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THERE'S STILL TWO SOLID, PAINFUL WEEKS UNTIL THE BLISSFUL FREEDOM THAT IS SPRING BREAK. BUT UNTIL THAT SWEET WEEK COMES, AND YOU'RE IN NEED OF A MENTAL VACATION IN THESE TRYING TIMES, READ UP ON THESE PLACES TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL—OR GET INSPIRATION FOR YOUR OWN SPRING BREAK ADVENTURES!—IF ONLY FOR A BIT.

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Students pose for a picture at Bear Garden on Friday. Photo by Francesca Hummler// UCSD Guardian

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UCSD Physicist Contributes to Trappist-1 Discovery

BY ARMONIEMENDEZ CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UC San Diego's Adam Burgasser, an associate professor in the physics department, contributed to the discovery of seven planets which could possibly harbor extraterrestrial life. The planets are surrounding the star known as Trappist-1, named after the Transiting Planets and Planetesimals Small Telescope. The discovery was announced on Feb. 22 at a press conference held at NASA's headquarters in Washington D.C.

The study, which commenced four years ago, is housed at the University of Liege in Belgium and is composed of over three dozen scientists based all over the world.

Joining the team in 2013, Burgasser and his colleagues started studying Trappist-1 in 2014, when they speculated that there were only three planets

surrounding the star. “Our survey looking at several dozen low-mass stars started about four years ago,” Burgasser told the UCSD Guardian. “I joined the team in 2013. Our specific study of this star, Trappist-1, started in 2014, and we actually had an earlier planet discovery paper last May when we thought there were only three planets. The results we reported last week are based on work we’ve been doing over the last 18 months.”

Trappist-1 is known as an ultra-cool dwarf star, a common type of star in the galaxy. Further examination of these types of stars began back in the 1990s, but scientists specifically examined Trappist-1 because of it had qualities suitable for research.

“The star was first discovered in the early 1990s with the less

poetic name 2MASS J23062928-0502285” Burgasser said. “It seemed to be a normal low-temperature, low-mass star that is relatively nearby. These stars are literally a dime a dozen. They are very common in the galaxy. It was included in our survey because it was the right type of star — cool and red — and close enough to get good data.”

Three of the planets found surrounding Trappist-1 were located in what scientists call the habitable region, meaning that conditions on the planet may be suitable for hosting life.

“‘Habitable’ means that the surface conditions are suitable for life, and for astronomers this generally means hav[ing] liquid water,” Burgasser said. “Liquid water is necessary for all life forms on Earth, and Earth is the only planet in the solar system that has both liquid water and

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UC SYSTEM

Georgia Tech Dean Appointed UC Davis Chancellor

Gary May, who was chosen for his STEM background, will replace Ralph Hexter in August.

BY PROMITA NANDY
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The UC Board of Regents unanimously appointed Gary May as the new chancellor of UC Davis on Feb. 23 at a meeting held at UCLA. May will begin his new role in August, replacing Ralph Hexter, who is currently serving as interim chancellor.

Hexter temporarily led the university after former chancellor Linda Katehi resigned last August following an investigation into various university policies, including conflict-of-interest violations and misuse of student fees.

May currently serves as the dean of the College of Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology, but will be returning to the UC system where he earned his master's and doctorate in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at UC Berkeley in 1987 and 1991, respectively.

In a UC Office of the President press release, May expressed his delight over the appointment.

“I am honored that the [UC] president and the regents have entrusted me with the responsibility of

leading UC Davis,” May said. “I am confident that, with the cooperation of the entire Davis community, we can accomplish even more and make UC Davis one of those very few institutions that have become household names in our nation. Go Ags!”

UC President Janet Napolitano announced May as her candidate for chancellor on Feb. 21, two days before the vote. She believes his experience in the STEM fields makes him a good fit for chancellor.

“Dr. May is absolutely committed to building strong and open relationships with students, faculty and staff, to increasing UC Davis’s already impressive prowess in STEM fields, agriculture, social sciences and the arts and humanities and deepening the ties between UC Davis and the larger Davis and Sacramento communities,” she said in the UCOP statement.

Hexter also expressed his support of chancellor May in an email to the UC Davis community.

“I could not be more proud of how we have come together as a community after a challenging spring and summer,” Hexter wrote in the email. “We have turned an important corner, and I am confident that Chancellor-

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UCSD Freshman Dies in Car Accident

Her best friend said Mabel Bahena always wore a smile and never had a negative attitude.

BY MATTHEW ZAMUDIO
NEWS EDITOR

Mabel Bahena, a 19-year-old student at UC San Diego, was killed in a car accident on Friday, Feb. 17 after a gust of wind pushed driver Yolanda Lozano's vehicle into a truck parked on the right shoulder of I-15 during a rainstorm.

Bahena was a freshman studying engineering.

Jose Bahena, Mabel's brother, created a GoFundMe page after the accident to cover the family's funeral costs where both strangers and acquaintances have raised \$9,020 in nine days and left thoughtful messages and remembrances of Mabel.

“May she rest in peace, from one UCSD student to another,” Austin Zhang wrote with his donation. “I am deeply sorry for your family's loss.”

Those who were close to Bahena remember her as a goofy young woman who always wore a smile. Lozano, who was Bahena's best friend since sixth grade and neighbor, told the UCSD Guardian what it was like to know her.

“Throughout the eight years of friendship there was never a moment in which Mabel had a negative attitude,” Lozano said. “She always had a smile on her face. I absolutely cherished her.”

After meeting in middle school, Bahena and Lozano were attached at the hip and were rarely seen without each other unless they were with their boyfriends. Bahena and Lozano even got jobs together at Target to minimize their time apart. The best friends' families soon became close themselves, and Lozano said the support she has received from Bahena's parents has helped her come to grips with the accident.

“Mabel and I always thought as the future as ‘our’ future,” Lozano said. “We’ve always included each other in our plans. She wanted to be a typical suburban mom with me as a neighbor so our kids could play with each other.”

Fifth year Thurgood Marshall College student Marlee Kongthong, who worked with Bahena and Lozano at Target, remembered Mabel, as all who knew her did, with a wide smile plastered across her face.

“Mabel was a sweet, goofy gal,” Kongthong told the Guardian. “She had the biggest, brightest smile I’ve ever seen. Her hair was as wild as her. She was silly and cracked jokes often. The room always warmed up when she was present. She giggled often and couldn’t ever keep a straight face because she always had a big ol’ smile on.”

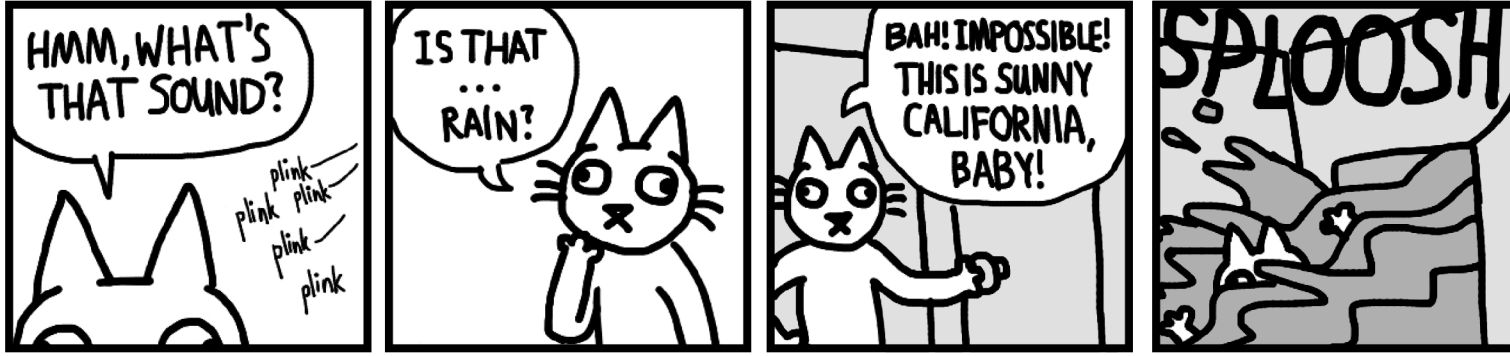
Kongthong added that while talking to other employees at Target about Bahena, “each person mentioned her smile.”

Bahena's funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. tomorrow at Greenwood Mortuary Garden Chapel. She is survived by her parents, step parents, four sisters and two brothers.

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AVERAGE CAT

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A.S. COUNCIL COLUMN

A.S. is organizing a clothing drive which will take place on March 10

BY ZAID MANSURI
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Hello friends! Clocking in at 35 minutes, A.S. Council had its shortest meeting of the quarter this week! The past few weeks have in

general had short meetings. There is a Memorandum of Understanding being drafted between A.S. Council and Triton Food Pantry regarding A.S. Council allocation of money to the Triton Food Pantry. The MOU will cover details such as the Triton Food

Pantry reporting its finances directly to A.S. Council. Details forthcoming. Third year Marshall Senator Kim Custodio has been working on a clothing drive with the office of local affairs. It will take place on March 10, 2017 in front of the

Marshall administration building. Registration for elections is now open online and will close on Thursday March 9, 2017.

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Regents Approved a Base Salary of \$420,000 for May

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designate May will have an extraordinary impact on this great institution.”

Knarik Yegiazaryan, a sophomore at UC Davis, is optimistic about May's potential as the new chancellor.

“I'm excited to see what sort of changes May will bring to the campus. It seems as though he's mindful of need for a more diverse environment on campus, but I truly feel as though there's only so much one can do,” Yegiazaryan told the UCSD Guardian. “I can't really make any sort of real judgements right now since he hasn't been able to do anything for the campus yet, but considering all the things he's done to make Georgia Tech such an astounding university, I am under the impression he'll do the same for our campus.”

At Georgia Tech, May created the Summer Undergraduate Research in

Engineering/Science program where undergraduates can research and hopefully become more interested in going to graduate school. He also worked to establish the Facilitating Academic Careers in Engineering and Science and University Center of Exemplary Mentoring programs, intending to increase the number of underrepresented doctorate recipients from Georgia Tech, for which he received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring from former President Obama in 2015.

The Regents also approved May's compensation on Feb. 23, which includes a base salary of \$420,000 and an endowed faculty chair that pays \$75,000 in privately donated funds.

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Burgasser: Presence of Water Does Not Guarantee Life on Planets

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life, as far as we know, so we tie these conditions together. We know these planets have the potential for liquid water because they are at just the right distance from their star for the planet surface temperatures to be in the range of liquid water (0 degrees Celsius to 100 degrees Celsius).”

