

**A man and his dress**

SOME CALL HIM FLUID. TO OTHERS, HE'S SWEDISH SAPPHIRE. HIS REAL NAME IS DANIEL, AND HE'S A MUIR COLLEGE SENIOR. **PAGE 9**



**'TONIGHT WE WON UGLY.'**



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**UC BUDGET CRISIS**



## This Is Your President.

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**Last Saturday, he met with student press for the first time ever to discuss his reasons why.**

UC President Mark G. Yudof met with student newspaper staff and A.S. representatives this weekend at the UC Irvine Student Center. According to UC spokesman Lynn Tierney — who played hostess at the meeting — it was the first president-student meeting in about 40 years.

The rendezvous took place around a small conference table bordered by spongy bagels, assorted jams, individually-packaged teabags and exotically-labeled coffee. After entering the room and introducing himself to staff members from the Southern California UC newspapers, Yudof seated himself at the head of the table behind a Coca-Cola Zero and an empty glass.

"Thanks for coming on a Saturday," he said. "I know you have better things to do."

UC Irvine Chancellor Michael Drake entered behind Yudof, introducing himself and taking a seat on the president's right.

"I need a copy of the blue folder," Yudof said, pouring himself the Coke. "You all know Chancellor Drake? Any problems here, at Irvine, I just want you to know it's all his fault. For the record." Drake laughed.

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## THE GOLDEN Ticket

Ex-UCSD parking officer blows whistle on alleged illegal ticketing practices.

By Yelena Akopian • NEWS EDITOR

A former campus parking-enforcement officer is claiming that UCSD Parking and Transportation operates on an illegal ticket-quota system — allegedly forcing staff to hand out a minimum number of tickets every day.

"They don't say you have to give out so many tickets, but if you don't meet whatever number, they chastise you and tell you to get your numbers up," former officer Kenneth Brennan said. "They start harassing people,

and they start giving out tickets that they wouldn't normally give out ... That's not right."

Brennan, who was employed by UCSD for over 20 years, said an unofficial quota system forces parking officers to give out tickets for

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PHILIP RHIE/GUARDIAN

## Goody's, College Dining Halls Absorb Muir Overflow

Closure of Sierra Summit, Mercado means heavier Fall Quarter traffic at other campus eateries.

Kelsey Marrujo  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Now that Muir College's two primary cafeterias, El Mercado and Sierra Summit, are out of commission — the former permanently and the latter temporarily, for renovations — one would imagine that an avalanche of growling stomachs would be bursting through the doors of at nearby dining halls Plaza Cafe and Oceanview Terrace.

However, according to Associate Director of Housing, Dining and Hospitality Steven Casad, students from Muir's formerly crowded cafeterias are actually disseminating cleanly into the other dining halls.

Oceanview Terrace is accommodating the largest portion of Muir dwellers, at 22 percent.

Taking a close second is the brand-new Goody's Place and Market, which has absorbed roughly 18 percent of Muir's



TIMOTHY WONG/GUARDIAN

Goody's operates assembly-line style, aiming to move customers through the ordering process as quickly as possible.

residents — followed by Plaza with 10 percent and Cafe Ventanas with 6 percent.

Associate Director of Housing, Dining and Hospitality Steven Casad said that

there is always a period of heavier traffic in the dining halls during Fall Quarter, which he attributes to administrators

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## Annual Crime Report Shows Spike in Drug, Alcohol Arrests

Lara McCaffry  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Campus burglaries and auto thefts each decreased by roughly 50 percent last year, according to the 2009 Clery Report — released by the UCSD Police Department on Oct. 1. The report provides statistics on reported campus crimes and arrests, along with disciplinary referrals, made in 2008.

**ONLINE**

The Clery Report can be found at [www.police.ucsd.edu](http://www.police.ucsd.edu).

Reported burglaries went down from 91 in 2006 to 53 in 2008, while the number of reported vehicular

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# RAGE AGAINST THE MACHINE By Philip Rhie



## Parking Department Denies Using Illegal Quota System

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minor infractions that would normally only merit warnings.

"If someone's over the line a little bit, normally the department wouldn't give a ticket out," Brennan said. "If someone pays \$7 for an all day pass and accidentally parks in an 'A' spot, that shouldn't be a citation, it should be a warning."

Brennan said he suspected his supervisor encouraged him to hand out parking citations rather than focus on his own job specialty — to investigate disabled-placard abuse and fraud — because fines collected for parking tickets go to the university, whereas fines from disabled-placard abuse are paid into a San Diego County fund.

Brennan claimed he was fired because he wasn't issuing a five-a-

day minimum of parking citations. "My supervisor, Marty [Greenawalt], told me I wasn't bringing any money in," he said. "They don't even care about the handicap violations."

Quota ticketing systems are prohibited under the California Vehicle Code, which states that no agencies "may establish any policy requiring (a) quota (for) arrests (or) citations."

Brennan further alleged that his supervisors sent out monthly e-mails listing how many tickets each officer had issued — another practice that is prohibited under California state

law. Brennan said that in the past, the department would offer prizes — such as iPods or cameras — to the officers who issued the most parking tickets during a particular time period.

"They print a sheet and e-mail it to each person and compare each person," he said. "And that's wrong. I know two officers that were threatened [with losing their jobs] already. These people are afraid to admit things."

Two UCSD parking-enforcement officers contacted for this story refused to comment.

Director of Parking and Transportation Brian D'Autremont also denied comment, but provided the following statement:

"There is no quota system at UC San Diego regarding any type of parking or transportation citation. Several departments, including the Transportation Services Department, participated in a campus incentive award program in 2005 through 2007 in which the names of exemplary employees who were nominated by their supervisors were entered into a monthly drawing to win either a camera or an iPod. The program was discontinued in 2007 because of budgetary constraints."

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**“I know two officers that were threatened already.”**

**KENNETH BRENNAN**  
FORMER UCSD  
PARKING OFFICER

## Sun God Festival Accounts for Most Drug, Alcohol Arrests

► **CRIME**, from page 1  
crimes decreased from 75 in 2006 to 30 in 2008.

In contrast, arrests involving narcotics went up from 36 in 2006 to 60 in 2008. Similarly, the alcohol-related offenses have made a steady increase: 34 arrests in 2006, 100 in 2007 and 131 in 2008.

UCSD Police Chief Orville King said the decrease in burglary and vehicle theft is not only a trend on the UCSD campus and surrounding communities, but within the region of San Diego County as a whole.

King does not attribute the decline in theft to any particular program implemented by the UCSD or San Diego Police Department, but to increased public awareness of

neighborhood crime. He said the community is more informed than before on how to avoid being victimized by burglary and theft, and individuals are more likely to report these instances when they do occur.

King attributes the surge in drug- and alcohol-related offenses since 2006 to increased security at UCSD's Sun God Festival. He says that the majority of such arrests on campus occur at large, campuswide events like Sun God.

King expects the security tactics employed by the UCPD at this year's festival to be similar to those used last year.

The Clery Report contains information pertaining not only to

CAMPUS CRIME	2006	2007	2008
BURGLARY	91	56	53
VEHICLE THEFT	75	42	30
DRUG/NARCOTICS OFFENSES	36	76	60
ALCOHOL OFFENSES	34	100	131

Source: 2009 UCSD Clery Report

crimes occurring on the UCSD campus, but also to those in surrounding areas.

However, the report is compiled primarily for UCSD students, faculty and staff.

The Clery Report is federally mandated by the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Crime

Statistics Act, which requires institutions of higher learning to publish an annual report containing crime statistics. It was previously known as the Federal Student Right-to-Know and Campus Security Act.

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## WORD ON THE STREET

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## LIGHTS AND SIRENS

**Friday, Sept. 25**

**9:30 p.m.: Medical aid**

► A 22-year-old female reported “[cutting] her hand on a glass bottle” at Cuzco Hall.

**Saturday, Sept. 26**

**3:15 a.m.: Fire**

► Three unknown subjects were seen starting a fire outside Geisel Library. Unable to locate.

**1:33 p.m.: General disturbance**

► A UCSD staff member reported being bit by a male wearing a “floppy hat” in Lot 017.

**3:07 p.m.: Report of battery**

► A female reported being “punched in the face and pinched in the side” at a Keak da Sneak concert the previous night.

**10:05 p.m.: Citizen contact**

► A female student reported that a male student she met “on the first day of school” was “stalking her” at Atlantis Hall.

**Sunday, Sept. 27**

**12:01 a.m.: Drunk in public**

► An intoxicated female was seen being “carried by two males” at the Marshall College residence halls.

**12:38 a.m.: Noise disturbance**

► “Loud talking and drum playing” was heard from an Asante Hall apartment.

**Monday, Sept. 28**

**3:44 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle**

► The driver of an unknown vehicle was seen “driving donuts” at the Glider Port.

**7:50 a.m.: Suspicious person**

► A black male wearing a blue windbreaker was reported as “screaming at people” at the Biomedical Sciences Building.

**2:51 p.m.: Suspicious person**

► An unknown person was “throwing rocks” from roof of the Applied Physics & Mathematics Building.

**Tuesday, Sept. 29**

**3:37 p.m.: Medical aid**

► An 18-year-old male with unknown medical conditions was reported as feeling “numbness [on the] lower left side of his face” after taking Tylenol at Sixth College.

**5:56 p.m.: Suspicious person**

► An unknown person with “big feet” was reported as sitting on the floor inside a handicapped stall at a Pepper Canyon Hall bathroom.

**8:55 p.m.: Medical aid**

► A student reported “not feeling that well” after smoking too much marijuana at the Muir College apartments.

**Wednesday, Sept. 30**

**9:39 a.m.: Gas leak**

► The smell of gas was detected at Scholars Drive South. Unable to locate.

**9:42 a.m.: Suspicious person**

► A 40-year-old “scruffy-looking” white male was reported as stealing a biker’s towel at Hubbs Hall.

**1:55 p.m.: Welfare check**

► An elderly woman wearing sunglasses was seen sleeping in a car “parked crooked and halfway out of the handicapped space” at the Rady School of Management. Checks OK.

