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UC LAB FINDS NEW FUEL SOURCE

By Sneha Bhamre
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Scientists at the UC-managed Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico recently announced the discovery of a cheaper fuel cell catalyst that uses a cobalt composite instead of the more traditional and vastly more expensive platinum-based compound.

Unlike a battery, fuel cells do not need to be recharged and will continue to run as long as reactants are supplied. The electrochemical process is two to three times more efficient than fuel burning and emits no pollutants — only heat and water.

The traditional platinum catalyst fuel cell generates electricity similar to a battery through two half-reactions. However, without a catalyst, the reaction to create electricity does not take place, making platinum arguably the most important component of the fuel cell. This component also contributes a great deal to the system's cost.

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Warren, Revelle Premiere First Joint Festival

By Casey Lo
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Penultimate act Living Legends drew an energetic crowd at the first ever joint college festival, "Warren and Revelle Rock PC Plaza." They performed along with Grand Ole Party, The Donkeys and headlining trio Nada Surf.

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Traditionally, UCSD's campus is known to be empty Halloween weekend, with students either leaving for parties off campus or travelling to other schools for parties.

On Oct. 27, however, the university's first joint college festival, Revelle and Warren Rock PC Plaza, hosted activities on Library Walk all day and held a highly anticipated concert featuring four bands. The lineup was a diverse mix that included two local bands, Grand Ole Party and The Donkeys, as well as underground hip-hop group Living Legends and the headliners Nada Surf.

"We made it a priority to support local San Diego bands," Revelle College Sophomore Senator Sarah Chang said. "But we also wanted to have a diverse selection of music to get people to come out."

While the local and lesser-known Grand Ole Party and The Donkeys drew only a scant crowd, Living Legends attracted an intense following later in the show.

"[Living Legends] was definitely a highlight of the night," Chang said.

"When I turn around again, I want

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Campus Joins National AIDS Treatment Database

UCSD teams up with researchers around the country to identify the most effective AIDS treatments.

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Campus HIV and AIDS researchers recently announced their participation in a national collaborative information-sharing database on AIDS treatments to better ascertain which ones are most effective.

The UCSD project is led by adjunct professor of medicine Richard Haubrich and medical researcher Christopher Matthews, both of whom are already members of the UCSD AIDS Research Institute.

The program measures the effectiveness of treatments for thousands of patients in everyday practice, compared to about 100 selected for clinical trials.

"This is an ongoing collaboration that we just received permanent funding for," Haubrich said.

UCSD had a similar database for several years before it integrated with the national network, at which point initial pilot funding jump-started the program.

"We received a five-year grant from the [National Institutes of Health] to move forward," Haubrich said.

The Owen Clinic, which works with over 2,600 patients, is the base site at UCSD for the database that communicates with the network.

Due to the variations through which HIV manifests, keeping record of individual patients' responses to treatments is key.

These kinds of trials are conducted on a short-term basis. While this information may be useful in starting treatments, doctors say that they need more information on long-term benefits and side effects.

New antiretroviral drugs have allowed HIV-infected patients to live longer, although high blood pressure, diabetes, heart disease and other ailments are becoming more apparent, according to *The New York Times*.

The network connects seven sites: UCSD, University of Alabama at Birmingham, Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Harvard University in Boston, John Hopkins University in Baltimore, UC San Francisco and the University of Washington in Seattle.

According to *Times*, an additional \$2.45-million grant from both the National Institute of Allergy

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Office Keeps Injured Students Walking

By Kristyn Kennedy
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The Office for Students with Disabilities has received a significant amount of student criticism in response to its recent suspension of services to temporarily disabled students.

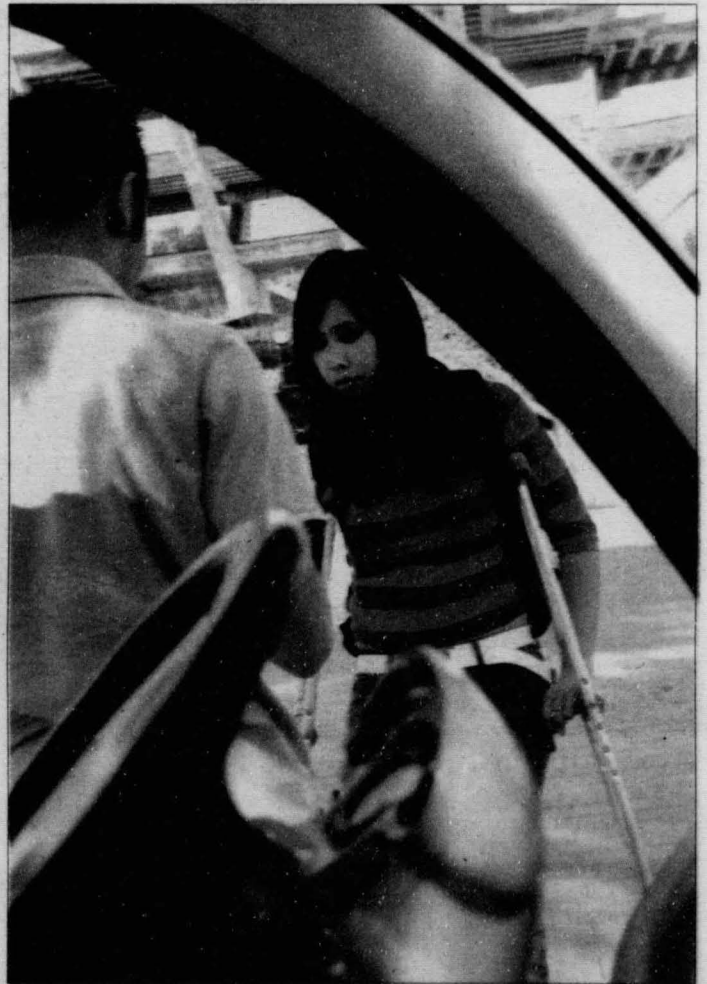
Due to a limited number of golf carts and trained student drivers, Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Development Brian J. Murray said that it was impossible for OSD to provide rides to and from class for temporarily disabled students — students with such afflictions such as a broken foot or leg, pulled tendon or sprain.

