravating, and believes its presence on campus did little to further its cause.

"It is not appropriate for a nonaffiliated group to disregard policies that other groups that are affiliated with the campus are required follow," she said. "In the end, [SAH] being on campus only brought more people over to the VOX counter-presence for information and to give us support. We almost doubled our e-mail list in just one day."

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Families fully equipped with strollers and snacks are as common a sight as the animals themselves in the children's section of the San Diego Zoo.

I took notice of what people look for and what they miss. For example, in front of an exhibit full of beautiful African fish, I watched a man blink a few times into the murky water and mutter with a gloomy Southern twang, "There's nothing in here."

I wondered what he was looking

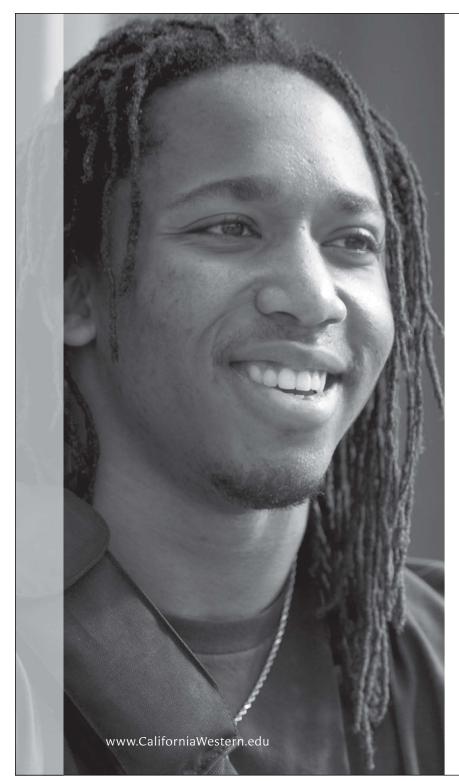
for, and I got hints throughout the day. At the gorillas, a female carrying its infant spurred a woman to gush, "See the mom and the baby hugging?" At the reptile house, a small boy gleefully announced, "There's a daddy one!" The meerkats prompted a mother to ask her daughter, "Do you remember them from the 'Lion King'?" An overweight woman frowned at the hippopotamuses and remarked, "God, what a big ol' butt."

By the time a woman bluntly recognized an echidna as a porcupine, I got the strong impression that if she had known it was an echidna beforehand she would have been less excited. A thousand little comments like this convinced me how a lot of an animal's appeal comes from

the visitor drawing on their own lives, what's in their memories and what's important to them.

I appreciated this rather than disdained it, because I was treating the other visitors the same way they were treating the animals. As a photographer, I don't know much about the strangers I pass, but I can attach my own story to them. If a photograph catches something that lets a viewer do the same, it's likely to be successful. It was certainly intriguing to think of how the animals function in the same way for a lot of people, and how much they are like works of art.

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Postseason Problems Continue UCSD Earns Third Seed for NCAAs as Overtime Loss Ends Season

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in the back of my mind I was hoping and praying that the ball would just sail past the goal," Zatarain said. "It was heartbreaking, especially for the seniors. I can't even imagine how the seniors feel, it's horrible to think about what it means to them. We played a good game of soccer but when it comes down to it that one moment changes everything and after that you don't get a second chance."

As one of the team's main veteran leaders, the career-ending loss cut especially deep for midfielder Lai.

"It sucks, especially losing to our biggest rivals," Lai said. "Everybody expects us to go farther than the first round and so the loss was really hard. It's good that

▶ RETORT, from page 16

team with a winning record in 2006.

ashamed of their play so far and embar-

rassed to be a division leader, all is not

lost. They are a far cry from their 2006

edition that cruised to a 14-2 record, but the Chargers can still hold out hope

that they will turn things around. No

matter what the quality of their wins

has been, the Chargers are still one of

the best teams, talent-wise, of any in

the NFL. Sure, the Patriots are execut-

ing to perfection, but the Chargers

still boast a better running back, the

best tight end in the game, a young

quarterback that has proven himself

capable of putting together game-win-

ning drives (although you have to look

all the way back to last season) and a

The problem so far has been consis-

stifling defense.