**Thurs., Oct. 1**

**12:13 p.m.: Prisoner**

► A male was reported as stealing goods totaling \$151.99 at the Price Center Bookstore. Arrest misdemeanor.

**3:58 p.m.: Juvenile disturbance**

► Two 5-year-old children were reported as “throwing things” at a neighbor’s cat and “stomping on her plants” at the Central Mesa apartments.

— **Compiled by Sonia Minden**  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

## New High-End Campus Restaurant in the Works

► **DINING**, from page 1

feverishly hiring student staffers during Week One and training them Week Two — right when the demand for food hits its peak.

As for Muir-related traffic, Casad said Goody’s has helped ease the added pressure.

“We knew that the business we had [in Muir] was going to go somewhere else,” Casad said. “That’s why we built Goody’s. It’s the closest building we had that we could take over, and we could spend some money that wasn’t going to be just thrown away.”

So far, the new market — modeled after El Mercado and located in Thurgood Marshall College — has been a popular destination for students. It offers Chipotle-style burritos and a full salad bar, as well as sandwiches and desserts.

“The kids love it,” Casad said. “[There is] speedy service — by the time you stand at the first person saying ‘What do you want? You want a burrito, a bowl or a salad?’ From there it’s a minute, a minute and a half to get through. So the long line is a long line, but it’s really fast.”

Revelle College freshman Steve Lopez is a fan.

“I’ve had it, like, five times already,” Lopez said. “[I like] the burritos — that’s what everybody gets when they go there. It actually does get pretty trafficky ... [but] I would still recommend it, ‘cause it’s, like, six bucks, and it tastes really good.”

The market is one of the few late-night options available on campus, remaining open until 1 a.m. Oceanview Terrace, — previously the go-to for late-night Mexican grub on campus — now closes at 9 p.m. nightly.

“I [do] like the burritos [at Goody’s],” Muir sophomore Jessica Yaros said. “But I guess [Housing and Dining] thought that since they



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Students can visit Goody’s Place and Market for Chipotle-style burritos, coffee and more. Housing and Dining plans to open a restaurant-style eatery by 2012.

opened that, they would shut down the Mexican food area in OVT, so there’s really nowhere to get good quesadillas anymore.”

Marshall resident Conely Cha said she has noticed a slight swell in OVT’s population.

“OVT is crowded, especially during lunchtime,” Chan said. “Usually the lines are very long, and even then, though there are four cashiers, there’s only usually one or two that are open ... [but] it’s not that big of a deal.”

Nevertheless, Casad assured that the new Muir dining halls — expected to commence construction in January 2010 and re-open Fall Quarter 2010 — will be well worth the wait.

“It’s going to be twice as big as it was before,” Casad said. “I really want to make it a vegetarian/vegan location. Our population of vegans/vegetarians is very vocal, so I want to give them a place to say, ‘This is your place.’ There’s no meat. It’s all

green, it’s all fresh — it’s all vegan/vegetarian.”

Casad said that Housing and Dining also has a new market in the works, which will be located across from the Village at North Torrey Pines — UCSD’s new transfer-housing complex — and is slated to open in 2012.

Adjacent to the proposed market will be a sit-down restaurant where students can order high-quality meals — possibly accompanied by a beer and wine menu for customers of age — with their meal cards.

“I want to go one more level that allows you, on campus, to have a nice experience — to have a date,” Casad said. “So you don’t have a car, you don’t have to take the bus, you don’t have to go off-campus ... We want to give you an opportunity to sit down and have a nice meal!”

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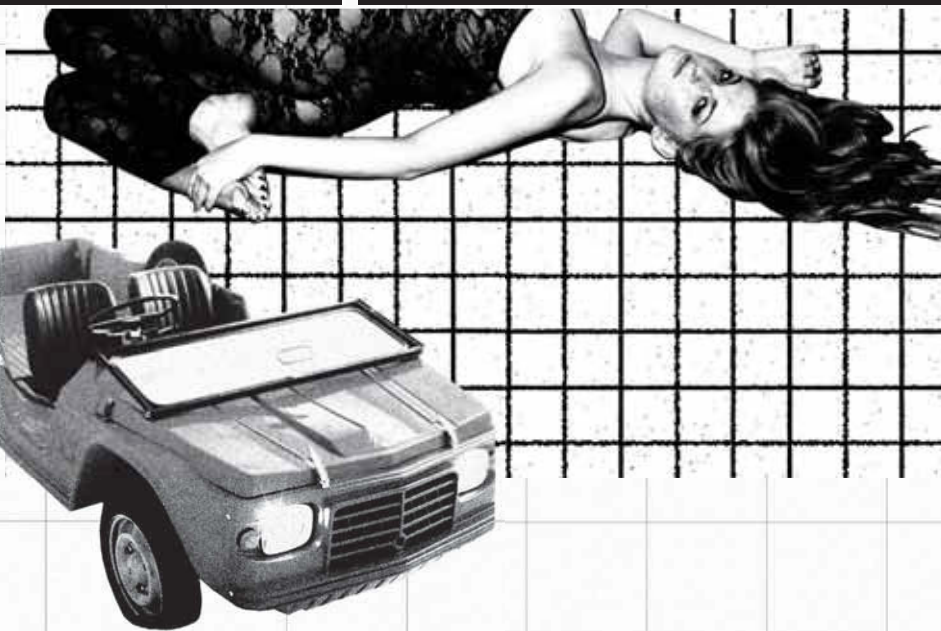
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## Q: So what's wrong with sex?

**A:** Lots of people have the idea that evangelical Christians think sex is inherently dirty, sinful, perhaps a necessary evil, but certainly not to be appreciated and enjoyed. But just the opposite is true. Secular research has shown that couples who enjoy their sexual relationship the most are married evangelical Christians. Surprised? You shouldn't be, and here's why.

Sex was God's idea in the first place. He created us male and female for a reason! He made sex to be pleasurable as well as powerful. Sex is powerful, both in its ability to profoundly unite two people and also in its creative potential in bringing new life into the world. When a couple commits in love "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, till death do us part," they are declaring to one another, before God and their family and friends, that they are taking responsibility for one another in love, no matter what the future brings. That is exactly the context of committed love that God intends for the fulfillment of our sexual nature. And that's why, when we are rightly related to God and totally committed to our spouse, sex can be wonderfully satisfying.

Looking at the university campus scene, obviously there's a lot of sex happening. But is it really satisfying? Ninety-one percent of college women nationwide say that "a hook-up culture" defines their campuses. A report entitled "Hooking Up, Hanging Out, and Hoping for Mr. Right: College Women on Mating and Dating Today" indicates that casual sexual encounters are a large part of college life. A "hook-up" is defined as when a girl and a guy get together for a physical encounter but don't necessarily expect anything further. Hook-ups almost always happen when both have been drinking or are drunk. According to the Independent Women's Forum, 40% of the women surveyed had experienced a hook-up, and one in ten reported having done so "more than six times." But 63% of the women want to meet a future husband at college and 83% say that marriage is a major life goal.

Radio and television commentator Dr. Drew Pinsky has pointed out that the desire women have for commitment in the face of so many sexual encounters suggests that college women are afraid to assert their true wishes. Dr. Drew once said on ABC News' Good Morning America that the college campus is a young man's perfect world. "For the men," he said, "this is a very comfortable situation. I tour the country and speak to colleges all across the land, and I'll tell you that women are at best ambivalent about that and very commonly disillusioned." Doesn't sound very fulfilling to me. You and I weren't created to mate like dogs, in meaningless serial relationships. We are made in the image of God, and He has higher, more exalted purposes for us.

Perhaps the college sex scene is like the Emperor's New Clothes. Con artists had convinced the Emperor and his court that the clothes they were spinning for the Emperor were of purest gold, but they could only be seen by those who were wise. Of course, the Emperor wanted to be wise, so when they fit on him the non-existent clothes, he pretended to see them and admire them. His court, also not wanting to be thought fools, pretended to see them as well. Finally, in the majestic parade through town, as the Emperor walked in his underwear, all the citizens pretended to see the clothes, too. All, that is, except one, who said, "Hey! The Emperor doesn't have any clothes on!" Maybe it's time for some courageous UCSD women and men to wake up and be honest: "Hey! Something's wrong with the way we're doing sex!" Got the guts?

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## Yudof Fields Questions from Student Journalists in Hour-Long Interview

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"You should write that; I want to see your pens going. It's all my fault. Write that."

Then the room sobered up, and Yudof launched into a 20-minute presentation about the university's current financial crisis, complete with blue and gold folders filled with colorful charts and graphs.

After he finished, he invited questions from the students' journalists present.

**UC Irvine New University:** You talked a lot about the new financial-aid program and how it's going to help students out. But for families above \$180,000 who have more than, you know, one child — maybe like, two or three kids that they're trying to send through the UC — that's still going to be an extreme financial hardship for them.

**Yudof:** It could be ... There's some scholarship money. There's scholarship programs that we don't really control — that's Cal grants, primarily. But you're right, that's true. But my way of thinking is: We only have so much money. We have to take care of the poorest kids first. There's some money that comes from — well, not so much the Pell, but probably the Cal Grants and maybe some freestanding scholarships — but, that's right. It will be tough for those who have five children and are making \$180,000 a year. It will be tougher. Because really the federal and state financial-aid programs, by and large, don't kick in. You know, we only have so much money. And it's very hard for me to justify putting much money to those above \$180,000 when I can't cover all the people under \$100,000. That's the reality.

You know, we're not anywhere near the highest rates in the country. If you look at Penn State, Illinois, and other — I think we're a better institution, but we're not at the highest rate by any stretch. Our problem is that the cost of living is higher in California. Many of our campuses — you know, Westwood and so forth — are fairly pricey places to be, when you actually look at the fee structure. The other thing some universities do, just to lay out some alternatives: In Michigan and Virginia they take huge numbers of nonresidents and they charge them full rate at \$30,000 a year. And we have not done that, because we feel that we're quintessentially a California institution, so we're like 94 or 95 percent resident students, and I'm not willing to really bump up the nonresidents because I think our first duty is to Californians, because that's who's paying the taxes. Now, I wish they'd pay a little bit more in taxes, to support us, but they're not willing to do that. So other universities are more expensive or have enrolled huge numbers of nonresidents and just charged them a ton of money, and we haven't really done that.

