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New Center Houses Sustainability Efforts

By Kelly Pleskot
STAFF WRITER

The new Sustainability Resource Center — designed to encourage and unite environmental initiatives on campus — debuted Nov. 20 in Price Center. “The main goal [of the SRC] is to centralize sustainability efforts,” Student Sustainability Collective cofounder Fran Avendaño said. “It’s a one-shop

stop for sustainability.”

The administration for Campus Sustainability is funding the rent and upkeep of the building. The center draws additional funding from a \$2.34 quarterly student fee, approved by voters on last winter’s A.S. special-election ballot. Fee profits have contributed to the cost of the building, and feed into the Green Initiative Fund. Part of the fund goes toward pay-

ing the salaries of the center’s directors. TGIF will also offer \$80,000 per year to students who want to create their own environment projects.

“It’s really taking students’ money and giving it back to them to promote sustainability on campus,” Elizabeth Elman, one of six SSC directors, said.

In order to receive TGIF

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\$100,000

Grant from university toward Sustainability Research Center and Green Initiative Fund.

\$80,000

Funding available for student projects.

\$2.34

Per-quarter student fee to fund new sustainability efforts.



LOST IN THE FOG

Women’s soccer suffers a penalty-kick shootout defeat in regional finals.
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New sustainability haven makes a loud entrance with sky-high dreams and not much time for the seedlings.
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STILL FIGHTING

By Hayley Bisceglia-Martin • ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Hundreds of students gathered for a two-pronged Nov. 21 protest against the recent passage of the 2010-11 UC student-fee increases. One group held a candlelight vigil for the “death of public education” and the other staged a traffic-blocking march in front of the Gilman parking structure.

The protests came on the heels of last week’s UC Board of Regents meeting, where thousands of students, faculty and staff converged at the UCLA campus to voice their concerns over ris-

ing student fees.

On Nov. 19, the regents decided to raise undergraduate tuition \$585 for Winter Quarter 2010, then raise it another \$1,334 by the start of the 2010-11 school year. All told, the 32 percent increase will raise student fees to \$10,302 a year.

Those organizing the “1, 2, 3 Red Light!” protest at the campus intersection originally hoped to block La Jolla Village Dr. traffic,

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A.S. Works to Revise Facility Charges

Councilmembers attempt to make athletic facilities free for student groups.

By Angela Chen
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A.S. councilmembers are working to revise university policy to make the use of sports facilities free for student groups or organizations looking to rent out space for activities. A committee chartered in 2008-09 to solve the issue of double-charging (because students already pay a Recreation Fee on their quarterly bill) has since been disbanded, but the A.S. Council is still pushing to eliminate excess student costs.

A.S. Vice President of Finance and Resources Peter Benesch explained that students paying to reserve campus facilities for events are essentially paying twice.

“Sports facilities such as RIMAC are built through student-referendum fees, but students still need to reserve space and pay each time to use them, which is double-charging,” Benesch said.

According to Benesch, double-charging has been a problem since at least 1995, when many sports facilities were first built.

Last year, councilmembers chartered a committee with the purpose of revising the university’s policy to charge student groups for facility use.

“We wanted to explore different policies of usage in terms of student fees funding facilities, and we wanted to change them,” Benesch said.

The committee has since been disbanded — partly because the majority of its members graduated, and partly because A.S. President Utsav

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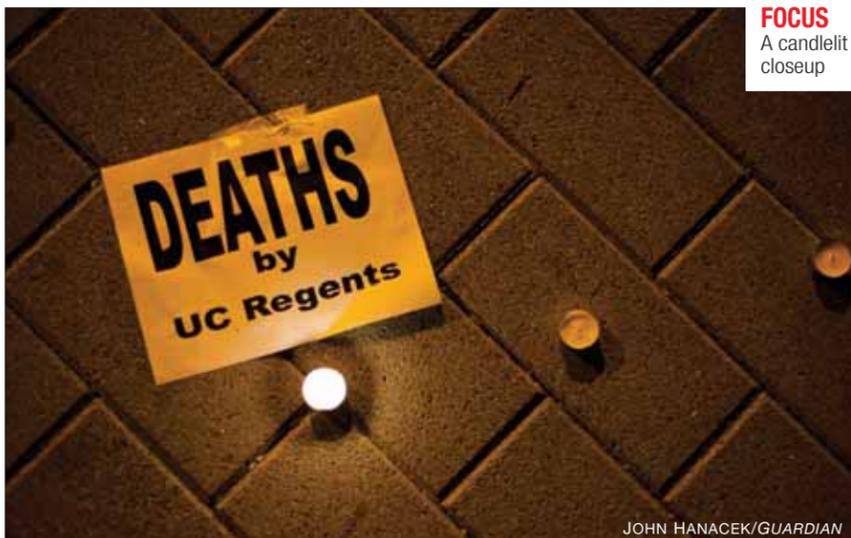
AFTER THE FACT

Left: Dozens of students took to the streets for the Nov. 21 “1, 2, 3 Red Light!” protest, shouting slogans like “Students united, we’ll never be divided.”

Right: Demonstrators lit candles across campus in “memory” of public education, arguing that increased student fees will lead to UC privatization and decreased enrollment.



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FOCUS
A candlelit closeup

JOHN HANACEK/GUARDIAN

SPOKEN

“Education is a speed-through process, but what are we really working toward other than a nine-to-five job?”

LOUIS TOPPER
FIFTH-YEAR, WARREN COLLEGE

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY

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MONDAY Height: 4-5 ft. Wind: 4-9 mph Water Temp: 63 F	TUESDAY Height: 3 ft. Wind: 5-8 mph Water Temp: 63 F
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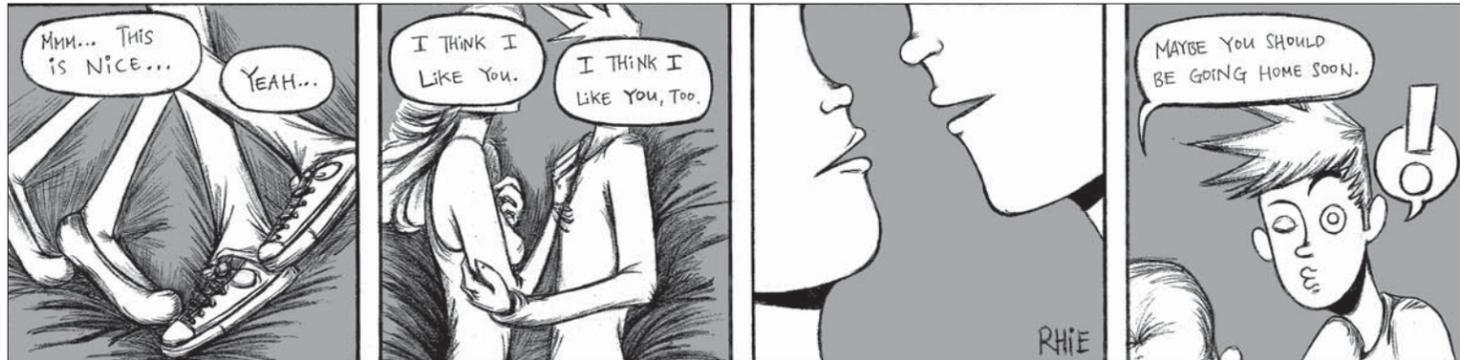
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WORD ON THE STREET



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LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Saturday, Nov. 14

5:13 a.m.: Suspicious person

► Four unknown subjects were seen "running around" the Student Services Center. *Unable to locate.*

7:41 a.m.: Animal call

► A woman reported a "coyote ... following her and her dog in [the] canyon" by Miramar Rd.