While the Chargers should be

Chargers Must Improve to

Have Any Chance in Playoffs

there are so many seniors on our team to support each other because we are all going through this together."

In addition to Lai, the Tritons will lose seniors Alie Avina, Chelsey Campbell, Stacy Johnson, Rachel Lindenfeld, Nicole Pepper, Caitlin Ryan, Lauren Segars and Kathy Sepulveda. McManus expressed his pride and admiration for his seniors' leadership and his team's achievement and determination.

"For what the team has done with all of the injuries, no other team in the conference or the whole country could have done," McManus said. "This team was the probably one of the biggest achieving teams that we have ever had at UCSD. To do what they did was unbelievable."

tency. Whenever L.T. breaks out, Rivers

negates it with some costly turnovers.

Or when Rivers starts to get a rhythm

going, L.T. suddenly finds himself

swarmed at the line and incapable of

setting up some long scoring plays.

If Tomlinson, Rivers, Gates and the

defense can all start contributing con-

sistently and the Chargers begin run-

ning on all cylinders, they could be a

dangerous team come playoff time. But until Norv Turner sparks something

in the squad to turn things around,

this team will remain an inconsistent

disappointment destined for no more

than a measly playoff appearance. And

after last year's collapse, San Diegans

are expecting more than just an appear-

ance; they want nothing less than a

chance to pay the Patriots back for last

year's contest on the way to a long-over-

due Super Bowl win.

▶ VOLLEYBALL, from page 16 and the Seawolves opened up a con

and the Seawolves opened up a comfortable seven-point advantage and cruised to the game three win.

In a do-or-die game four, neither team gained any advantage, with the largest lead totaling four points. UCSD played from behind for the game's first half, capturing its first lead at 15-14.

Coming out of a timeout, Schmidt served up back-to-back aces to give the Tritons a 23-19 advantage. The Seawolves wouldn't go anywhere, fighting back to tie the game for the 11th time — at 25. The two teams traded points until UCSD earned a game point opportunity.

Sonoma State promptly called a timeout to ice Carpenter on the service line, but after a Schmidt kill, the Tritons forced game five, their fourth consecutive five-game match.

"Black just told us to stay in the moment," senior captain and libero Natalie Facchini said. "We were in a good position with game point and confident that if we made it to a fifth game we could win."

Down 4-1 early, UCSD came back from a timeout firing, tying up the game at 4-4. Bailey tallied three of her game-high 29 kills as the Tritons began to pull away from the pesky Seawolves, eventually grabbing another win.

Following emotional pre-game introductions and a cheer by the players' parents on Senior Night, UCSD faced off against the Sea Otters on Nov. 10 in front of a boisterous Triton Tide.

"The night was really emotional for me," senior outside hitter Casey Wilson said. "It really started to hit me on my way over here and was a mix of happy and sad. When the crowd started singing the national anthem, my emotions really got to me but I was ready to play."

The Tritons were in control from



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Junior libero Michelle Torres gets low for one of her 16 digs and added three aces in a hard-fought victory over Sonoma State on Nov. 9. Torres and the Tritons will take on Northwest Nazarene on Nov. 15.

the beginning, and their potent offense proved too much for the Sea Otter defense as Bailey, Schmidt and Wilson all finished with double digit kills in the three-game rout. the te

Getting off to a good start was something UCSD failed to do in previous weeks but wasn't a problem against the Sea Otters.

"We really put it together tonight and during the second half of the sea-

son," Wilson said. "This team has a heart and fire like few others that will make us contenders during playoffs."

With elite competition looming, the team plans to work hard on the fundamentals that have gotten it this far, and the Tritons hope their work will pay off when they face sixth-seed Northwest Nazarene University on Nov. 15 to kick off the NCAA Pacific Regional.

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HOT CORNER Casey Wilson

Women's Volleyball The senior outside hitter notched two aces and a team-leading 13 kills in the Tritons' sweep of Cal State Monterey Bay on Senior Night on Nov. 10.

