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UCOP to call for increased aid return

By **PATRICK ALLEN**
Senior Staff Writer

Under a new policy proposal drafted by the UC Office of the President, the university could require portions of future self-assessed and campus-specific student fees to fund financial aid scholarships.

Currently, only tuition education fees return a portion to aid.

In an agenda item presented to the UC Board of Regents on Jan. 20, UCOP stated that it would submit final recommendations for expanding the university's return-to-aid policy to the regents in March, with implementation by fall 2006.

"The university is engaged in a review of its policy on student referenda, including whether campuses should be required to set aside a portion of revenue from campus-based student fees for financial aid purposes," the report stated.

These campus-based charges include fees collected by individual colleges and Associated Students, such as the Student Activities Fee, which pays for student activities and services specifically for UCSD students.

A.S. Vice President External

Rigo Marquez said that the policy, while seemingly positive, has him worried about the exploitation of students.

"In theory, that is a great idea," he said. "Why wouldn't we want more money going back to financial aid? We just need to make sure that it's properly done and that it's going to the right places."

While the extra funds would support undergraduate scholarships and ease the financial burden on low-income students, Marquez and A.S. President Jenn Pae said that the proposal is another way to shift even more of the costs of higher education onto students.

"In a time when we're faced with tuition increases and financial aid reductions as a whole, students are having to rely on each other and to self-assess ourselves for things that we need on this campus and having to rely on referenda items and students' pockets," Pae said.

In response to the upcoming recommendation by UCOP, UCSD Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Joseph W. Watson requested that all new campus-based fee

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Expansion costs up 12 percent

By **KATE MCELHINNEY**
Staff Writer

The \$56 million expansion of Price Center and Student Center is currently facing cost overruns of \$6.7 million, according to the building advisory committee in charge of monitoring the project.

Most of the increased cost is the result of this year's unexpected rise in the expense of steel, cement, drywall and other building supplies, according to campus architect and Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Design and Construction Boone Hellmann. Though a 3.5-percent increase in supply costs is traditional, the 15-percent spike UCSD has experienced is unusual, he said.

"Steel prices went through the roof," Hellmann said.

On a per-ton unit basis, the cost of steel has climbed to \$5,000 per ton, compared to \$1,500 a year ago, according to Hellmann.

"A year ago, China took raw



Billy Wong/Guardian

Runaway prices: The Price Center and Student Center expansion faces cost overruns of \$6.7 million, mostly due to increases in the price of steel this year.

steel components," Hellmann said. "This left an extraordinary drought in the United States."

To deal with the supply-and-demand predicament, the BAC met last week to discuss new design plans for Price Center and the most efficient ways to eliminate unnecessary expenses and reduce costs.

The goal is to maintain the integrity of Price Center buildings and focus on making

changes to the costly interior designs, according to architect Craig Hamilton.

Items up for review by the board included remodeling the new Price Center building design, changing interior railings to simple pipe railings, and eliminating planned columns and other steel structures. The committee also debated how to divide Price

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Bill would require ban on professor indoctrination

By **WILLIAM CHING**
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California public universities would be required to adopt policies that protect students from political and religious indoctrination in the classroom under new legislation introduced by state Sen. Bill Morrow (R-Oceanside).

The bill, SB 5, calls for fair grading regardless of a student's political and religious affiliations, requires professors to expose students to a wide range of viewpoints, mandates the use of discretion in inviting campus speakers and prohibits professors from pushing their own ideological agendas in the classroom.

According to a statement on the bill from the UC-wide Academic Senate, the proposed legislation would also encroach into areas over which faculty should have exclusive control.

"This bill will ... have no effect on improving the academic freedom of students at the University of California beyond what is already on the books," the document stated. "In fact, if enacted, this legislation could actually decrease academic freedom by providing a legal path by which groups outside the university could mount challenges to the judgment of the faculty on the standards of scholarly inquiry."

Issues included in the bill have already been addressed in the new University Statement on Faculty Academic Freedom,

which was endorsed by the Academic Senate and adopted by the Regents in September 2003, it stated.

Morrow introduced the legislation after becoming convinced that many public universities have become too one-sided, forcing students to keep their opinions to themselves out of fears of reprisal, the senator's spokesman, Wade Teasdale, stated in an e-mail.

"It is a problem in which the overwhelming majority of abused students are afraid to sound an alarm ... for fear of being further abused," Teasdale said.

Though the bill requires universities to adopt protections for academic freedom, it does not include an enforcement mechanism, and permits the colleges to police themselves, according to Teasdale.

On Feb. 3, the A.S. Council passed a resolution introduced by Revelle College Senior Senator Ted McCombs condemning the bill.

"I urge anyone who [is] experiencing some sort of ideological intimidation to report it immediately, because it is inappropriate and shouldn't be happening," McCombs said. "But this law won't fix it."

The bill is one of several across the country supported by Students for Academic Freedom, a group working to pass a national "Student Bill of Rights."

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Campus applications fell in 2004

By **VLADIMIR KOGAN**
News Editor

Though a record number of high school students submitted applications to the University of California in November, new statistics released by the UC Office of the President show that the number of applicants to UCSD dropped for a second straight year.

The campus received a total of 49,684 applications, or a 3-percent drop from a year ago. Systemwide, the number rose by 0.9 percent to 100,138 applicants, including those who applied to more than one campus.

"I think the more selective UCSD becomes, students are thinking more strategically about how they're spending their application fees," Assistant Vice Chancellor of Admissions and Enrollment Services Mae W. Brown said. "For those students who don't feel they are competitive, they may think twice before applying."

Applications to UC Davis posted the largest decline, falling 4 percent from last year, at least in part due to cuts in state funding for academic preparation, or "outreach" programs, according to the school's Director of Undergraduate Admissions Pamela Burnett.

"The state budget reduced the money we had available to reach out to high school students with school visits, academic preparation pro-

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WinterFest rocks RIMAC



Andrew Mo/Guardian

Social Saturday: KRS-One (right) performed among audience members on the floor of RIMAC Arena in the opening hours of WinterFest.

WEATHER

Feb. 7 H 59 L 43	Feb. 8 H 63 L 44
Feb. 9 H 66 L 48	Feb. 10 H 70 L 52

SPOKEN

"Just because a conservative does it, doesn't make it right."

— Brad Shipp, field director, Students for Academic Freedom

SURF REPORT

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Wind: 1-3 ft.
Height: 10 kt.
Water Temp.: 57-62 deg.

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Wind: 1-3 ft.
Height: 10 kt.
Water Temp.: 61-63 deg.

BRIEFLY

UC endowment growth nears double digits in 2004

University of California's endowment increased by 9.1 percent to more than \$4.7 billion in 2004, an improvement over recent lackluster years...

of war, and the equal access of our military recruiters to federally funded colleges and universities must be protected...

UCSA to stage Sacramento rally over education costs

Representatives from the UC Students Association and a group of approximately 250 students will ask lawmakers for more funding for public higher education at a Feb. 7 rally on the steps of the state Capitol.

As a symbolic presentation, the students will hand over "checks" representing the debt they incurred as a result of attending a UC campus.

Besides speeches by UCSA President Jennifer Lilla and several lawmakers, students will offer their testimonials "on the difficulty of coping with rising debt, soaring fees and dwindling financial aid packages."

In speech, president calls for community colleges' support

President George W. Bush pledged to use community colleges in conjunction with reform in the country's job-training system to offer job skills for more than 200,000 employees in the annual State of the Union address delivered on Feb. 3.

Though the speech focused on the president's proposal to overhaul Social Security - a system he said would be "exhausted and bankrupt" by 2042 - and national security issues, Bush also spoke about his plan to increase the maximum Pell Grant.