Sunday, Nov. 15

1:42 a.m.: Person down

► A person wearing a white shirt and underwear was seen lying under the talking trees near Geisel Library.

4:58 p.m.: Incomplete wireless call

► A "hysterical female" reported that "two dogs were trying to kill her dog."

Monday, Nov. 16

12:20 a.m.: Citizen contact

► An unknown subject was reported as stealing Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's placard at Lot 310. *Arrest misdemeanor.*

12:15 p.m.: Drunk in public

► An intoxicated white male carrying a tote bag was reported as "falling into the street." *Arrest misdemeanor.*

12:41 p.m. Brandishing a weapon

► A 20-year-old white female with black hair was seen "sitting on a bench with a blank handgun," possibly a "squirt gun." *Unable to locate.*

6:11 p.m.: Attempt to contact

► A female student driving a silver Jaguar was reported as missing after failing to attend a scheduled dinner with her father.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

8:37 a.m.: Suspicious person

► A 30- to 40-year-old black male was seen at the Shiley Eye Center parking lot "yelling at people and throwing rocks at cars."

11:15 a.m.: Report of grand theft

► A projector and a cash box containing \$250 were stolen from the Ludwig Institute at the Center for Molecular Medicine.

12:40 p.m.: Suspicious person

► A six-foot white male in his 20s with a "long, thin beard at the end of [his] chin" was reported as making people uncomfortable after "approaching [them] about a communications project." *Field interview administered.*

Wednesday, Nov. 18

12:40 p.m.: Noise disturbance

► The DeeJays and Vinylphiles Club was reported as playing "loud music for over 20 minutes" at the Student Center. *Will cooperate.*

3:37 p.m.: Citizen contact

► A female student reported "receiving calls from a restricted number for the past two weeks" from a male who makes sexual comments, saying that he "sees her and is watching her."

Thursday, Nov. 19

1:39 a.m.: Call for help

► A female was heard screaming for help after seeing a "male dressed in black walking toward her."

1:40 a.m.: Noise disturbance

► An unknown group was reported as causing excess noise while playing Rock Band at Earth Hall South.

10:20 a.m.: Citizen contact

► A Sixth College female reported identity theft after an unknown subject logged into her TritonLink account and dropped one of her classes.

11:28 a.m.: Citizen contact

► A 66-year-old white male in a baseball hat was seen carrying a satanic sign and talking about "weird sex perverts" at Library Walk.

12:31 p.m.: Citizen contact

► A female reported feeling "threatened" by boys "coming over without permission," and by her roommates, who "glared at her."

— *Compiled by Sonia Minden*
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UCSD Protests Coincide With Berkeley Arrests



JESSICA HSU/GUARDIAN

Students gathered by the hundreds to mourn the "death of public education" and the passing of the 32-percent student-fee increase. "Yelling at [the regents] isn't going to create this change that we need," protest organizer Sam Jung said when asked about the choice to hold a candlelight vigil instead of a march.

► **PROTEST**, from page 1 but relocated to the Gilman Parking Structure due to a smaller-than-expected turnout.

The vigil, according to attendee and assistant professor Sarah Clarke Kaplan, afforded students a chance to channel their frustration over the UCLA protest's lack of results, and at the same time commit to future action such as lobbying legislators for increased state funding.

"The students that came back from UCLA were exhausted," Kaplan said. "They were devastated by the decision, they were angry, they were

tired, and I think that this is an opportunity for them to spiritually and politically recharge — to have a sense of the community that's behind them."

The candlelight vigil and Gilman Dr. protest coincided with protests on other UC campuses, including a demonstration at UC Berkeley that turned violent Friday evening: UC Police made 41 arrests following a sit-in at Wheeler Hall, and several bystanders released self-shot footage of officers striking student protesters who gathered outside.

However, UC Berkeley officials

insist that the demonstration necessitated a police presence, and have not yet addressed student accusations of police brutality.

"The Wheeler Hall protest ended peacefully this evening," UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau said in a campuswide e-mail on Saturday. "It is truly regrettable, however, that a few members of our campus community may have found themselves in conflict with law-enforcement officers."

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OUT OF CONTEXT

“When you don't have any money, you don't have any money.”

MARK G. YUDOF
PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Your Light Saber's Only Dorky if You Let It Be

When Time Warner Cable decides to throw me a bone and gives me an Internet signal in my off-campus abode, my fingertips celebrate by hammering out my dirtiest little techno-obsession. And I don't mean porn.

I'm talking about www.theforce.net. No, it's not a Web site designed

The Surf Report

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to help you with physics homework. It's all about the Force: The one that allowed Darth Vader to choke inept stormtroopers with one pinch of his thumb and forefinger, and empowered Yoda to levitate Luke's X-wing after it sank to the bottom of the Dagobah-system swamp.

Displaying expert "Star Wars" knowledge at 21 may not be radical enough to fall under the category of social suicide, but it does tend to draw a raised eyebrow or two from onlookers. And no matter how many friends allegedly love me for who I am, not one will support nor seek to understand my ability to list all the droids from the original trilogy by name and function. C-3PO, for instance — protocol droid, fluent in over 6 million forms of communication.

Sure, my "Star Wars" obsession was cute when I was 9 years old, collecting Pepsi cans plastered with Boba Fett's image (aww, remember the re-release promos?). A few years later, though, I have to satiate my obsession behind closed doors, where no one but me and other anonymous Han Solo fanatics log into Jedi Council forums and chat live about backstage secrets of the asteroid field scene in "Episode V".

All I have to do is Google "Boba Fett forums" and I'm assured that thousands of other excited fans like me have never quite grown out of the trend. The anonymity of fan sites makes them that much more inviting: any overzealous follower can create a user name unrelated to her real identity. That way, we can delve into heated debates on whether Jodie Foster should have played Princess Leia without public scrutiny — not that I do that, or anything.

But really, surfing your choice online forum with the blinds closed in your bedroom can be the only healthy way of dealing with your addiction. Looking up Lucasfilm terminology in *Wookieepedia* by day and hitting up the pubs with your friends by night is probably the nearest you'll come toward double-life status, making your fan-site fascination comparable to a forbidden lover you're forced to see only in the confines of a locked room.

There are of course, different levels of fandom, and it's up to you to tap the brake wherever you're comfortable. For me, behind-the-scenes tidbits, film analysis and talk of future projects are enough to keep me drooling; for others, there exists no prospect more titillating than a Friday night date with *LeiaLove90*, courtesy of the site's fan-dating service.