**The UCSD Guardian:** You've defended high executive salaries by arguing we must offer competitive pay to retain talented executives. What exactly would happen if you settled for less 'competitive' candidates, and is retaining more 'competitive' executives worth pushing students out of the university?

**Yudof:** Well, there's an unloaded question. The first big lie is that the executives have been getting raises during this — it's just not true. Everyone at the Office of the President, including me, is paid 10 percent less. Second: If you didn't have me, and I just went off and practiced law in Philadelphia or did something like that, you don't save enough money to balance this budget. It's very little money compared to the total number. Third: Most of the people paid over \$200,000 are physicians. They're not even paid out of state dollars. They treat patients at clinics. They staff our hospitals. That's probably two-thirds, 70 percent, of all people paid over \$200,000. You know, you're a surgeon, and you treat a patient, and the insurance company pays, and they pay a portion of your salary — that's most of the executive salaries. Fourth: we're not competitive. Our chancellors' latest pay cut is 40 percent below market. It's already 40 percent below market. There. Someone needs to run these operations. I'm sorry, but hospitals need medical directors. Campuses need chancellors. And it makes a difference — and we're already paying 30 or 40 percent below market — you want to pick the best people you can. I picked a woman, Susan Desmond-Hellmann, to be head of UCSF — first woman to be head of that campus. I paid her about 25 percent of her prior salary. She has on her plate — she has to raise money for a \$1.8 billion hospital. Why should I pick someone that I'll pay \$50,000 less, who may

be unsuccessful raising the funds for that hospital. And that's the problem. If California were out of control, if the UC were out of control — if we had extravagant executive salaries — we don't. The Office of the President has actually cut \$60,000 out recently. I mean, I just think this is fantasyland. The fantasy is you have overpaid executives and if you stopped it, you wouldn't have to raise fees or have furloughs. The fantasy is we have reserves, which we don't have. And you don't have to do these things because you can just dig into this pot of gold. These are just make-believe. The reality is: We're paid below market salaries. We probably should have higher salaries, but we don't, and we make do.

**Drake:** I just want to make a commentary, to make sure that we're clear. When I mentioned that we're the best public research university system in the world, that's because it's true. And the difference between 'A' and 'A+' is really huge. And I'll say that for the people who we have here on campus — the quality of our professors and the people that help lead the campus — when we get the best people, they make grand decisions and they make us the best in the world. When we deviate from that, we then sink down from where we are. We got to be who we are by having the best people and supporting them in doing their best work, and that's the difference between 'A' and 'A+'.

**The UCLA Daily Bruin:** I understand what you've been saying about executive pay, just to go back to that subject, but regarding the recent *New York Times* interview you had, where your salary was compared to that of the President of the United States, who makes \$400,000 a year — I understand that your comments were facetious, but I was just wondering if you had any additional comments.

**Yudof:** I don't have any additional comments. You know I had a zany interviewer, and I gave her zany answers. And the truth is, if you threw in the White House,

a 747 and a lifetime pension of \$400,000, I'd certainly take the job — although in my opinion, it's not a job I'd want to hold. It's a pretty tough job that President Obama has. But I don't know what to say. Do you know how much your dermatologist is paid, or how much your surgeon is paid, or how much your internist is paid? They're all paid more than the president of the United States. It's a very different sort of job, apparently. There are markets. And the way to recruit a Nobel Laureate person, you know — we have to pay the market. There aren't markets for presidents. I'm less well off than I was at the University of Texas. It doesn't matter; I don't feel underpaid or anything. But the point of the matter is, the president of the local bank is probably paid more than the President of the United States, and so on. The president's job is to be generous — it's unique. But there are markets at all sorts of levels, and we're below market. Our top-paid chancellor, among the research universities, is something like 50th out of 62 — our top-paid chancellor. If you want to get serious, take a look at the president's salary at Michigan. Take a look at the University of Texas. There's a market. And then you compare it, and then you can decide whether we're overpaid. And then write to the Board of Regents, because they set my salary. They won't let me set my own; I'd prefer to set my own, but they won't let me.

**The UCSD Guardian:** So would you be willing to accept a lower salary, maybe as a gesture?

**Yudof:** I did. I cut my salary 10 percent.

**The UCSD Guardian:** I mean, like, lower than it is now.

**Yudof:** You know, I'd consider anything, but markets are markets, and at some point you will cut out the good people. And you're not going to cut your way into resolving this budget. I mean, I'll consider anything at the appropriate time. But, um, I think this idea — why would you want to do that?

**The UCSD Guardian:** As a gesture.

**Yudof:** I already did my gesture. Did you do yours?

**The UCSD Guardian:** We pay higher student fees.

**Yudof:** What sort of gesture do you want? I've done two gestures. We actually took a pay cut before everybody else in June, and another pay cut in September. These are gestures. It's below market. The chancellors had to do the same thing — it was a gesture. How many gestures do you want?

*Editor's note: The above is an abridged version of a longer interview. The full transcript is available online at www.ucsdguardian.org.*

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**MARK G. YUDOF**  
UC PRESIDENT

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# OPINION

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## OUT OF CONTEXT

“ I had to tell them all of the creepy things that I had done. The creepy stuff was that I have had sex with women who work for me on this show.

DAVID LETTERMAN  
LATE-NIGHT TALK SHOW HOST

## Drop That Onion Ring — Toss Your Own Salad

There comes a defining instant in every student's life at which he can no longer stomach that 1,000th Subway foot-long. After only a week back at school, my moment of taste bud evolution has already arrived. Having passed my threshold for premade provisions, only one solution remained: attempt to cook.

### Kitchen Accomplished

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My past culinary efforts have been no more courageous than tossing a premade Trader Joe's burrito in the microwave or mixing marinara with pasta. Over the years I've been so conditioned to seek instant gratification from fast, over-the-counter eats that I couldn't imagine myself sauteing or mincing — or any of those other things cooks do in kitchens.

I do, however, come from a family of hardcore foodies. My grandmother is the queen. In her house, food is a cure-all. Tough day at work? Lentil soup. Twisted your ankle? Beef kabob and herb rice with a glass of red wine. If there aren't plumes of steam and exotic aromas wafting through the house, it's either because her soap operas are on, or it's 3 a.m.

No cooking endeavor could be properly executed without my grand-ma's wisdom. So I made the call and asked her for recipes that fit the following guidelines: healthy, simple to make (under 15 minutes of preparation), composed of affordable ingredients and possessing some international flair. A little over a minute of deep consideration and she asked: "How about some grilled-chicken couscous salad and cream-of-broccoli soup?"

Next thing I knew, I was standing in the fresh produce section of Trader Joe's, far from the comfort of the frozen-foods aisle. I couldn't help but doubt my commitment to cooking as I picked out what I thought were ripe Roma tomatoes. Was I really about to waste all this time and effort when I could just as easily swipe my debit card at Croutons and call it a day?

On the ride home from TJ's, I tried to reason my decision to cook. Forget the obvious economic benefits of making one \$30 grocery trip for healthy, fresh food rather than what might amount to three separate \$10 burrito runs on a daily basis — I was equally excited by the fact that my soon-to-be cooking skills would instantly make me more attractive.

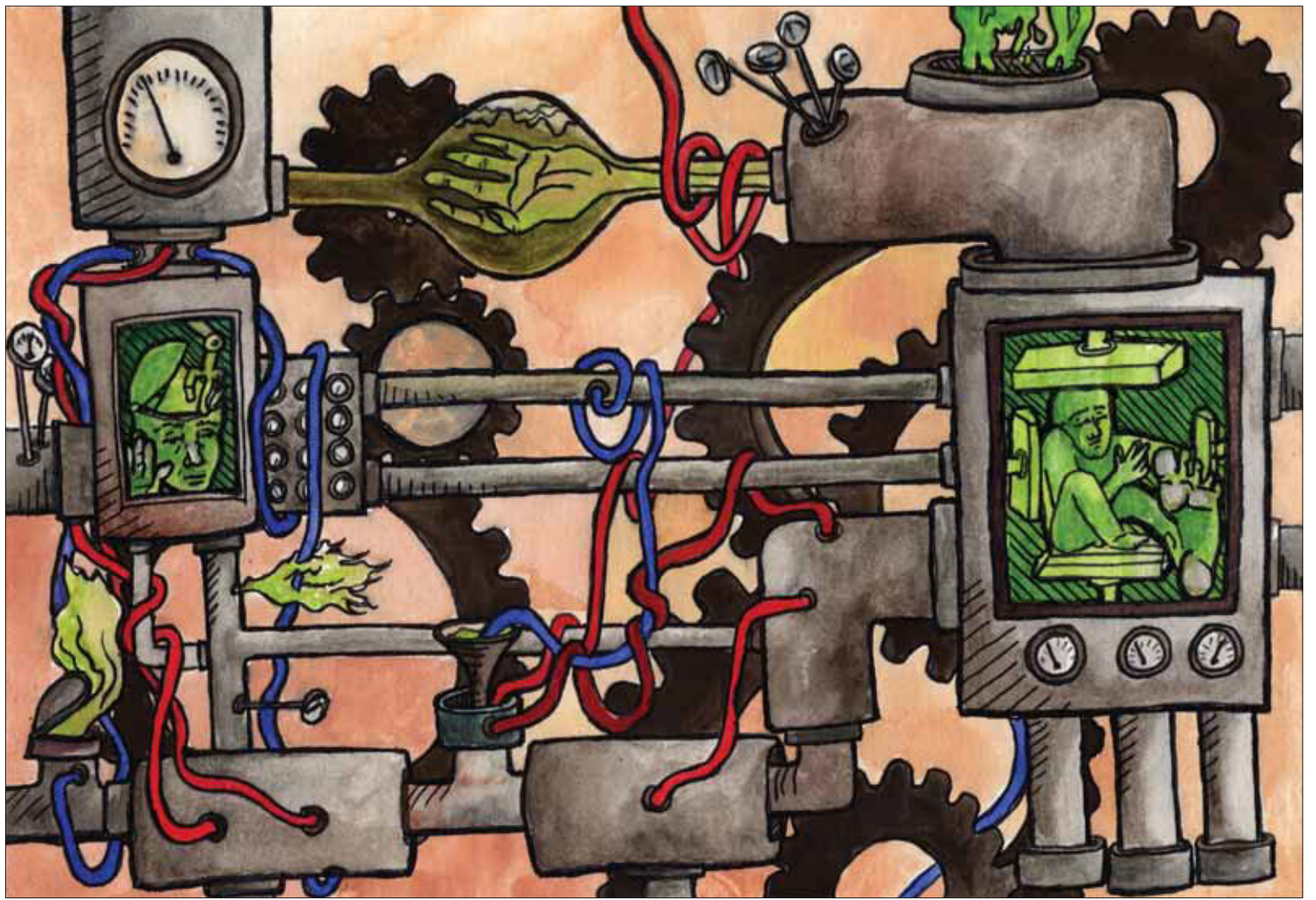
### ONLINE

Salivating for couscous yet? Read Vishal's recipes in full.