House passes resolution backing recruiter access

Members of the House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed a nonbinding resolution expressing their support for military recruiter access to university campuses...

Iowa court rules university foundation records public

The Iowa Supreme Court overturned a lower-court ruling, deciding that the records of a private foundation that maintains an endowment for Iowa State University must be made accessible to the public.

In the decision, the court ruled that the foundation was subject to the state's public records law.

"The foundation performs a government function by virtue of its contract with ISU," the court's decision stated. "Therefore, its records are 'public records' subject to examination."

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Riley Salant-Pearce/Guardian

LIGHTS & SIRENS

Monday, Jan. 31 10:40 p.m.: A warrant was requested for a 21-year-old male student for making criminal threats at RIMAC Arena.

Wednesday, Feb. 2 10:31 a.m.: Officers arrested a 74-year-old male nonaffiliate at UCSD Bookstore for petty theft. Cited and released.

Thursday, Feb. 3 1 a.m.: An admin per se was issued to a 19-year-old female student for driving with a blood alcohol content of 0.01 or greater. 11:38 a.m.: A student reported the theft

of a blue B21 Trek mountain bicycle from the north bike racks of Center Hall. Loss: \$100.

Friday, Feb. 4 10 a.m.: A student reported the theft of a blue Raleigh M80 mountain bike from the southwest bike racks outside Geisel Library. Loss: \$450.

11:40 a.m.: A nonaffiliate reported the theft of construction equipment from the construction site on Voigt Drive by Engineer Lane. Loss: \$1,900.

Compiled by Lisa Mak Associate News Editor

Aid: New policy would apply to activity fees, student referenda

continued from page 1 proposals include a discussion of the feasibility of adding such a section.

"The chances of a new campus-based fee being approved by UCOP is likely to be greater if the supporting documentation explicitly states that the impact of the fee on affordability, and the appropriateness or need for a return-to-aid component were carefully considered," he stated in a letter sent to Associated Students, the Graduate Student Association and the college deans.

Though university tuition fees already contribute portions of their revenue to financial aid, this policy does not currently extend to fees collected on the campus level. These campus-based fees, however, are becoming more prevalent on university campuses due to state budget cuts, according to Marquez.

"The administration is not giving us what we need," he said. "UCOP is not giving us what we need. The regents really aren't. Students have no choice but to self-assess fees. And if they're trying to have 32 percent of that go back to aid, that limits the amount of money that we're getting."

After the recommendation from UCOP,

the Education Financing Model Group of the Board of Regents, which consists of both students and staff, will examine the proposal, according to Watson.

Such groups should not dictate how the university spends student fees, according to Marquez.

"UCOP should not have any authority on what it is that students do with their money," Marquez said. "Students voted for that money. There is no reason why we should be told what to do with our fees and no one should try to take money out of our fees just because they want to offset other things."

While the UCOP has said it plans to issue a recommendation backing an expanded return-to-aid policy, it has not yet done so.

"This is still just a proposal," Watson said. "But it is a problem issue that is being discussed, and it is good that it has been brought to the attention of the students."

UCOP spokeswoman Ravi Poorsina could not return calls for comment due to illness, according to her office.

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CORRECTIONS

Due to editing error, an article titled "Watson alters RIMAC oversight" in the Feb. 3 edition of the Guardian incorrectly stated that students pay \$92 per quarter in self-assessed fees for the facility. In fact, the amount is \$80.

An article titled "Study: Approved stem cell lines contaminated" printed on Jan. 31 incorrectly identified the name of the journal that published the report. In fact, the journal is called Nature Medicine.

The Guardian corrects all errors brought to the attention of the editors. Corrections can be sent to editor@ucsdguardian.org

Bill: Faculty groups fears loss of autonomy

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"The main thing we contend with academic freedom is that students should be afforded the same academic freedom as the professoriate," SAF Field Director Brad Shipp said. "[Students] should receive the same academic freedom without having their professor demean them for their beliefs."

The problem is professors who belittle points of view that are different from their own, no matter what ideology, according to Shipp.

"Just because a conservative does it, doesn't make it right," he said. "We are unafraid to go after professors who indoctrinate their students from both political spectrums. It is just as bad ... from the left as it is from the right."

The question of whether there is a "lack of diverse political and religious ideologies in school" remains an open one and needs to be answered on a case-by-case basis, Stanford University art professor and Vice President of the California chapter of the American Association of University Professors Graham Larkin stated in an e-mail.

AAUP has come out against

efforts to pass a national academic freedom bill.

"The idea of passing laws to enforce intellectual, ideological or political diversity is absurd, especially when we begin to consider the details of enforcement," Larkin stated. "If professors are to be denied the ultimate authority to determine the intellectual or ideological parameters of their class, then who is to be given this authority? The university administration? The state government?"

Other parts of the bill, such as the protection of students "from the imposition of any orthodoxy of a political, religious or ideological nature," or provisions allowing them to "take reasoned exception to the data or views offered in any course of study" are just impossibly vague, according to Larkin.

"Legislating these fuzzy ideas would inevitably lead to any number of frivolous grade appeals, many in the form of lawsuits," Larkin said. "This kind of litigious attitude would be disastrous for the whole ethos of university life - which, as I say, should be based on mutual trust rather than mutu-

al antagonism."

Although he agrees with the principles detailed in the bill, UCSD Academic Senate Chair and anthropology professor David Tuzin said he does not like the idea of the state legislature telling universities what to do.

"The University of California is awarded autonomous status by the state constitution," Tuzin said. "The legislature cannot dictate to us how we handle our academic affairs."

Tuzin said that school administrators and professors are always vigilant of academic freedom and appropriate policies are already in place to deal with complaints of violations. Since his inauguration last September, Tuzin has not heard of any allegations of ideological intimidation.

Morrow unsuccessfully introduced a version of the bill last year. Unlike the current version, the language in the previous proposal included provisions protecting faculty from discrimination in hiring and tenure promotions.

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Expansion: Architects blame rising costs

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Center's third-floor space for student organizations.

The construction of Price Center is expected to begin in January 2006. However, the revision process could delay construction by two months, according to BAC Co-chair and Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Life Carmen Vazquez.

In addition to UCSD, buildings at UC Irvine and other UC

campuses have also faced higher supply costs, according to Hamilton.

"Everyone in the past year, year and a half has had to build smaller buildings," Hamilton said.

Both Hamilton and associate architect Mehrdad Yazdani said the high costs present an unusual situation.

"[The problem] is unique," Hamilton said. "We haven't seen this inflation since the late '70s. It

is a big concern to the entire construction industry."

But Hellmann said he is reassured that the problem will not pose any serious setbacks for the expansion process.

"It is not unusual to push the envelope in terms of costs," he said. "We are just going to have to bite the bullet."

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Data: Campus drop in black applicants continued in 2004

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grams and campus tours," Burnett stated in a university press release.

Despite an overall increase in applications, the number of community college students seeking to transfer to a UC campus fell 2.7 percent, according to the data. In addition, the number of out-of-state applications dropped by 7.1 percent across the system, while international applications decreased by 3.9 percent, the result of higher fees for students from outside the state and cumbersome visa restrictions for travel into the country, according to Brown.

At UCSD, the number of transfer students fell 5.4 percent.

The number of black applicants to UC campuses rose 2.1 percent, after dropping 1.2 percent in the previous year. Out of all racial groups, Chicano and Latino students posted the biggest gain, climbing 5.9 percent from last year - a total increase of 11 percent since 2003.

However, because fewer students refused to disclose their ethnicity than in the previous year, the numbers did not indicate whether the gains for minorities were the result of an increased number of applications or an increased willingness of applicants to state their race.