There are no boundaries online,



KIM CYPRIAN/GUARDIAN

GRASS WITH NO ROOTS

The new Sustainability Resource Center has grand plans to make UCSD even greener — but it shouldn't take on too much too soon. By Sarah Smith

ON CAMPUS — The Sustainability Resource Center opened its freshly painted doors on Friday to announce a mountain of show-stopping green initiatives. Funded in part by a \$2.34 quarterly fee tacked onto the A.S. Council's Winter Quarter 2009 activity-fee referendum, the center has the potential to do big things for UCSD's undergraduate momentum, but without proper execution, it could easily end up a decadent tribute to our high sustainability marks.

One of the main purposes of the green (yes, they painted the walls green) new Price Center space is to centralize existing student sustainability operations —

yet an existing space could easily have served the same purpose. The makeover is exciting, but not necessary to this cause. Most other special-interest clubs rent out different on-campus locations, such as empty classrooms or conference rooms, for their meetings. Utilizing existing meeting spaces for a revamped initiative — despite the widely touted eco-friendliness of the new decor — would be even more sustainable. After all, you can't get much greener than using what you already have — especially when a brand new Price Center East is right next door,

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QUICKTAKES

The Return of Sarah Palin

With a media storm befitting another Jolie-Pitt adoption, one-time Republican vice presidential hopeful Sarah Palin thrust herself back into the limelight last week after months of Alaskan solitude. Palin released *Going Rogue*, a new tell-all autobiography that zipped straight to the top of the bestseller charts. But what will be the lasting effects of the new Palin frenzy?

Fear Not: 'President Palin' Will Never Become a Reality

With the release of her new autobiography and the kickoff of her cross-country press tour, many are hinting that Palin is aiming for the White House come 2012 — but the hockey mom's primetime second episode doesn't signify much more than an international hunger for some fresh Palin gossip.

Admit it: We all find the Palin buzz amusing at the least. Vanity Fair even dubbed Palin the "American Gossip Girl." Because of the publicity she received during last year's election, many Americans still follow Palin's story with great interest.

But will all the hungry eyes turn to votes in three years? A CBS poll released last Monday found that 66 percent of Americans don't think Palin should even try at the oval office — and, in the end, it's doubtful that a country still YouTubeing Tina Fey's Palin impersonations will elect the "pit bull with lipstick" to run Washington.

— Arik Buravoksy
STAFF WRITER

Palin's Overexposure Reveals Her Ingrate Within

The Palin publicity blitz of the past week has been an exercise in excuses.

That infamous CBS interview? Katie Couric's fault. Her disastrous debate skills? Palin blame the guy who wrote the note cards.

After all the controversy over her rather pricey campaign wardrobe, Palin sobbed that she didn't even pick out her own clothes — every day, a stylist would lay out new designer duds (Palin just had to point).

In fact, by her accounts, the one-time governor of Alaska has just about everyone to blame but herself.

But it's time for her to wake up, smell the fresh Alaskan/Russian air and realize that without all those people who allegedly set out to make her a televised tragedy, she would still be shooting moose from a helicopter. So, please, Palin — stop blaming everyone else and try proving you're not just an angry opportunist.

— Cheryl Hori
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

It's Our Own Fault the Palin Media Circus Is Still Sold Out

If a week's worth of unprecedented media coverage (the Associated Press alone dedicated 11 employees to fact-checking the Palin autobiography — turns out she's stayed in "robe and slippers" hotels on Alaska's dime, after all) has reminded us of anything about the hockey mom, it's that she's endlessly captivating.

What other failed vice-presidential contender can not only claim a spot on Oprah Winfrey's coveted couch 12 months after the fact, but also draws more viewers than the talk show's seen in two years? John Edwards might have a love child and a strong jaw on his side, but even he can't come close to rivaling Palin's star power.

The fact that the former governor has amassed a following of those who both loathe and love her speaks to just how craftily she's shaped her image. No amount of televised flub-ups will make us any less mesmerized by the former governor — because in the end, we the captive audience are the reason for this whole media circus.

— Trevor Cox
OPINION EDITOR

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Campus Plans for Water-Use Reduction

By Tanja Fijalkowski
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

On Nov. 9, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger signed SBX7-1 into legislation as part of his Comprehensive Water Plan to increase water sustainability. UCSD, as well, has already taken steps toward a similar — if not loftier — sustainability goal.

SBX7-1 requires California to achieve a 20-percent improvement in water-use efficiency per person by 2020. UCSD's Climate Action Plan, designed in December 2008 by various faculty members, calls for an annual 4-percent reduction in campus water usage for five years, cutting overall water consumption 20 percent by 2014.

As one chief proponent of the CAP, UCSD affiliate the Sustainable Solutions Institute kicked off its Water Collaborative program in October. The institute plans to dramatically reduce the university's 800 million gallons of annual water usage. The SSI, while not technically part of UCSD, is a subset of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information

Technology, which is housed on the UCSD campus.

"We want to use UCSD as a test bed for water conservation," SSI project manager Kim McIntyre said. "We hope to utilize the intellectual capital on campus to figure out ways to cut back our water usage."

According to McIntyre, a major SSI objective is developing water neutrality, or a campus's ability to expand physically without increasing water need.

The Water Collaborative has already proposed \$60 million worth of projects — and that's not the only effort toward water sustainability at UCSD. Campus Sustainability administrators are partnering with the city of San Diego to increase the use of recycled water.

Crews are installing low-flow water fixtures in residence halls, planting drought-tolerant vegetation and have been required to fix water leaks within 24 hours.

In addition, new campus buildings are being constructed to be more water efficient, fitted to meet the "silver" standards of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

rating system.

A proposed installation of low-flow devices could cost upwards of \$650,000.

Another proposal explores new sources of air-conditioning. The tentative system would employ the cool temperatures of the deep ocean trenches not far off the coast for campus cooling. If successful, the project could save \$4 million and 100 million gallons of water per year, singularly reducing water consumption by almost the full 20 percent outlined in the CAP.

The Clean Water Utility Initiative at UCSD is also working to install water meters to accurately record water usage figures and find potential avenues for water conservation.

Schwarzenegger's plan will be funded through an \$11.4 million bond. McIntyre said funding is scarce for sustainability, though the SSI has submitted a number of proposals to potential investors like Wal-Mart and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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Center Offers Funding to Green Student Orgs

► **CENTER**, from page 1
funding for sustainability-related projects, students must submit comprehensive applications. Their projects are required to promote sustainability, have measurable outcomes, demonstrate that they exceed minimum sustainability requirements and include plans to track effectiveness on campus. The SSC staff reviews each application and accepts or denies its project, then determines how much money it will receive.

According to Souder, the new space is constructed almost entirely of sustainable products. She said she is confident the building will receive a silver — if not gold — Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating score, which measures a building's capacity to save energy, conserve water, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, improve indoor air quality and use resources responsibly.

According to Souder, the biggest challenge in the creation of the SRC was securing a source of funding.

"When we obtained our original estimates and made the request for funds, we thought we would be able to complete the SRC for about \$100 a square foot," Souder said. "As we added sustainable features and innovative products, the costs increased. We didn't have enough money to make the building as sustainable as we would have liked."

Several donors, however, have played a major role in covering the



TIMOTHY WONG/GUARDIAN

Built with energy-efficient lights and reusable materials, the design of the Sustainability Resource Center is a model for environmental conservation, according to Sustainability Coordinator Maggie Souder.

difference, supplying products such as the flooring and furniture.