After all, what's sexier than a home-cooked meal?

With newfound motivation, I began dicing the tomatoes, onions and bell peppers with a sense of purpose I had previously only exhibited while playing sports or debating politics. After glancing at my haphazard collection of vegetable bits, I learned my first cooking lesson: Wielding a knife like Grandma requires a sense of confidence, technique and dexterity that can only be acquired after years of practice.

Thankfully, the rest was so easy that tomato dicing was half the battle. All I had to do was pour a packet of couscous into the saucepan (note: opening packets is easy) and add two



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## A Longer Pipe Won't Fix the System

The White House is trumpeting to stretch the American school day — but one-size-fits-all education may just mush tomorrow's minds. *By Arik Burakovsky*

**NATIONAL NEWS** — President Obama announced last Monday that schools should have longer days and shorter summer vacations, to increase our global competitiveness. And while the majority of American media networks stand in agreement — Fox News included — the U.S. should be cautious not to crash and burn in an overreaching attempt to catch up with international education standards.

While no bills have yet been drafted, Obama has proposed that schools stay open later, and over the weekend, to raise the national standard for American children.

But there's no telling whether a longer school day would accomplish that lofty goal. A 2007 study from the National Center for Education Statistics, published through the U.S. Department of Education, shows that 12th graders in other countries who spend less time in school are — on national average — still outscoring American children in math and science.

European countries average one hour of schooling less than the U.S. each day. Still, 14 out of the 20 countries sampled in the study (ranging from Australia to Switzerland to France) outperformed American students.

Major studies from private groups such as the Knowledge is Power Program — a network of college-preparatory schools that aim to help low-income students achieve college admission — are inconclusive in showing whether longer school hours would increase test scores (not to mention collective national intelligence) on the grander scale.

Using math scores from other countries, the Brookings Institution has the most convincing argument for extending the school day's length: Its study suggests that an extra 10 minutes for students to ask questions is all it takes to eliminate the gap in math proficiency. Yet the same study shows that when 13 countries decreased their instruction time, the U.S. was

one of only three countries in which test scores did not go down.

It's clear: Time limitations aren't the sole influence on our academic performance.

Plus, it would be unhealthy to work our kindergartners to the bone. A study for the Journal of Pediatrics led by Dr. Romina M. Barros, pediatrician and assistant clinical professor at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, explains that a child's brain often needs a break, and that downtime is just as important as studying.

Even if test scores did rise in accordance with the longer school day, sacrificing hours of socializing in exchange for lecturing, reading and memorizing would be a step in the wrong direction. The United States is unique in its cultural output and inventiveness — grilling students on long division for an extra hour each week won't breed the next Steven King or Bob Dylan.

Class time may also cut into the hours that kids spend bonding with their families and friends. According to the Child Development Institute, building social skills is essential to developing a conscience, learning the importance of communication and culture and being valued in a group.

U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan, who supports Obama's push for an extended school day, said that the current school calendar is outdated and based on the old agrarian lifestyle that required kids to be out of school so they could lend a hand on the farm. But the Afterschool Alliance, a nonprofit working to ensure the quality of after-school programs, claims that after-school activities are beneficial to learning because they create social connections. Even if our school schedule is based on an old way of life, the chess clubs and track teams of today have replaced the raking and hoing of the good old days.

A longer school day would necessitate higher teacher salaries and a larger workforce to keep schools open for more hours. Programs in

Massachusetts under the expanded class time initiative showed that it costs an additional 12 percent to 15 percent per student to add an extra class. Most school districts are gasping for breath under the current budget crisis; increasing the current workload would cause further economic strain. Not worth it — especially when studies show it probably wouldn't even raise test scores.

Summer school is no longer just a form of remediation for slower kids on the playground. Parents send their kids to summer school to prevent them from forgetting what they've already learned, to catch up where they're struggling and to get ahead for the upcoming year.

In fact, according to a study by the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory, summer school offers a great chance for both gifted students and those who have fallen behind to explore subjects in greater depth. Rather than increasing mandatory school hours for all, we first should expand tutoring and extra-learning options for those students who need and want it most during summer hours.

After all, there's no point in forcing kids to stare at a board for a couple more hours while they text their friends below desktops.

Granted, the government already has money set aside for tutoring low-income students. The No Child Left Behind Act, in place since 2002, requires schools to spend 20 percent of their Title-I federal-grant money on tutoring services at high-poverty schools. Schools in Washington D.C., for instance, have been able to spend \$1,700 on each low-income student in need of tutoring. Expanding that funding for tutoring to cover higher-income schools as well would increase the incentive to help to close the international achievement gap, and

provide more focused attention on students who need it most.

Although no estimates have been released as to the cost of the president's plan, a more tutoring-intensive approach would likely prove less expensive than a general time increase. Schools would be expanding programs already set in place under NCLB, and would only target those with a demonstrated need or desire for more classroom attention.

While sweeping classroom change is certainly not out of the question, following through with Obama's proposal too hastily would be unwise, given that longer school hours haven't yet proven themselves to be the answer. We must first emphasize students' varying individual needs before applying a one-size-fits-all band-aid to public education. Quantity doesn't always mean quality.

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# A DROP FROM THE INKWELL By Priscilla Lázaro



## Your Blender Does More Than Make Margaritas

► **KITCHEN**, from page 4  
 cups chicken broth, one tablespoon olive oil, one-half teaspoon salt, and one-quarter teaspoon black pepper. Then I stirred the mix for about five minutes — fitting well within the confines of my culinary capacity.

After letting the hot couscous fluff in the broth, I added some pre-grilled chicken strips, two sloppily diced Romas and two tablespoons of Italian flat-leaf parsley, then garnished with some lemon juice and green onions. To my astonished delight, I had produced a colorful salad that appeared to be a healthy and balanced entree — and it tasted at least as good as a \$7 salad from the Sunshine Store.

The soup proved just as simple. Melting the butter and sauteing the onions produced a confidence-inspiring aroma of onion-y goodness. Once the onions were transparent, I added one cup of water, the chopped bell pepper, the packet of broccoli and a teaspoon of salt. Then I covered the saucepan and let the concoction sit until the veggies had tenderized. Next, I liquefied the contents of the saucepan in the blender, adding milk intermittently until it looked like my sauce was smooth. From there, I emptied the blender back into the pan, added the remainder of the milk and topped it off with a few drops of soy sauce for added flavor. A garnishing of black

pepper and a bay leaf for presentation, and voila! In less than half an hour — the same time it would've taken to buy and unfreeze the burrito for which I'd always settled — I had a sumptuous-looking salad and steaming soup, with four days' worth of leftovers to spare.

Perhaps the best part of the whole experience was transferring the salad and soup into their respective bowls. I felt accomplished — almost euphoric. Maybe that's why the food tasted so good. Of course, I'm nowhere remotely close to cooking (nor wielding a knife) like Grandma, and I'd be lying if I called myself a cook, but the reward for simply trying was well worth my minimal effort.

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Business Education Pivotal in Tough Job Market

Dear Editor,

Spanish is the only other world language besides English. Escuela Superior de Administracion y Direccion de Empresas (Spain), El Instituto Panamericano de Alta Direccion de Empresa (Mexico), Tecnologico de Monterrey (Mexico) and INCAE (Costa Rica) are ranked first, third, seventh and 10th, respectively, in the *The Wall Street Journal's* list of top international business schools. The Ross School of Business (University of Michigan), the Tuck School of Business (Dartmouth College), the Tepper School of Business (Carnegie Mellon University), the Columbia School of Business (Columbia University) and the Haas School of Business (UC Berkeley) are the top-five business schools in the United States.

A total of 4,125 corporate recruiters from Europe, Central and North America rank the schools for *The Wall Street Journal's* list. What makes the journal article accurate is that those same recruiters will be hiring the next batch of MBAs in Europe, Central America and North America.

China's history with the MBA dates back to 1994 when the China Europe International Business School opened. The job market for graduates in China isn't very good, so they must start thinking of where to get jobs and who in the world will hire them.

The MBA is now considered a standard for international management, but the Chinese have a ways to go. Their view of the education process and the MBA in particular differs greatly from that of Western culture. Usually, we see that when the economy is doing well in the West, there are fewer private enrollments in MBA

courses, but when the economy is booming, more companies can afford to send their executives to study. But in China, there is not that concern (it is not a boom or bust economy), and businesses will not cut down on funding executives from attending the ever popular Executive MBA (which is slightly misleading since it is little more than a holiday for the executives of Chinese companies).

Language is also very much a problem for the Chinese applicant to the west, and lack of work experience (which is a requirement for some B-schools) is actually a hindrance. Countries like the U.S., Britain and Canada scrutinize visa applicants closely, and there is a high degree of failure since the visa-granting officials determine whether applicants are not intending to return to China (and statistics support this belief).

My feeling is that China will import standards and apply situational courses for disciplines like human resources, rather than build its own model, since re-engineering is already such a highly developed business in China.

The Chinese language, of course, has far more speakers than any other. Although these speakers are not as widely distributed worldwide as are speakers of English or Spanish.