At UCSD, the number of black freshman applicants fell by 4.9 percent on top of an 11.3-percent decrease from the year before. Only UC Santa Cruz saw a larger one-year drop in the number of black applicants, falling 9.9 from last year.

"It does greatly concern me to see the drop in African-American applications, and we will continue to look at the data to see if we can identify any trends and see how we can impact and reverse them,"

Brown said, pointing to cuts in academic preparation programs as a key worry. "This is a national university and we want to make sure that this campus truly reflects diversity in all areas."

A.S. Commissioner of Diversity Affairs Christopher Sweeten said he agreed outreach programs were essential for minority students to obtain access to the university, but also said administrators had to work on the atmosphere of the campus.

"At the UCSD level, reaching out to the African-American student population hasn't been that great," Sweeten said.

More than 10 percent of all graduating high school seniors who sent in applications to the UC system indicated interest in UC Merced, the university's newest campus. The campus is scheduled to open next fall and is the only University of California site located in central California. For the 1,000 seats available in its first year, the university received a total of 8,883 undergraduate applications, it announced in a statement.

"We are thrilled with this response from students and pleased to say the number of applicants has even exceeded our expectations," UC Merced Chancellor Carol Tomlinson-Keasey stated. "These results are a clear validation of the UC regents' decision in 1988 to plan for a new UC campus in the San Joaquin Valley."

North-central California posted the largest regional increase of 13.7 percent, followed by the Fresno and Kern County areas, where applications increased by 12.9 percent.

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Academic freedom bill: Does it go too far?

Students need protection

By **ROBIN MARIE AVERBECK**
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Nobody comes to college looking to be indoctrinated. As impressionable freshmen arrive, what will put a brake on their enthusiasm to absorb everything their first favorite professor tells them? What will prevent them from gravitating toward what they want to hear instead of growing intellectually, and consolidating their ideologies?

An open, unbiased and critical intellectual atmosphere is absolutely necessary to discourage these tendencies. A Senate bill being considered in the California Legislature is intended to do just that. At a university where the purpose is to impart knowledge to promote understanding, it cannot be too carefully ensured that this goal is not abused or taken over by an ideology of "truth." Indeed, it is hard to take issue with the intent and language of SB 5, the Student Bill of Rights.

However, the legal obligation to present all sides of an issue could conjure up images of legally protected extremism for some. For example, the clause requiring professors to assign reading representative of dissenting or secondary views leads some to suggest that this could lead to discussions of the non-event of the Holocaust. Such fears are products of overactive imaginations, and they fail to consider such scenarios in more detail. The Holocaust is a historical event assured by fact. Professors are hardly going to have to start informing students that it isn't entirely proven that two and two are four or any such nonsense. But they cannot preach or lay on the ideology — they must remember that not everyone in the university is of their political opinion.

Unfortunately, professors often forget this. They seem to assume that everyone in the classroom will share their views and that a snide remark will float up into the air and disintegrate without affecting the learning environment. However, many times there are more mavericks in the crowd than they think; and while all students should be mature enough to handle hearing such comments, it must be asked whether such assumptions tarnish the learning experience. When professors make political comments mocking a current event, politician or opinion, they may as well be mocking a student in the classroom. If they worry about how that affects the quality of the intellectual education they are giving students, they don't seem to show it.

Of course, the act, if passed, would probably not crack down on such smaller offenses — and for good reason, as professors should not be muzzled any more than they should become preachers. However, this is precisely why releasing a bill of this tone is good in itself: It might remind professors of the power they wield and the responsibility they have not to abuse it. In addition, it would protect against particularly egregious abuses of bias and agenda; there are courses in which students feel they can't disagree with the main political

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Measure superfluous

By **BRYAN TSAO**
Opinion Editor

Introduced Dec. 6, 2004, California Senate Bill 5 aims to establish a "Student Bill of Rights" requiring that the UC regents implement guidelines ensuring that professors don't impose their personal ideologies on their students or require students — implicitly or explicitly — to adopt a certain point of view in order to achieve a passing grade. While it's hard for anyone to say that they are against academic freedom, the A.S. Council, which passed a resolution against the bill on Feb. 2, is correct in pointing out that it both denigrates students, describing them as "immature," and is completely superfluous, as Regents Policy #6065 already calls for the university to "remain aloof from politics and never function as an instrument for the advance of partisan interest." Thus it's hard to see the need for the state Senate to pass such a bill now, other than as a measure to win a few points with voters by supporting a cause like "academic freedom" that sounds good in the headlines.

This is not to diminish the importance of academic freedom in the classroom. At some point, all students have probably experienced a moment where a professor or TA made some joke or comment they found offensive. But using a piece of legislation to crack down on instructors would go too far. Instead of removing politics from the classroom, the bill could easily turn everyday curricula into heated political battlegrounds. Take the teaching of Darwin's theory of evolution: How long before religious activists use the bill to force professors to teach creationism in their classes? Not to

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say that the theory of evolution is intrinsically better or worse than creationism, but creationism belongs in a biology class as much as Darwinism belongs in a religion class.

Ironically, such a bill could also foster closed-mindedness among students. After all, with this bill as a crutch, students could very easily go through their entire college careers without ever having their beliefs challenged. Two of the most important aspects of a college education are broadening one's horizons and opening one's mind to new thoughts and ideas. These ideas shouldn't be forced on them, but students could use a university mandate to present all sides equally as a way to protect their preconceived notions. There's a line between preaching and challenging, and this bill goes far too far in preventing professors from challenging students.

The bill could also further discourage professors from teaching at the university. If a potentially draconian and arbitrary policy is handed down from the legislature, professors could begin to fear teaching at the university the same way doctors fear malpractice suits.

All in all, the bill would do much more harm than good. Other than showing a disrespect for students and an ignorance of existing policy, the problems with the bill show that a concept as broad as "academic freedom" needs to be evaluated on a case-by-case basis instead of through the drafting of broad laws that just open themselves to selective enforcement.

Pro: Bill would bring balance to schools

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bent. Instances of total disrespect for other cultures or opinions also occur. Such situations are much more than simply presenting one's side of the story, and they are completely unacceptable.

One of the last clauses of the bill is particularly needed — the call for equal funding and opportunity for visiting speakers of all political or cultural persuasions. This is a problem on many California campuses today. UC Berkeley, for example, one of the rallying spots for freedom of speech in the 1960s, is hardly going to invite Ann Coulter to speak on the eve of an election. But beyond politics, every facet of society, from religion to culture, ought to try to preserve these high standards of intellectual freedom; for although one bias may be predominant in the university system today, the tables may as well turn over time, and then the few minority will sorely wish it had established traditions of openness and understanding when it had the chance.

When speaking of the humanities and social sciences, the bill reminds us to keep in mind the "uncertainty and unsettled character of all human knowledge in these areas." This is perhaps the very tenet that many in the university system forget. In any search for understanding, we must not assume that the issues are settled matters, and turn what is intended to be a pure institution of knowledge into an institutionalized ideological tool of "truth."

Column: Results enhance university's reputation

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for life as we know it. Amid all the hustle and bustle over figuring out what to do, maybe these willing Peace Corps volunteers know a thing or two about purpose.

With commitment to the Peace Corps, students are also inadvertently enhancing the reputation and objectives of UCSD. The mission of the university, supposedly, is of course scholarship and research, followed by teaching and public service. Students embarking on Peace Corps stints seem to be contributing to this mission without even knowing it. UCSD as a whole is known for the strength of its science programs, which no doubt serves the public. But with freshly minted diplomas in hand, Peace Corps volunteers serve the world by giving themselves and their time.