While the planets present factors leading scientists to believe that they do contain liquid water, Burgasser explained that this does not guarantee its presence.

“There are lots of other factors that are important: whether the planet has an atmosphere (otherwise the

water would evaporate to space), whether there are other sources of heating such as greenhouse effect or volcanism, whether there is enough oxygen and hydrogen present to have water, etc. All of these are outstanding questions that we will be investigating in the next few years,” Burgasser said.

The potential for these planets to contain liquid water creates the possibility of finding extraterrestrial life.

“Determining whether water is actually present on these planets is one step toward that goal,” Burgasser said. “But, I am optimistic because we know life on Earth started ‘quickly,’ almost as soon as the surface was cool enough to support life (about four billion years ago). Those life

forms were simple bacteria and algae and dominated the planet for almost all of Earth's history before plants and animals came along, so it is the most likely kind of life we would expect to find. Life may be one of these processes that emerges quickly as long as the conditions are suitable.”

Burgasser explained that the next step in the study is to continue measuring the planets' transits, masses, atmospheres and starlight, as well as to determine the chemical composition of the planets to be able to conclude if they are indeed suitable for hosting life.

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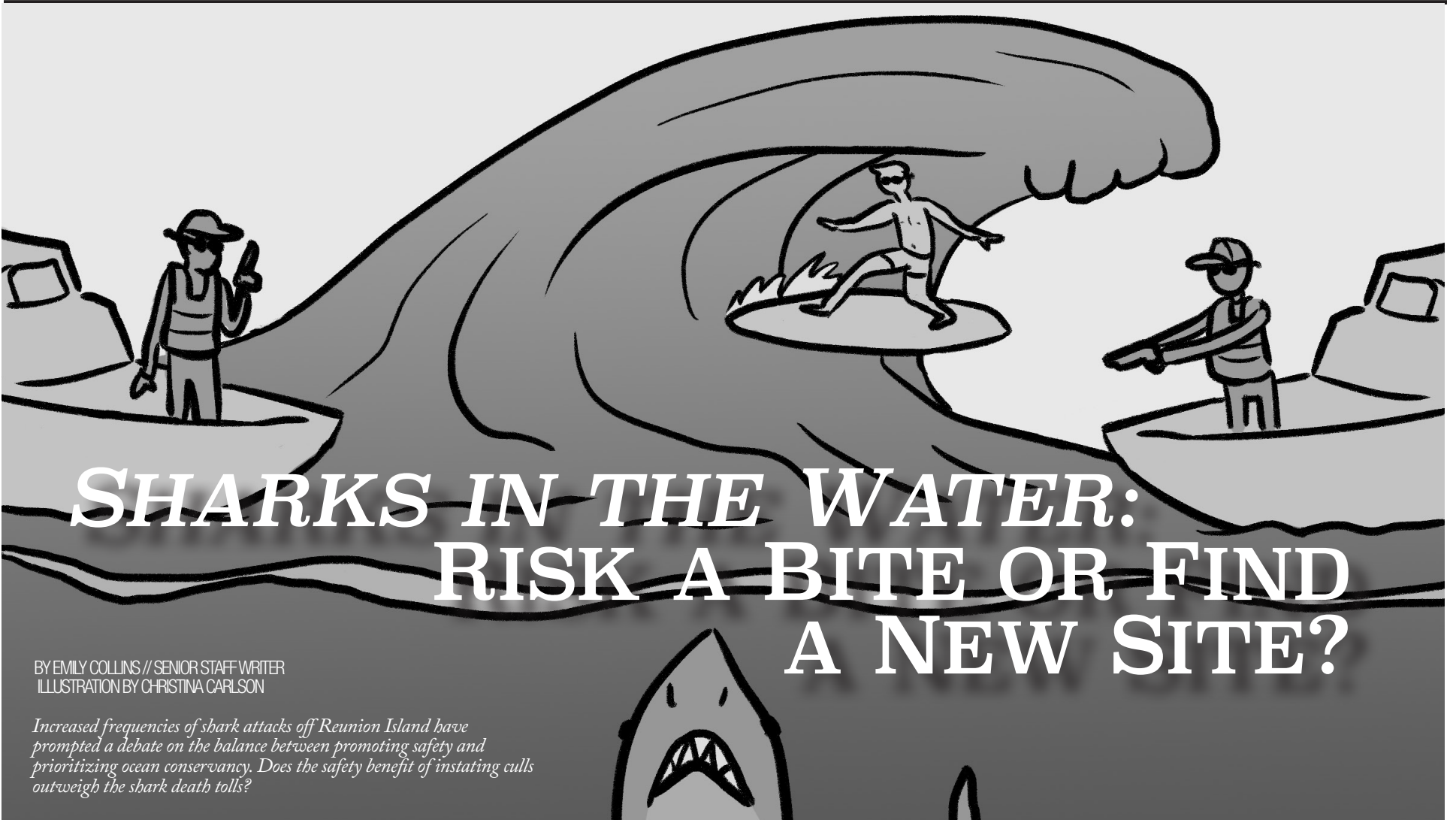
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Increased frequencies of shark attacks off Reunion Island have prompted a debate on the balance between promoting safety and prioritizing ocean conservancy. Does the safety benefit of instating culls outweigh the shark death tolls?

Twenty people attacked, eight fatal: these are the stats for unprovoked shark attacks since 2011 on Reunion Island, a small island and region of France located off the southeast coast of Africa. The ocean around this island has always been known to have a notoriously high shark population, but since the recent death of Alexandre Naussac, a 26-year-old bodyboarder, professional surfers and Reunion Island locals have ignited a global debate on whether or not actions need to be taken regarding the shark population on the island, and, more largely, the importance of prioritizing ocean and marine life conservancy.

The debate gained new levels of publicity when professional surfer and 11-time World Surf League Champion Kelly Slater called for a “serious cull on Reunion” in an Instagram post tributed to Naussac. A cull would entail the systematic capture and killing of sharks in the vicinity of swimming beaches by local governments. Although Slater recently released a new statement clarifying that his assertion was an

emotional reaction to Naussac’s death and that he does not believe a cull is the proper solution, his statement still came as somewhat of a shock to the surfing community. Slater is not only an advocate for ocean conservancy, but a founder of Outerknown, a company that donates all profits from its “It’s

“*It’s important to remember that every time we step in the water, we are putting ourselves at the will of the ocean and all of the life it contains.*”

Not OK” shirts to ocean conservancy and recently released a video of Slater arguing the importance of protecting the ocean and its marine life. Jeremy Flores, another professional surfer who resides on Reunion Island, made similar claims for the need to tackle the shark population on the island. Yet, to some extent, the problem is already being tackled. According to International

Business Times, French officials already kill 100 sharks annually on the island, prompting conservationists to fear that killing more will only further imbalance the ecosystem.

In fact, according to the Australian Marine Conservation Society, culling has even been scientifically proven

to not work. U.S. surfer Mike Coots, although having lost a leg in a shark attack, has himself argued that “culling a species is fundamentally wrong” and that “it can actually make the situation worse.” Shark nets and traps not only endanger other species, but also victimize shark species that may not be the target of the nets. These species are typically already endangered, such

as in Queensland, Australia, where 97 percent of sharks caught since 2001 by drum lines (a baited hook) were at conservation risk and 89 percent were caught in regions where no human fatalities had occurred by shark attacks. According to Surfer, miles of nets have been put in place to keep

sharks at bay in particularly dangerous surf spots, like Lighthouse Beach in Australia and beaches like those in Queensland. This precaution, however, has resulted in thousands of deaths to sharks since they were installed, although dramatically reducing the number of shark attacks in the region. It’s difficult to claim that our sports and leisure are more important than

protecting a diminishing species, and yet compromises to the problem seem to be scarce. Alternatives such as aerial and coastal surveillance, shark barriers and sonar trials have become more popular methods of handling high shark populations, but some alternatives such as “smart drum lines,” which alert authorities when marine life has been caught and therefore can allow time for the animals to be freed, continue to capture and threaten unintended species. One solution, however, may be in sight — the Sea Shepherd, a nonprofit marine conservation organization, has begun working with Slater to advocate for a marine reserve that will promote the return of reef sharks, which deter the bull sharks that have been behind the recent attacks.

When it comes down to it, we have to ask ourselves: Should we be more concerned about our safety and our ability to be in the ocean, or about ocean conservancy? Humans are estimated to kill over 100 million

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Obama-Era Gun Control Legislation Fuels Misconception of People with Disabilities and Disorders as Threats

BY THOMAS FINN // SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Gun control remains a standard part of just about any liberal platform in this country, while, for the most part, we relegate stances against gun control to conservatives. However, many limitations on gun rights stem from rhetoric that falsely portrays anyone with a mental disability as too dangerous to handle firearms, a precedent also set long ago against racial minorities. In aligning with the mainstream stance, many liberals neglect to analyze the ableism and racism inherent in many gun control measures, both proposed and implemented.

Background checks typically appear as “common sense” requirements in gun control plans, but they rely on the assumption that this country has a fair criminal justice system and a working understanding of mental health. Aside from criminal background, these checks usually involve psychiatric records.

Unfortunately, mental illness has filled a boogeyman role in gun control rhetoric on both sides, where

proponents and opponents alike can blame shootings, violence, and crime on mentally ill people with firearms. In reality, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reports that one in five Americans have experienced a mental health issue, and people with serious mental illness are actually less likely to commit violence than anyone else but are 10 times more likely to be victims of violence. With debates doubling down on undue blame on people with mental disabilities or illnesses, gun control measures aimed at blocking their civil rights become more extreme and short-sighted.

In December 2016, Obama created a rule that would use the Social Security Administration’s list of Americans who have a mental disability, and add these names to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System to bar them from purchasing firearms. It simply does not follow that mental disabilities make someone dangerous,

and conditions like dyscalculia or other learning disabilities that require assistance in dealing with finances have no bearing on firearm competence or safety. Activists from the Autistic Self-Advocacy Network have spoken out against policies like this which unfairly condemn people who are disproportionately victims of violence rather than perpetrators.

Many of today’s gun control laws have their roots in the late 1960s, where they were passed as a direct response to the Civil Rights Movement. Republican California Governor Ronald Reagan passed the Mulford Act in 1967, banning open-carry of loaded weapons just two months after the Black Panthers led a demonstration in Sacramento encouraging black people to arm themselves against racism. The next year, the federal government passed the Gun Control Act of 1968 restricting gun sales and requiring licenses and was even supported by the National Rifle Association at the time,

with many politicians openly referring to black gun owners as an impetus for tighter regulation.