"This fall quarter there was a marked increased demand for service coupled with a lack of available, trained student drivers," Murray stated in an e-mail. "Hence, [there was a] necessity to limit cart transport on a priority basis to those with permanent disability, followed by those with needs for cart transport of multi-months duration."

Other students with short-term mobility issues were placed on a wait-list for service, according to Murray.

Despite this, disabled students across campus are angry with the office's decision.

Emily Catalano, a Thurgood Marshall College senior, broke her foot about two weeks ago. When she went into the office wearing a cast and hobbling on crutches, she said an employee told her about the wait list, but said,



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A driver for the Office for Students with Disabilities explains the wait list and application procedure to temporarily disabled Thurgood Marshall College junior Shannon Ng.

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Earl Warren College's structural engineering hub leads the campus in solar-powered energy use.
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BY CHRISTINA AUSHANA

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Social Cue Found in Bird Brains

UCSD is responsible for pioneering a study that has recently made a discovery in animal behavior research: Scientists have identified brain cells that influence bird sociability.

Headed by James Goodson, associate professor of psychology and neuroscience, the research found that specialized neurons in the brain reacted differently in birds that live in colonies than in their more solitary neighbors.

The study found that vasotocin neurons selectively promote positive affiliation, and that the amiable species have a greater number of the specified neurons and an increased baseline activity, placing these birds in a continual "social mood."

"And while the observations were made in birds, they should apply to many other animals, including humans, since the cells are present in almost all vertebrates and the brain circuits that regulate the basic forms of social behavior are strikingly similar," Goodson said.

While the study wasn't the first to discover that coffee drinking was inversely proportional to diabetes risk, UCSD's researchers were the first to include test patients with high levels of blood sugar, who were consequently at high risk for Type-II diabetes.

In 2004, a Finnish study suggested that drinking three to four cups of coffee a day could reduce the risk of Type-II diabetes by about 30 percent.

Results from 15 studies that evaluated over 200,000 participants combined found similar positive effects, where the highest coffee consumption yielded the lowest risk for diabetes susceptibility, according to the Harvard School of Public Health.

American Diabetes Association spokesman Larry Deeb said he is enthusiastic about the findings because of their positive implications for people combating diabetes.

"People with diabetes and those at risk for developing diabetes have enough [things] to worry about," Deeb said. "It is nice to know that coffee isn't one of them, and it may actually help lower risk."

However, it is too early to recommend drinking coffee as a health strategy for lowering the risk of diabetes, according to the study's director, Besa Smith.

Currently, it is unclear how coffee influences diabetes risk, she said.

Further research is needed to isolate the components responsible for the protective effects, which are most likely not due to caffeine.

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Census Data Highlights Degree Advantages College graduates make approximately \$23,000 a year more than those with only high school diplomas, according to a series of tables released by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Employers Study Resumes for Lies About 93 percent of employers refuse to hire applicants who stretch the truth in their resumes, a new survey that screened 2,200 workers and 1,000 bosses found.

Campus AIDS Center Ranks Sixth in Nation

AIDS, from page 1 and Infectious Disease and the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute can cover up to five additional centers.

Participating patients will be asked to answer questions about their symptoms, body image and adherence to medication regimens at waiting-room kiosks at each center.

They will then be asked to give blood samples for laboratory testing to determine whether they were taking medication as prescribed and stated by their physicians.

Computers can make calculations to determine which treat-

ments have the best chances of working, based on what has helped other patients with similar problems, according to the Times.

In 1996, the UC Board of Regents established the ARI, housed within the UCSD School of Medicine, to coordinate AIDS research at UCSD.

In this year's "Best Graduate Schools" edition of U.S. News and World Report, the UCSD's HIV/AIDS program ranked sixth in the nation.

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Energy Dept. Funds Additional Fuel Research

CELL, from page 1 The high price of platinum has been a roadblock for the commercial viability of fuel cells.

"One big obstacle for fuel cells to become more practical is the cost, especially the cost of precious metals," project leader Piotr Zelenay said.

As a precious metal, platinum is subject to rocketing market prices, and is currently priced at \$38 per gram. Cobalt, on the other hand, is far less expensive, at only four cents per gram. The abundance of cobalt resources worldwide and its low cost make cobalt a very attractive catalyst, according to Zelenay.