Of course, this is all secondary and even irrelevant to the motivations to join the Peace Corps. Learning a new language? Helping others? Gaining life skills? Experiencing culture? I don't pretend to know what it's like or what it entails, since I've never been to a developing country. And community service to me has always been compartmentalized into the little "helping others" corner of my mind. A very little corner, next to the other little corner of academics and the big section of "having fun." To venture into a rural area in a foreign land without a friend, in order to offer what little one has to others, is a fleeting imprint of idealism that few students truly entertain.

But you can't say it's the benefits that draw people to volunteer for the Peace Corps. Maybe it's the

desire to get away. No doubt the foray into Senegal or Brazil will be incredibly different from the seaside utopia of La Jolla. Insulated in the posh Golden Triangle, perhaps most of us don't really know any world outside of suburbia. I personally often think of flying away and shedding the shelteredness. But when I really think about it, my own comfort zones have a way of expanding until the boundary between complacency and challenge can no longer be seen. So I surmise that the Peace Corps — at least what it stands for — elicits a need for courage that transcends any desire for paid expenses, loan deferment and the like.

I personally don't have the courage to take two years to do that, though I am thinking about taking a year off and doing some kind of humanitarian work with a Christian organization in a developing country. At the risk of sounding arrogant, maybe it's time for me to give back what I've been so graciously given. And I admire those who can commit more than that chunk of time to serving others.

E.B. White said, "I arise in the morning torn between a desire to improve the world and a desire to enjoy the world. This makes it hard to plan the day." The Peace Corps seems to do a good job of integrating both.

So UCSD is going up the ranks of sending bright, young, energetic new grads to use their skills to help others outside of the United States. Now that sounds like something to be proud of.

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Peace Corps inspiring, but may not be for everyone

Aftertaste

Evelyn Hsieh

As a large, prestigious university that prides itself on dwelling among the creme de la creme of higher education, UCSD loves rankings. It probably takes less than three clicks from any link on the UCSD Web site to access a page touting the newest ranking indicating UCSD's achievements.

It's not just U.S. News and World Report (where we've stayed at a steady No. 7 among the best publics all these years), but also lesser known ones, such as the London Times Higher Education Supplement, which recently ranked us 24th in the world. Or Shanghai's Institute of Higher Education, which ranked us 13th in the world. Bravo, bravo. Hearty handshakes and pats on the back all around for reaffirming that UCSD is still an exemplar of trail-blazing research.

last year, UCSD ranked No. 73 overall among schools of all sizes.

The Peace Corps, for the uninitiated, is a government-run humanitarian organization begun by John F. Kennedy in 1960. It sends volunteers on two-year terms to developing countries to do anything from teach English to spread awareness of HIV/AIDS. Areas of service include education, business development, health, community development, information technology, environment and agriculture. A broad range of countries is available to volunteers, excluding only Western Europe and the United States. Volunteers in turn get free medical insurance, paid living and transportation expenses and student loan deferment.

The increase in UCSD volunteers is a sunny indication of both awareness of the Peace Corps on campus and increased desire of recent graduates to get out there and do something.

For soon-to-be graduates to decide to take two years out of their lives is quite a sacrifice — and in a foreign, developing country, at that. At the end of college, many students are caught off guard as they search for meaning in their future careers as well as in their lives. Internships, graduate or professional school — there's a self-enforced agenda to set a seemingly immutable trajectory

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Local unfriendliness just NorCal bias

Dear Editor:

I find the premise that La Jolla residents hate UCSD students ["College Culture Doesn't Fit In," Jan. 31] to be both fallacious and insulting. Of course, you will always be able to find residents of any college town who dislike the student population, but to imply that this is somehow an exclusive characteristic of La Jolla is just plain ignorant. However, I will concede that La Jolla is a largely affluent community, and the possibility of encountering self-centered elitists is more likely here than in other areas of San Diego. This phenomenon of condescending behavior, however, is completely independent of one's status as a student: These types of people dislike anyone who is not as wealthy and elitist as they are.

Furthermore, I find it apparent from the various articles written by Marianne Madden that she dislikes Southern Californian culture in general. You are right — UCSD is not the same as UC Berkeley or Santa Cruz, but you knew that when you decided to come here. I think it would be far more beneficial to acculturate to this society than to criticize it and/or compare it to Northern California at every chance. If you really love Northern California so much, why are you down here? I guess what I'm trying to say is either quit

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bitching or move back to NorCal.

— Jordan Boyce
Thurgood Marshall College senior

Students need to support outreach

Dear Editor:

A few months ago, I created quite a stir when I filed a complaint against the Asian and Pacific-Islander Student Alliance in regards to funding their annual high school conference. My intentions at that time were honest, yet so terribly misguided. I believed that providing funding to a high school conference would violate our Warren College Student Council

Constitution, but after an acrimonious hearing before the Warren Judicial Board, I stood corrected.

Over the past few months, I have realized that my actions were guided in large part by naivete. I was barely living on campus for two months when I jumped into a situation that was inappropriate for me to be in.

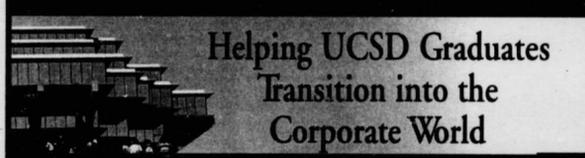
In serving the UCSD community as a senator, I have come to the realization that the University of California, as well as the state of California, places outreach to high school students on a low pedestal. In this year's budget, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger included \$0 for outreach.

As a student leader, I now feel that student organizations must take up the mantle of outreach funding, for there is no one else out there to do the job. A few months ago, I made the mistake of demonizing APSA for its efforts in this arena. I would like to apologize for what was previously said and now say, "Thank you."

I am sorry for any pain that I have caused to any members of APSA or the Asian Pacific community at large. Providing outreach to potential students is a huge job, and now is not the time for student leaders to become divided. I pledge to work with APSA and other community groups to provide when the state does not.

— Matt Herrick
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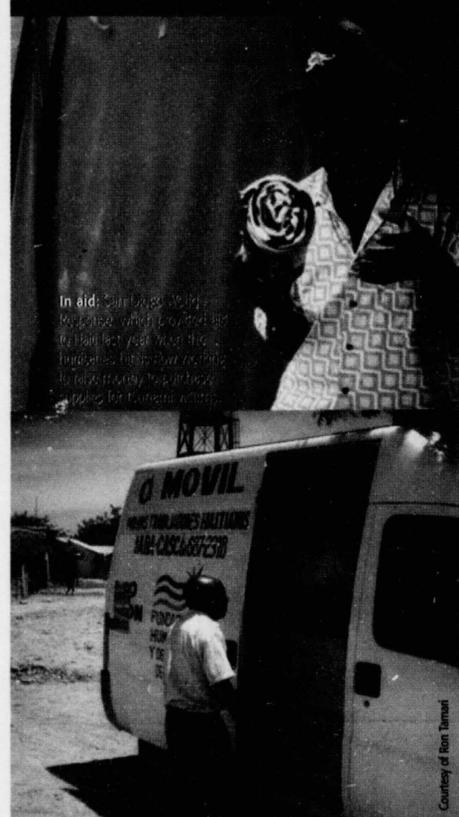
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STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS RAISE MONEY FOR TSUNAMI RELIEF



By KATE MCELHINNEY
Staff Writer

It has been over a month since the world was changed by the deadly tsunami that hit Southeast Asia. The destruction will take decades to repair, and bodies are still being recovered. Because of the overwhelming sense of grief and despair in the region, along with an unsettlingly high estimate of lives lost, many are asking what they can do to help.