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Sensational Season Ends in OT

By Jake Blanc Senior Staff Writer

After starting the season 10-0-1, an onslaught of injuries blindsided the UCSD women's soccer team, and the Tritons were never able to fully recover, culminating in a 2-1 loss to Cal State Dominguez Hills at the NCAA Division II National Championship regionals on Nov. 8. The heartbreaking overtime defeat ended the Tritons' season, which at one point had UCSD ranked as the country's No. 2 team.

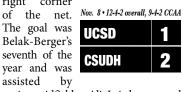
In a twist of ironic cruelty, it was the Cal State Dominguez Hill Toros that helped start the Tritons' late-season slide. On Oct. 10, the Toros dealt UCSD its first loss, a 1-0 shutout at Triton Soccer Stadium. The Tritons would go on to win only two of their next five games, ending with the regional loss in Seattle.

The injuries took an unprecedented toll on the Tritons throughout the year, even forcing them to start the season short a few players. Toward the end of the year, more and more players joined the ranks on injured reserve, but the resilient Tritons pushed through all the way to the end.

We were probably the only team with a starting lineup that had never played together for the whole season," head coach Brian McManus said. "From the beginning of the season we always had at least two injured starters. It's amazing that our planned starting 11 never played together."

During the regular season, CSUDH won the series with a 0-0 draw and a 1-0 victory. Ever since UCSD moved to Division II, the in-conference rivalry that the Tritons have developed with the Toros has reached epic proportions, making every meeting between the two teams all the more heated.

On Nov. 8, it was again Dominguez Hills that drew first blood, with the Toros' senior midfielder Amy Livergood netting the game's first goal in the 20th minute. The Tritons, who scored 31 total goals on the season, were held scoreless for the remainder of the first half. After regrouping during halftime, UCSD came out of the gates strong and in the 67th minute, junior forward Natasha Belak-Berger scored the equalizing goal on a shot that found the upper right corner



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senior midfielder Ali Lai, her second assist this season.

Neither team was able to push across a game-winning goal for the rest of regulation play, sending the already tense game into an exhilarating overtime period. With 1:10 left in the first overtime period, Dominguez Hills junior forward Yvonne Vasquez sent a dagger through the heart of the Triton faithful with a goal that just passed through the diving hands of junior keeper Jessica McGovern. The goal would prove to be the game winner, with the Tritons unable to score in the final minute.

Sophomore midfielder Alexia Zatarain was stunned when the gamewinning shot took the air. And when it swooshed into the back of the net, she became all too aware of the goal's consequences.

"I saw the ball go up in the air and

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Senior midfielder Ali Lai tied for the team lead in goals with seven on the year and also added two assists for 16 total points. Her contributions will be sorely missed next year when UCSD takes the field without her.

Late Win Streak Lifts UCSD into Playoffs



By Matt Croskey Senior Staff Writer

RIMAC Arena and the Triton faithful will bid adieu to the five graduating seniors on the UCSD women's volleyball team after two must-win games on Nov. 9 and Nov. 10. UCSD avenged an earlier loss to Sonoma State by capturing a fivegame thriller on Nov. 9, 23-30, 30-22, 22-30, 30-28, 15-11, and the team returned Nov. 10 and disposed of Cal State Monterey Bay 30-20, 30-19, 30-19.

UCSD finished the regular season 19-7 overall and 13-5 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, and with their secondplace finish in the conference, the Tritons earned the third seed in the NCAA Pacific Regional, which begins Nov. 15 at Cal State San Bernardino. The Tritons were one of five CCAA teams to make the eightteam regional, showing the depth and difficulty of the conference. Head coach Tom Black said he knows that the playoff competition is at an even higher level than the regular season, but believes the momentum the team built during its last two home matches will carry over. "This was a big weekend for us," he said. "I'm happy for the seniors and I feel like we're in a good spot right now. We're just going to continue working on the things we always work on." Before playoff banter and predictions could start, UCSD had to take care of business against conference foe Sonoma State. In a contest that began similarly to the teams' Oct. 6 matchup, the Seawolves took game one, with the Tritons bouncing back to take game two. However, unlike the match in early October in which Sonoma State ran away with a 1-3 win, this time UCSD emerged victoriously.