"Our partners have pulled out the stops and not just contributed 'things,' but have put their heart and souls into making this place beautiful and innovative," Souder said.

Avendaño said that the short-term goal for the center is to redefine sustainability in terms of both "environmental justice" and "social behavior."

She stressed that the center is not the final answer to sustainability solutions, but instead a space designed to provide collaboration, publicity, networking and marketing opportunities for interested participants.

"The SRC is a catalyst for a sus-

tainability movement on campus," Avendaño said. "It doesn't start and end with the SRC."

Student organizations on campus such as CalPIRG are already using the center to promote their causes.

Members of the SCC pitched the idea for the SRC a few years ago, partnering with Campus Sustainability staff to eventually create the center.

"We hope it will be a warm, inviting, pleasant space for people to be in and to learn about sustainability," Souder said.

The center will officially open to the public on Dec. 1.

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A.S. Will Re-Present Facility Policy to Admin.

► **COMMITTEE**, from page 1
Gupta decided the issue did not warrant the work of a committee.

"We decided the issue didn't need a special committee, and so many people to solve the problem," Gupta said.

The committee met approximately four times over the course of the 2008-09 academic year. Members examined the original policy and then proposed a new policy, in which students would not be required to pay for facility use unless the usage were to incur extra costs.

"If students using the facility means that special things need to be set up — such as electricians coming in — or the use diminishes the value and further usage of the facility, it's fine to pay," Benesch said.

Gupta agreed. "We're fine with students paying more for the cost of something like [the Sun God festival], which obviously needs a lot of external work to set up," he said. "We just don't want

the facilities to be making a profit out of this."

After the student policy changes were proposed last year, they ran into administrative roadblocks that prevented implementation. Benesch explained that when the proposal was suggested to the university's Recreational Facilities Board, various administrators expressed strong opposition to changing campus policy and postponed making a decision on the proposal.

Councilmembers will bring the proposal before the Athletic, Recreational and Sports Facilities Advisory Board (ARSFAB) again later this year.

"This time, we have a very well-informed group of student representatives on staff who understand the issues placed before them," Benesch said. "[The group] won't be susceptible to the power dynamic that invariably comes up in campus politics that fails to let student voice be heard."

Benesch also met with former UC

Student Regent D'Artagnan Scorza during Fall Quarter 2008 to discuss the double-charging issue, but said he has not met with current UC Student Regent Jesse Bernal.

"It's not an issue people will get passionate about and speak up for, so the student regent hasn't," Benesch said. "People will obviously rally and protest for fees, but not really for being double-charged to use their facilities."

However, policy revision has continued into this year, and councilmembers are still concerned about the issue, which Gupta has introduced at meetings with the chairs of the six college councils.

"We will still be seeking new policies for facility use going into the future," Gupta said.

Both Gupta and Benesch said they hope to have the revised policy implemented by early Winter Quarter.

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THE 5 YEAR

Plan

BY KELLY KIM
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Faced with both an unwelcoming economy and soaring tuition, students are weighing the fifth-year option like never before.

Long trumpeted by academic counselors as a useful tool for budgeting out the long road ahead, the four-year plan has been a UCSD staple for decades. But for some students, four years just isn't cutting it.

For the graduating class of 2008, only 57 percent of all first-time freshman were able to fit everything in 12 quarters.

Although the number of students extending their stay has slowly come down since the late '90s (with the average time-to-degree peaking in the 2002-2003 academic year at 13.5 quarters), a batch of students are juggling a new collection of concerns for staying a fifth year.

As the nation's economy sputters and the job market becomes more competitive — unemployment rates have risen over 4 percent nationally since 2005 — motivation to stay in college for an extra year has multiplied.

There's just one minor setback: According to UCSD's 2009-10 undergraduate budget, it will cost \$24,930 for a student to pay the year in units, university fees, books and basic living costs. And that's nearly a \$1,200 increase from the previous year.

For some students debating whether or not to stay on for year five, the climbing cost of tuition (in lieu of the UC Board of Regents' decision to increase student fees by 32 percent last Thursday) is a new factor to consider.

Fortunately for Katie Tippetts, a Marshall College mechanical-engineering major in her fifth year, tuition wasn't an issue. Because her mother works at Stanford University, the cost of her education is covered in full.

"I'm really lucky I didn't have to worry about tuition for an extra year," Tippetts said. "The whole money situation would have definitely been a factor."

After transferring from UC Santa Barbara as a junior, Tippetts adopted a five-year plan when she discovered many of her classes didn't transfer between schools. She had to repeat a few general-education courses and prerequisites just to gain access to her required engineering courses.

In fact, the transfer-student population is a main contributor to the fifth-year epidemic. According to UCSD's Office of Student Research and Information, on average, transfer students have always taken at least three years to complete their bachelor's-degree requirements at UCSD. Almost 78 percent graduated within nine quarters (for a total of five years), and 22 percent needed even longer.

According to Eleanor Roosevelt College Dean of Advising Sarah Spear-Barrett, students must stay cognizant of the maximum number of units to which they are allowed. Once a student has reached this limit, he or she is forced — under contract — to graduate. Spear-Barrett said she advises students to keep an eye on their unit capacity before making the decision to extend their collegiate lifespan. Currently, the maximum is 200 units for a bachelor of arts degree, 230 units for a bachelor of science degree and 240 units for double majors.

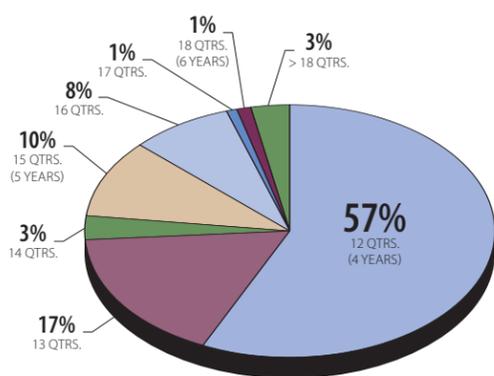
For Warren College fifth-year Louis Topper, overlooking an opportunity to study abroad to ensure a standard fourth-year graduation was out of the question.

"I was unable to include a study-abroad experience and finish my mechanical-engineering degree in four years," Topper said. "But I decided I wanted to go to Sweden. I needed that for my collegiate experience, and this was the only way to do it."

According to the Programs Abroad Office, most students make progress toward their degrees — taking GE and major classes — while studying abroad through the Education Abroad Program. But whether or not a student can graduate on time depends on his or her major, how long that student remains abroad and what classes are available in his or her particular program.