—Richard Thompson  
 UCSD alumnus, 1983

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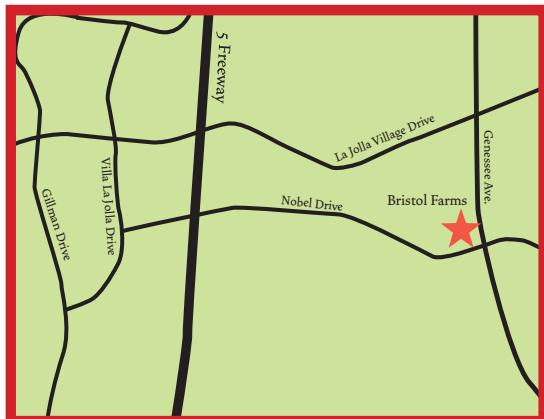
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The number of people who attended the first Comic-Con in 1970, according to *the San Diego Union Tribune*. Last year, an estimated 140,000 people attended the four-day event.

UCSD undergrads get in on NASA-launched science program that helps middle-school students see

# THE BIG PICTURE.

BY APRILLE MUSCARA  
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Early next Sunday morning — if you're still awake after a night of debauchery — peer into the dawning atmosphere at 6:10 a.m. Against the fixed backdrop of dim blinking stars, look for a bright dot moving purposefully across the sky. What appears to be a mere speck to the naked eye is really the size of a football field, spinning 200 miles above our heads at over 17,000 miles per hour. You've landed on the International Space Station.

Later this month, from Oct. 20 to Oct. 23, a Nikon Electronic Still Camera aboard the ISS will snap photographs of the Earth based on requests from middle-school students throughout the world. And facilitating the entire process — from school outreach to telling NASA when and where to take the pictures — is a group of 10 to 15 UCSD undergrads, serving on the team as interns.

The images are taken as part of ISS EarthKAM, a NASA-sponsored program that aims to educate young students about the Earth from the vantage point of space.

According to Karen Flammer — research physicist who holds a doctorate in space physics and serves as the primary faculty advisor for the EarthKAM program at UCSD — the main focus of the project is to get young students excited about science. Flammer helps develop curriculum that revolves around the use of the images taken by EarthKAM for middle-school teachers and students.

And although KAM stands for Knowledge Acquired by Middle Schools, elementary and high schools have also taken their places behind the camera.

According to Flammer, Photo requests to the EarthKAM Web site have included specific countries, land formations, weather patterns — even natural disasters. UCSD students then process these requests and transmit pertinent information to the International Space Station via NASA's Johnson Space Center.

Based on instructional files created by the undergrads, the camera then snaps photographs of the Earth. These images are transmitted to NASA for archiving before being sent back to

UCSD to be uploaded to the EarthKAM Datasystem.

Within 24 hours of submitting their requests, middle-school students can access the Datasystem to retrieve their pictures. According to Flammer, they have used the images for school projects such as tracking disaster paths, mapping land area and calculating the size of farmland.

The program is likewise beneficial for the participating UCSD students, who receive specialized training while to facilitating the successful completion of each mission. As a primarily research-funded university (cash-strapped as it currently may be), UCSD is most often touted for the cutting-edge innovations of its faculty and graduate students. But over on the first floor of the Science and Engineering Research Facility building, you'll find undergraduate scientists controlling a great portion of the background operations that make ISS EarthKAM so successful. Students work in teams dedicated to managing specific aspects of the program.

UCSD alumna Liz Kain, who was part of EarthKAM for four years before graduating in 2008, said the program is a valuable opportunity for undergraduates to be part of something substantive.

“The school team was speaking with and educating students from all over the world. We worked directly with people at Houston, at the Johnson Space Center. You could listen to the astronauts. We developed a program that's actually used on the International Space Station! We joke about looking up in the sky and saying, 'Yup, [our work] is up there.'”

Many of the participating UCSD students said they stumbled on the program while browsing the aerospace tab of

“ We joke about looking up in the sky and saying, 'Yup, [our work] is up there.'”

LIZ KAIN  
UCSD ALUMNA, 2008

See **EARTHKAM**, page 10

## UCSD EARTHKAM

### TEAMING UP

**Control Teams:** Man stations of UCSD's Mission Operations Center in the Science and Engineering Research Facility Building, and are overseen by a student chief.

**Orbits Team:** Using Orbit Propagation software and information received from NASA's Johnson Space Center, determines the position of the ISS and locations over Earth visible for taking pictures.

**MOoS Team:** Verifies photo requests from middle-school students and creates camera-control files that tell the camera when to take pictures based on the tracking model determined by the Orbits Team. These files contain time stamps, and are transmitted to the JSC by the chief.

**Payloads Team:** Connects to the JSC servers to download pictures taken by the EarthKAM camera onto UCSD servers. Also determines time, latitude and longitude for each image, then uploads them to the EarthKAM Web site for middle-school students to access.

**School Team:** Serves as a liaison between middle schools and ISS EarthKAM. Communicates with teachers before, during and after missions to facilitate requests and receipt of images. Also participates in outreach and education programs such as the Sally Ride Science Festival.

**Images Team:** Creates projects using the images taken by the EarthKAM camera. These can include stitching together stills to generate a panoramic image or constructing maps based on the photographs.

### MARCH 1996

First mission. The program was originally named KidSAT, and was launched aboard the Space Shuttle Atlantis. Three middle schools participated, taking a total of 325 photographs.

### SEPTEMBER 1997

Final mission of the KidSAT pilot program. Forty-three schools and over 6,000 students participated.

### FEBRUARY 2000

EarthKAM's last space-shuttle mission. Eighty-three schools participated and took 2,715 photos.

### MAY 2001

ISS EarthKAM's first mission aboard the International Space Station. Since the ISS is permanently in orbit, missions can occur more frequently and regularly. They take place four times per year, or once per academic quarter.

### ZOOMING OUT:

A Panoramic View of EarthKAM

1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008

### JANUARY 1997

Second mission. Seventeen schools participated. Until the camera was placed in the International Space Station, missions depended on space-shuttle launches.

### JANUARY 1998

First mission as EarthKAM.

### FEBRUARY 2001

The ISS EarthKAM camera is placed aboard the International Space Station, becoming the first operational project of the Destiny module (the U.S. laboratory aboard the ISS).

### AS OF 2008

Over 450 schools have participated, and have taken over 50,000 photographs.

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## COMICKAZE

BY EDWIN GONZALEZ FOCUS EDITOR

Ever since 20th Century Fox exhumed *X-Men*, the comic-book cash crop has been making the most of an endless harvest. In the past five years alone, there's been enough Marvel-based movies to keep Tobey Maguire set for life.

Considering San Diego's Comic-Con International brought in a record flock of costumed geeks this summer, it's only fair that we should also house one of the best comic book stores in SoCal — an unpretentious cache in Clairemont with its own MySpace, book club, blog and assorted collection of plastic-encased Stormtroopers, appropriately named Comickaze.

By the time you finish parking and lift your gaze towards the over-crowded window staring you in the face, you'll realize that Comickaze isn't nearly as genteel nor spacious as the Barnes & Noble you're used to. Judging by the over-jammed bookshelves, wire racks, countertops and windows, it's outgrown its modest origins and opted for offbeat clutter a while ago. Boxes, box sets and the more popular members of League of Justice line the walls, while T-shirts with screenprints of Gabrielle from *Xena* (uh, I was 10) hang on racks propped up throughout the store.

The infinite bric-a-brac, DIY crafts and miscellaneous merchandise are all part of Comickaze's quaint appeal: offering more than comic books for those of us so uncommitted to collecting that we couldn't tell you if \$500 was a decent asking price for the first *Venom* cameo in the *Amazing Spider-Man* series. (According to eBay, it is.) Comics might be their specialty, and the first two syllables of their moniker — not to mention roughly 70 percent of their store — but they're keen on everything from neon lights and glassware of Wonder Woman and Wolverine, to life-size busts and bookends of Hellboy.

In simple terms of comic books, Comickaze is stocked with all the extras: special editions, back issues and complete collections. Whether

you're pining the latest installment of the *Umbrella Academy* (written by Gerard Way of *My Chemical Romance*), the early issues of new medieval epic *Mouse Guard* (complete with signed copies) or even one of the endless derivatives of a Stan Lee original (*Spider-Man Loves Mary Jane*, *Justice League: Cry for Justice*), Comickaze's got enough pages to keep anyone in the store for hours.

Bookshelves wrapping the store walls host most of the selection, including nearly 25 shelves dedicated to Marvel alone. Eisner, Miller and Moore are a guarantee — and if there's anything you want that they don't have, they can usually order it for you.

Imagine an abridged, less-pricey version of Comic-Con, crammed into a mid-sized retail store — minus the tawdry Tinkerbell — you've got a pretty good idea of what Comickaze feels like.

The only category it loses in is manga — which, compared to the UCSD Bookstore, only takes up a single wire rack. But when you consider how much you gain, it's a small price to pay for a chance to escape the seedy confines of Price Center.

## THE BOTTOM LINE

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BY ALYSSA BEREZNAK SENIOR STAFF WRITER



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Muir College senior Daniel McDonald ended his 21st birthday party in a wedding dress, crumpled below a Residential Security Officer's feet in tears — but not because he was abandoned at the altar.

He'd begun the evening of Sept. 23 innocently, offering drinks to his guests in a corset and red tutu. But when his International House bash spilled out onto I-Walk, a couple uniformed men told everyone it was time to take it inside. McDonald was upset, so his roommate — Muir College junior Lee Montgomery — told him to make a statement.

"I love that kind of thing," McDonald said. "Whenever I hear that, I'm like, 'Oh yeah, let's do that.'"

So McDonald ran inside and threw on the \$100 wedding dress he and Montgomery had purchased together at a Pacific Beach thrift store. (Never mind that he didn't have time to tie pillows on his legs to poof the dress out, as was the plan.) He grabbed a giant suitcase and rushed to the shutdown in hysterics, throwing his slender body to the ground and threatening to move out, between sobs.

The RSOs stared on, as bystanders on balconies snapped photos.