Junior captain and outside hitter Rebecca Bailey admitted that the Triton squad underestimated the Seawolves during their first meeting, but UCSD looked focused and ready to play after a slow start in game one.

The Triton defense was deflated in the first game, with digs and service returns seemingly going everywhere but to the setter. Without good passing, senior setter Kim Adams and her hitters had difficulty finding any offensive rhythm.

A two-point spread was the closest UCSD came in game one, and Sonoma State closed out the open-

CHARGERS CAN'T BANK ON LUCK FOR WINS

▲ he San Diego Chargers are perched precariously atop the AFC West with a disappointing 5-4 record as the team powers into the stretch run of the NFL season. Although it seems cynical to criticize a division-leading team, the Bolts don't deserve to be where they are today. With the way the Chargers have been playing, they are lucky to even be sniffing the playoffs. But because of the appalling play of their division "rivals," the Chargers look destined to repeat their last season: a first-round exit at the hands of any number of superior teams like the Patriots, Steelers or Colts.



I know some of you diehard Charger fans out there will point to San Diego's 23-21 win over the defending Super Bowl champions in Week 10 as evidence of the team's perseverance and ability to contend with some of the other conference powerhouses. But let me ask you this: If these teams met again next week, do you think the Chargers could intercept six of Peyton Manning's passes or have their special teams unit account for 14 points? The obvious answer is no, but without these once-in-a-blue-moon, hell freezes over, pigs-flying type-moments, the Chargers would be 4-5, though amazingly still tied for first in the AFC West.

To truly comprehend how improbable this latest Charger win was, one must understand that Antonio Cromartie, the cornerback responsible for Manning's misery — three picks in the first half - was making his very first NFL start filling in for injured veteran Quentin Jammer. Or consider this: The 89-yard opening kickoff return touchdown and 45-yard punt return touchdown were third-year, thirdstring running back Darren Sproles' first and second career touchdowns. It was the combination of Cromartie and Sproles that vaulted San Diego to a 23-7 halftime score that remained until the final frame, a comfortable fourth-quarter lead for any competitive club.

Instead of coming out in the second half and never looking back, the Chargers ended up having to nervously watch Manning chip their lead away with a passing touchdown and a twopoint conversion to bring the Colts within another trip to the end-zone and two-point conversion. With the best running back in the NFL in LaDainian Tomlinson, the Chargers should have had no problem running the clock out, but instead the ball ended up in Phillip Rivers' iron hands, which fumbled the rock into the end zone, where it was recovered by Indy's middle linebacker Gary Brackett for six more points. The two-point conversion failed, leaving San Diego clinging to a 23-21 win. Although there were plenty of shocking moments leading up to the win, none were more important or more improbable then Adam Vinatieri, easily the best clutch-kicker of all-time, missing a 29-yard field goal that would have given the Colts the lead with only a minute and a half left in the game. Once the ball sailed just a smidge to the right of the upright, the Chargers could finally celebrate their first victory over a

SANH LUONG/GUARDIAN

Junior middle blocker Hannah Gary levitates for one of her six kills in No. 20 UCSD's five-game victory over Sonoma State on Nov. 9. Gary added four more kills in a sweep of Cal State Monterey Bay on Nov. 10.

ing round on three Triton hitting errors.

The Tritons started to find their swagger in game two, earning their first lead of the match 9-8, following a block from junior outside hitter Kimberly Carpenter. Carpenter continued at a torrid pace, giving UCSD a 12-9 advantage.

Sonoma State wouldn't allow the Tritons to pull too far ahead, fighting back after every UCSD run. But it wasn't enough down the stretch, and the Tritons began to find the offense they lacked in game one. Sophomore outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt, Bailey and senior middle blocker Hannah Gary all got in on the action as the Tritons tied the match at one game apiece.