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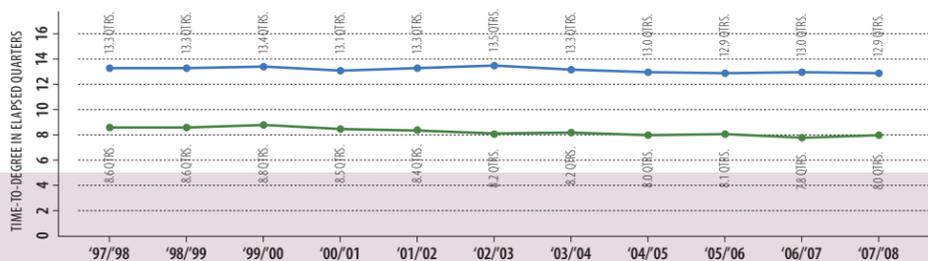
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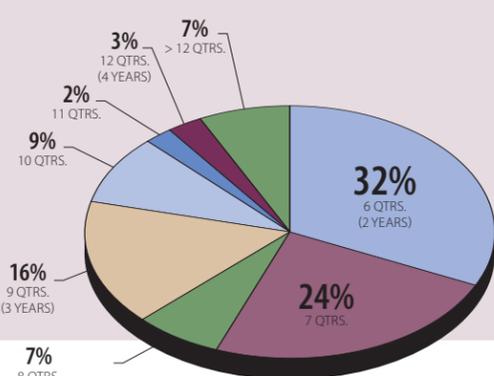
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- 57% graduated within 12 quarters
- 74% graduated within 13 quarters
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LUCHA LIBRE GOURMET TACO SHOP



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The holidays are drawing nearer, so of course you're craving food from home — but there's life beyond the turkey. We're talking sketchy street food served out of a rickety cart posted in front of your favorite hometown dive bar. We're talking BWHs (bacon-wrapped hot dogs), affectionately known as bacon dogs in the Bay or alley dogs in L.A.

San Diegans call them TJ dogs. For a decidedly less questionable version than you'd get from your go-to roadside vendor, look no further than the Lucha Libre Gourmet Taco Shop in Mission Hills.

Perched on a steep Washington St. slope, Lucha Libre claims to use only fresh ingredients and top-quality meats (guess, that's what makes them "gourmet.") Libre's take on the TJ dog — a frank wrapped in bacon, onions and a medley of sauces — will more than remedy even the most severe case of munchies.

So will the rest of the menu, populated by both taco-shop usuals and non-traditions like the chipotle-smothered "loaded baked potato." Try a "queso taco": two tortillas covered in a crunchy layer of cheese, avocado slices, special sauce and either steak, chicken or fries. And spice it up with Libre's ever-changing rotation of salsas, limited-edition creations by owners/brothers Diego and Jose Luis Rojano. Highlights have included a bold beer-flavored salsa for San Diego Beer Week and an apple-flavored hot sauce.

Turns out, gourmet tacos and burritos taste that much better atop zebra-printed bar stools beneath a TV blaring Mexican wrestling. Photos, masks and autographs in kitschy gold frames complement the shop's hot-pink walls, illuminated by a spinning disco ball. Call 24 hours in advance to reserve the roped-off "champion's booth" lined top to bottom in gold — the staff will even don the Lucha Libre masks hanging on the walls as they serve you "tap out tacos," "smackdown quesadillas" on porcelain plates and horchata in gold-trimmed pimp cups.

Open until 2:30 a.m. on weekends, Libre's in-your-face gusto will make it your favorite post-bar pitstop. And with Bar Dynamite (a small club beloved by house and old-school hip-hop heads) next door, along with a liquor shop two storefronts down, it makes a convenient cap to a night out in Mission Hills. If you're coming from the Gaslamp Quarter, ask your designated driver to exit the I-5 on Sassafras and get in the ring with some kickin' Mexican cuisine.

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— Ashley Lee
STAFF WRITER

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Following a protest that barricaded the intersection in front of the Gilman Parking Structure, students gathered in front of Geisel Library to hold a candlelight vigil for the "death of public education."

Both protests were in reaction to the Nov. 19 decision by the UC Board of Regents to approve a two-step student-fee increase that will raise undergraduate tuition more than \$2,500, or 32 percent, by the 2010-2011 academic year. Annual fees will then total about \$10,302 per student.

Beginning around dusk, the student demonstration included candlelit chants and signs reading "Death By UC Regents." A.S. Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Gracelynn West and Revelle College fifth-year Sam Jung joined fellow classmates and faculty in voicing their frustration with the fee hikes, passing around a mic so members of the crowd could participate.

Other UC campuses held similar protests following the regents' decision. Many of the students at the UCSD vigil had attended the mass protests at UCLA, one day prior where a tent city was set up to accommodate the two-day demonstration.

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- 4 Bad states
- 9 You often see a lap in one
- 14 Bullet in a deck
- 15 Strange
- 16 Kind of trader
- 17 Royal sleep disturbance, in a tale
- 18 Break from soldiers' training?
- 20 Ill-advised
- 22 Flames' org.
- 23 Gives the slip
- 24 Clown settlement?
- 27 Old waste allowance
- 28 Resemble strongly
- 33 ID necessity, often
- 36 Plow into
- 37 Like Chinese dishes, frequently
- 38 International affair?
- 42 It may be gross in med sch.
- 43 OPEC member
- 44 Development units
- 45 Picks
- 47 Monopoly card
- 49 O. Henry stories?
- 54 Pizza chain
- 58 Like Bizet's only symphony
- 59 Night light
- 60 Copperfield's limo?
- 63 Short sentence about a long term
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- 65 Some plots
- 66 "I reckon not"
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- 68 "Siddhartha" author
- 69 It's up to you

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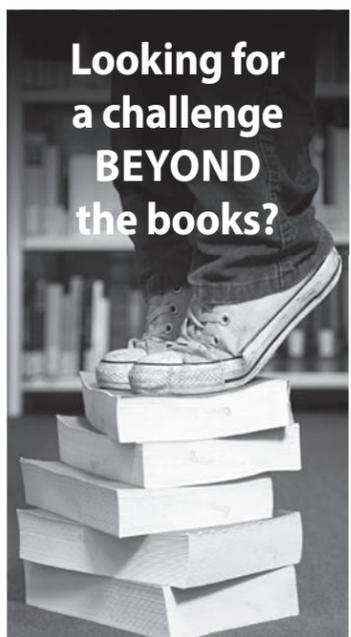
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Never heard of him? Simmons, as it turns out, is a Sixth College senior whose talent is somewhat hereditary. From an early age, Simmons said, he's been surrounded by professionals.

"My dad is a stand-up comedian doing comedy in Hollywood," he said. "My dad's always been my mentor — and so I thought that I could do it, found that it was a lot of fun and continued."

Just don't call him narcissistic: The club's moniker wasn't originally his idea.

"I wanted to name it the Stand-Up Comedy Club, but my friend said, 'Come on, make it something memorable,'" Simmons said. "So it just became the Dan Simmons Comedy Club of Higher Learning. We joke that it's not professional, but the idea is not to make it serious, but to make it fun. The name is keeping with that spirit."

Simmons learned early on that comedy is easier watched than performed — once he realized how frustrating it could be to develop a feel for what different audiences find funny — he went on to develop a space where amateurs like himself could practice and improve.

"There's really no formal experience in stand-up, it's learn



PHOTOS BY JESSICA HSU/GUARDIAN
Many members of the Dan Simmons Comedy Club of Higher Learning are also part of Muir College's improv troupe FOOSH, so the two groups occasionally collaborate in stand-up routines.

as you go," he said.