Another non-precious metal that has shown some catalytic activity is iron, which led to the decision to test cobalt, Zelenay said.

"The reason why we selected cobalt first was the good proven catalytic activity in other non-precious metals in other catalytic systems," he said.

Cobalt yielded surprising results for a non-precious metal, according to Zelenay. It was able to withstand the acidic environment of the fuel cell without degrading like iron, and was proven to remain stable for several hundred hours.

However, as promising as this discovery is, it is not yet the ultimate solution for battling fuel cell costs while maintaining performance, Zelenay said. The key point of the experiment was to show the durability of the catalyst, not the efficiency.

The fact that cobalt worked as part of the catalyst opens up an entirely new avenue of looking at non-precious metals as possible catalyst sources, he said.

"The actual amount of electricity that was produced from the cobalt catalyst is not yet at practical levels for commercial use."

For LANL, the next step "requires not the development of new catalysts, but in this particular case, ... the

work of the structure of the catalyst," Zelenay said.

In order to be able to continue with that research, the U.S. Department of Energy awarded \$100 million for fuel cell research to 25 different projects nationwide last week, including multiple projects at Los Alamos.

LANL is a multidisciplinary research facility that looks at solving energy- and environment-related problems. Zelenay and research partner Rajesh Bashyam mainly focus on polymer electrolyte fuel cells, which are more hopeful sources of alternate energy mainly due to their low heat output and high energy density. According to Zelenay, these fuel cells have been seen as a possible alternative energy source in a variety of sectors, including transportation, portable devices, military uses, residential power and space.

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Planners Faced Few Setbacks Despite Event's Novelty

CONCERT, from page 1 you all to make some noise," Living Legends' MC said to a sluggish crowd with his back turned. His challenge was met when the crowd roared their approval.

The atmosphere was decidedly high after the Living Legends played," John Muir College sophomore Brian Wang said.

Turnout increased rapidly with the announcement of Nada Surf, as 1,500 to 1,600 people filed into Price Center, according to Chang.

Although turnout still was not at full capacity, "everyone who was there really wanted to be there," Muir sophomore Rachael Roberts said.

The indie-rock band started the show with the short acoustic "Blizzard of '77" to the crooning vocals of lead singer Matthew Caws.

Both Watson and Murray said they were concerned about the complaints. "OSD and its director are committed to providing responsive and effective service to each and every student to the best of their ability and resources in respectful and positive ways," Watson stated.

According to Murray, student complaints will be carefully reviewed and addressed. Murray recommended that all further complaints about OSD be sent directly to Director Roberta Gimblett via e-mail or campus mail.

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to other festivals such as Muirstock and Marshallpalooza. But unlike individual college festivals, Chang said, Revelle and Warren had a combined budget of \$34,000, which supported a free hookah bar, free barbecue for 1,000 people, a caricature artist and pumpkins for volunteers to carve. Although some games, such as apple bobbing, drew lesser crowds, the pie-eating contest was a hit that gathered a crowd of 50 people within minutes.

The joint college project faced few difficulties regarding cooperation, despite being the first large-scale collaborative event, according to Chang. Because Revelle College had never held a festival before, and Warren had only received its fee referendum in 2004, both colleges were eager to host the festival.

During the week of the festival, event planners rented out a golf cart to drive around campus blasting Nada Surf in order to promote turnout, Chang said.

"We wanted students to know that they wouldn't have to go up to Santa Barbara to have a good time this year," Revele College Junior Senator Heidi Laidemitt said.

Despite fervent efforts to advertise the festival, turnout was still severely affected by Halloween weekend, according to Chang. However, councilmembers considered the event to be a success and said that they hope to hold it again next year.

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Complaints Will Be Addressed, VC Says

DISABILITY, from page 1 "There's a lot of injured people and we probably can't help you right now."

"I ended up not even going to class for a week and a half because I had class at Peterson at 1 p.m. and York at 2 p.m. and HSS at 3 p.m. and York at 4 p.m.," Catalano said.

Due in part to student complaints, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph W. Watson stated in an e-mail that OSD has decided to "transfer the responsibility for providing transportation services ... to Parking and Transportation Services" within the next month.

In addition, Murray said that TRPS recently supplied OSD with another cart, and additional student drivers were hired to help meet the

demand. Despite the changes, the office is still receiving flak for its downsized menu of services.

A.S. Commissioner of Student Advocacy Lindsay Root broke her foot in May, and said that OSD officials made her physically come three times to their office while she was on crutches to fill out paperwork.

Then, the office forced Root to wait until her orthopedic surgeon had faxed over all her medical documentation before they would begin to help her.

Then, once all of Root's work was complete, she discovered that as far as the rides went, she was "completely on their time" because the "rides either get you to your next class late or make

you leave your first class early."

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Election '06 Endorsements



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With the Nov. 7 election just weeks away, the *Guardian* editorial board weighs in on the gubernatorial race and analyzes the better part of the statewide measures on the ballot, including a bill requiring parental notification, one that would tax California oil production and the Legislature's bid to "Rebuild California."