Organizations such as the Red Cross and C.A.R.E. are veterans at providing help. However, in addition to these groups, UCSD students are providing alternative ways to aid by forming their own organizations and events.

Last week, students had the opportunity to donate \$5 of their meal points to the tsunami relief at UCSD campus cafeterias, and from Feb. 7 to Feb. 11, UCSD will be promoting a UCSD Cares week involving numerous volunteer and donation opportunities to help disaster victims. Additionally, individual UCSD students are contributing to the cause by conducting their own relief efforts.

For the creative UCSD student who is looking for a heartfelt way to make a difference, Project Patchwork is a unique choice.

Greg Buie, a junior Thurgood Marshall College student and founder of the project, was moved by the news of the tsunami and wanted to make an impact. Having spent last summer working in children's homes and refugee camps in Sri Lanka, he said he now feels close to the nation's people. He created Project Patchwork as a compassionate way to raise money for tsunami victims.

"I live and breathe everything Sri Lanka," Buie said.

Fifteen schools, including UCSD, are participating in the program. With the help of the Rebuild Sri Lanka Foundation, Buie plans to collect decorated quilt squares, sew them together to form one large quilt, then unroll it on the beach in Sri Lanka when he returns there in three weeks. He will bring with him volunteers to help rebuild the Hambon Tota district of Southeast Asia, along with supplies and a scrapbook made by UCSD students.

"We've already raised over \$10,000," Buie said.

Donation boxes are stationed at Eleanor Roosevelt College and the Student Health Services office. To contribute to Project Patchwork or make a donation, contact Buie at gbuie@ucsd.edu.

Marshall junior Sunaina Gyani is providing students with another way to contribute to the tsunami relief. Gyani is planning a benefit concert in an attempt to bring the community together and raise money for the victims in Southeast Asia.

"I knew of people in bands, and a venue," Gyani said. "I could conduct it, and people could play the parts."

The event will take place at the Hard Rock Cafe in downtown La Jolla on Feb. 16. Starting at 7:30 p.m., the concert will feature the bands Far From Home, Just John and Cassi Coulter. Presale tickets are \$8 and \$10 at the door.

All ticket sales and donations from the concert will go directly to the Seva Foundation.

"I just want to help," Gyani said. "But who doesn't want to help?"

For more information on where to purchase tickets and make donations, e-mail Gyani at sgyani@ucsd.edu or visit <http://www.seva.org>.

For those students looking to donate to an organization, San Diego World Response is involved in a relief effort at UCSD. SDWR is a grassroots nonprofit organization run by students and professional engineers who dedicate their spare time to raise money for disaster relief.

Begun in 2004, SDWR successfully worked with American Jewish World Service to ship several tons of supplies to Haiti and the Dominican Republic after the hurricanes last year.

Twenty-eight-year-old UCSD engineering graduate student Ron Tamari is the project manager for SDWR. He is positive about the organization and its potential to provide aid.

"Every penny people give gets sent to a place," Tamari said. "[Last year] we managed to get \$35,000 of drugs donated from TEVA [Pharmaceuticals]."

Until the end of UCSD Cares week, SDWR will have bins located around campus at the Student Health Services office, A.S. Volunteer Connection office, CLICS, Geisel Library, Residential Life Offices at all six colleges and the Volunteer Connection table on Library Walk. They are asking for items such as iodine, gauze pads, rubbing alcohol, digital thermometers and latex gloves, which will be shipped to Sri Lanka with the aid of donations. Any of these items can be purchased at Student Health Service.

"We're always looking for volunteers and help," Tamari said.

SDWR will be collecting items and donations from the UCSD community until Feb. 18.

For donations and information on how to get involved, contact Tamari at mail4tamari@yahoo.com.

DRINK TANK

Tokyo Ice Tea

Long Island, Manhattan, Georgia, Texas and Long Beach all have their own variations of an alcoholic "iced tea." The "tea" part is usually a combination of tequila, rum, gin and vodka, blended together with a flavored liquor. The "Tokyo Ice Tea" follows this same basic recipe with a slight twist: The liquor added is kiwi-flavored, as opposed to more standard fruit flavors like peach or cherry.

— Hans Fellmann
Features Editor



INGREDIENTS

- 1 oz. rum
- 1 oz. gin
- 1 oz. vodka
- 1 oz. tequila
- 2 oz. kiwi liqueur
- 1 oz. sugar syrup
- 7-Up
- lemon wedge

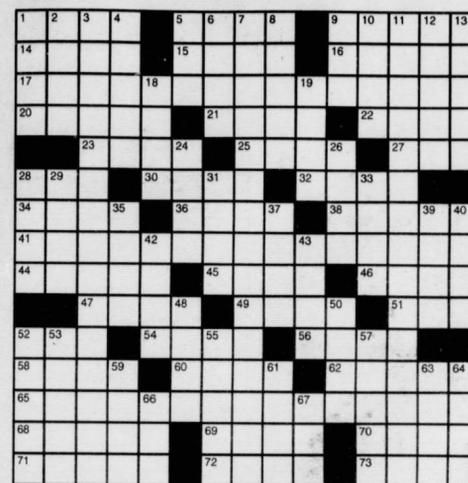
DIRECTIONS

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2. Add the sugar syrup, 7-up and ice to the mix.
3. Garnish with a lemon wedge for beauty.

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CHANGE OF LATITUDE:

By ELLEN MCDUGALL
Contributing Writer

With its soaring minarets, grand bazaars, mountain villages and vibrant culture, Morocco is a land of great contrast. Its colorful history is an amalgam of Arabic, French, Berber, Spanish and African influences, all of which have left their marks on the architecture and populations of Morocco's great cities.

Marrakesh is at the center of Morocco's city life, and although it may be dominated by tourism, its authentic culture and atmosphere remains preserved. The city's main feature is the medina. Under its canopies, this labyrinth of a marketplace houses vendors selling everything from handcrafted furniture and decadent jewelry to exotic meats and spices. If the markets become too hectic, there are beautiful Islamic colleges called "madersa" that are no longer in use and open to visitors. The symmetry of design and intricate architectural detail are extraordinary and worth a visit.

Marrakesh is attractive to travelers looking for Moroccan market life, but there are many surrounding venues to be seen outside the city.

Essaouira, possibly one of the windiest places in the world, has a more relaxed, friendly atmosphere. It is fringed with a beach, white-washed houses and Portuguese city walls from which visitors can watch the sunset. Chefchaoen, located in the northern mountains, is also a beautiful city that features Morocco's characteristic labyrinth medina. A large part of the city's income comes from growing marijuana in the nearby hills, which could account for its relaxed atmosphere, but tourists are asked to refrain from buying any, as they are targeted for drug trafficking.

Another essential trip to make outside the cities is to the Sahara Desert. Do not be tempted by organized tourist trips offered within the city to the desert. Taking local buses and taxis provides a much cheaper alternative and allows sightseeing at a more leisurely pace. The town nearest the desert, Merzouga, is built entirely from sand and mud. Access to it involves an overnight camel ride to local Berber camps. To see only burnt-orange sand in every direction during the day, and then the peace and coolness of the air as the sun sets to bring stunning night skies, is an incredible and equally unforgettable experience.