Enforcement of gun control laws also disproportionately tends to target minorities. For example, according to research by Jeffrey Fagan at Columbia University Law School, 90 percent of the hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers stopped and frisked in 2012 were black or Latino, even though it was more likely to find guns on white people. Based on research from the Vera Institute of Justice, this double standard also applies to criminalization of racial minorities for drug crimes, which, alongside over-representative conviction, recidivism and incarceration rates, suggests that America’s criminal justice system stacks its War on Drugs against racial minorities every step of the way. When we decide who can own guns based on criminal records, but convict and imprison certain racial groups disproportionate to others, we disarm

and disenfranchise American citizens using the same systemic biases.

While we rightfully fear the possibility of a national Muslim registry used to strip Americans of civil rights, we seem unfazed by the prospect of one for Americans with disabilities, even when such a dangerous project has plenty of precedent. Luckily, the rule was overturned last month, but ableist rhetoric still runs rampant in the national discourse on gun control. Alongside racial injustice in America’s implementation of gun control, both historically and today, it seems like politicians, the media and the public all seem too willing to sweep the well-being of disabled Americans under the rug for the sake of a preordained agenda, forgetting to critically reexamine whether doing so reinforces stigma and betraying the people whose rights are actually most at risk.

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WORLDFRONT WINDOW By David Juarez



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sharks every year — that’s 11,417 sharks every hour, by conservative measures. Yet, according to statistics spanning the past decade, only an average of six people are killed by shark attacks each year. You’re more likely to be killed by being crushed by a falling vending machine than being attacked by a shark — seriously, vending machines kill 10 to 13 people a year. While shark attack rates have certainly been increasing in recent years, we have to realize that human impact on climate change and subsequent rising sea temperatures also bring larger congregations of sharks in coastal regions where before their numbers remained low. As these changes occur, it may be necessary to scope out new surf and swim spots or follow extra precautionary measures to prevent an encounter with a shark.

This relevance of ocean conservancy and determining whether

to protect humans’ rights or animals’ remains vividly active in our own local community as well. Consider the sea lions of La Jolla Cove, whose presence has long sparked debate over whether they should be removed or not. Statements from the La Jolla Cove Swim Club have argued that they should be dispersed from the area or at least prevented from accessing the beach and stairs where people often go. Moreover, the sea lions cause ocean contamination from the large amount of fecal matter they emit. People have been attacked by the sea lions and swimmers have gotten sick from the high level of bacteria in the water due to their presence. Yet others argue that the Cove is the sea lions’ natural breeding ground, and they have more of a right to live there than humans do to go to the area. The debate brings light to a complex issue of how much ocean conservancy should be prioritized and how far humans should

go to defend their rights to be in certain coastal territories and waters. As with the sharks, is it time for the animals to relocate or for the humans to find a new place to relax at the beach?

Despite our love of the water and our passion for catching the deepest barrels we can possibly find, it’s important to remember that every time we step in the water, we are putting ourselves at the will of the ocean and all of the life it contains. For some, the chance of losing a limb by a shark might be worth catching a perfect wave — for others, the risk means giving up the sport or finding a new place to surf. Regardless, it seems to be our duty to do our best to protect marine life and not further endanger a species already at risk. Keep in mind: We already kill far more of them than they ever have and will kill of us.

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What Chinese International Students Think of the Dalai Lama

Chinese international students seem to despise the Dalai Lama. But why? The Guardian investigates.

By Timothy Deng // Contributing Writer

The warm scent of coffee wafted out of Price Center's Starbucks as I sat outside in the breezy air, waiting for Yuki Huang, a second year at Revelle College. While we bantered, the name of her home province in China, Fujian, came up and, remarking at my pronunciation, she asked if I could speak Mandarin.

I could, because I am Han Chinese. But as an American-born Chinese, I also lacked the cultural knowledge of my country's history to adequately explain Chinese international students' recent outrage over the 14th Dalai Lama speaking at this year's commencement. Daughter of a doctor and civil servant of the Chinese government, Huang attempted to explain her perspective to me.

"Almost every international student dislikes [the Dalai Lama]," she started off, "because he is to China what Edward Snowden is to America. We all regard him as a traitor."

I winced, telling her Edward Snowden was a personal hero of mine. Without missing a beat, she clarified to me, "Maybe the Western media portrays him as a spiritual leader who loves peace, but in reality he is definitely involved in all types of politics. He wants to be a dictator in Tibet; he doesn't really want to liberate Tibet but wants to control Tibet through violence."

Before I even opened my mouth to say anything about Chinese media, she stopped me. "I'm not brainwashed by propaganda or anything," she said to me, giggling. "I don't watch news that often."

Huang tried to give me a quick history lesson, explaining that Tibet was historically part of China. According to her claims, Tibet under the Dalai Lama had a feudalist system that perpetuated slavery and serfdom, with a small population in control. The Tibetan government asserted that the serfs' status was a result of its misdeeds in a past life, preventing them from protesting their living conditions. A war broke out in 1950 between the People's Liberation Army of China and Tibet; the Dalai Lama, who supposedly wanted to control Tibet through violence and was backed by the CIA with weapons, escaped to India. Now, while China attempts to modernize Tibet by sending in workers and eradicating an outdated culture that supports slavery, the Dalai Lama continues to spread propaganda to take control of an independent Tibet.

Facts related to Tibet and China are murky, but the gist of what Huang told me appeared to be true, or at the very least, truer than many versions of history I've heard. Peter Hessler from the Atlantic, who visited Tibet in the 1990s, notes that while Tibet's claims

for independence might be "more compelling than the Chinese version," China probably has a "stronger historical claim to Tibet than the U.S. does to much of the American West." Reports of a serfdom in Tibet are also concerns which, while perhaps exaggerated, may not be completely invalid either: While Tibetan scholars are in agreement that there was no historical serfdom, the Chinese assert that "95 percent of the population were hereditary serfs and slaves owned by monasteries and nobles." Because tensions between the U.S. and communist regimes were running high in the 1950s, the CIA did indeed support the Dalai Lama with propaganda distribution, intelligence and political espionage in the 1950s to counter the influence of China in Tibet.

As an English teacher at the Linzhi No. 2 High School two years ago, Huang had personal experience living in Tibet. She was one of many teachers from various provinces sent to Tibet along with others who helped build the region's infrastructure. Defensively, Huang told me that Tibetans enjoy far more rights than other Chinese citizens and their capital city is developing even faster than her own home province, thanks to support from the Chinese government.

"They can stick with their marriage culture and marry more than one person. The United States doesn't allow Mormons to do that, but we allow Tibetans to."

Huang said most of the Tibetans she interacted with seem to be happy with their situation. "When I say I think most Tibetans don't want to be independent, I mean the Tibetans who live in Tibet, not the Tibetans who live in India," she clarified. "I have talked to some Tibetans in Tibet, and they regard him as a fraud and a dictator rather than a religious leader."

For Huang, the invitation of the Dalai Lama to commencement is an insult. Passionately, and despite the fact that she is not graduating, she reminded me that commencement is a time of celebration.

"International students have to celebrate their graduation, and they will invite their parents. They will fly all the way from China to the U.S., and when they are so happy, they'll see this guy who tries to split their country giving a speech here."

Some students, especially online, have attempted to silence Chinese international students by

telling them they have no place to complain about commencement speakers in a school where they are "guests."

"This is discrimination," Huang said angrily. "Just because we're foreigners, we're not treated as part of the UC community. Our voices deserve to be heard."

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The next week at the same Starbucks, I talked to Yuxiao Fang. Since it was a drizzly day, we sat inside. Fang, a junior cognitive science major from Xian, China, was quieter than Huang but talked rapidly. Like Huang, he started off with an analogy about the Dalai Lama splitting his home country.

"You don't want anyone to split [your country] in any way, just as you wouldn't want Texas to be an independent country from now on."

I grimaced at the analogy, personally knowing plenty of people at UC San Diego who sure wouldn't mind. Sitting up, I ask him what he thinks when people suggest the Dalai Lama inciting violence is Chinese propaganda.

"You say it's Chinese propaganda, but it might be international propaganda against China," he said nonchalantly. "Every coin has two sides. Check both when you make a decision."

As a junior, Fang, like Huang, won't actually be attending commencement, and he knows that it is unlikely that UCSD will uninvite the Dalai Lama as speaker, citing damage to our school's

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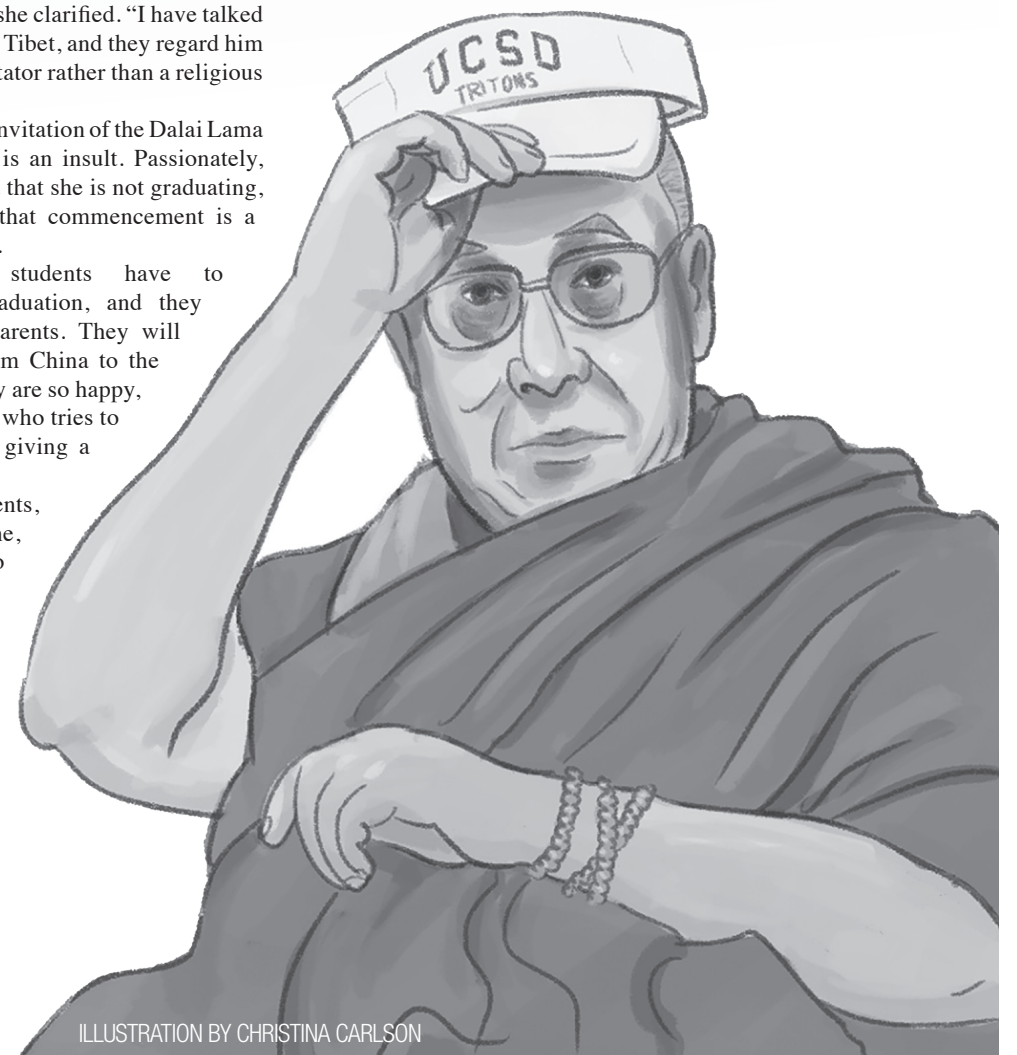


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reputation, since we invited him first. Instead, his goal is to start a conversation between students and administration. He hopes that UCSD will consider students' opinions when making decisions — especially, he claims, when wrong decisions can be hurtful to their future career prospects.