Down 9-17, UCSD found itself in another deep hole in game three and promptly called a timeout. Bailey rallied the troops with a couple of kills as the Tritons moved within four points. But slow feet and poor defense from game one resurfaced,

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INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION WEEK (IEW) is NOV. 13-18 See the full page ad on page 6.

For all events, go to http://iew.ucsd.edu/calendar.html

TUES NOV 13 RECREATION

The UCSD Linguistics Language Program presents The Syrian Bride, a powerful film about physical, mental, and emotional borders and the courage it takes to cross them. The film is an emotionally stirring look at the human side of a political conflict. 9:30-11am at AP&M, room 4301, free admission.

International Grove Dance lessons-Learn how to dance. Featuring international dances geared for fun and exercise. Sponsored by UCSD International House. 12-1pm at ERC Great Hall.

The Price Center Film Series presents Sicko, a Michael Moore Documentary comparing the highly profitable American health care industry to other nations, and HMO horror stories. 6pm and 9pm at Price Center Theatre, \$3.

German Cuisine - Enjoy German dishes such as wiener schnitzel, cremespinat (creamed spinach), roestkartoffel (sautéed potatoes), spaetzle, rindersaftbraten (braised beef), gurkensalat (cucumber salad), pumpkin soup, krautsalat (cabbage salad), and more. Cost: Regular prices. 5-8pm at Oceanview Terrace.

SPECIAL EVENT

International Education Week (IEW) **Opening Reception - Model UN Reception** including games, food, and fun. Followed by special IAG speaker Carol Sasaki, the founder of the International Humanity Foundation (IHF), who will speak about the illegal trafficking of sex slaves, an often overlooked but very common practice. Carol has been running shelters for sex slaves since the 1980s, and the nature of her work has brought Carol and her family into grave danger on multiple occasions. She will be discussing what she has learned in 29 years as a leader and a humanitarian--including the costly mistakes she has made. A Model United Nations (MUN) sponsored dance will follow the film Grbavica at 9:00 PM. 4-7pm at ERC Great Hall.

WED NOV 14

- In our increasingly global economy, international career opportunities abound! Students from all majors are encouraged to meet with employers and learn about various opportunities in the international arena. 11:30am-1:30pm at the Career Services Center Plaza.

HEALTH

The San Diego Blood Bank Automobile Visits - The San Diego Blood Bank bloodmobile will accept blood donations at an open to the public blood drive hosted by UCSD Phi Delta Epsilon. Anyone who is at least 17 years old, in good health and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible to give blood. A good meal is recommended prior to donation. 9:30am-3:30pm at the Career Services Center.

LEGAL

Traveling Overseas: Get the Facts Before You Leave! This event will highlight information students should obtain before embarking on an overseas adventure. Topics will include resources for learning how laws differ in other countries, concerns about medical insurance, considerations for renters and more! Presented by Student Legal Services. 12pm at the International Center.

RECREATION

Café Ventanas International Menu - During the International Conversation Tables, Café Ventanas will feature Portuguese, Spanish, and Cantonese cuisine. 5-8pm at Café Ventanas.

Pub after Dark: Daphne Loves Derby -Daphne Loves Derby, 5 Star Fallout, and Josh Damigo to provide musical performances. 7:30-10:30pm at Porter's Pub.

THURS NOV 15 ACADEMIC

Programs Abroad Expo - Don't miss UCSD's annual Study-Work-Intern Abroad Information fair! The Programs Abroad Expo is only once a year and offers an array of opportunities open to students of all majors. Meet representatives from over 70 programs. 11am-3pm on Library Walk.

CAREER

TEFL Information Session - Learn about opportunities to Teach English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) around the world. 10-11:30 am at International Center Oceanids Pavilion.