That's why the club goes for a hands-on approach. During meetings, various members — many of whom are also part of Muir College improv troupe FOOSH — perform skits and improv games while others watch and offer detailed and constructive feedback.

"Standup comedy is precarious," Simmons said. "You can say one word wrong [look] like a fool, and your entire routine is ruined. When amateur comedians do [routines], usually nobody laughs, and then you don't know what you did right or wrong."

According to Simmons, no previous experience is necessary to join the club, and it welcomes comedy lovers at all different levels — even those uninterested in getting onstage.



"We have people that don't want to perform; they just come to laugh," Simmons said.

The Dan Simmons Comedy Club of Higher Learning meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Center 217.

The club will be hosting an open-mic performance on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Porter's Pub in the Student Center.

— Angela Chen
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Student Advisors: Fifth-Year GPA Boost Isn't Always the Best Choice

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Then, of course, there are the double-major with a minor on the side overachievers who simply can't fit everything into a four-year schedule. Or those who just decide to change majors halfway through their college careers (if not multiple times), fully embracing the extra year of college they're tacking onto their lives.

Warren College senior Colin Scholtz said he faced an inevitable fifty year after changing his major.

"For my first 2 years, I was a chemistry major but I switched to chemical engineering at the start of my 3rd year," Scholtz said. "Chemical engineering courses have different prerequisites and I needed to take way more math classes to be an engineer."

Though Scholtz admitted that paying another year of tuition will be tough, he said he's still willing to bite the bullet for the cause.

"In the long-run though, the degree is going to be worth it, and it's something I really want to do," Scholtz said. "Although the technical field isn't affected too much, I know that a lot of companies aren't hiring as much as they normally would."

For Revelle College senior Victoria Cho, on the other hand, the plan to extend a college career can be a strategy in itself.

Cho, a pharmacological-chemistry major, plans to stay an extra year to enhance her credentials for pharmacy school. Instead of loading up on the maximum number of units, Cho takes three classes a quarter, allowing her to spend more time on each class while working two jobs.

"In order to make myself a better candidate for grad school, I feel like I need to do more extracurricular

activities, boost my GPA and just be a better person to get into the school I want to get into," Cho said.

Spear-Barrett said she believes the pros and cons of staying a fifth year really depend on a student's personal situation.

"The student needs to evaluate whether it's worth it to pay for the cost of an education in an attempt to boost their cumulative GPA by a little bit," she said.

For others she said, it may be wiser to find a job before graduation and gain some real-world experience; allowing for students to begin paying off their loans and working towards expanding their resumes with more than just student clubs.

Fifth-years could also be taking refuge in college to avoid the pains of searching for a job. Although student statistics are not yet available beyond the 2007-2008 academic year, UCSD economics professor Gordon Dahl said that enrollment patterns could reveal a greater number of students seeking and extending undergraduate degrees due to economic circumstances.

"Enrollment in college is generally found to be countercyclical," Dahl said. "When the economy is bad, more students enroll in college, and when the economy is good, fewer students enroll."

According to Topper, there is really no reason to rush out of college.

"Education is a speed-through process," Topper said. "But what are we really working toward, other than a nine-to-five job? I want to focus on my education a little longer and possibly make time for other pursuits."

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Monday Nov 23

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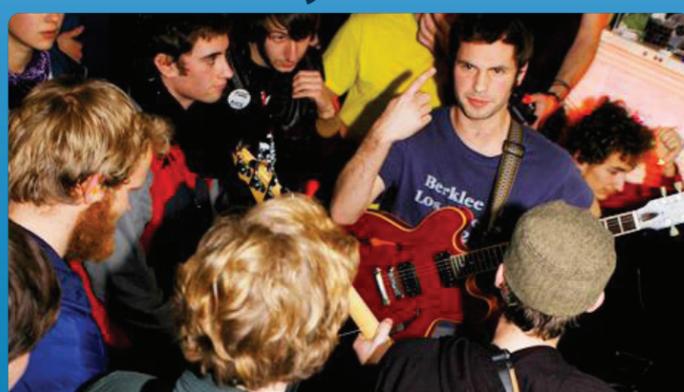
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Earthy Intentions Are Noble — But Don't Be Wooed By Big Talk

► **SUSTAINABILITY**, from page 4 waiting patiently for students to use its expansive digs.

The construction of the center cost the university roughly \$100,000 (excluding the cost of a contractor and designer). An additional \$170,000 in donations also helped fund the center's upstart money which could have been put to more active use had the center's initiatives been hashed out around existing roundtables.

The extra cash could perhaps have helped fund existing programs that impact the environment — like UCSD's commuter shuttles, which reduce our carbon footprint but are facing budgetary constraints in 2010.

Or sustainability coordinators could have worked toward increased sustainability in the on-campus apartments and dorms, with efforts as simple as installing energy-efficient light bulbs and recycled flooring in the under-construction Muir housing. Tangible results would have been preferable to spending thousands on a shallow shrine to our monumental greenness.

Granted, a pre-existing facility wouldn't have boasted gimmicky furnishings like sustainable paint, interior walls, countertops and tiles in a nifty little IKEA showroom.

But now that the center is up and running, the amount of money it's allotted should also be carefully monitored by the students footing the bill, judging by the lopsided nature of some previous sustainability efforts. The dining hall compost bins, for instance, have revealed themselves to be no more than glorified garbage bins (the contents aren't actually composted, but thrown away like any other old pile of trash). Though the bin initiative is next to costless, it's deceiving to students and might as well

be completed now that the money exists.

Perhaps forming an A.S. oversight committee to review the center's operational budget (not unlike the one proposed to watch over the Loft) could help ensure our fees aren't misused on more frivolities. Such a board would provide the

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necessary check for a center responsible for an estimated \$50,000, which it will receive from our tuition dollars each year. For now, only two undergraduates serve on the Advisory Committee on Sustainability — not nearly enough man-

power to ensure our fees aren't misappropriated by shifty administrators.

It's also important that the center's proposed far-reaching goals — such as reducing campus water usage by at least 4 percent — aren't bogged down in a series of unrealistic hopes and dreams, like campus org Aquaholic Anonymous' plan to ban the sale of bottled water on campus.

Active members need to create some tangible goals to build upon. Right now all they have is a number of large, complicated and time-consuming plans — such as expanding the reclaimed water-distribution system and replacing water-intensive landscaping with drought-resistant alternatives.

One of the most praiseworthy aspects of the center's mission to create a home for sustainable activity at UCSD is the provision for student participation in the future of all sustainability work, which has the opportunity to flourish with the proper care.

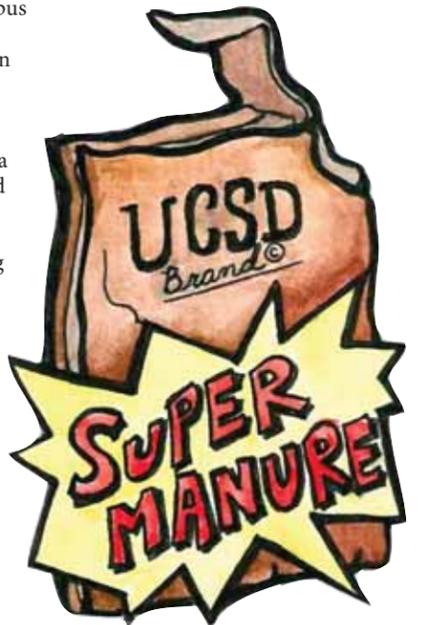
The Green Initiative Fund, for instance, provides \$80,000 a year in grants to fund students' sustainability efforts. The grants

will allow students to become more involved with both the university and sustainability efforts, and spread awareness through a high-visibility program.