"I've heard of a college that had the Dalai Lama come to commencement, and afterward, one of the Chinese students came back to China to look for work. During [this process], his HR just said, 'I heard your college commencement speaker was the Dalai Lama so I can't give you a chance.' Not only is it hurting our feelings, it's hurting our professional careers. That's a rare

case, but I mention it as a possibility." Though the Dalai Lama indeed spoke at Tulane University in 2013, a source could not be found to verify this anecdote.

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Huang and Fang both vehemently support free speech. Fang cited it as the reason he is making his voice heard. He explained that if UCSD can invite the Dalai Lama to commencement, then students can tell everyone how they feel about the event. Huang wished that UCSD invited the Dalai Lama to a different event instead, so that students could choose whether to attend. Of course, graduating seniors can indeed choose to not attend, but who wants to miss commencement?

At the end of the day, I was still left confused by what the facts were. Pages about

these controversies are long and dense, and fact-checking this article proved to be nearly impossible. For example, simply checking if slavery existed in Tibet was difficult: Sources supporting China claim Tibet, prior to 1959, included 95 percent serfs. This is the same viewpoint Huang and Fang tried to give me. Other sources suggest it was more analogous to a caste hierarchy, or that the Chinese government did not improve the situation by invading and Tibet was well on its way to reforming itself. I still don't know what the truth is. But you don't have to have a strong opinion on the affairs of Tibet and China to lend an ear to other students who have something to say about it.

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BEHIND THE LECTERN By Tia Ikemoto // Associate Editor

Daniel Hallin - Breaking the Boundaries of Communication

The Guardian sat down with Daniel Hallin, the longest standing Communication professor at UCSD who helped build the department from its earliest days.

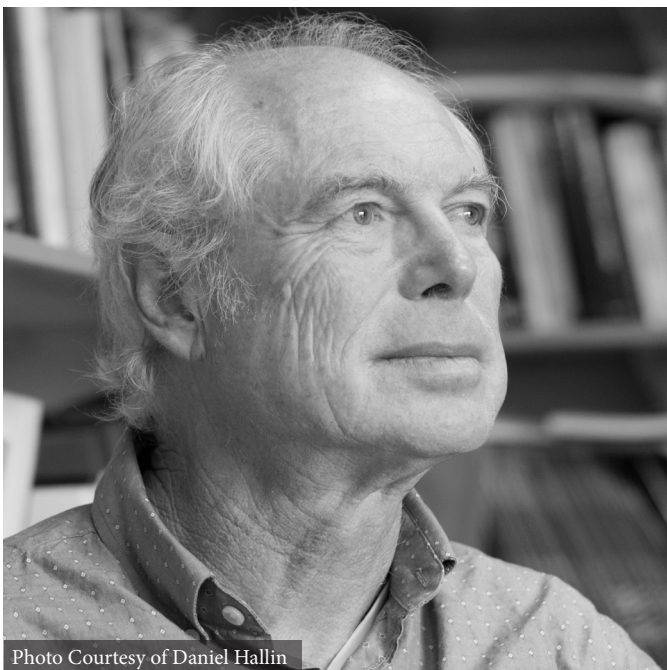


Photo Courtesy of Daniel Hallin

When then-political science graduate student Daniel Hallin set out to write his final dissertation on public opinion and the Vietnam War, he stumbled upon the budding field that excited and thrilled him. Hallin's time spent sifting through archived newspapers led him away from political science and into the realm of communication, where he is now a major scholar of journalism and media studies whose work is recognized around the world.

Hallin, UC San Diego's longest standing communication professor, began his career in scholarship as an undergraduate and then graduate student of UC Berkeley's political science department.

"I was a high school student in the time of the Vietnam War and post-civil rights movements," Hallin told the UCSD Guardian, "so I was really interested in politics."

Although he grew up in the Bay Area and attended UC Berkeley, Hallin shrugs off the idea that such highly politicized environments influenced him to go into political scholarship.

"I wasn't very practical. I didn't think about, 'OK, this is a profession and this is how I will move toward that profession.' I just wanted to keep studying the things I was studying," he said.

In graduate school, Hallin was particularly fascinated by political consciousness — the study of how people form their opinions on politics and the outside factors that affect those perceptions. He engaged in public opinion research, mainly surveys, in order to determine how people perceived their relationship to politics.

Hallin chose to write his final dissertation on public opinion of the Vietnam War because, even though it had been a major event during his childhood,

he was too young to fully understand its implications for American society. Here, however, Hallin hit a wall. As it was a past event, he couldn't conduct surveys gauging public opinion of the war, and surveys taken in the 1960s were scarce. Hallin's solution to his research debacle was to, instead, turn to newspaper articles written during the war, analyzing them as both an archive of the time period as well as a look into the mindset of newspapers' readers and writers.

"I finally decided I should study media because that's how people got information about [the war]," Hallin recounts. "That was really unusual in political science at the time. Nobody studied media in those days in political science."

Hallin's research, which blended political analysis with communications, marked the beginning of the graduate student's shift toward communication studies. His final dissertation, which

explored the connection between media and the Vietnam War, was extremely unique for his field — perhaps too unique for political science academia.

"Looking back on it, it wouldn't have been the most practical choice since nobody studied media in political science," Hallin says, chuckling. "I was just really lucky that there was this strange job opening here at UCSD that was a joint appointment between the communication program — in those days it was not a department, only a program — and the political science department."

Ultimately, what Hallin considers a series of impractical decisions — entering into scholarship and then studying an extremely niche, practically nonexistent field — in fact made him stand out as a leader of critical communication studies, and his work appealed directly to UCSD's burgeoning communication program.

From the moment he was introduced to the program in 1980, Hallin dove into the field of communication more intensively than ever before. His alma mater did not offer a communication program at the time, so the young professor was excited to embark upon a new frontier in academia, forging a path for himself as he went. Soon, others followed.

"I started studying something peculiar, but then lots of other people discovered the importance of that and so a whole field of political communication developed [and] then I fit right into that," he said.

Together Hallin and other joint professors of the communication program who have since retired had the opportunity to build the curriculum from the ground up. What set them apart from other communication departments of the time was their intense focus on critical analysis as opposed to

production and communications job training.

"In those days, a lot of communication departments developed as kind of a vocational training rather than as academic departments," Hallin said. "They were connected to a journalism school or radio, television, film. They taught public relations and things like that. Because we came out of a time of social movements, we didn't want to train people to become cogs in the industry."

Instead of practice, Hallin and the other department founders honed their identity around critical analysis and communication theory. Led by trailblazers such as Hallin, the department's critical theory-based approach to the field has been noticed around the country.

"I had Hallin as a teacher and recognized his name from one of his articles that was actually assigned to me while I was studying abroad in London," recalls Muir College senior and communication major Allie Glick. "Not only was the article helpful for my class abroad, it was also very cool to have personally had this author as a professor."

One of Hallin's most popular works is a book published in 2004 and co-authored with Italian scholar Paolo Mancini titled "Comparing Media Systems: Three Models of Media and Politics." The book reflects Hallin's unique position as a communication professor with formal training in political science. He applies strategies of analysis used in comparative politics to the field of media studies, unpacking various systems of European media in a way that is so successful that the book has been translated into 10 different languages.

When Hallin isn't publishing ground-breaking articles or teaching (COMM 109 in the fall and COMM 104G in the spring), he is reading.

"I read The New York Times every day, which I think is still the best journalism in the U.S. I also listen to NPR a lot," Hallin said. "Aside from those two, I sample around a lot, partly because this is what I do. It varies a lot from day to day depending on how busy I am, but often it's like an hour or two depending on what's going on."

Despite Hallin's specialization in journalism and media studies, his favorite class to teach harkens back to the basics.

"I like COMM 10 a lot. I got to teach about a lot of things that weren't my speciality, and it was interesting in that way," Hallin explained. He likes the challenge of learning new things. One peek at his bibliography takes him from a doctorate in political science to a book about media systems and finally to an upcoming work with a medical anthropologist about the coverage of healthcare in the media. The diversity of research Hallin brings to UCSD is a driving force behind the communication department's mission to transform the way we think about communication and communications technologies.

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Strolling in Santa Barbara

by Tara Nejad//Staff Writer

If you're looking for a more lively spring break destination, Santa Barbara is a great pick. With easy beach access and an outstanding amount of young locals and delicious eateries, you'll be sure to have a good time.

Things To Do:

Cruise Down State Street: Whether you actually want to shop or just want to people-watch, State Street is the perfect place to do so. While it may take a while to find parking, the street is lined with cute little shops, restaurants and art work.

Stearns Wharf: The wharf offers a great view of the Santa Barbara shoreline. With mini shops and restaurants along the walk, there is plenty to do. There is also a small museum, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, where you can learn more about all of the resident sea creatures. Whether you just want to walk, have some fresh seafood, grab a cone of ice cream or catch the sunset, the wharf is a great place to visit.

Zoo: The Santa Barbara Zoo has over 500 animals that you can visit. In addition to the animals, there are also beautiful botanical gardens available for visitors.

Farmers Market: With over 130 vendors, the farmers market is a great way to support and familiarize with local businesses in Santa Barbara. The market can be found in downtown on both Tuesdays and Saturdays and has a wide variety of specialty items that can make for great souvenirs for friends and family.