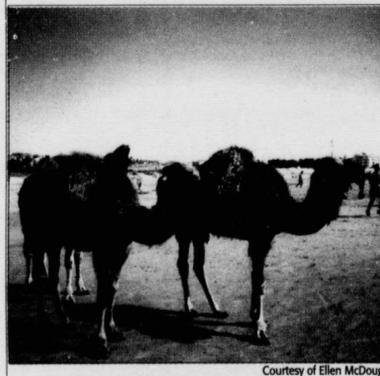
Getting out of the city can be a welcome break from the crazy pace of Moroccan life, but be aware that the lower numbers of tourists means you are likely to receive excessive attention from hotel and restaurant owners, which can be equally stressful. Todra Gorge is a day or two from Marrakesh. The nearby town of Tinehir can be intimidating with its open-air slaughterhouses and small-town atmosphere. However, it is definitely worth braving a night to see the gorge in the morning and walk through the oasis back to the town.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Most accommodations in Morocco are extremely cheap, and even more so if you sleep on mattresses on building roofs. This is sometimes the best option, as cheap rooms often don't have a fan, and the postage-stamp sized holes serving as windows rarely provide much fresh air. For a decent double room with shared bath, expect to pay \$6 per night. Near Ait Benhaddou is a hostel surrounded by a glowing red desert.

FOOD

"Tagines" are the staple diet, consisting of a hearty stew made with various blends of spices, meats and vegetables. They are a delicious entree and come with bread and olives, and cost about \$2. To drink, try the fragrant "Berber whiskey," commonly known as mint tea, which is made with fresh mint leaves and copious amounts of sugar. For those who prefer a more refresh-



Asila beach: Camels sunbathe while waiting for potential riders on the western coast of Morocco.

ing treat on a hot Moroccan day, there are juice stalls that serve blends of mango, papaya, pineapple and banana juice, among others. For supper, the main square of Djmaa El Fna offers the cheapest and most delicious foods. The square is transformed into a huge outdoor restaurant at night, with hundreds of different food stalls. Stick to the restaurants frequented by the Moroccans. Although they don't look as glamorous, the food is tastier, and less likely to give you a dodgy stomach. For braver travelers, look out for the traditional Moroccan dish of sheep's brains, tastefully presented in the skull.

ACTIVITIES

If you need a good wash after a couple of days of traveling, head for a "hamma" for body scrubs par excellence, hot showers and mud masks. Cost: \$4 to \$5, maximum. Camel tours should not cost more than \$60 for one night in the slow season.

TRANSPORTATION

Local buses are pretty frequent and fairly priced, but will charge extra for baggage. There are trains that run mostly along the coast and serve the major cities in the north. "Petit" taxis are priced per person, and the larger, aptly named "grand" taxis have a cheaper, fixed price.

TRAVELER TIPS

Although some people seem genuinely friendly at first, they may only be interested in the contents of your wallet. Unfortunately, not much is gained by politely refusing to buy the proffered camel, woolly jumper or table, and it's best not to get involved in the situation at all. Travelers quickly learn that unless there is something they truly desire, it is best to walk with purpose and not slow down in front of market stalls or parades of shops, restaurants or hotels.

It is also important to dress respectfully, with covered shoulders, elbows and knees; the more awareness you show of local custom, the better people will treat you. In this Muslim country, alcohol is not abundant, and it is best to respect this.

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The director is a third-year MFA candidate in the directing program at UCSD. Tickets: Students \$10, Staff/Seniors \$12, General \$15. For info call 858-534-4574.

FEB. 10, 11, 12

MON. FEB. 7

CAREER

Job Search Strategies, 11am-12pm @ Career Services Center. Learn which job search methods work best and how to use networking, previous experience, job listings and direct inquiry to fast-track your job search.

Law School: Preparation & the Application Process, 2-3pm @ Career Services Center. Find out from UCSD's pre-law advisors how to prepare for and apply to law schools and how the admissions process works. Learn about the Law School Admission Test and the resources that can help you pick schools and write your application essay.

CLUBS

"My Mind, My Body, My Spirit, My Button", 11am-2pm @ Library Walk. Part of AS Women's Commission's series of events, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Women's Health." Make an emotionally uplifting button with UCSD Cares week. Donations go to Becky's House, a Domestic Violence Shelter.

"Stand Up For Kids - Don't Run Away", 7pm @ CSB 004. 13 children die on the streets every day from abuse, disease, and suicide. You can help prevent this. Come see what it's all about, hold a position in the club, and get involved from the start!

RECREATION

Roma Nights Presents Tom Brosseau, 8pm @ Espresso Roma. Come enjoy some music as you relax in Roma. Free!

TUES. FEB. 8

ACADEMIC

Academic Programs International Info Session, 2:30pm @ International Center Lounge. Academic Programs International has a variety of study abroad programs in France, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Spain, and the UK. A program representative will be at the International Center to discuss numerous study abroad opportunities.

CAREER

Resume Writing for Internships & Part-Time Jobs, 9:30-10:45am @ Career Services Center. Need help developing your resume for an internship or part-time job search? At this workshop you will learn the important elements of a resume and how to utilize them, how to develop a resume draft and how to improve your cover letter writing skills.

CLUBS

"Shedding Light on the Issue No One's Talking About - A Discussion Panel on Depression", 3:30pm @ Cross Cultural Center. Grab a snack and ask experienced UCSD Psych Services and Women's Peer Group personnel about depression-related

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issues. Part of AS Women's Commission's "Mind, Body, Spirit: Women's Health" series.

LECTURES

"My Choice" - The March for Women's Rights and Reproductive Choice, 6:30pm @ Room 1103, Mui Biology Building. Speaker: Patty Mooney, international award-winning producer, Avid editor, writer and photographer. Sponsored by Population Reduction & Earth Preservation.

RECREATION

Cinemaddicts Presents "Final Cut," 7 & 10pm @ PC Theatre. Admission \$3.

WED. FEB. 9

ACADEMIC

Semester at Sea Info Session, 2:30-4pm @ International Center Lounge. Interested in traveling around the world by ship while earning academic credit? Come find out all about Semester at Sea's Semester and Summer programs. For the summer 2005 voyage, UCSD students are eligible for \$2,000 scholarships!

ARTS

The 2005 V Day College Campaign presents **"The Vagina Monologues"**, 6 & 9pm @ PC Theatre. Proceeds go to the following charities: License to Freedom, The Center for Community Solutions, and through VDay, an organization for women's freedom in Iraq.

The Pub After Dark Presents Ugly Duckling with DJ Shammy Dee, 8:30pm @ Porter's Pub. Free admission!

CAREER

Peace Corps Info Session, 5-6pm @ Career Services Center. Learn more about the Peace Corps and their job opportunities.

Optometry School: Preparation & Application, 6-7pm @ Career Services Center. Find out from an expert what admissions committees look for in optometry school applicants.

CLUBS

"Kick it into Gear" Cardio Kickboxing, 6-7pm @ RIMAC Activity Room #2. Led by RIMAC Kickboxing Instructor Heather Howerton. Be on time, space is limited. Part of AS Women's Commission's series of events, "Mind, Body, Spirit: Women's Health."

HEALTH

UCSD Cares about YOU, 10am-2pm @ Library Walk. The focus is stress reduction. We will have two massage therapists available to give (free) chair massages to stressed-out students! Make a stress ball and learn about stress-reduction techniques. Sponsored by Student Health Advocates and AS.

San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drive, 9am-2pm @ Scripps Institute of Oceanography. The Bloodmobile will be parked near Snackropolis. Anyone 17 years old, in good health, and weighs at least 110 pounds may be eligible. Contact Lynn Cannella at 858.534.2830 or lcannella@ucsd.edu for an appointment.

RELIGION

Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service, 12pm @ ERC's Great Hall.

THURS. FEB. 10

ARTS

"As You Like It" by William Shakespeare, 8pm @ Mandell Weiss Forum. See featured box

CAREER

Interviewing to Win, 11:30-12:30pm @ Career Services Center. At this workshop, you will learn how to make the most of the important first few minutes of an interview, what questions to expect and how to respond effectively.