"Everyone get off I-Walk!" one RSO shouted. "Except for the bride. Mind the bride."

All this from a pale, 6-foot, 128-pound blonde kid who calls himself an introvert.

"I never thought I [stood out] until like a year ago or so," McDonald said. "I've always kind of dressed like how I feel like dressing. And then people were like, 'Gosh, Dan, you stand out so much.' And I was like, 'Do I, really?'"

McDonald is hard to miss. You may have seen him walking to Earl's Place covered in an amalgamation of rainbows. Or glimmering on Library Walk in a silver sequined wrap. His bright platinum hair matches his bright yellow sandals, which match his yellow Volkswagen Beetle, which matches a yellow loofah he carries around as a fashion accessory.

"People always come up to me and say, 'Oh, I love your costume, where are you going?'" McDonald said. "And I'm like, 'Oh, these are my clothes.' I always like to try new things. I've worn mismatched shoes before

on purpose. So I'll wear a loofah as an accessory and maybe eventually it will catch on, and soon you'll see a bunch of girls on campus matching their outfits to loofahs. And I'll be the trendsetter. Maybe. We'll see."

But how does one become a mastermind trendsetter like McDonald in the first place?

It's a long story.

McDonald's parents divorced three months after he was born. His mother Linda — who, according to McDonald, looks like a Swedish supermodel — then swept him away to San Diego. She tried her luck at love again, remarrying when McDonald was six, and then divorcing again when he was 12. At one point, they shared an apartment with McDonald's grandmother in a shabby El Cajon neighborhood. Eventually, with the help of some child support from her two ex-husbands, they got their own place.

But by his senior year at Grossmont High School in La Mesa, Linda couldn't pay rent. One evening, the cops came to their apartment, threw their belongings on the street and changed the locks. McDonald and his mother slept on the street next to a mound of their stuff.

The next morning, McDonald took charge. He called a taxi and directed the driver to his grandma's house.

"I was like, 'Mom, we can't be like living on the street,'" he said. "She's not the most grounded person, so she kind of, like, didn't realize what was happening. She's a little eccentric."

Around the same time, McDonald's friend Courtney invited him to Monster Massive — a colossal dance party that draws thousands of costume-clad ravers to the Los Angeles Sports Arena every Halloween. He accepted the invitation, since he already had a wardrobe for the occasion, and road-tripped up to LA for some fun.

"I fit into it," McDonald said. "I super fit into it. When I was there, I was like, 'Wow, these are my people.' Like, everyone was crazy dressed. Everyone was having a really good time. And everyone was happy. There was no arguing, you know?"

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## Kids See Earth from Final Frontier

► **EARTHKAM**, from page 7

the Academic Internship Program database. Others are friends of friends who found their way to Flammer's office by word of mouth.

Though AIP interns receive academic credit, some students receive paid scholarships, and others choose to volunteer.

"It gives them the experience of a hands-on, space-related project," Flammer said. "Some even go on to work for NASA."

Christie Carlile, a 2009 UCSD alumna, is one such student.

"I went to space camp in the 5th grade and that sealed the deal," Carlile said.

Carlile was designated Chief of the UCSD Mission Operations Center — which is modeled after NASA's Mission Control — before becoming a "co-op," or participant in NASA's Cooperative Education Program. The program offers paid positions to college students who juggle classes while working for NASA.

Five weeks ago, Carlile became a full-time employee of the Johnson Space Center.

Sixth College senior Allen Jiang began as an AIP intern one year ago, but elected to stay on after his quarter with the Academic Internship Program ended.

Jiang said he feels EarthKAM provides an invaluable educational service to participating middle schools.

"It invigorates them and gets them involved in learning about the Earth and space."

Kain — who now works as a project manager at Apple but credits the trajectory of her career path to the undergraduate experience at EarthKAM — agreed.

"Sometimes you get direct feedback from kids and you feel like you're perhaps inspiring future engineers or scientists," Kain said. "And even if it's only one kid, it's gratifying."

The International Space Station will be visible in the early morning skies of San Diego from Saturday, Oct. 10 to Wednesday, Oct. 14. Check [www.nasa.gov](http://www.nasa.gov) for exact times and durations.

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## Next Up for I-House Star Sapphire: A Fishnetted Romp in RIMAC

► **MCDONALD**, from page 9

Monster Massive was a night of many firsts for McDonald — including, but not limited to, trying ecstasy and meeting his rave parents: two lesbians named Cupcake and Stardust. They dubbed him Fluid, to describe both his sexuality and his dance style.

Accordingly, McDonald identifies as pansexual — a sexual orientation he describes as "fluid sexuality."

"It's kind of like bisexual but bisexual has this binary I don't like: It limits you to two options," he said. "But not animals. I don't like to fuck cabbages or cats or anything."

When he first arrived at UCSD, McDonald didn't feel as comfortable showing his true colors. He said he dressed more conservatively and was still dating his high-school girlfriend, who wasn't too happy about his pansexuality. After their midyear breakup, he joined several Muir College organizations and became more flamboyant.

But McDonald's pinnacle of fame came when he spent a year abroad, from June 2007 to January 2008, in Sweden. With a new webcam and some free time on his hands, Swedish Sapphire (a stage character named after his national heritage and birthstone) was born. McDonald filmed steamy remakes of whatever song he dug at the time — mostly of the Britney and Gaga nature — with a tiny camera, some careful angling and lots of costumes changes.

"I always thought Chris Crocker was cool," McDonald said. "He makes these crazy videos and then he posts them on YouTube. I figured I could too. And so I did. And I definitely advertised it."

One day, he joined the Swedish YouTube network, and suddenly became a mini-celebrity. His view count shot to 1,800, and at one point he held the No. 10 ranking on the

country's network. People even began to recognize him in public.

Since then, McDonald has made about 34 videos — some of which all his family and friends have viewed (grandma got a peak at Thanksgiving dinner). Though he hasn't reached Crocker's celebrity status, he's still recognized locally.

"Last week, I was coming back from Earl's Place, and this group of frat guys way behind me was like, 'Swedish Sapphire, turn around,'" he said. "I waved and they were like, 'K, cool, thanks.'"

Although McDonald hopes to continue filming projects on the side after he becomes an ophthalmologist (he interned with an eye doctor this summer and plans to apply to medical school in 2011), he understands his side job might be difficult for his patients to swallow.

"I'm worried because once I get up to a professional level its going to be hard," McDonald said. "It might not be as accepting as it is now. And if the old lady whose eyes I'm fixing sees me on the Internet half-naked and is like, 'Wait, that's my eye doctor,' that might be a bit of a shock."

In the meantime, though, McDonald is waiting to hear back from Rich's and Numbers — two gay clubs at which he auditioned for a go-go dancing position earlier this year. You never know when the next wedding dress tantrum will precipitate — rumor has it McDonald is planning on a fishnet-clad weight-lifting session at RIMAC sometime this year.

"I really like to have people question reality and the norm," he said. "People live their mundane, everyday life, and all of a sudden they see some crazy drag queen running out of a tree, and its like, 'Whoa.'"

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### As the World Turns: the Information Cycle

- 1 Middle-school students use the EarthKAM Web site to submit photo requests, which are received by UCSD undergrads.
- 2 UCSD students group the requests together based on location. They then use student-programmed software to generate Camera Control Files that instruct the camera when to take the photographs. These files are sent to NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.
- 3 NASA verifies the CCFs and uplinks them to a laptop located in the Destiny Lab of the International Space Station.
- 4 The laptop reads the files and controls the EarthKAM camera, which snaps the requested images at the times specified by the files.
- 5 The unprocessed photographs are transmitted from the ISS to the JSC, where they are sent to UCSD's Mission Control Center — as well as NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.
- 6 The Jet Propulsion Lab archives the photographs for NASA.
- 7 UCSD students upload the images to the Datasystem, a searchable online database on the EarthKAM Web site.
- 8 The UCSD Orbits Team uses the images to check for any miscalculations, and the Images Team does projects based on the photographs.
- 9 Middle-school students access their requested images from the EarthKAM Web site and can use them in class activities.

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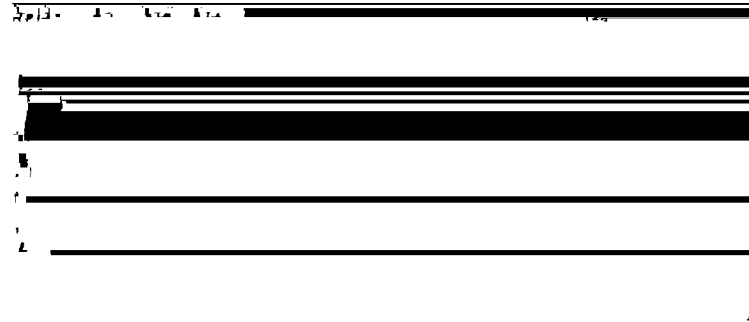
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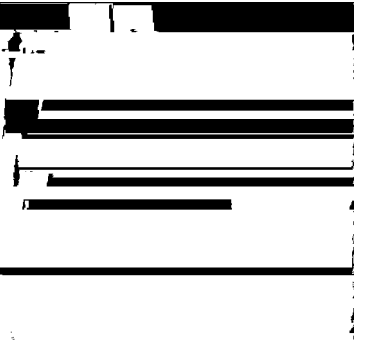
### Across

- 1 "Now we're in for it!"
- 5 Whopper of a meal
- 10 Tattooist's surface
- 14 Fan mag
- 15 Developing egg
- 16 Reverse, in word processing
- 17 Worshipped carving
- 18 Gave false hope to
- 19 Track event
- 20 Christmas service
- 23 With "A," 1986 Ted Danson film
- 26 At ease with
- 27 Web forum user's self-image
- 28 Red giant or white dwarf
- 29 Price indicators
- 30 Down Under gem
- 33 Replies to an invite
- 37 California's Santa \_\_\_ River
- 38 The Rebels of the Southeastern Conference, familiarly
- 40 Before, to bards
- 41 Tongue of Tiberius
- 43 Totally absorbed
- 44 Soft cheese
- 45 Entrée list

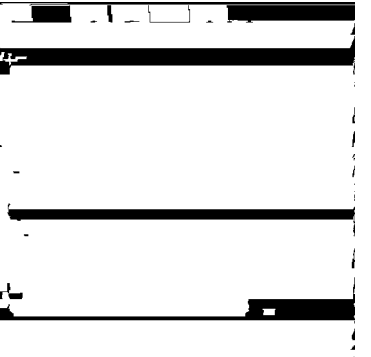
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- 1 Six-Day War weapon
- 2 Stashed away
- 3 Beatle spouse Yoko
- 4 Batters' protection
- 5 Poppycock
- 6 Two, four, six, etc.
- 7 German wheels
- 8 Trudge, as through mud
- 9 Opposite of "At ease!"
- 10 Vacation times
- 11 Work on sore muscles
- 12 "That is," in 41-Across
- 13 "Wrong!"