Los Agaves: With over 2,000 reviews on Yelp and a 4.5-star overall rating, Los Agaves is a must-try, but be sure to come hungry! The menu has a lot to choose from and portion sizes are quite generous. Ever since my first bite of the delicious oven-baked nachos, I have never looked at tortilla chips the same way.

A Danish City in California

by Brittney Lu//Lifestyle Editor

No need to take a Viking riverboat to peruse the Scandinavian coastline when Solvang is just a short drive away from Santa Barbara. A little tourist city with a charming personality, Solvang is a displaced Danish village, home to small wooden toy stores, ebelskiver pancakes dusted with powdered sugar, sunflower fields and, of course, iconic Danish pastries filled with jams and cream cheese. And remember those Danish cookies, with a crunchy sugar exterior that filled those industrial-sized tins? Solvang sells them by the bucket.

If you're a self-proclaimed eighty-year-old trapped in a twenty-year-old college student's body, Solvang is your time to shine. This city collectively sleeps at 8 p.m. and rises with the sun, with most shops closing early, so be sure to make this stop during the bustle of the mid-morning or late afternoon. If the early-bird special is not quite your style, this small town is still aglow at night by Tumblr-esque Christmas lights, making the late evening stroll seem like something out of a European fairytale. And if you're lucky, a pub or two will be open for you wild late-night owls who are in need of a good beer while your tuckered-out grandmother of a friend (me) takes a nap.

The Untold Tales of Northern California

by Nadia Link//Contributing Writer

Ahhh, California. The beautiful state with golden beaches, swimsuit-clad individuals, eternal summers and celebrities popping out of the wazzu. With all the songs about California, it's hard to imagine that the Golden State is anything else. Well believe it or not, as the third-largest state in the Union, it actually has quite a lot more to offer. My friends, let me tell you about the harrowing tales of the mystical, the mysterious, Northern California.

Do you like trees? Unless you're a nature enthusiast, I am going to assume you have no particularly strong feelings about them like you might have about a day at the beach. But, I believe your opinion could change if you ever visit the Northern California redwoods.

Imagine standing on a gentle incline surrounded by the light sounds of nearby water and rustling branches. It's cool, but not cold, and the smell of wood and pine are prevalent. The colors of brick red, green and blue go as far as the eye can see. It's crazy peaceful. Well, those are the redwoods. They are so calming and remote you feel like the Wood-elves from "The Lord of the Rings" might jump out at you.

For activities, you have hiking, swimming and camping. Or you can find a nice place to sit and take it all in, much like you would at the beach. You want a bit of civilization in your northern getaway? You can visit the city of Humboldt with its vibrant college-town atmosphere.

In the winter, snow really makes the scene look tranquil. Sledding and cross-country skiing are a couple of the pastimes that visitors and residents both enjoy.

If you're lucky, you'll stumble upon a banana slug — the same banana slug that UC Santa Cruz chose to adorn its campus with. And for any daredevils out there, you can lick the banana slug and experience the absurd sensation of your tongue going numb (can verify as fact).

I know the beach sounds awesome, but think about all the tourists, all the sunblock you'll need and sand getting literally everywhere. If you want something a bit more unique and secluded, opt for the redwoods in Northern California.

Santa Cruz

by Annika Olives//Lifestyle Associate Editor

At its core, Santa Cruz is first and foremost a surf town.

In the late 19th century, Hawaiian royals introduced surfing to the mainland of the United States. The city has kept its laid-back vibe since then, but its mix of picturesque beaches and tall forests makes for an interesting NorCal-meets-SoCal blend.

People usually stop here for the famous beach boardwalk, a seaside amusement park featuring rides, a full arcade, mini golf, laser tag and tons of carnival food. Admission to the boardwalk is free, and attraction tickets aren't too pricey. Plenty of people also come for the beach, where the water is sometimes warm enough that you can get in without a wetsuit.

Or if you're turned away by the crowds, visit the Mystery Spot to get a different kind of dizzy. Advertised as a "gravitational anomaly," the spot defies the laws of physics and is likely to be a fun experience for anyone, of any age.

For nature enthusiasts, Santa Cruz's unique ecosystem offers some beautiful views. Henry Cowell State Park has over 15 miles of hiking trails through evergreen and across creeks, some leading to quiet beaches and others leading to sights from the Santa Cruz Mountains. "The loop," one of the park's more popular trails, is a short hike filled with towering old-growth coast redwoods, some over a thousand years old. On the flip side, Natural Bridges State Beach is a good spot to observe wildlife on the land, in the sea or in tidepools. Spot some whales if you're lucky, but you're more than likely to see a few butterflies — this location is renowned for its monarch butterfly migration. Or head to Shark Fin Cove — you'll know you're at the right beach when you see the massive fin-looking rock formation rising out of the water. If the tides are low enough, you can even venture into the sea cave.

Danger seeker? Cliff dive from the "Toilet Bowl," but make sure you don't hurt yourself on the rocks if the waves are swelling. Or jump into a swimming hole in the secluded Garden of Eden, if you can find it.

Santa Cruz may not be your first choice of city for a day trip, especially if you're coming from the North and having to drive on the infamous Highway 17. However, the town's chill atmosphere and natural wonders will keep you coming back for more.

Central Valley Woes

by Brittney Lu//Lifestyle Editor

Be like the Joads, hop in the jalopy and make your way up the Grapevine into the heart of California. Don't let the smog and dairy farm s deter you from hitting the valleys of what-used-to-be green and plenty. Not to be passed by like a rest stop on your way to self-proclaimed "real" cities of California, try spending a few hours in this Texas-Oklahoma transplanted region and pay homage to the place that gives you the staples of a Cali diet.

Driving up the Interstate 5 can be a real pain — trust me, I do this multiple times a year to get home in the fiery pit known as Bakersfield — and the Pacific Coast Highway seems much more appealing on your way up to San Francisco, but don't be the stereotypical spring-breaker. Before you hit Bakersfield, stop by Murray Family Farms and get in touch with your inner gardener; pick your own bucket of berries or basket of peaches to snack on on your ride up. Looking for something to keep you from melting in the 90-degree spring weather Central Valley has to offer? Dewar's Ice Cream Parlor or Rosemary's Diner in downtown Bakersfield has the scoop to keep you cool.

Catch a sunset at Panoramic Vista Point, overlooking the oil fields, and perhaps start a conversation on how to fight big oil corporations when "10 questions" starts to lose its charm. Or maybe do a little hike (if you beat the heat of noon) at Wind Wolves near Tehachapi, take a stroll through Hart Park and if all else fails, drive further up to Fresno because at least there's a Cheesecake Factory.

True, the Central Valley may not have the most to see or do and is not even remotely desired as a destination for spring break, but hey, it's still home to many for some reason or another. And if all else fails, at least you can say you've been to the place that grew the avocado for your toast at some bougie La Jolla brunch hotspot.

West Hollywood

by Jocelyn Yang//Staff Writer

West Hollywood houses some of the best sights of California that almost beg its visitors to showcase every mural from Melrose walls on your Facebook walls. It is also home to a variation of top-notch

But before you get all the way to West Hollywood, stop by Venice for a lovely boulevard called Abbot Kinney. This little strip includes eateries and shops sitting comfortably side-by-side down the street. Notable food places to visit are Gjelina for pizzas, plates and salads, The Butcher's Daughter for a bright brunch, Zinque for colorful flavors and Plant Food + Wine for an open-air experience with fresh foods. If you're feeling a little thirsty, check out Blue Bottle Coffee, Intelligentsia Coffee and Kreation Juicery for customized pressed juices. And to the convenience of your hungry belly, even dessert at Salt & Straw — with new ice cream flavors every so often — is right around the corner!

Arguably one of the best parts about these dense cities is that good food spots cluster together on the same street. Once in West Hollywood, go down Sunset Boulevard for Daikokuya's famed noodles or The Griddle Cafe's overwhelmingly flavorful breakfast and brunch orders in copious portions. Then prepare yourselves for Melrose, the celebrated avenue for its many pit stops for food and pictures. Check out Urth Caffé for its salads and sandwiches, Le Pain Quotidien for bakery goods and fine wines, Gracias Madre for clean eating and vegan delights and Blu Jam for hearty brunches. You're bound to find at least a few good large-scale art pieces on the walls of Melrose. And in case you missed it back in Pasadena, Carmela ice cream is also available in West Hollywood. It's not too late to pick up a scoop of cranberry orange thyme sorbet or watermelon mint!

Finally, if you manage to make it out of there without getting stuck in a food coma or in traffic, be sure to take the Pacific Coast Highway on your way out to the next destination.

Pasadena

by Jocelyn Yang//Staff Writer

Pasadena is an old treasure mine that is too often slept on. Established in 1847, it's easy to find hidden gems within hidden gems such as the Rose Bowl Flea Market. Or if you prefer not to rifle through eclectic vintage collections, then spend your morning picking out fresh produce and meeting new people from Pasadena's Certified Farmers Market.

The sunny days might even inspire you to hit one of the sweetest spots for ice cream: Carmela. Besides offering delectable artisan flavors like mint cacao nib, rosemary with toasted pine nuts and white peach vanilla bean, Carmela also boasts winning titles, such as LA Weekly's "#1 Ice Cream Place," Bon Appetit's "#1 Artisan Ice Cream in America," Tastemade's "Top 10 Best Ice Cream Shops in America," LA Magazine's "Best of LA" twice and Pasadena Weekly's "Best of Pasadena" five years in a row.

After you've had a bit of pear-champagne sorbet or brown-butter sage, burn off some of that sugar and head on over to Eaton Canyon Falls for an easy three-mile hike to a crashing 40-foot waterfall and clear pools. The path is relatively flat and the best part is arguably the cool, dribbling natural streams keeping you company throughout the first mile.

Before the sun goes down, make the drive over to Norton Simon Museum, which not only offers free admission to students but also free parking. Check out its amazing collection of classic world-renowned artists like Edgar Degas, Francisco de la Goya, Rembrandt, Jean-Honoré Fragonard and Pablo Picasso. This is the place to experience multiple centuries' worth of art from many different countries — all in one place!

If you're not feeling the free admission, free parking and free views at Norton Simon Museum, be sure to drop by Old Town Pasadena. This is not a spot to miss: the night-life is bustling, the live music is loud, the street performers are engaging and the food is fresh. The whole commercial area is kid and pet-friendly, so you're almost guaranteed to get in a few good dog pats while you're there.