Arnold's Comeback

Just a year ago, the Schwarzenegger administration was atrophying. Voters had just rejected the governor's four special-election ballot measures, his approval ratings had plummeted to record lows and political pundits were ribbing him with the brand "One-terminator." But Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has since managed to shake his political trouncing from last November, proving that through centrist policy and philosophy he should receive another term at California's helm.

In seeking re-election, as in the 2003 recall, Schwarzenegger is assuring a bipartisan Sacramento by displaying both drive and compromise to oft-stubborn Democrats. The only difference, this time, is his track record.

Schwarzenegger's strongman stance against unions and the Legislature during last November's election proved a disaster, and the governor admitted it. He has since reconciled with his constituents, and his achievements in the last year have proven that his flexible agenda can weaken the state's party lines for a greater good. Schwarzenegger's pragmatism has allowed him to maneuver hot-button issues with less flak. For example, he assumed a conservative stance on gay marriage while distancing himself from Republicans on stem cell research. In the meantime, Schwarzenegger has delivered a state budget on time

for the first time in years, raising the minimum wage and establishing long-term initiatives to battle global warming and improve state health care.

The challenging candidate, Phil Angelides, calls Schwarzenegger's leadership a fraud. The Democratic state treasurer's campaign has tried to appeal to California's scorn of conservatives by connecting Schwarzenegger to President George W. Bush, as if the governor had been parading a bipartisan facade.

While it is true that Schwarzenegger has proven politically cloudy on some issues — such as the looming state budget deficit as well as his inconsistencies and nonspecific plans on immigration — Angelides still has no definitive answers for his opponent. To solve the budget gap, Angelides has taken the politically unpopular route of taxation. His straight-shooter image will not match the legislative camaraderie Schwarzenegger has built. Even Democrats show no spark in their support of Angelides, marked by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's endorsement holdout until September.

Schwarzenegger, however, has been able to walk both the conservative and liberal worlds since his election in 2003. While his midterm experience proved rocky, the governor has demonstrated a politically balanced tenure and mentality that earns him the right to another term.

YES PROP. 1A

WHAT IT DOES: Earmarks fuel tax revenues for various transportation projects.

WHY WE SUPPORT IT: The bill encourages fiscal responsibility with only a small cost in liquidity.



In 2002, Californians passed Proposition 42, which specifies that most of the state's fuel taxes — about \$3 billion annually — be used for transportation improvements instead of going to the state's general fund. But in the face of a budget crisis, Sacramento has suspended this transfer twice in four years, siphoning funds from transportation into education and social services.

Proposition 1A would make such reallocations more difficult, treating those transfers as loans to the general fund that would need to be repaid in full — with interest. While the Legislature could still pull an emergency loan with a two-thirds majority, the state would not be able to draw from the Proposition 42 money unless previous emergency transfers had been repaid in full. Furthermore, only two such

transfers would be permitted every 10 years. Proposition 42 dedicated fuel taxes to transportation projects for a reason: so that new freeways, road improvements and transit systems would be paid for by the people who use them. Proposition 1A would lock this sensible system into place.

It's become common practice during hard fiscal times to transfer money from transportation to whatever other program needs the cash. But doing so makes it easier for the legislature and the governor to gloss over poor budgetary decisions in other areas.

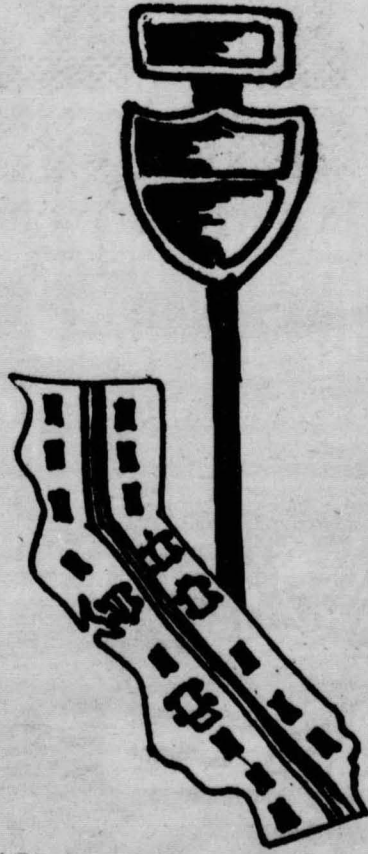
While budget flexibility is a good thing to have in an emergency, Sacramento needs fiscal discipline — and Proposition 1A is a good compromise.

YES PROP. 1B

WHAT IT DOES: Provides \$19.9 billion in bonds for road, highway and public transportation projects.

Proposition 1B is part of the "Rebuild California" package promoted by the state Legislature and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. Such bipartisan cooperation is rare in California, and voters should recognize the reason for its existence — California's huge transportation infrastructure badly needs updating and maintenance. As the population continues to surge, congestion becomes an ever-worsening problem that requires more than the currently inadequate funding to alleviate. As a result of years of neglect, California's roads and highways are sliding into disrepair, something all Californians, who spend an estimated 500,000 hours per day sitting in traffic, must recognize. The need is clearly demonstrated by the wide range of support for the measure, including both major political parties and the state Chamber of Commerce.