Career Exploration Panel: Careers Using Foreign Languages, 2:30-4pm @ Career Services Center. By attending one of these popular Career Exploration Panels, you will have the chance to meet and network with professionals in your chosen career field and learn what career options are available.

The Capital Fellows Program Recruiting & Information Session, 1-3pm @ Career Services Center Conference Room. A graduate program in the state capital with stipend. Deadline for the program is Feb. 23rd. Contact Layla Razavi at 858.229.9623 for more info.

CLUBS

"Mr. Alpha Chi", 7pm @ PC Ballroom. Alpha Chi Omega's 11th Annual UCSD Philanthropy talent show event featuring male contestants from various campus organizations. Proceeds support the Alpha Chi Omega Foundation and local organizations for victims of domestic violence. Tickets \$6 @ Box Office.

LECTURES

"Where Global Connections and Local Action Meet", 5-7pm @ Great Hall. Come to this community collaborative evening ready for dialogue and action around social justice as we bring back UCSD alumni and San Diego activist organizations who are struggling for global change. Co-hosted by the Women's Center and International House.

RECREATION

Cinemaddicts Presents **"Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason"**, 7 & 10pm @ PC Theatre. Admission \$3.

FRI. FEB. 11

ARTS

UCSD Theatre presents **"As You Like It"** by William Shakespeare, 8pm @ Mandell Weiss Forum.

Long Walk to Freedom, 8pm @ Mandeville Auditorium. Tickets available at the Box Office.

CAREER

On-Camera Practice Interviewing for Employment, 11am-1pm @ Career Services Center. Practice responding to potential interview questions on-camera in a small-group setting and to receive immediate constructive feedback from a career expert and your peers. Space is limited; sign-up in advance by calling 858.534.3750.

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with the education to pass the State exam.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball vs. Chico State, 5:30pm @ RIMAC.

Men's Basketball vs. Chico State, 7:30pm @ RIMAC.

SAT. FEB. 12

ARTS

"As You Like It" continues, 8pm @ Mandell Weiss Forum.

RECREATION

Cinemaddicts Presents **"Birth"**, 6 & 9pm @ PC Theatre. Admission \$3.

SPORTS

Women's Basketball vs. Cal State Stanislaus, 5:30pm @ RIMAC.

Men's Basketball vs. Cal State Stanislaus, 7:30pm @ RIMAC.

SUN. FEB. 13

ARTS

Gustavo Aguilar Recital, 8pm @ Mandeville Recital Hall. Sponsored by the UCSD Music Department. Free and open to the public.

WEEKLY

ACADEMIC

Language Conversation Tables, weekly @ Café Ventanas, the ERC Dining Hall next to RIMAC. For more information, contact International House at ihouse@ucsd.edu or go to <http://ihouse.ucsd.edu>.

CAREER

Legal Ethics/Risk Management, Tuesdays from 6:30-9:30pm @ UCSD Extension Complex, Room 102 at 9600 N. Torrey Pines Rd. \$345 fee.

Certified Legal Assistant Exam Preparation & Review Class, Wednesdays from 7 to 10pm @ UCSD Extension Complex, Room 101. This course is a MUST for anyone interested in taking the CLA exam in March 05! \$345 fee.

CLUBS

Argentine Tango Group Practice, Tuesdays from 9-11pm @ Rec Gym Conference Room. No previous experience or partner necessary. <http://stuorg.ucsd.edu/~atg>

Ballroom Dance Club, Fridays from 2-4:30pm @ the Rec Gym (next to Main Gym). <http://www.acs.ucsd.edu/~ballroom>

AS Women's Commission "Take Back The Night" Event Planning Meetings, Thursdays @ 7pm in the Student Leadership Chambers. Contact Nandini Pillai at npillai@ucsd.edu for more info.

HEALTH

Student Health is a full service clinic open to all registered students, regardless of your health insurance status! Most appointments can be scheduled online at <http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu> or call 534.8089.

Campus a capella group to compete in regionals

By ROY PAK
Contributing Writer

For those who have never heard the Tritones — or even heard of them — the company is UCSD's very own a cappella singing group. The Tritones, featuring a soloist, a vocal body, and vocal percussion (beat-boxing), perform music entirely with their voices. The group boasts a diverse repertoire of songs ranging from the bootylicious pop of R&B trio Destiny's Child to the modern masterpieces of indie-rock heavyweight Radiohead.

In addition to making their voices heard at periodic pub shows and school functions, the Tritones annually compete in the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella. In March, the group will compete in the Regional Semifinals at Stanford University, the farthest the group has ever gone in the competition during its short history. "The competition at this next level will probably be greater," Tritones director Thanhuy Nguyen said.

In past years, the Tritones' performances in the ICCA have been hit-or-miss due to the competition's ever-changing judging criteria.

"Three years ago, there was more emphasis on the music aspect of the performance, with roughly 70 percent for music and 30 percent for performance," Nguyen said. "The following year, the criteria was split fifty-fifty for music and performance. We did not place and were surprised that the split had changed so dramatically."

Although the ICCA's judging criteria may not be perfectly aligned to the Tritones' taste, the group has managed to satisfy the requirements without too much compromise.

"This year, I think we have done a good job balancing the two things which had conflicted: maintaining the integrity of our sound as well as applying appropriate performance aspects to make us an eligible competitor whom judges would seriously consider," Tritones assistant director Derlin Hsu said.

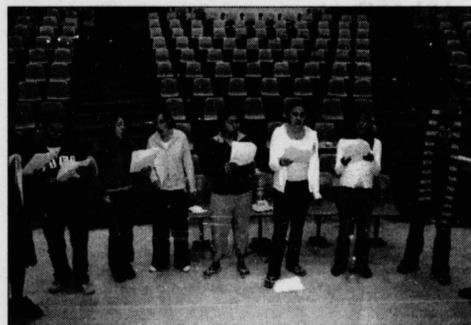
The Tritones have demonstrated ability and talent, but the group still remains something of an underdog.

"We receive no grants from the school and are not affiliated with the music department, and therefore must raise money on our own," Nguyen said. "I do believe richer groups have an advantage."

Other collegiate a cappella groups with more resources have the opportunity to rehearse in conditions similar to those in the competition, and also to have albums produced that can help build their popularity, putting them at a decided advantage.

The Tritones are faced with an uphill climb with somewhat unfavorable odds, but seem to be content with the mere opportunity to perform and compete.

"All I know is that I am really excited to have such a goal that can motivate Tritones improvement and to share Tritones sound with other groups whom we haven't met, experience the next level of competition and make some new friends in a cappella groups," Hsu said.



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Chorus line: Tritones members gather in Center Hall for weekly rehearsals, preparing for future competitions

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Women's tennis starts off season, 2-0 Tritons defeat Grand Canyon, Point Loma at home

By **EVAN WANG**
Staff Writer

Two up, two down — that's the story so far for UCSD women's tennis, which kicked off its 2005 spring season by hosting two home matches and crushing the competition, defeating both Grand Canyon University on Feb. 3 and Point Loma University on Feb. 1, each by match scores of 7-2.

The Triton women, led by head coach Liz LaPlante, are the No. 11 Division II school in the nation, according to the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. In the California Collegiate Athletic Association, the Tritons are ranked first after finishing last season 10-0 against conference opponents.

On Feb. 3, the Tritons faced off against the Grand Canyon Antelopes at the Northview Tennis Courts. Grand Canyon, a former member of the CCAA, forfeited two games — the sixth singles spot and the third doubles spot — because of an insufficient number of players. The Tritons took the gift, but offered no such charity in the other seven matchups, winning five of them. The No. 1 doubles spot provided the most exciting match of the day, pitting UCSD's junior Tara Siddiqui and sophomore Marsha Malinow up against Grand Canyon's Medini Sharma and Nikita Bhardwaj, with the Tritons coming out on top in a nail-biting tiebreak, 9-8 (7-5). The Triton's victory in the other doubles matchup was no contest, as sophomores Katie McKee and Kristin Bronowicki defeated the Antelopes' Shawna Young and Lindsay Hardy, 8-1.