San Francisco

by Annika Olives//Lifestyle Associate Editor

Nestled between ocean and bay, San Francisco is an incredibly popular tourist destination famous for its orange-red (not golden!) bridge, sloping hills and year-round fog. The city prides itself on accepting and celebrating all kinds of people, no matter your race, culture or sexuality, and San Franciscans build a strong community around this idea.

After hitting the usual spots, like shopping at Union Square, walking the Golden Gate, sampling food at the Ferry Building or seeing the walrus at Fisherman's Wharf, try these lesser-known places for a different look into my favorite city.

Journey to the newly renovated SF MOMA to enjoy seven floors filled with art. Youth ages 18 and under get in for free every day. Bernal Heights offers a beautiful, sweeping view of the city — visit it during the day to walk around the green hills or take a ride on the swing, or at night to admire the bright skyscrapers and sparkling Bay Bridge. Grab a burrito from one of the taquerias on Valencia Street and enjoy it while you scrounge for treasures in thrift shops and used bookstores, or pop into boutiques to see their new stock. Sutro Baths, located at one end of Ocean Beach, offers remnants of a historic bathhouse. Hike down to the reflection pool or hike north and you'll eventually hit Land's End, a rock formation with a nice view of the Golden Gate. The Moraga street steps offer a perfect photo-op for any Instagram fiend, and any hipster will find their fair share of good coffee with Philz, Blue Bottle, Sightglass, The Mill, Ritual Roasters and many more cafes. While there are hundreds of restaurants in San Francisco, enjoy the temperate night and choose a cuisine from over 30 food trucks at an Off the Grid event, especially on Friday nights at Fort Mason or Sunday Presidio Picnics.

Consider checking out websites like SFGate, FunCheap or Eventbrite to search for different events (most of them free) going on in the city that week, ranging from outdoor exercise sessions, comedy nights, film panels and a variety of art exhibits and shows.

If nothing on this list catches your fancy, wander. The city is small, spanning only seven-by-seven miles, so plant yourself in a district and start walking — you're bound to run into something you like.

Peaceful Palos Verdes

by Tara Nejad//Staff Writer

Looking for somewhere more low-key to spend a couple days of break? Palos Verdes is a small, secluded, coastal city outside of Los Angeles. With no direct access from the freeway, PV is considered a hidden gem in comparison to its more well-known and crowded neighboring suburbs. Because of its quiet streets and unbeatable views, it's the perfect place to relax this spring break, and be sure to stick around long enough to catch an amazing sunset view!

Things To Do:

Hiking: PV is known for the amazing hikes. Take a stroll at Del Cerro Park for an amazing panoramic view of the peninsula. Or head over to Pelican Cove Park for a steep hike down a cliff that leads you to the edge of the ocean.

Terranea: Terranea resort is the ultimate relaxation spot. Sneak into the huge pool area or head down to the water edge to play some tetherball. The massive resort is also a great place to walk around and spot some nice cars or maybe even an extravagant wedding.

Sunken City: Head over to the famous Sunken City in San Pedro for an unbeatable photo shoot opportunity. On a cliffside elevated above the ocean, this cluster of rocks is known for beautiful locally sourced graffiti art.

Abalone Cove Tide Pools: Have you been itching to interact with a sea anemone ever since Finding Nemo came out? Now is your chance. The tide pools at Abalone Cove are a super fun and active way to spend your afternoon. After a short hike down to the water's edge and some looking around, you have the chance of finding anything from sea slugs and crabs to star fish.

Wayfarers Chapel: Last but definitely not least, the must see Wayfarers Chapel, also known as "The Glass Church." The beautiful glass building was constructed by the famous architect, Frank Lloyd Wright, and has a beautiful rose garden in addition to its amazing view.

Meet Fellow Triton

FEDRA RAMIREZ

By Melissa Palafox // Senior Staff Writer

Fedra Ramirez, affiliate of the blossoming student duo On Fifth, uses her jazz and blues influences to showcase her melodious flair amid the urban Gaslamp nightlife.

While most students at UC San Diego focus on meeting graduate school requirements or obtaining valuable internships, Fedra Ramirez stands out as a musician in love with the gratification and experience that comes with performing. Being a theater major has given her the opportunity to express herself while studying at a university that is too lustful for STEM. As she took the time to sit down with the UCSD Guardian to tell us of her journey from a spectator of downtown night life to a performer, she didn't fail to remind us that she still is a UCSD student — stressed to meet deadlines and complete undesirable science GE classes.

Ramirez is a junior in Thurgood Marshall College who was born in Mexico City but raised in both Miami, Florida and Chula Vista, California.

When asked what inspired her to become a musician, she replied, "I don't remember not wanting to be one. ... When I was little, I used to sing a lot because it was easy, and you didn't need to know how to play an instrument."

As a dedicated performer, her father took young Ramirez along to events and musicals he would attend. And just like that, her interest grew into an aspiration.

She and fellow high school friend-turned-partner-in-crime Shereen Fahrai bonded over similar tastes in music, which eventually blossomed into the formation of On Fifth. She was always used to changing schools, so establishing a newfound bond valuably transformed her high school experience. "I was new and making new friends at the time," she said, referencing her life on the move.

However, their mastery on the guitar and their rich cultural backgrounds ultimately sparked a musical relationship.

As a theater major, performing on stage has become a part of herself, but the path there was far from straight for Ramirez. In the midst of searching for opportunities to showcase their talents, she and Fahrai both used one thing to help get over their stage fright: street performing. "We were hanging out in downtown [San Diego] one day, and we didn't have any money to hang out," she said, "so we thought, 'Why don't we street perform?'"

Their name "On Fifth" reflects their frequent busking spot: at the intersection of 5th Avenue and G Street in the Gaslamp Quarter of San Diego. Ramirez nostalgically described the ambiance of street performing as charismatic, and said she was able to interact with lively characters like herself. "No one's really paying attention to you at first, so it really helped me work on my projection and audience interaction," she said.

When you are that dedicated to your craft, opportunities begin to reveal themselves. On Fifth has gone far in the past three years, from participating in a diverse range of stages of open mic nights to gaining gig opportunities at the House of Blues. "It was fun. We got to meet some interesting people and even work with old analog recording equipment — so old that even Elvis Presley worked with it!" she boasted.

On Fifth has taken a brief break from performing to record its debut album. "It might be an EP, we're not sure yet. We hope to have it complete by summertime so we can perform it," Ramirez said.

When asked about a song that holds value to the duo's endeavors, she mentioned one they wrote themselves — "La Vie Urbaine des Roses," channeling the life and perspective of a boy downtown selling roses whom they frequently observed. "There really is no particular reason as to why it's partly in French, but we think maybe it has to do with that fact that the Gaslamp Quarter has some French influence," she explained. Jazz, the blues and French chansons are big influences for On Fifth's eclectic sound and highlights the two performers' individual cultures.

Whether it's making it big by being in the right place at the right time, or spending years grinding through the music industry, Ramirez demonstrated that the journey can help you find your style and reason for performing. "I definitely want to move to New York after graduation," she expressed about her future aspirations. "I feel like it's the best place for people with passions in theater and music."

But for now, the Gaslamp Quarter is her getaway and On Fifth's platform to discovery.

RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW



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ALL ABOUT EVE

Event Turner Classic Movies
 Location AMC La Jolla
 Screening Date March 8, 2:00 / 7:00 PM
 Rated PG

Turner Classic Movies has returned this definitive psychological drama to the vaunted silver-screen for a limited engagement.

Winner of five Academy Awards, "All About Eve" is a masterpiece from Hollywood's Golden Age. Starring Bette Davis, Anne Baxter and George Sanders, this is a classic drama that explores the ambition, manipulation and fragility felt and caused by those involved in the the acting business.

Margo Channing (Bette Davis) has maintained the title of one of New York's best actresses for decades. The most successful playwright in the country, Lloyd Richards (Hugh Marlowe), and his wife Karen (Celeste Holm) are her best friends,

writing her roles that only increase her stardom. Bill Simpson (Gary Merrill), a famous and dashing director is madly in love with her. Despite appearances, Margo's insecurity regarding her age and the fear of dwindling fame prevents her from truly realizing how ideal her life is. Enter Eve Harrington (Anne Baxter), a seemingly innocent young woman who idolizes Margo. After discovering that Eve is alone in this world after the premature death of her husband, Margo takes pity on her and appoints her as a personal assistant and confidante. As Eve

becomes more involved with Margo's life, however, it becomes apparent that she is as much of an actress as Margo, demurely disguising ulterior motives that threaten every aspect of Margo's life and career. Quickly, the plot catapults from a drama about the midlife crisis of an actress into a suspenseful struggle for the recognition and happiness of the spotlight between Margo and Eve.

"All About Eve" may be more than 60 years old, but unlike the aging Margo, it remains a timeless classic, with only a few minor cinematic details that unveil its being

from another generation. The fears of growing older, never realizing your dreams or being betrayed by a trusted one are as relatable and relevant today. Stylistically, the cinematography is not limited by the technology of an older Hollywood, but contributes to the film feeling more like a play rather than a movie. There is a limited number of simple sets that are rotated, narration and soliloquies to clarify the feelings of characters and carefully calculated dialogue with an air of cynicism and wordplay similar to onstage dramas. In short, "All About Eve" is

a masterpiece in every sense of the word and will be appreciated by fans of both older and newer films alike.

In order to celebrate this iconic film, Turner Classic Movies has sponsored it to be specially screened in theaters across the nation on March 8, including the AMC La Jolla Village 12 at both 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. In order to buy tickets, learn more about the film or discover other upcoming classic films coming to the AMC La Jolla theater, visit fathomevents.com.

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FILM REVIEW



THE GREAT WALL

Director Zhang Yimou

Starring Matt Damon, Jing Tian, Pedro Pascal, Willem Dafoe

Release Date Feb. 17, 2017

Rated PG-13

D+

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An irredeemable feature of magnificent dross and wanton violence, confusing spectacle for substance, best watched with flask in hand.

“The Great Wall” seems to have a fascination with visual assaults and gratuitous action above all other aspects of film. At its greatest, it delivers relatively amusing displays of heroic combat; at its worst, it’s a shoddy jumble of incomplete exposition, half-hearted dialogue and banal storytelling. Even a performance by Matt Damon (an unenthusiastic one, at that) does not absolve this film of mediocrity. This doesn’t necessarily mean that a focus on violence is detrimental. A work involved in artistic and spectacular portrayal of conflict can be wondrous and enrapturing. It happens that the attempt here has neither merit.