### 10/1 Level 1 Sudoku Solution



### 10/1 Level 3 Sudoku Solution



- 21 "\_\_\_ bad boy!": Lou Costello catchphrase
- 22 Peter the Great et al.
- 23 Like some mistakes
- 24 The first Mrs. Trump
- 25 Pester persistently
- 28 Lose traction
- 31 Home to many llamas
- 32 Docs' org.
- 34 Left-hand page
- 35 Is a Nosy Parker
- 36 Sprouts-to-be
- 38 "\_\_\_ the loneliest number": '60s song lyric
- 39 Law book contents
- 42 Sudden urge
- 44 Saddens, slangily
- 46 Daytona 500 org.
- 48 Enero or mayo
- 49 Come together
- 50 Figure, as a sum
- 51 No longer a minor
- 52 Wild and crazy
- 53 More than enough
- 55 Zilch
- 59 'Hood buddy
- 60 Word before booster or tripper
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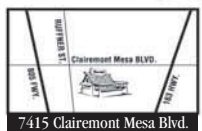


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**UCSD Swimming: Blue vs. Gold** - 11am, Canyonview Pool

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# Yankees and Cardinals Poised for Wins in Division Series

► **BLANC**, from page 16

the Phillies, whose closer followed up a perfect 2008 season by going 0-8 with an ERA over seven and 11 blown saves. Added to the Phil's worries are the fact that a 102-year-old Jamie Moyer leads the team with 12 wins, and that Cole Hamels has more losses (11) than wins (10). If Charlie Manuel's defending World Champions are going to make a run at another title, they will need veteran players like Jimmy Rollins and Cliff Lee to lead the charge and get the city of brotherly love charged up.

As for the Rockies, they have a real knack for miracle runs. Somehow topping 2007's magical sprint to the World Series, the 2009 Rocks came within two days of winning the NL West and will gladly enter the playoffs as the wild-card winner. On June 3 the Rockies were 15 1/2 games out of first place before Jim Tracy took over as manager and lead his team to a 73-40 record to finish out the season. After trading away franchise player Holliday in the off-season, Colorado's offense was buoyed by all-star shortstop Troy Tulowitzki and the ageless Todd Helton to slug 189 home runs — second-best in the NL. The main concern for the mile-highers is whether their young rotation can hold up under pressure. But with Jason Giambi's mustache and gold thong waiting on the bench, the Rockies will surely provide some late-game theatrics.

Blanc's pick: Phillies in five games.

## American League:

*Detroit Tigers/Minnesota Twins vs. New York Yankees*

Thanks to the Twins' late-season push (and the Tiger's inability to close out the AL Central), baseball fans are now treated to a one-game playoff to determine who takes on the New York Yankees in the AL Division Series. In what could possibly be the final baseball game ever at Minneapolis' Metrodome, the Twins will look to continue their September surge against a Tiger's club that has controlled the division all season. Justin Verlander was needed Sunday to force Tuesday's playoff, which means the charge now falls on one of Detroit's rookie pitchers to contain Minnesota's offensive attack. How Joe Mauer, the leading candidate for American League MVP, performs will be a primary factor in deciding the outcome between the two Midwest rivals.

Awaiting the winner of the Tigers-Twins game are the New York Yankees, who responded to last season's absence from the playoffs (the first time in 12 years) by spending \$243.5 million on three free agents. Apparently money can buy you love — or at least a playoff berth —

because the Yanks find themselves with the best record in baseball. How did the spending-spree babies perform in 2009? CC Sabathia won 20 games, Mark Teixeira led the team in home runs (32) and RBIs (122) and A.J. Burnett struck out 195 batters in 207 innings. Money well-spent, Mr. Steinbrenner. With Mariano Rivera getting even more unhittable as he approaches AARP eligibility, the Yankees are as threatening as they have been all decade.

Blanc's pick: Yankees in four games.

*Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim vs. Boston Red Sox*

Ever since the Angels destroyed every fiber in my being with their comeback win in the 2002 World Series against the Giants, the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim's Pasadena section of Laguna Beach have only won a single playoff series, seemingly losing in the Division Series every year to the very same team they face this year: the Red Sox. Following the tragic death of pitcher Nick Adenhardt on April 9, the Halos have quietly put together an incredibly strong season. First baseman Kendry Morales has grown into one of the most well-rounded hitters in the game, and closer Brian Fuentes filled the spot left by Francisco Rodriguez after his record-setting 2008 season with 48 saves of his own to stabilize the Angel's bullpen. The fact that on Aug. 18 all nine Angels starters were batting over .300 is an ominous sign for any opposing pitchers in the playoffs.

It took David Ortiz 149 at-bats to hit his first home run of the year for Boston, but a career year from outfielder Jason Bay and the acquisition of Victor Martinez lent the Sox enough support to stave off the Rangers and claim the AL wild card. Starting pitcher Josh Beckett could never quite find a rhythm and an effective Daisuke Matsuzaka proved to be as much of a myth as his gyrob- all, leaving the young Jon Lester to anchor a pitching staff that, at times, buckled under the weight of the AL East. Unless Curt Schilling takes a break from his campaign for the U.S. Senate to re-bloody his sock, Boston is going to have a hard time getting out of the first round.

Blanc's pick: Angels in four games.

So there you have it: foolproof predictions on who will make it to the NL and AL championship series. So call your bookies, place some bets and tune in again before the League Championship Series for the next installment of Blanc's picks for the rest of the playoffs.

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# With No Go-To Scorer, UCSD Relies on Balanced Attack

► **W. SOCCER**, from page 16

After the goal, UCSD's defense continued to shut out Sonoma State, and the Tritons held out for a 1-0 victory.

"Tonight, I thought we moved off the ball well," junior midfielder Lisa Bradley said. "I thought we had heart and wanted to win this game. We kept the intensity up the whole 90 minutes."

With the victory, the Tritons' record improves to 8-2 overall, with a 6-2 record in CCAA play. This was the third-straight win for the Tritons, who have won six out of their last seven matches. The victory also extends UCSD's dominance over Sonoma State, having taken 13-straight victories since 2000.

UCSD continued its home stand with a match against Humboldt State on Oct. 4, winning 2-1 to improve its season record to 9-2. The Triton goals were netted by freshman forward Gabi Hernandez, sophomore forward Courtney Capobianco and freshman defender Hayley Johnson, en route to a 3-1 victory.

UCSD has scored 22 goals throughout its first 10 games this season. The Triton's leading scorer is sophomore forward Sarah McTigue, who holds four of the Tritons' 22 goals.

The lack of a dominant scorer this season is a huge departure from last season, when former Triton senior forward Natasha Belak-Berger was the unquestioned leader of the team's offense with 13 goals — one-third of the team's total scoring — and three assists, for a total of 29 points. In contrast to last year, freshman midfielder Jessica Wi leads the 2009 Tritons with nine points with just under half of the season having already been played.

Though the team has no dominant star, Bradley is confident in its



DANIEL CADDELL/GUARDIAN

Sophomore forward Sarah McTigue has been one of the few UCSD players to put up any crooked offensive numbers this season, recording eight points on four goals in 25 shots.

ability to play as a balanced set of players and continue to improve as the CCAA championship playoffs on Nov. 6 draw closer.

"Our team has improved so much over the last couple of weeks," Bradley said. "From the defense to

the midfield to the forwards, everything is definitely starting to come together. We are starting to feel comfortable with each other."

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# Pair of Late-Game Goals Drive Tritons Home

► **WATER POLO**, from page 16

At the start of the second half, UC Davis got on the board when Matt Richardson converted on a man-up opportunity — only to have Madsen answer back with a goal of his own at the 4:17 mark, regaining UCSD's lead. After the two teams traded goals again, with under three minutes remaining in the third, the Tritons entered the final period clinging to a 6-5 lead.

In a nail-biting fourth quarter, senior utility Ian Bausback gave the Tritons a two-point advantage. The Aggies would find the net twice, more, however, tying the game for the fourth time when Colin Hicks punched in a five-meter penalty shot at the 2:45 mark.

Refusing to yield to the Davis upswing, the Tritons put together a late surge when seniors Steven Donohoe and Roberts scored at the 2:25 and the 1:16 marks, respec-

tively, to seize a victory.

"Everyone on the team stepped up — it was a total team focus," Gresham said. "We had our first and second line both play really well tonight, and we were going six-for-six the whole game. This time, we were able to press a man and get the counterattack going the whole time. Everyone put forth that effort. When you know that the guy next to you is swimming hard, you have to swim hard too."

The victory against UC Davis drives the Tritons into a stretch of five games over a three-day period, against some of the nation's top programs, from Oct. 9 through Oct. 11.

After playing Chapman University in Orange, Calif., the Tritons will open the UC Irvine Invitational on Oct. 10 against Loyola Marymount University. The LMU Lions have been UCSD's

toughest opponent recently: They have won all of the last eight games between the two teams, dating back to the 2006 season.

The remaining competition at the invitational will be just as challenging. The Tritons enter a tournament pool that includes perennial national powerhouses No. 1 Stanford University, No. 4 Cal Berkeley and No. 8 Pepperdine.

Madsen recognized the need to take the tournament's first game in order to set the tone for their remaining matches.

"It's always important to win that first game so we can play with better teams," Madsen said. "In the southern California tournament, there's always a lot of good teams — so we hope to go out there, play hard and get within those top-10 rankings."