Although Proposition 1B is the largest bond measure ever put before California voters, it is a crucial one, and even if voters pass all of the "Rebuild California" bond measures, the state will remain below the recommended 6 percent debt ceiling. The measure's balance between funding for highway congestion relief and road improvements — just over \$11 billion — and funding for public transportation — \$4 billion — adequately represents both sides of the private/public transportation debate without sacrificing either. It also provides funding for decreasing pollution



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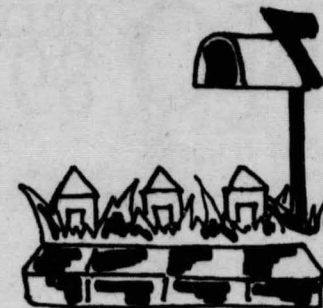
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NO PROP. 1C

WHAT IT DOES: Creates \$2.8 billion in bonds for development and homeownership programs.

WHY WE OPPOSE IT: For the money, 1C's housing programs are ill-defined.



Housing for the poor and emergency shelters for groups such as battered women have always been touchy issues, and should be addressed in a fiscally responsible, realistic manner — thus, Proposition 1C is not the answer. The initiative adds \$3 billion in new state government debt and will do little to help low-income California families afford housing.

When the state buys bonds, California taxpayers pay back the money to the tune of about \$2 for every \$1 spent. Another government housing program will spend too much money on bureaucracy, making it difficult for every family that needs the money to actually obtain it. Also, hidden in the proposition — designed to create affordable housing and help seniors and the disabled pay for their own homes — is an irrelevant \$400 million project to improve parks across the state.

If we're going to add more debt to California's credit cards, it should be for a well-planned and well-written measure, which this proposition is not. Responsible voters should vote no on Proposition 1C.

YES PROP. 1D

WHAT IT DOES: Issues a \$10.4 billion bond to be used in K-12 and college facilities repair and construction.

WHY WE SUPPORT IT: California's education facilities are in poor shape and desperately need the cash.



When it comes to education, fiscal liberalism is an easy sell. Investment in today's classrooms will allow us to reap the rewards of economic success in the future. Spending correctly, however, has made Proposition 1D's passage more contentious.

Overall, Proposition 1D will repair 31,000 classrooms and build 9,500 new classrooms. The University of California, specifically, would receive a much-needed windfall of cash with Proposition 1D, which would provide \$890 million to the system. (UCSD would get about \$94.5 million from the bond.) The university's facilities, along with those of its sister systems, California State University and California Community College systems, are fading in terms of technology and architecture.

Opponents of Proposition 1D contend that the initiative is needlessly careless, forcing California into a deeper budget hole. Critics are instead advocating more efficient use of existing facilities. But some necessities go beyond improvement, including roofs and bathrooms that don't leak, two problems that have become an unfortunate staple in California classrooms.

Budgetary responsibility is key here, and the colossal financial scope of Proposition 1D could easily lead to slapdash spending. But withholding much-needed funds from California's ailing education system in the name of caution is sinful.

NO PROP. 83

WHAT IT DOES: Enacts harsher punishments for sex offenders, including lifetime GPS tracking.

WHY WE OPPOSE IT: Despite a handful of good points, the measure is wildly unrealistic.



Although increasing punishments for sex offenders is a worthwhile goal, the supporters of Proposition 83 have chosen a faulty vehicle.

Aside from the potentially constitutional issue of lifetime GPS tracking, the measure has several flaws that prevent this board from endorsing it. Most importantly, the proposition prevents registered sex offenders — including those who have not molested children — from living within 2,000 feet of any school or park, essentially forcing them to relocate to more rural and suburban areas, which generally have less policing ability because of smaller programs with fewer staff and less funding, or into homelessness. Data also demonstrate that the vast majority of child sex offenders molest children who are known to them personally, usually a family member or friend, not strangers. Under the measure, communities are also allowed to set further boundary restrictions, pushing past offenders into even smaller areas.

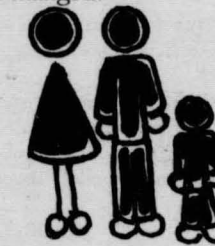
Proposition 83 would also have unknown fiscal effects up to several hundred million dollars per

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NO PROP. 85

WHAT IT DOES: Requires parental notification of a minor abortion 48 hours before the procedure can be performed.

WHY WE OPPOSE IT: This measure wasn't worth supporting in 2005 and its potential effects haven't changed.



Proposition 85, a measure nearly identical to 2005's failed Proposition 73, is back, another attempt at changing the California constitution to require parental notification 48 hours before a minor can receive an abortion unless she receives a judicial waiver. This year, supporters have attempted to soften the political controversy of the initiative by removing the language defining a fetus as an "unborn child," but the measure remains part of a broader attempt to restrict reproductive rights.