The opening bodes no warm satisfaction. Lone survivors of an expedition for black powder, William (Damon) and Tovar (Pedro Pascal)

find themselves caught up in a war to rescue China from gluttonous, hippopotamus-sized lizards. From here, the dialogue becomes flavorless. William and Tovar together bear a single dimension of emotion, limiting their conversations to mutual annoyance with each other’s dispositions. The defenders of the wall fare no better, spouting trite words in a dispirited fashion. Whatever drama is supposed to be emotionally compelling takes a tumble off the wall and is squashed unceremoniously. Disappointingly, Damon refuses an offer to jump the wall in a cheesy trust-building exercise with Commander Lin (Jing Tian). It would have ended the suffering of himself and the audience.

Of course, if the people in the audience wish to pay attention, they’ll be quick to point out how utterly

ludicrous the tale is. The vengeful heavens sending their reptilian minions to wreak havoc upon a greedy mankind? Their weakness is magnets? And the fastest way to get to the capital of China is by balloon? One would find more originality in the third sequel to a Hollywood remake of a popular book series. Despite these absurdities, the actors somehow invest themselves in this irrational realm without batting an eye; the suspension of disbelief is lost on actors both overplaying and underplaying their characters. They’re neither convincing nor interesting. Pascal enters the wall a tormented traveler who desires no share of black powder nor any role in the war against the monsters. Fifteen minutes later, his sense of self-preservation remains intact, except imbued with a feverish lust for the explosive material.

Conversely, no tears are shed when General Zhao (Zhang Hanyu) is assassinated. His final orders a vain croak that no person cares to hear.

The ensuing chaos is meant to distract from the lack of substance and imagination. Whether one is pondering the juvenile imagination that produced such a contrived progression or is blinded by CGI, the good feelings here are more schadenfreude than elation. The animation manages to be concedingly pleasant, if not for the overuse of slow-motion shots and extreme close-ups. It’s difficult to free oneself of the pleasure derived from limbs being torn from human and reptilian torsos, Goldbergian death traps and defenses, and the absolutely hilarious experimental airships that end up incinerating 80 percent of their riders. Not that it entirely tempers the

absolute garbage that is every significant plot point. It is very pretty, though!

The lack of eloquence of almost every moment is indicative of the film’s desire to move scenes quickly without giving too much away. Ignorance is the one request for the audience. Yet, the Hollywood-standard action cannot conceal a sinfully awful misadventure of ridiculous wonders and unimpressive exchanges. “The Great Wall” offers nothing else substantial of value. If a student majoring in Chinese studies feels that he is too intelligent for his own good, “The Great Wall” is a fantastic remedy.

— DAVID DE LEON
Contributing Writer

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2pm HUNGRY FOR HEALTHY: VEGAN CHEEZ-ITS AND SUN DRIED TOMATO HUMMUS - THE ZONE, PC PLAZA

Come join us as we demo vegan Cheez-it crackers and sun dried tomato hummus, hosted by Michelle Zitt, and enjoy some FREE samples! All materials and ingredients will be provided. Seating is based on first come, first serve. Contact: sltan@ucsd.edu

6pm BLABBERMOUTH - THE LOFT, PC EAST

Have a song or story to share? Blabbermouth is a monthly event held at The Loft, giving writers of prose, poetry, and fiction, as well as musicians and performers a place to share their art. You can sign up to perform up to a 10 min. set here: tinyurl.com/BlabbermouthSignUp Doors: 6:00PM, Show: 7:00PM. FREE. Contact: ucenmarketing@ucsd.edu

THU 3.09

5pm GENDER EQUITY AND HEALTH - SEUSS ROOM, GEISEL LIBRARY

Gender inequities and gender based violence pose a major threat to the health and full social and economic development of women and girls across the globe. Join Dr. Anita Raj to discuss the issues being tackled by the UC San Diego Center on Gender Equity and Health. Contact: s1raya@ucsd.edu

6pm HIDDEN FIGURES: FREE SCREENING + KEYNOTE SPEAKERS - PRICE CENTER THEATER

In honor of Women's Herstory Month, the Women's Center presents a free screening of the film Hidden Figures, along with two keynote speakers. Astrophysicist Dr. Jeddiah Isler and astronaut Dr. Yvonne Cagle will kick off the event with a talk on women in STEM, followed by a Q&A session after the film. Contact: brolsen@ucsd.edu

8pm BEREISHIT DANCE COMPANY AT ARTPOWER - MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM

Bereishit is a Seoul-based dance company that approaches the Korean traditional culture from a contemporary perspective. The company explores the issues of identity and transformation with a dance style that merges the control and full-body excitement of break dance with sleek artistry and urban cool. The street style in dress and movement disguises finely honed skill in balancing bodies at extraordinary angles and in extraordinary configurations. Contact: artpower@ucsd.edu

TUE 3.07

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6pm BEATS FOR THE BRAVOS - PRICE CENTER BALLROOM WEST

After losing their parents to a motorcycle accident in April 2015, the five Bravo children had been living in a small, two-room home with their grandfather. The house's thin walls collapsed in the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that devastated the Ecuadorian coast in April 2016, forcing the Bravo children and their grandfather to move in with their aunt into an even smaller space. MEDLIFE's Spring Into Action Campaign is asking its chapters to collectively raise at least \$14,000 toward building a safe, comfortable home for the Bravo family. To contribute to this campaign, our event, Beats for the Bravos will be a night of fun dancing, performances, and free food for just a small entrance donation of \$5! Contact: ucsdmedlife1@gmail.com

FRI 3.10

2:30pm 2017 TRANSLATIONAL MEDICINE DAY - TELEMEDICINE BUILDING

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Yolanda M. Lopez (born 1942) is an American painter, printmaker, educator, and film producer based in the Mission District, San Francisco. She is known for her work that focuses on the experience of Mexican American women and often challenges ethnic stereotypes associated with them. A third-generation Chicana raised by her mother and her maternal grandparents in Logan Heights, San Diego, Yolanda moved to San Francisco and became involved in the student movement that shut down San Francisco State University in a 1968 strike called the "Third World Strike." She enrolled at UCSD, receiving a Master of Fine Arts in 1979. Yolanda will speak on art and its relationship to the border and border identity. Contact: jamez@ucsd.edu

6pm MEET THE BOSS: AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW - THE BASEMENT, MANDEVILLE CENTER

Please join us for the UCSD Student Foundation's annual Meet the Boss event! You're invited to an exclusive evening of networking, discussion, and a moderated Q&A with five San Diego-area, high profile executives, boasting four UCSD alumni and covering the fields of Engineering, Law, Public Service, Business, Entrepreneurship, Pharmacy, Medicine, Biology, and Biotechnology. Personally meet prestigious members of the UCSD Foundation and ask questions about their field(s) of study, applying for jobs, life after college, and career advice. Contact: sltan@ucsd.edu

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SAT 3.11

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Tritons Await NCAA Decision For Regionals

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twice and bringing their deficit to two points going into the half. Mounier sank a pair of free throws and a jumper to cut an eight-point Pioneer lead down to four. A layup by Williams tied the game at 29-29, but Pioneer senior guard Shomari Harris knocked down a jumper to give Cal State East Bay the lead heading into halftime.

Both teams had shooting woes in the third quarter. Cal State East Bay went 4-15 (26.7 percent) and UCSD didn't fare better, going 3-17 (17.6 percent). Because of the poor shooting, UCSD found itself unable to close the two-point gap it faced at the end of the first half. The Pioneers grew their lead to a quarter-high nine points that the Tritons would cut down to five with a pair of free throws by MacLeod and a layup by Williams.

The Tritons came close to tying the game in the fourth quarter when a layup by Williams brought the game to 48-45 with 4:35 remaining. However, missed buckets and fouls by UCSD resulted in a growing deficit that it could not overcome. Mounier hit a buzzer-beating three at the end of regulation, however the game was already decided by then.

"Down the stretch, we always felt like we were clawing our way back into the game," UCSD head coach Heidi VanDerveer said in the post-game press conference. "Never had a pace of the game, never had control of the game, and that's to East Bay's credit. Hopefully, we'll be fortunate enough to play in the Regionals and use this as a learning experience."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Tritons Crowned CCAA Tournament Champions

After dominating the regular season, UCSD continued to manhandle their CCAA opponents, and took the championship for the first time since 2008 to the tune of 15 three-pointers in the final against SF State.

BY DANIEL HERNANDEZ
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The UC San Diego men's basketball team was named the CCAA Tournament Champions as it powered through its competition throughout the week. The championship journey began on Tuesday night, when the Tritons hosted Humboldt State at RIMAC Arena in the quarterfinal and dispatched their opponent from the competition, 78-72. Winning gave the Tritons the opportunity to head to Cal State San Marcos, where the semifinal and final games would take place. Northern rival Chico State awaited UCSD in the semifinal on Friday evening, and the Tritons took care of business against the Wildcats in dominant fashion, winning 65-53. From that point on, the weekend came down to one game for UCSD as the team was matched up with San Francisco State on Saturday night for the tournament crown. The Tritons showed no nerves as they blasted through their opponent with a convincing 15-point win, 78-63, for their second conference tournament championship.

Game v. Humboldt State

Humboldt State did its best to put up a fight against UCSD but, when the dust settled, it was simply not enough as the Tritons were able to scrape away with the win. It seemed like it would be a routine night for UCSD as the team led 46-32 at halftime, but the Lumberjacks consistently chipped away at the lead and took advantage of some careless turnovers by the Tritons to keep the game close during the second half.

Humboldt State's ship was led by sophomore guard Nikhil Lizotte and redshirt sophomore guard

Tyras Rattler, Jr. as they combined for 44 points and single-handedly kept the game at striking distance for the Lumberjacks.

In the end, senior guard Adam Klie led the Tritons to the win with a career-high 29 point display to go along with five rebounds and three assists. Klie was not alone in having a career-night: Sophomore guard Christian Oshita filled up the stat sheet with a worthy double-double, 19 points and a career-high 15 rebounds.

The team's eighth consecutive win not only sent them to the semifinal on Friday, but also set a new record for most consecutive wins since joining NCAA Division II in the 2000-01 season.

Game v. Chico State

In the semifinals, the Chico State Wildcats didn't even get close as UCSD led the whole way and made quick work, cementing an opportunity to compete in Sunday's final. The win gave the Tritons 24 wins on the season, the most wins in the program's history since being granted NCAA Division II status.

Sophomore center Chris Hansen led the way with a double-double performance of 20 points and 11 rebounds, while Klie scored 15 points and dished the ball out for four assists.

The 65-53 scoreline was indicative of the defense played on the night as neither team shot the ball extremely well, however the Tritons did an exceptional job of closing down the space for the Wildcats.