HEALTH

The Great American Smokeout - Quit smoking for a day! Maybe forever! The Student Health Advocates will have free giveaways and tools to help you kick the habit! 10am on Library Walk.

for food, 5:30-8pm at Café Ventanas. SPECIAL EVENT

Global Gourmet - Come cook at the International House Great Hall. This Gourmet Global Gourmet is a special co-sponsored event with Slow Food San Diego and some of San Diego's top chef's will be joining the festivities. Profits will be donated to local farmers who lost crops in the San Diego Wildfires. If you don't want to cook (starting at 4:00), come eat (at 7:00)! We will also talk about local farms and California agriculture. Cost: \$5 (donation to local farmers). 4-9pm at International House Great Hall.

FRI NOV 16

Ecstasy of the Whirling Dervishes - The whirling of the dervishes is an act of love and a dramatization of faith that possesses a highly structured form in which gentle turns become increasingly dynamic. Chanting of poetry, rhythmic rotation, and music create a synaesthesia that induces in many a feeling of soaring, ecstatic, mystical flight. 8pm at Mandeville Auditorium. Students \$16, Staff \$29, GA \$34. Tickets available at the UCSD Box Office, 858-534-4559 or online at http://www.artpower. ucsd.edu.

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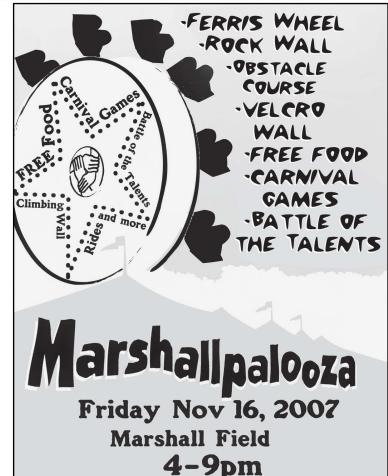
Guide to International Careers with Jean-Marc Hachey - Best-selling author Jean-Marc Hachey (The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas) visits UCSD to help Tritons prepare to work in the global economy, whether within the U.S. or abroad. This special seminar is filled with tips on how to build your "international I.Q.," gain international experience, understand an international resume, and target your global job search. 10am-12pm and 1:30-3:30pm at the Great Hall in ERC.

RECREATION

F12 Concert Series presents Chloe Day - Musical performacne by Chloe Day. 12-1pm on the patio of Porter's Pub, Free.

International Soccer Match - Calling Students, staff, and faculty who enjoy soccer! Email kdelmastro@ucsd.edu to sign up for a casual soccer match. You will be given instructions, a T-shirt, and item to represent your home country. Spectators are welcomed and encouraged! 6-7:20pm at RIMAC field.

Film: Notte Prima Degli Esami - This new Italian comedy explores how five friends approach the day of the big final exam. Before the movie, a brief slide show of pictures about Italy and a preview of hand gestures you will see in the movie. Indeed Italians have a way of talking with their hands. Movie in Italian with English subtitles. 6:30-9:30om at AP&M, Room 4301, 4th floor. Free admission.



ARTS

The La Jolla Playhouse Presents Cry-Baby - 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse. Students \$37. GA \$40. Tickets available at the La Jolla Playhouse Box Office, 858-550-1010.

UCSD Theater Presents a Preview of Thornton Wilder's The Skin of Our Teeth, directed by Sarah Rasmussen, 7pm at Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theater. \$10 Students, \$12 Staff, \$15 General Admission. For more info call (858) 534-4574

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The Ultimate Guide to Finding a Job: Fall Fuel-Up - Get prepared with this efficient, fast-paced seminar covering job search strategies, resume enhancers, interview pointers, networking skills, and salary negotiation techniques. Light lunch included. Call 858-534-3750 to register for this free event. 10am-1pm in the Price Center San Francisco/Santa Cruz room.

5th Annual Entrepreneur Conference featuring Blake Ross, founder of Firefox - Interested in Web 2.0 and Engineering? Check out VentureForth's 5th Annual Entrepreneur Conference sponsored by Intuit. Free conference, lunch, and great raffle prizes! This is an amazing opportunity to network with entrepreneurs and other students with dreams of entrepreneurship just like yours! The conference features keynote, Blake Ross, cofounder of Firefox and Parakey, and hands-on workshops and panels that will help you market and finance your own personal ventures. Register at www.ventureforth.org. 9am at CALIT2 (Main Auditorium, Atkinson Hall).