A shining example of student involvement would be the proposed Urban Farms program, which offers the opportunity for students to grow their own food. This program could allow students to limit the amount of food imported from foreign destinations, reducing our carbon imprint by following an eat-and-grow localized philosophy. A UCSD fruit and vegetable patch could even serve as a gateway project for students interested in pursuing global sustainability. These kinds of more-affordable goals are the type the center should be chasing.

Some great ideas will likely grow from the building; it is important, however, that the center doesn't umbrella too much too soon — or it runs the risk of becoming just another green star on the university's list of environmental accomplishments.

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► **VOLLEYBALL**, from page 16

On Thursday night, the Tritons won in the first round, taking revenge on the San Francisco State Gators — who, earlier this season, ended a Triton win streak of 16 games. With the three-set victory, the Tritons notched their first postseason sweep since 2004, when they swept Cal State Bakersfield in the first round.

"We saw some mistakes from that loss, and the girls responded well with the adjustments," Black said.

Through the entire match, the Tritons had the clear advantage, rarely playing from behind. Schmidt — who was just named conference player of the year — played at peak performance, and the rest of the team

stepped up their game to remove the Gators' postseason hopes.

Despite the victory on Thursday night, UCSD's season will now come to an end. It will be the last collegiate performance for four Tritons, but the majority of the team will return to play next season, ready for another chance.

"It's hard to replace some great players," Black said. "You just have to create a different dynamic of the team and work with that. All our middles are coming back, so there's obviously a big plus for us. But that's college athletics: reloading and making a new picture."

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Tritons Conquered By Rivals Fifth Time This Season



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Senior two-meter defender Steven Donohoe converted on all five of his shots against Whittier College in the WWPA Championship semifinal game on Nov. 21.

Toros Best Tritons Post-Overtime

► **W. SOCCER**, from page 16

with McTigue, who led the Tritons with nine goals — for the critical shot.

"We were just pounding them," McTigue said. "It was just a matter of time, and we ended up getting one."

After the teams played out the remainder of regulation scoreless, the match entered a 10-minute overtime period. Both defenses held firm, leading to a second overtime period. After another scoreless 10 minutes, the game ended in a 2-2 draw, and the two teams prepared for penalty kicks.

The Toros shot first, and — to the home crowd's delight — the kick missed the mark. Bradley nailed the Tritons' first attempt with a shot to the left of the net. The Toros rebounded, netting their second attempt.

Freshman midfielder Jessica Wi then missed her fateful shot.

After two rounds, the score was tied 1-1. The Toros made their third kick, and sophomore forward Courtney Capobianco missed her attempt, leaving the Toros with a 2-1 advantage. Dominguez Hills missed its fourth

kick, offering the Tritons a brief glimmer of hope before sophomore midfielder Sara Bolton missed her shot. The next Toro kicker found the back of the net, sealing the deal and ending the season for UCSD.

"We were by far the better team tonight," McManus said. "The possessions we had, the buildups we had — I thought we were much, much better."

In terms of possession, the Triton offense dominated the entire match. UCSD outshot Dominguez Hills by a whopping 14 shots, leading the Toros 24-10. The Tritons also had a huge 12-3 corner-kick advantage.

"That team tonight gave me everything," McManus said. "Any other team, down 2-0 to Dominguez in the second half, would have buckled. We knew there was time; we knew we could still play. I have no problems with this team whatsoever. They'll come back next year, [and] they'll be a year older and a year stronger."

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► **WATER POLO**, from page 16

until Loyola Marymount sophomore Max Schlegel put the Lions on top with a shot from outside of five meters. Schlegel's score would end up being the winning goal, as UCSD was held scoreless for the rest of the game.

With the win, the Lions will advance to the NCAA tournament, while the Tritons end their season on another disappointing loss to their rival.

"I could not be more proud of this team," Harper said. "We got better every week and just came up a little short. We are all aware of the bumpy road we had to travel not having our home pool for most of the season. I'm extremely proud of the season and extremely proud of the seniors."

After securing the No. 3 seed for the tournament, the Tritons had their hands full in their opening game against No. 6 seed University of Redlands. UCSD fell behind in the first quarter 4-2 before putting up five goals

in the second period to tie the game 7-7 at the half.

The Tritons found themselves in a 9-7 hole in the third quarter, but used three scores in the last two-and-a-half minutes of the quarter to take a 10-9 lead. UCSD carried this momentum into the fourth period, taking its largest lead of the game with just under five minutes to play.

Nursing a 12-9 advantage, the Tritons saw their lead quickly fade in a Redlands rally. The Bulldogs evened the score in the final ticks of the fourth quarter, sending the game into overtime. Sophomore utility Lance Curtiss and senior driver Sean Roberts netted scores in the first overtime period, securing the 14-13 victory for UCSD.

Following the unexpectedly tight game, the Tritons faced off against No. 7 seed Whittier College, which had pulled an upset over No. 2 seed Air Force Academy in the Poets' opening game.

The Tritons put the Poets away early on, scoring nine unanswered goals to start the semifinal match. The Poets managed to net one score in the first half to make the game 9-1 at the break. UCSD didn't let up in the second half, cruising to a 16-3 blowout victory.

Senior two-meter defender Steven Donohoe led UCSD with five goals, and four other Tritons netted multiple scores. Sophomore goalkeeper David Morton held his own in the cage, blocking the first seven Poet shots and finishing the game with 12 saves.

"On Saturday, it was probably one of the most lopsided semifinals ever," Harper said. "The guys wanted to rid themselves of any bad feelings from the overtime win. We needed to play well Saturday so that we could carry momentum into the finals."

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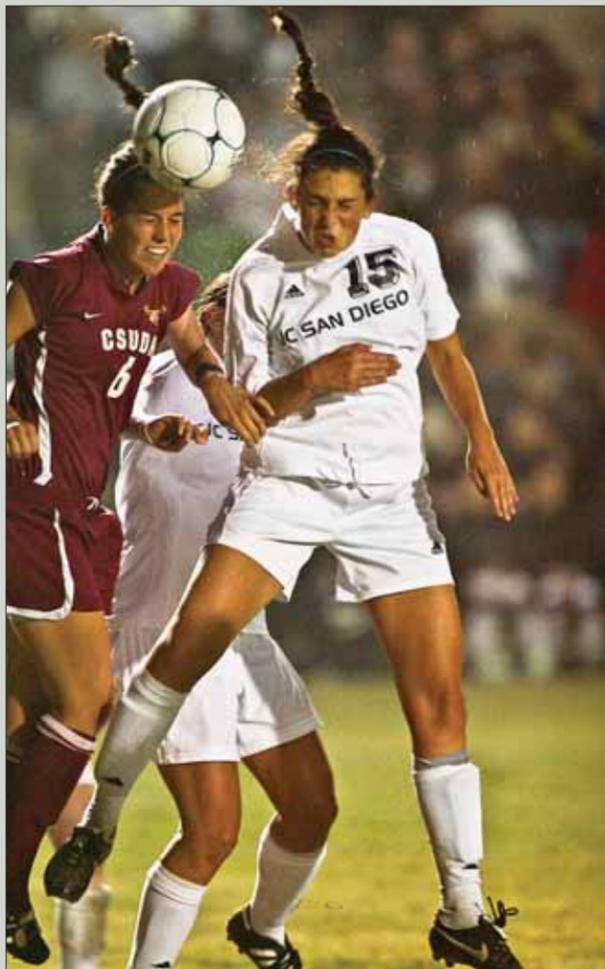


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WOMEN'S SOCCER

Triton Comeback Denied in West Regional Shootout Loss



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Freshman defender Ellen Wilson battled for a header with a CSUDH opponent in the West Regional Final. UCSD came back from a 2-0 deficit, but fell in the penalty kick shootout.