The Wildcats shot a mere 29 percent in the first half and struggled tremendously from the charity stripe as they only knocked down nine of their 19 free throws during the contest. Meanwhile, the Tritons

shot 42 percent overall on the night and were able to maintain their lead through both halves.

Game v. San Francisco State

The Saturday night finals matchup against the San Francisco State Gators started out as an incredibly close affair despite being blown wide open in the second half. The Tritons pulled ahead to the tune of 15 three-pointers, propelling them to a 78-63 win over the San Francisco State Gators and earning themselves a brand new championship banner in the process.

Senior guard Aleks Lipovic and tournament MVP Klie led the Tritons with 18 points each, while Oshita contributed with 15. Lipovic and Oshita made their cases during the tournament run and earned spots on

the all-tournament team.

The Tritons' 10th-straight victory earns them a berth in this year's NCAA Tournament and a place in the record books for the most victories in school history with a 25-5 record — an outstanding achievement for an incredible group, from the coaches to the players to all those in and around the team; they have done an exceptional job.

Up next for the team is the NCAA Tournament, where it will compete in the NCAA West Region. However, it will have to wait for Sunday's NCAA announcement to find out who its first opponent will be.

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TRACK AND FIELD

UCSD
Hosts
All-UC
Challenge

At their home opener for the season, both the Triton men and women track teams took second place behind UC Santa Barbara and edging UC Irvine.

by Rosina Garcia // Editor in Chief

The UC San Diego women's and men's track and field teams hosted the All-UC Challenge, which was also the home opener for the Tritons, last Saturday. Both women and men competed against UC Santa Barbara and UC Irvine. It was the same finishing order on the women's and men's sides, with UCSB in first (169.5 for the women, 177 for the men), UCSD in second (133.5 and 134) and

UC Irvine in third (72 and 63).

UCSD was the only team to have any of its athletes secure a spot at the NCAA Championships. Redshirt senior Chrissi Carr broke her own school record in the pole vault, clearing 13'1.5", putting her a foot over second place finisher senior Ariel Chang of UC Irvine. This will be the third consecutive year Carr has earned a spot at the NCAA Championships.

A few Tritons earned provisional qualifying marks for the NCAA Championship meet: freshman Chelsea Challacombe in the high jump, senior Khalil Flemister in the triple jump and sophomore Arik Nesbit also in the triple jump. Challacombe (5'6") even beat fellow teammate and All-American senior Savanna Forry (5'4.25"), who finished in third. Flemister (48'4")

and Nesbit (48'2.5") placed first and second in their event, ahead of UCSB's sophomore Joshua Rennick (46'5.25").

Overall, UCSD won nine events: freshman Avery Schulhofer in the 100m (12.18); senior Ella Verhees in the 800m (2:17.59); senior Jackie Chalmers, sophomores Christina Winn and Kelly Strand and junior Meghan Fletcher in the 4x400m relay

(3:56.98); junior Paul Doan in the 200m (22.05); sophomore Nicholas Rack in the 100m hurdles (14.63); and freshman Josef Polk in the 400m hurdles (55.16).

The Tritons are back at home next Saturday, March 11, to host the San Diego Collegiate Challenge.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Coming Up Short In
Conference Championship

UCSD loses to Cal State East Bay in the final after earning the first seed and the regular season title.

BY RICHARD LU
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The UC San Diego women's basketball team participated in the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament last week. UCSD defeated Sonoma State in the first round 53-46 to advance. Next, the Tritons faced Stanislaus State in the semifinals Friday night. Following a high-scoring 82-67 game, UCSD found itself heading to the finals with an opportunity to take out the defending champion, Cal State East Bay. Unfortunately, the Tritons were unable to defeat Cal State East Bay and fell to the defending champs in a 62-53 game.

Versus Sonoma State (53-46)

Whether it was a result of playoff nerves, a poor warm-up or better defensive schemes, the opening minutes of the CCAA tournament game between Sonoma State and UCSD began with ice-cold shooting from both sides. Neither team scored until 6:08 in the first quarter, when a steal by Seawolf sophomore forward Taylor Todd on Triton junior forward Dalayna Sampton led to a jumper by Seawolf junior guard Jessica Mitz to bring Sonoma State up 2-0. The basket by Sonoma State seemed to spark something in the Tritons, as they went on a tear to secure a 32-17 lead heading into the second half.

UCSD never lost the lead that it secured in the first half. However, both teams shot rather poorly in the third quarter: UCSD went 2-12 (16.7

percent) from the field and Sonoma State went 6-19 (31.6 percent). The Tritons, despite being outscored in both quarters (12-17 in the third and 17-14 in the fourth), were able to eke out a victory over the Seawolves. The advantage that the Tritons secured in the first half helped them take the win, 53-46.

Senior guard Beth Mounier and redshirt freshman forward Mikayla Williams led the Tritons in scoring with 15 points each. Sampton contributed with eight points and eight rebounds.

The Seawolves just couldn't convert their shots despite putting up 13 more shots than the Tritons. UCSD as a whole went 20-49 (40.8 percent) from the floor compared to Sonoma State's 17-62 (27.4 percent). From behind the arc, UCSD shot 4-14 (28.6 percent) while Sonoma State went 3-20 (15 percent).

Versus Stanislaus State (82-67)

UCSD handily defeated Stanislaus State Friday night, securing an early lead in the first quarter that it never lost. Sampton and Mounier, who were selected to the All-CCAA First Team, proved that the selections were deserving. Sampton racked up a double-double with 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Mounier pitched in with a statline of 20 points, six rebounds and a career-high eight assists. Two other Tritons scored in double-digits; senior forward Cassie MacLeod and Williams both had 11.

The Tritons outshot the Warriors from the floor, going 29-61 (47.5

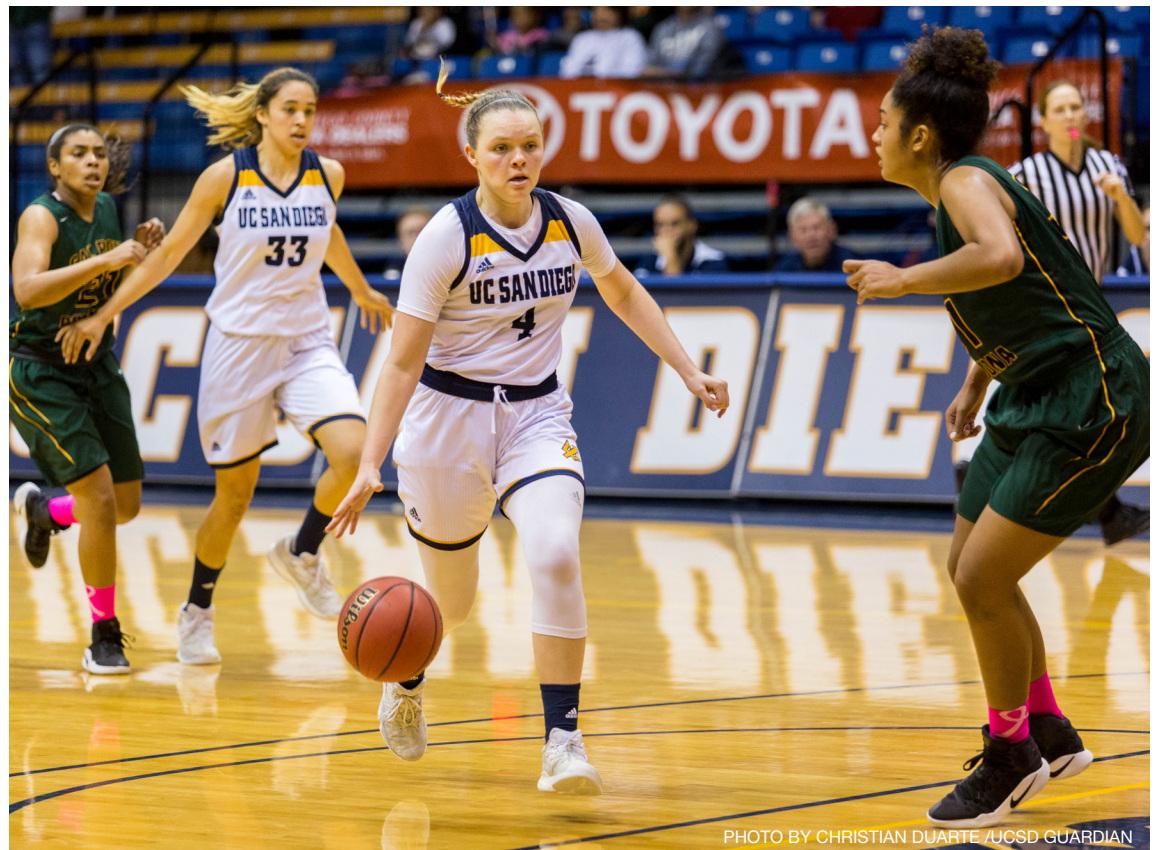


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percent) from the floor while the Warriors shot 23-61 (37.7 percent). UCSD outscored Stanislaus State in every quarter except for the fourth, where both teams scored 20 points apiece.

The Triton offense distributed the ball far better than the opposing team, with 18 assisted field goals compared to the Warriors' seven.

A three-pointer by MacLeod early in the first quarter gave UCSD a 5-3 lead that developed into a 10-point lead by the end of the first.

The Warriors came close to closing the gap in the second quarter, cutting the gap down to four points twice. However, the Tritons were having none of it, pushing their lead to 39-28 at the end of the second quarter

courtesy of a layup by sophomore guard Marcella Hughes.

Sampton took over in the third quarter, scoring nine points and grabbing seven rebounds. The Tritons outscored the Warriors 23-19 in the third and grew their 11-point lead to a 15-point lead heading into the fourth.

At one time in the fourth quarter, the Tritons held a 21-point lead over the Warriors. Mounier scored eight of her 20 in the fourth to make sure Stanislaus State didn't have a chance of coming back. The closest Stanislaus State ever got to coming back in the quarter was at 9:30, when sophomore guard Caprina Pipion made a layup to bring the game to 62-49.

Versus Cal State East Bay

(53-62)

UCSD fell to Cal State East Bay in the championship finals, 53-62. Three-point shooting made all the difference in this championship game: UCSD shot 3-14 (21.4 percent) while Cal State East Bay went 8-18 (44.4 percent).

The first quarter of play saw three lead changes and three ties. The Tritons had a 16-14 lead due to senior guard Haley Anderson's layup with 3:11 remaining. In spite of the Triton's efforts, the Warriors gained a five-point, 24-19 lead at the end of the first.

The Tritons fought back in the second quarter, tying the game

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