This obstacle to a safe, legal abortion would only increase the risk of physical harm to any California teen seeking one. Most pregnant teenagers, around 70 percent, according to researchers from UC San Francisco, already involve their parents in decisions about their pregnancies (even more involve some trusted adult). Teens who don't may have an important reason, including abuse in the home or extremely anti-abortion parents whose notification would effectively result in a consent requirement. Notably, Proposition 85 provides protection to minors who are coerced into having an

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ENGINEERING A SOLAR TOMORROW

The UCSD Powell Solar Energy Project works to generate both solar power and interest in alternative energy.

by Sandy Tran
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When walking from Gilman Parking Structure to Warren Lecture Hall this quarter, you may notice a huge LED sign with flashing red letters right outside the Powell-Focht Bionengineering Hall, best known for its neon display of the infamous vices and virtues. The sign isn't for any artistic purpose, but is actually used to display the amount of solar energy that the building is generating.

The UCSD Powell Solar Energy Project began this summer with a goal to conserve energy by using solar power as its source of electricity. The solar-powered Powell Building in Earl Warren College is using photovoltaic

technology — the field of semiconductors that involves the direct conversion of sunlight into energy — to generate its power.

Far away from view on the rooftop of the building, there are two different systems being used to generate energy from solar power: a skyline and a solar quilt. The skyline is the large panel commonly associated with solar technology, which is tilted and uses its angle to take in more sunlight while the solar quilt absorbs light by laying flat on the rooftop.

"The skyline has been proven to be more efficient when comparing the two, although both are very important for the project," said Dave Weil, director of Building Commissioning and Sustainability for the project.

With all the concern regarding American oil consumption, solar power is often hailed as one possible source of the renewable energy on which the world will one day have to rely.

More and more people are becoming aware of the fact that oil and natural gases will eventually run out, and that other sources for electricity must be taken into consideration. UCSD has won numerous awards over the years for energy efficiency and is widely recognized as a leader in the implementation of green practices across all levels of campus operation. According to Weil, UCSD, like each of the UC campuses, is deeply interested in energy efficiency.

In July 2003, the UC Board of Regents unanimously voted in favor of a Clean Energy and Green Building policy, which stated that 10 megawatts of renewable energy, equivalent to the power used by 5,000 homes, be installed across the system's 10 campuses, with each campus generating a total of one megawatt. UCSD is currently in the process of drafting contract documents, forming what is called a Power Purchase Agreement, involving private investors in funding the solar energy project.

"A federal bill was passed

giving investors [a] 30 percent tax credit for solar energy," Weil said. "This tax credit is a great incentive for private investors to fund solar energy projects."

The rationale for the tax incentive is that private interest in the project makes it a much more viable project. However, solar power does have its drawbacks, the two main problems being cost and efficiency. Currently, the price of installation is very high and the solar panels can only get 10 to 15 percent of their solar energy converted into electricity. The total cost of the Powell Solar Energy Project was \$81,500.

"Right now it would take 20 years to make that money back," said physics professor Kim Griest, who teaches a class on energy and the environment.

However, because the demand is increasing, the price is expected to decrease in the next 10 to 15 years. Efficiency is also expected to increase.

"The fuel is free; solar is clean and terrorist-proof," Griest said, emphasizing the fact that the sun is not owned

by anyone, unlike oil and natural gases the United States is receiving from foreign countries. Although solar energy currently has some disadvantages, it's expected to become more widely used in the years to come, due to continued technology and research.

The Powell Solar Energy Project isn't the only plan for energy efficiency on campus, and program coordinators are trying hard to inform students about methods to curb energy waste.

"We want students to conserve and know that we're doing a lot and working on getting more renewable energy," Weil said.

"Right now it's not in the consciousness of the majority of the people," Griest said. "If we want to live here, we have to take care of it," he said.



TIM ETLER/GUARDIAN

Traversing UCSD's Concrete Jungle

By Alexandra Stratfold-Young
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

How many people walked out of the theater after "Spider-Man" or "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and tried at least one little test leap off a wall? Frenchmen Sébastien Foucan and David Belle invented an entire sport based on making those little post-movie flights of fancy into reality.

When the duo came up with the idea about 20 years ago, Foucan and Belle intended Parkour, the name of the sport, to be a lifestyle as

well as a discipline to combat negative energy. Someone who practices Parkour is called a traceur, and his objective is to move as efficiently as possible from point A to point B.

UCSD has its own group of students and local residents who come to campus every weekend to practice Parkour, which loosely translates to "free running." The free running isn't on treadmills or around a track, though. Instead, it's done in areas with little free space and a lot of obstacles. The traceur's goal is to achieve fluidity of movement in the less-than-optimal environment.

Athletes at Parkour practices, referred to as jams, work on aligning fitness of body and mind. Concentration and strength are critical, since scaling buildings and practicing moves against concrete backdrops necessarily entails risk. The men on the team ensure their own safety by strength training beforehand and exercising within their limits.

"If you don't become stronger before you do this, then you're just going to screw yourself over, injure



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Michel Barrett demonstrates a maneuver called a "tall cat leap" in Earl Warren College at one of the UCSD Parkour group's jams, while fellow traceurs observe.

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Students Find Freedom in Unusual Sport

PARKOUR, from page 8 yourself, and not be able to practice anymore," Revelle College senior and Parkour member Silverton Nguyen said. "You'd have to take, like, four months off because of a twisted ankle or something."

Parkour groups are remarkably laid-back and lack hierarchy, adhering to a philosophy expressed by co-creator Foucan: "no violence, no competition, no groups, no chiefs."