Port Triton at http://career.ucsd.edu, or call 858.534.6710 with questions.

CLUBS

Argentine Tango Club - Come join the exciting world of tango every Tuesday at 8:30 pm. No experience necessary! The Argentine Tango Club from UCSD encourages dancers of all levels to come learn, share, and practice.

CRAFTS

The UCSD Crafts Center/Grove Gallery presents Del Mar - A Thematic, Multimedia Exhibition from the Ocean featuring works from the Crafts Center Faculty. The show will run from October 8 through November 24. For more information, please call the Crafts Center at 858-534-2021.

HEALTH

STUDENT HEALTH is open to ALL registered students, regardless of health insurance status! Appointments online: http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu or by phone 534-8089. Same-day appointment for urgent needs; walk-in Urgent Care if you need immediate care (some access fees apply). Hours: weekdays 8am-4:30pm (Weds. 9-4:30pm).

ACADEMIC

Human Rights Awareness - Panel discussion of former refugees from different parts of the world. Sponsored by the UCSD Amnesty International and San Diego International Rescue Committee. 6-8pm at International Center Lounge.

ARTS

Perks Poetry Slamm - featuring poet Fred Longworth and open mic poetry readings. Poetry Slamm is a lyrical battle of rhythm and rhyme, where students have an opportunity to share their poetry, spoken word, rap, etc. in a fun and creative atmosphere. The battling poets will have three minutes to perform with a ten second grace period. The judges will give scores, and after each poet's performance, the audience is free to give their reactions. Poets are encouraged to bring costumes or props to better communicate their ideas. 6-7pm inside the UCSD Bookstore at Perks coffee shop.

CAREER

Going Global: International Careers Fair

LECTURE

Entrepreneurs in Vietnam: Open the Taps, Avoid the Traps - Kien Pham, Pacific Leadership Fellow, and Tuan Pham, Senior Visiting Scholar, will discuss case studies of foreign and overseas Vietnamese entrepreneurs who have been successful in Vietnam, with particular focus on the biggest opportunities as well as the most significant challenges they faced. 4:30-6pm at the Robinson Building Complex, room 3201.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents The Simpsons Movie. After Homer accidentally pollutes the town's water supply, Springfield is encased in a gigantic dome by the EPA and the Simpsons family are declared fugitives. 6pm and 9pm at Price Center Theatre, \$3.

North American Global Market Place -Come out and enjoy a night of foods and entertainments as ERC and Café Ventanas show you a different side of North American Culture. Cost: Free for crafts and entertainment and meal points

Marshalpalooza (at Marshall Field, 4-9pm) caps off the celebration of Thurgood Marshall Week. See FEATURED box.

SPECIAL EVENT

IEW Closing Ceremony and International

Café - Come celebrate the end of a wonderful week of IEW events! Enjoy food and friendship. Special menu prepared by Michel Stroot, executive chef from The Golden Door Spa. Cost: \$4 per person. 12-1:30pm at International Center Patio.

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ACADEMIC

Law School Info Fair - Visit reps from more than 60 law programs, learn about admissions requirements, collect brochures, get your questions answered, and find out what each program is really like. See who's coming at http://career.ucsd.edu/ sa/lawgradfairs.shtml. 10:30am-2:30pm on Library Walk.

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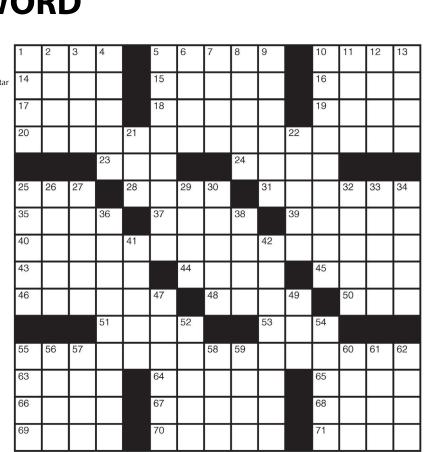
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