By John Beck
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S SOCCER — The UCSD women's soccer team saw quarterfinal dreams crushed at the 2009 NCAA Division-II tournament after a crushing defeat to Cal State Dominguez Hills on Nov. 20. The game was ultimately lost in a tie-breaking penalty-kick shootout.

The two teams played to a 2-2 tie before the Toros edged the Tritons 3-1 in penalty kicks. The heartbreaking shootout ended the Tritons' spectacular season with a record of 15-5-2.

The Tritons stepped onto their home turf Friday night with one option in mind: victory. Playing before 1,000 screaming fans, the Tritons had the opportunity to advance to the NCAA quarterfinals while eliminating archrival Dominguez Hills in the process. The Toros had edged the Tritons from the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship on Nov. 6 and dealt the Tritons another loss on Nov. 1 in their final regular-season game. Emotions ran high on both sides, as the fate of an entire season was on the line. UCSD looked to strike first. Coming into the match, the Tritons were 13-1 in games where they scored first, and only 2-4-1 when conceding the first goal. However, the Toro defenders kept the Triton offense at bay, and the two squads entered halftime with the score tied 0-0.

Just three minutes into the start of the second period, Dominguez Hills caught the Tritons offguard and took a 1-0 lead off of a Toro free kick. The quick score destabilized the Tritons, and — less than

two minutes later — UCSD surrendered an own goal on a Toro throw-in and a bobble by sophomore goalkeeper Kristin Armstrong. In less than five minutes, the Tritons found themselves down a daunting 2-0, with a staunch Dominguez Hills smelling victory.

"I thought there was four minutes of madness to start the second half," head coach Brian McManus said. "Our goalkeeper made one slip that she'd never make, and the ball bounced in."

Down 2-0 with 40 minutes left to play, the Tritons realized just how close their season was to ending, and woke up with a start. UCSD went into attack mode, and the offense quickly found its rhythm. In the 58th minute, freshman midfielder Danielle Dixon sent a cross from the left to junior defender and

Triton captain Lisa Bradley. Bradley then sent a header over the Toro keeper, trimming the Toro lead to 2-1. The goal gave Dixon her first assist of the season and Bradley her first career postseason goal.

"We really dug deep," sophomore forward Sarah McTigue said, "It really helped when Lisa got that goal in. It switched the momentum around for us."

UCSD kept up the attack and tied the match at 2-2 in the 78th minute. The equalizer came when sophomore midfielder Anne Wethe sent a low pass to McTigue, who worked around two defenders and lifted a shot over the Toro keeper from 12 yards out. The pass went to Wethe — the Tritons' leader in assists, with eight this season — and connected

See **W. SOCCER**, page 15

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

CSULA Repeats Playoff Dominance Over UCSD

By Tyler Nelson
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL — It was deja vu for the No. 3 Tritons this past weekend, when they fell to No. 19 Cal State Los Angeles in the NCAA West Region Semifinals on Nov. 20 for the second-straight year.

The Golden Eagles felled the Tritons after a hard-fought match, ending the UCSD women's season and effectively taking senior outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt at bay by holding her to 12 kills — one kill below her season average for three-set games. In the past two seasons, the Tritons have dropped four out of six matches to the Golden Eagles, two of which came in the playoffs.

After being swept on Saturday night, the Tritons fall out of postseason play while the Golden Eagles advanced to the next round.

"It feels pretty low," head coach Tom Black said. "It's hard not to hurt a little bit after this one. We beat them twice this year. There's no doubt that we can beat them; it's just the way it happens."

In the first set, the Tritons held a small advantage, taking a brief lead on early plays. However, the Golden Eagles went on an 8-0 run off a close score to take the lead 20-15 — the largest of the set for either team. The Tritons battled back within two points, but could not pull any closer in the set and eventually fell 25-21.

"I thought [Cal State Los Angeles] played the best I've ever seen them play," Black said. "We had some nice moments, but I think that on the whole we struggled. It's just that combination."

In the second set, the Tritons came out strong, looking to avenge the outcome of the previous set. Taking seven of the first 10 points, the Tritons were



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Senior outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt led the Tritons with 12 kills in their loss to CSULA.

performing at the peak of their game, but — much like in the first set — the Golden Eagles went on a run of their own and took a three-point lead halfway through the set.

The Tritons battled back to a tie and took their second lead of the night 21-20 after a kill by Schmidt. The Golden Eagles finished even stronger, though, finishing the second set off 25-21.

Coming out of halftime, the Golden Eagles jumped to a five-point lead and never looked back. The Tritons fought to come within one point, but CSULA regained the advantage and held on tightly to an effective lead, closing out the match and the upset with a third straight win, 25-22.

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MEN'S WATER POLO

Water Polo Falls in Thrilling Final

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MEN'S WATER POLO — For the past three seasons, the Tritons have struggled to get the better of their rival, Loyola Marymount University, and have been unsuccessful in both playoff and regular-season games. Yesterday afternoon, UCSD ran into the same troubles at the conference championships.

No. 8 Loyola Marymount defeated No. 10 UCSD 5-4 in the Western Water Polo Association Championships on Nov. 22 in Orange, Calif., securing the Lions' third conference title and ending the Tritons' 2009 season.

"We were confident, had an excellent gameplan and we executed perfectly," head coach Denny Harper said. "Anytime you lose a game by a score of 5-4, that means you were right there."

The Tritons faced off against their rival after securing victories over the University of Redlands and Whittier College in the first two rounds of playoffs. Following



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Junior driver Ryan Allred was one of eight Tritons to score in the 16-3 semifinal win over Whittier College. The Tritons advanced to the final, but lost a tight 5-4 game to LMU.

the trend of previous matchups between Loyola Marymount and UCSD, the teams battled back and forth throughout the match. UCSD got on the board first to start the game, and from then on, the two teams traded goals for the next three-and-a-half quarters.

With the score tied 2-2 in the third quarter, the Tritons took a 3-2 lead with 4:49 left in the period,

but the Lions stormed right back, tying the game on the next possession. The teams added one goal apiece in the third period to tie the game at 4-4 entering the fourth quarter.

The defenders continued their strong play in the fourth quarter, and neither team was able to score

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