"There really is no reason to try to outdo each other because that can lead to dangerous stuff," Nguyen said.

Thurgood Marshall College sophomore Michael Barrett added his own rationale for not turning the sport into a competition: "There's always someone on the Internet who can do way more than you can."

The most interesting aspect of this discipline, however, is that new members learn by watching; nobody teaches them. Nguyen, who started the UCSD Parkour team with his friend, says that the most he'll ever do is make suggestions.

"I don't train anyone at all; I just give people tips on what to do and what not to do," Nguyen said. "People just learn on their own. Anyone that's interested, they just come and join us. We don't really try to recruit anyone."

The group does not have an established roster, either. "People come and go whenever they want," Nguyen said. "It's the beginning of the year, so if people come more than twice I guess you could call that the core."

Although Parkour requires high levels of concentration, strength and agility, practitioners consider the rewards well worth the effort.

"It is one of the best workouts I ever did; that's probably why I keep doing it," Nguyen said.

Barrett commented along similar lines. "I've done a lot of sports in my life, so this is kind of the culmination of it," Barrett said. "All the muscles are used here, and you get cardio, and you get strength training. I mainly did rock climbing and swimming and stuff. This puts them together."

Keegan Gahbra, a freshman



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Parkour practitioner Adam Martin practices his moves on one wall of the Main Gym. The practices attempt to translate mental concentration into smooth kinesthetics.

at Torrey Pines High School who comes to the UCSD jams, enjoys Parkour as a release. "If I'm having a bad day or something, I'll go out and do Parkour and it'll be my freedom," Gahbra said.

"It's fun to me," said Juan Casiano, a sophomore at Mesa College who also attends jams. "I've always liked to come around and the way I see some of these guys move around anything, that gets me going. It's really inspirational."

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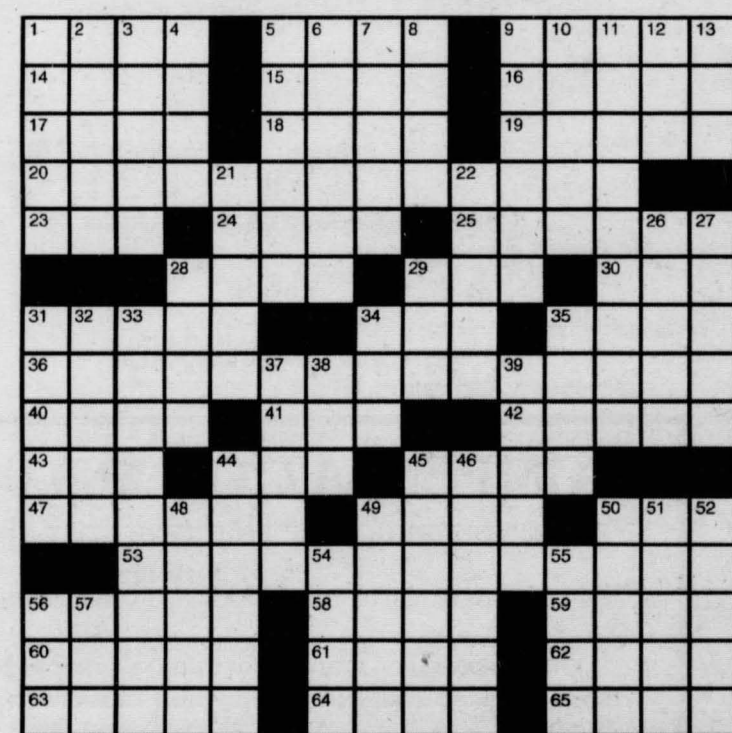
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Investigators believe that wild pigs may have spread bacteria onto a California spinach field, causing an outbreak that made hundreds of people ill and caused a nationwide scare. When asked for comment, one wild pig replied "Hey Popeye, hows about you and I open up a big ol' can of 'who cares?' Now don't let the mud hit ya on the backside." (10/30)

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Tony Choi

Men's Soccer

The midfielder was named California Collegiate Athletic Association Freshman of the Year after playing in all 19 games and contributing three game-winning goals.

NBA's MVP Stonewalls Aspiring Journalist

Before a surprisingly hard-fought preseason game between the Los Angeles Lakers and the Phoenix Suns on Oct. 22 at the San Diego Sports Arena, two-time MVP Steve Nash told this lowly peasant to get off of his throne.

As I nervously waited outside the Suns' locker room for the team to conclude its pregame meeting, it occurred



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to me that I would soon be in the midst of some of the NBA's premier players with the opportunity to ask one of them a question before they hit the court. Suddenly, a rousing shout came from inside the cold hole in the wall that was Phoenix's locker room, and the two-time Pacific Division champions emerged from the chamber.

Most of the players kept to themselves, stretching or bouncing to ease the tension and get loose. Some unfamiliar players chatted with each other, but the stars appeared relaxed and quiet. Unlike the rest of the squad, Nash was talking to himself in a high-pitched voice, not really saying anything but scattering numerous f-bombs, as if to cleanse his system. After about 30 seconds of this ritual, I decided to approach the star point guard.

"Steve, can I get a word?"