"I'm so excited about playing with [Malinow]," Siddiqui said. "I think we have great potential for the season. We have great chemistry, and the footwork is there, we just need to work on the finesse."

In singles action, the Antelopes picked up their only two wins of the match at the No. 1 and No. 2 spots, with Sharma defeating Malinow and Bhardwaj defeating

junior Marissa Hilker. The Tritons won at the No. 3, 4 and 5 spots, with junior Leigh Roberts, McKee and Bronowicki all winning in straight sets.

The Tritons' crosstown rival, Point Loma, also visited on Feb. 1. Once again, the No. 1 doubles spot provided the most exciting drama of the day, featuring Siddiqui and Malinow against Point Loma's Ashley Strimple and Anita Siczka. This match also went to a 17th-game tiebreak, but this time Siddiqui and Malinow went down, 8-9 (7-9). Strimple also had a hand in the Tritons' only other loss of the day, defeating senior Jasmin Dao at the No. 1 singles spot, 6-3, 6-0. The other seven matches ended with Tritons in the win column. Malinow, Hilker, Roberts, McKee and Bronowicki all won their singles matches, and the doubles teams of Bronowicki/McKee and Dao/Hilker also downed their opponents for a final tally of 7-2 in favor of the Tritons.

LaPlante has high hopes about the pairing of Siddiqui and Malinow, who paired up for the first time this season.

"Tara and Marsha played two great matches together," LaPlante said. "The competition was strong, but they played really well in both, and when everybody is playing that well, tiebreaks happen."

The Tritons' goal for the season is to repeat their perfect performance last season in conference play, and to go undefeated. The team also has high hopes to make a name for itself in national competition by claiming a spot in the NCAA Division II Nationals in May. The team's bid last year was cut short by Hawaii-Hilo at the regional tournament, and the Tritons have an April 5 date with their rivals circled on their calendars. Other strong regional competition includes BYU Hawaii, the top team in the country, and Hawaii Pacific.

"We got within one match of making it to nationals last year," sophomore Allison Legakis said. "We've gotten a taste of it, and will work hard to take the next step



Greg Dale/Guardian

Undefeated: Sophomore Kristin Bronowicki and the Tritons women's tennis team started the season 2-0, beating Point Loma on Feb. 1 and Grand Canyon on Feb. 3 this year."

Even with these lofty goals, Siddiqui urges everybody to maintain focus.

"Before we worry about nationals, we have to take care of first things first," said Siddiqui, one of three team captains. "That means taking care of business in our conference, then at regionals. But no matter what happens, I hope we all support each other. I think that this team, on any given day, can rise up and become one of the best teams in the nation. It's a matter of how our team dynamics and individual confidence play out. The mental game is the most

important part of tennis."

The team has 11 returning players and two first-year players.

"Our top six are very experienced," LaPlante said. "Our sophomores have improved a lot, and the freshmen have a considerable amount of junior tennis tournament experience, being highly ranked in Northern California, so I feel we have a lot of experience and potential."

The Tritons will travel this weekend to Cal Poly Pomona for their first conference match of the season on Feb. 12, and will return home the following day to host UC Davis.

Greed destroys baseball

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Michael Neustedter

Major League Baseball fans not only watched owners toss out more than \$1 billion to free agents this winter, but also witnessed the tragic end to the American pastime. The out-of-control spending habits of MLB owners has created an unsolvable problem that will soon demolish the league.

The league is a complete mess where only the richest survive. A team's success no longer depends on the strength of its players but rather the wealth of its owner. Without a rich owner, a team cannot sign any above-average free agents, or even re-sign its own homegrown talent.

The Oakland Athletics were forced to trade away all-star pitchers Tim Hudson and Mark Mulder this winter as a result of the absurd salaries other pitchers of their caliber received. Oakland general manager Billy Beane knew that Hudson and Mulder would demand a salary of at least \$20 million each. Instead of waiting for them both to leave through free agency, Beane shipped them off, along with any chance of making the playoffs, for some unproven minor leaguers.

The New York Yankees' owner George Steinbrenner kicked off the insane spending by signing former Atlanta Braves starting pitcher Jaret Wright to a three-year, \$21 million deal. This is the same Jaret Wright who finished 4-10, with an ERA of around eight in 2003. Wright is at best an average pitcher, and deserves no more than \$3 million per year for his services.

The Yankees were also able to pay \$16 million a season to Randy Johnson, who will soon be 42 years old. Johnson had an outstanding season last year, but his arm is about to fall off. The Yankees are expecting Johnson to go out on the mound and throw over 100 pitches every five days. Maybe they also forgot the surgeries that removed all the cartilage inside Johnson's knees.

A subway ride away, the Mets forked out a combined \$194 million on Carlos Beltran, Pedro Martinez and Kris Benson. The Mets' general manager Omar Minaya must have forgotten that first baseman Mo Vaughn will be owed \$17 million to sit on the bench again, eating up all the food in sight, instead of fielding the balls hit to first base. At least Vaughn will have company when the Mets discover they just paid more than \$50 million to a pitcher hiding a major shoulder injury.

Although the Yankees and Mets wasted millions of dollars this winter, no team wasted its money more than the Houston Astros. The Astros agreed to pay Roger Clemens \$18 million for one season, even though he will be 43 years old in August.

These crazy contracts are destroying baseball, and someone needs to stand up to commissioner Bud Selig and demand a salary-cap rule. Such a rule would establish a maximum payroll that owners could spend and therefore limit the

Women's water polo falls to Michigan

By **DANIEL DIAZ**
Senior Staff Writer

Confident after returning most of their starters from the 2004 campaign, the 14th-ranked UCSD women's water polo team felt ready for No. 12 Michigan in their season opener at Canyonview Pool on Feb. 4. In falling to the Wolverines, 5-4, however, the Tritons found themselves troubled by a different opponent: first-game anxiety.

UCSD matched Michigan goal-for-goal for the better part of the contest, but suddenly became timid late in the third, taking fewer shots and giving up the tie-breaker to Sheetal Narsai at 4:37 in the period, and the eventual game-winner, tallied by Rebecca Godek with 5:29 left in the game. UCSD also struggled with its power plays, going zero-for-six in the last three periods after converting two-of-three in the opening frame.

With the loss, the Tritons now stand at 0-1 while the Wolverines move to 3-2. Tobi Lyman notched a hat trick for UCSD

while Narsai and Shana Welch led Michigan with a pair of goals each.

UCSD sophomore 2-meter Sarah Bajorek cut the Wolverines' lead to within one with 1:22 left in the game, but just as the Tritons grabbed possession and a six-on-five advantage with less than a minute to play, the nerves struck with a vengeance. Twice, UCSD senior driver Courtney Clevenger sailed a pass over the head of sophomore utility Michelle Perkins as the Tritons failed to get off a shot in the final minute.

"I was a bit nervous because it was one of those situations you dream about, being able to tie the game with 15 seconds left and with a man up," Clevenger said. "It was a bit unexpected for the first game, but we were also timid on offense. We weren't shooting the ball enough."

The finish, however, was one of the few dark spots in an otherwise bright performance for the Tritons, led by a young defensive



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Close call: Scoring a goal in the final minutes against Michigan, senior driver Tobi Lyman and UCSD could not get past the Wolverines in their 5-4 loss.

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