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## No. 3 Tritons Make Quick Work of Gators

► VOLLEYBALL, from page 16

"I don't know if we were ready going into that match," Black said. "We had a good week of practice and game-planned well, but I'm not sure if we were there mentally. I just kind of reset and thought about what we needed to do after that."

UCSD held on to win the third set 25-20 before battling out a fourth set to finish off Cal State Monterey Bay for the victory. The Tritons jumped to a 7-4 lead, but the Otters responded with a strong counter-run to take a 16-13 lead.

After a timeout, the Tritons briefly reclaimed the lead — before falling behind 24-23. Sophomore outside hitter Katie Condon came off the bench and scored a quick hit to tie the game. After Cal State Monterey Bay fumbled the next point, senior captain outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt notched her final and match-leading 15th kill to capture the 26-24 victory for the Tritons.

Saturday night, UCSD had no trouble dispatching San Francisco State, sweeping three straight sets, 25-15, 25-17 and 25-17. The Gators' only lead of the night came when they took the first point in the second game for a quick 1-0 edge.

However, the game was all UCSD from then on, as Schmidt paced the Tritons to a dominant win by notching 16 kills on .583 hitting.

"We were ready to go," Black said. "We weren't going to make the same mistake as Friday. We served tough, and our blockers were pretty good about doing what they were trying to do. We just closed off any lanes for them to hit through."

UCSD goes on the road next weekend to face CCAA opponents Humboldt State on Oct. 9 and Sonoma State on Oct. 10.

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DANIEL CADDELL/GUARDIAN FILE  
Senior outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt's 16 kills helped lead the Triton offense through a sweep against San Francisco State. The Tritons hit at a .330 clip, marking the fifth time this season they've hit over .300.

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# SPORTS

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The first own goal ever recorded — like the one that pushed UCSD to a 1-0 win over Sonoma State on Oct. 2 — was scored by Aston Villa's Gershom Cox, in a game against the Wolverhampton Wanderers in 1888.



## HOTCORNER

### BRYCE MADSEN | WATER POLO

The senior driver scored three goals for UCSD in the Tritons' 9-7 victory over No. 12 UC Davis on Oct. 2. Madsen's goals helped UCSD complete a season sweep of the Aggies.

## Place Your Bets: MLB Playoff Picks Are in

The 2009 baseball season was an interesting one. Aside from Randy Johnson winning his 300th game, there were no major records broken (my apologies to Mark Reynolds, but re-setting your own single-season strikeout record isn't exactly reason to celebrate). A pair of lefty pitchers who had lost a combined 20 games still managed to throw a no-hitter and a perfect game.



No pitcher won 20 games on the season for only the second time in baseball history. Three of baseball's biggest sluggers — Alex Rodriguez, Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz — got caught using performance-enhancing drugs and now are living proof that baseball forgives everyone not named Barry by helping their teams win in the playoffs.

At least we had Milton Bradley's annual meltdown to reassure us that no matter how much changes in baseball, some things never will.

The regular season has wrapped up, meaning that the time of the year we've all been waiting for is finally here. With the Division Series starting this week, the playoffs are upon us. So, with no further delay, I present the "Blanc On Base" 2009 MLB Division Series predictions:

**National League:**  
Los Angeles Dodgers vs. St. Louis Cardinals

Despite having the best record in the National League, the Dodgers limp into the postseason after almost surrendering the NL West with a five-game losing streak in the season's final week. Matt Kemp and Andre Ethier posted monster numbers to pace LA to a team batting average of .270, but Manny the Tranny's fall from offensive grace has resulted in some serious trouble at Chavez Ravine. The Dodgers' probable play-off rotation gives manager Joe Torre a roadblock he never quite had in New York. How far can a team go when Randy Wolf is your game one starter and your choices for game three include Jon Garland and Vicente Padilla?

The Cardinals, on the other hand, have a rotation anchored by Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright, two pitchers who will finish top three in the Cy Young race. With Joel Piniero performing well from the No. 3 spot and a breakout year from new closer Ryan Franklin, St. Louis easily gets the edge over LA in pitching. As for offense, the Cardinals' lineup may not be as well-balanced as the Dodgers', but with all-universe first baseman Albert Pujols finally having protection from outfielder Matt Holliday, the Cards are going to put up more than enough runs for manager Tony La Russa.

Blanc's pick: Cardinals in four games.

Philadelphia Phillies vs. Colorado Rockies

How can you have four players with over 30 home runs and two Cy Young-winning pitchers on your staff and still enter the Division Series with serious doubts? Just look at

See **BLANC**, page 14

## SSU SCORES OWN GOAL FOR UCSD WIN



After four straight victories against conference opponents, UCSD sits at second place in the CCAA.

*The lone goal in UCSD's 1-0 victory was headed in by a Sonoma defender — who scored against her own team off a deflected free kick.*

By John Beck • STAFF WRITER

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** — Throughout the 2009 season, UCSD has been unable to find a consistent goal-scorer: Nine different players have scored no more than four times. With only one senior on the team, no Triton in particular has been counted on to put the ball in the net.

This trend continued at UCSD's Oct. 2 match against conference rival Sonoma State. This time, the player who provided UCSD's game-winning goal came as an unexpected surprise to all those on the field: a Sonoma defender.

UCSD began its critical four-match home stand — all against California Collegiate Athletic Association rivals — by squeaking past Sonoma State 1-0. In their first home match since Sept. 13, the Tritons emerged victorious, thanks in part to a solid defense and a fluke play that yielded the game's lone goal.

"We weathered the storm," head coach Brian McManus said. "We didn't create as much as we would have liked to. Sometimes you've got to be able to win ugly, and tonight we won ugly."

UCSD outshot the Seawolves 11-9, an impressive show that was sullied by the fact that not one of 11 shots made it into the net. In the end, however, their inability to score did not derail the Tritons' winning chances.

The game's only goal came late in the 44th minute, off a free kick by freshman defender Ellen Wilson. A Seawolf defender received Wilson's kick, and — in trying to clear the ball out of the goal box — accidentally headed it straight into her own net.

See **W. SOCCER**, page 14

## Tritons Cruise Through Conference Matches

By Tyler Nelson  
STAFF WRITER

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** — Coming off five-straight conference victories, the UCSD women's volleyball team welcomed two more games against a California Collegiate Athletic Association opponent last weekend looking to improve on its reputation as the No. 3 team in the nation.

The Tritons continued their torrid run through conference play over two weekend games at RIMAC Arena,

seizing two more victories over Cal State Monterey Bay and San Francisco State on Friday and Saturday nights — improving their season record to 16-1 overall, 8-1 CCAA.

Entering Friday's game, the Tritons had never lost a game to Cal State Monterey Bay, holding a perfect 10-0 record against the Otters. The match began as the Otters and Tritons exchanged the lead six times early on, neither team asserting full control.

After the Tritons called a timeout to recover their composure, they

returned with resolve and quickly storming to a 24-22 lead, using strong blocks and defensive plays to shut down the Otters' attacks.

At game point, the Otters quickly notched a service ace and a kill to tie the match up again, at 26-26. With the first game in jeopardy, UCSD slipped, giving up two points with a service error and hitting error that handed the game to the Otters.

"They have a really complicated offense, and it was really tough to defend against," head coach Tom

Black said. "They could keep putting up points, and we knew we would have to adjust."

But the Tritons overcame their early service errors and played a dominant second game to reclaim the match's momentum. Two strong kills from redshirt-freshman middle blocker Julia Freidenberg gave UCSD a quick 11-point lead at 19-8.

The team cruised to close out the second game 25-10.

See **VOLLEYBALL**, page 15

## BOUNCE-BACK PERFORMANCE EARNS HOME WIN

By Brianna Lee  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

**Men's Water Polo** — For the second time in the past two weeks, the No. 13 men's water polo team took down conference rival UC Davis with an impressive 9-7 victory on Oct. 2 at the Coggan Family Aquatic Center.

The Tritons' record now stands at 6-7 for the season, while the No. 12 Aggies dropped to 9-5.

"This was a big win in terms of confidence, and in terms of how our season has been going," senior two-meter defender Peter Gresham said. "It's important for us to see results for how hard we've been working in practice."

The Tritons' well-fought match serves as a heartening sendoff: UCSD takes to the road all next week, facing Chapman University on Oct. 9 before participating in the UC Irvine Invitational Oct. 10 and Oct. 11.

"After last week, when we lost to [Loyola Marymount], that was tough — so we wanted to come out and get this win to feel confident

going into our southern California tournament next week," senior driver Bryce Madsen said. "[This] was a rival game too, so you always want to get the win just so that when it comes to [Western Water Polo Association] rankings, we're ahead of them, and we have the easy way into the final."

Before triumphing in their 9-7 win over the Aggies, the Tritons got off to a sluggish start, facing down a 3-0 deficit in the first period.

However, Madsen turned in a solid performance, tallying three goals for UCSD — the first of which came at the 2:15 mark of the first quarter, putting the Tritons on the board.

"Sometimes you've just got to get that first one in," head coach Denny Harper said. "I think that helped because it was like, 'OK, we're not shooting at a brick wall here.' No offense at Davis. Their defense is not as strong as [Loyola Marymount]. With two teams ranked side by side in the national rankings, that's generally what happens. Essentially, the game went as I expected, and I'm glad we came out on top."



After dropping four of their previous six games, the Tritons rebounded to beat the UC Davis Aggies 9-7 on Oct. 2. The win was UCSD's first non-tournament victory at home this season, and its sixth overall.

After a scoreless first five minutes of the second quarter, the Tritons took a timeout to regroup — a strategy that would ultimately change the tempo of the game in their favor. Senior driver Sean Roberts scored immediately after breaking the huddle, while a six-on-five opportunity at the 1:19 mark resulted in Madsen's second goal of the game.

With the game tied at 3-3, Gresham fired just before the end of the half, putting the Tritons up by a delicate 4-3 lead.

"On our man-ups, they basically left me open," Madsen said. "I try to help my team in any way, so if they're going to leave me open, I'm going to shoot it."

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