He looked at me kindly enough, as if he was willing to give me a minute. I approached him, eager to ask some throwaway question about what the streaking Suns hoped to take away from the matchup against the injury-ridden Lakers.

As I approached, his easygoing expression remained unchanged, and I thought that he would be receptive of my question.

"Steve, the Lakers have been —"

"Are you kidding me?" he said coldly. "I'm not doing an interview."

"Not now?"

"No, not now. Tuck!" Nash said, calling for one of the assistant coaches. "Tuck, can't you fucking do anything for me? Jesus Christ!"

"Tuck" looked at Nash with a look that almost said, "What do you want me to do, shoot him?"

No guns were necessary, and as I left, Nash said a few things about me that were largely inaudible except for a few "fucks" here and there. I'm not sure what he said, but some of the players — mostly the guys who were fighting to make the team and would have laughed at anything Nash said — looked at me and laughed, and how many six-foot, five-inch monsters laughing at you does it take to get embarrassed?

I hobbled away, red-cheeked and wounded. Nash was a man I had come to respect as a player, but I got to see the upstanding Canadian in an unfavorably arrogant light.

I probably broke every unwritten journalism rule by waiting outside the locker room before the game. I was the only journalist there, and that was probably a huge hint that I shouldn't have been there. Players need to get focused and ready for the game, and they don't have any desire to answer some pimply kid's stupid question. The microphones should be shoved into the players' faces after the game, when the blood has been spilled and the battle has been fought.

Nonetheless, Nash could have been

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Tritons Capture Conference Title

By Nicky Buchanan
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

"Hey Chico ... I have a white flag ready for you when you want it!" These were the words shouted by one of the many rowdy Triton fans who cheered on their home team in RIMAC Soccer Stadium on Oct. 29 as it crushed Chico State 4-0 for the 2006 California Collegiate Athletic Association championship title for the sixth time in seven years.

While dreams of a national championship entry propelled the No. 3 UCSD squad, sweet revenge couldn't help but take its toll on the hearts of the Tritons, whose only loss of the season was to Chico State on Sept. 17 with a score of 0-1.

"This meant a lot to us as far as pride goes and we wanted to prove that the last game was a fluke," sophomore goalie Jessica McGovern said. "It's nice to be able to say now that we beat every team in our league."

The Wildcats seemed to take a submissive stance from the beginning, allowing the Tritons the first touch on the ball for the majority of the game.

The first half looked much like a game of cat and mouse as the Tritons maintained ball possession, forcing the Wildcats to scurry into defensive mode.

However, the Chico State passes were not enough to overcome the Triton pressure, and a shot by senior midfielder Megan Dickey finally raided the Wildcat net with 30 seconds left in the first half.

Sophomore midfielder Kelly Mayo assisted the shot, slinking a pass from 15 yards out to Dickey, who pounded the ball through the crowded defense and past the Wildcat keeper to sink the ball straight in the center of the goal.

The goal sent the crowd into a frenzy, setting a tone for the second half that would not be disrupted as the Tritons earned three more goals for the largest scoring margin in a CCAA championship tournament final match since 2003 when UCSD



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Junior midfielder Lauren Segars and senior midfielders Kelly Cochran (top) and Megan Dickey (right) celebrate the Tritons' dominant victory over Chico State in the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship on Oct. 29.

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Men's Water Polo Drops Road Match to Aggies

By Paul Choi
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Appearing a bit tired and even lacking some focus, the UCSD men's water polo team stumbled against UC Davis before beating two Western Water Polo Association teams at UC Davis' annual Aggie Shootout.

After a long bus ride to Davis, Calif., the No. 5 Tritons faced the No. 13 Aggies at the Schaal Aquatics Center on Oct. 27.

It was clear that UCSD was not on top of its game as a surging UC Davis team scored twice and held the Tritons scoreless in the first quarter. UCSD continued to struggle offensively in the second half, but the defense kept the game within reach.

"We were kind of flat," senior goalkeeper Jeremy Randall said. "We were not making sharp plays, and [we] looked tired."

Senior utility Jesse Casellini finally got UCSD on the board with a goal at the 3 minute, 28 second

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Tritons Barrel Toward Playoffs

By Matt Croskey
STAFF WRITER

Ever since the UCSD women's volleyball team fell twice earlier in the season, the Tritons have made a torrid run, winning 12 straight matches, their last two against Cal State Monterey Bay and Cal State Dominguez Hills.

The team improved its over-

all record to 21-2 and its conference record to 16-2, only one game behind Cal State San Bernardino in California Collegiate Athletic Association play.

The Triton seniors showed why they will be missed in the last home game on Oct. 28, as they sent Cal State Monterey Bay packing, sweeping the Sea Otters 30-21, 30-17, 30-24.

"The seniors have been the backbone to this team and we're going to miss them a lot," head coach Tom Black said. "One of the strengths of this team all year has been our depth. There's a lot of talent waiting on the bench."

UCSD jumped out 7-3 after a freshman Sylvia Schmidt kill and

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Sophomore outside hitter Rebecca Bailey contributed 14 kills in the Tritons' three-game sweep over Cal State Monterey Bay on Oct. 28. The No. 11 Tritons have two games remaining before the NCAA Division II Pacific Regionals Nov. 9-12.