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Muir Musical's adaption of Lin Manuel Miranda's "In the Heights" opened this past Friday at Mandeville Auditorium and will continue with shows next Friday and Saturday. Photo by Chrisitan Duarte /UCSD Guardian

UC SYSTEM

State Audit Reports Lower Standards for Nonresidents

BY LAUREN HOLT STAFF WRITER

The University of California system lowered admissions standards for nonresident applicants during recent years in order to receive more funding from out-of-state tuition, California State Auditor Elaine Howle reported. The March 29 report concludes that the UC system devoted increasing attention to enrolling out-of-state and international students so that campuses could use the higher tuition to offset budget cuts.

To support her claims, Howle points to an 82-percent increase in nonresident enrollment but a 1-percent decrease in resident enrollment between the 2010–2011 and 2014–2015 academic years.

Howle stated that “[The UC system’s] decision to increase the enrollment of nonresidents has made it more difficult for California residents to gain admission to the university” and attributes this to a change in the way nonresident applicants must compare with resident students in order to be admitted. Prior to 2011, the UC system focused on admitting nonresidents whose academic qualifications were at least equivalent to those of the upper half of residents eligible for admission. However, as Howle notes, the UC campuses loosened this admission standard in 2011 so that nonresidents must only “compare favorably” to residents.

According to Howle, almost 16,000 nonresident students whose test scores and GPA were lower than those of the top half of in-state acceptances at the same campuses were admitted over the three years following 2011. Simultaneously, the UC system rejected an increasing number of qualified residents at the campuses of their choice, Howle said.

The change in admission standards for nonresidents exhibits a shift away from enrolling students who can improve the campus atmosphere, in-state Thurgood Marshall College freshman Revati Rashingkar told the UCSD Guardian.

“Lowering the standards for out-of-state and international students means that the school’s focus is more towards getting more tuition money from them than finding people that would contribute to the school’s environment in other ways besides money,” Rashingkar said.

International Marshall freshman Pavaan Gaur noted that the reduction of standards for nonresidents is unfair to California students but also that the higher tuition is important to the schools.

“It is unfair to California students because they are paying the taxes, and that’s why they should have better access to the campuses,” Gaur told the Guardian. “At the

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CAMPUS

University Hosts Second Annual Make-A-Thon

The Triton 3D competition tasked students with creatively applying 3-D printing techniques.

BY MARIA SEBAS
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UCSD’s Triton 3D, also known as T3D, hosted its weekend-long computer-aided design and 3-D printing challenge in the Price Center Forum at 6 p.m. on Friday. The Make-A-Thon was divided into two categories: beginner and advanced. Out of the advanced-category teams, Teams EWB and Seizemic won the first-place titles. Team Trihard placed first in the beginner category.

The prize for the winning team in the advanced category is an M3D printer and the prize for the top team in the beginner category is a 3Doodler pen.

During the opening remarks, T3D Secretary and Sixth College

sophomore Alec Kochis announced that the theme for this year’s Make-A-Thon is castles. Teams in the beginner category were assigned the task of constructing a castle with a functional design while advanced teams had to construct a device to attack a castle. The opening remarks were followed by a CAD tutorial and 3-D printing workshop.

Kochis told the UCSD Guardian that the Make-A-Thon is T3D’s annual student outreach event, which aims to introduce 3-D printing to non-engineering majors and familiarize them with the benefits of 3-D modeling software.

“We want to get people to take the plunge in a fun way, and in a way that they know they’re going to learn from us,” Kochis said.

Kochis added that 3-D printing has practical applications for students with a variety of majors.

“For example, maybe there’s a business major who’s pitching a product,” Kochis noted. “He can 3-D print the product and bring it to his meeting.”

For some mechanical engineering students, the advanced category offers a platform for them to experiment with technology and software that they are already familiar with. Earl Warren College senior Daniel Ortiz, a competitor in the advanced category, told the Guardian that the event gives students the opportunity to apply what they’ve learned in class to a hands-on project.

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EDUCATION

UCSD Ranked Among Best for Low-Income Students

According to the Obama administration, UCSD enrolls Pell Grants recipients at one of the nation’s highest rates.

BY MARIO ESPINOZA
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The U.S. Department of Education ranked UCSD as one of 13 public universities in the nation that excels at enrolling and graduating low-income students, namely those who qualify for federal Pell Grants. According to the March 24 report, which is part of President Obama’s efforts to ensure that more Americans have the opportunity to get “a quality, affordable higher education,” these students make up at least 40 percent of the student population in each of the universities featured.

The rankings were based on the results of the 2011–2012 academic year in which 43 percent of those who enrolled in UCSD were Pell Grant recipients. Moreover, 84 percent of them graduated from the university within six years — compared to the 86 percent of all UCSD students who graduated in that length of time — and 71 percent of them earned salaries of at least \$25,000 six years after enrolling. The annual net cost of attending the university for them was \$9,279.

UCSD Communications Manager Christine Clark told the UCSD Guardian that she feels that some of the problems low-income students face at the university include working while attending classes.

“Many [low-income] students have the challenge of having to balance working while going to school along with a rigorous academic course load,” Clark said. “If a student is living at home or off campus to save money, commuting to campus may present hurdles both in terms of time management as well as the ability to engage and feel a part of the campus community. There also may be limited opportunities to participate in high-impact practices that foster retention and success due to limited discretionary funds.”

Clark immediately followed by saying that the university ensures that low-income students succeed by providing financial and academic services to low-income students.

“UC San Diego makes a concerted effort to enroll and improve outcomes for students with modest means,” Clark said. “That might mean providing financial aid, emergency loans [and] scholarships along with ensuring that academic advising, mentoring and counseling services are free of additional fees. Students should always ask if there are additional resources available before making a decision not

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WEEKLIES By Alex Lee



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Scientists to Study Italian Village Known for Long Lifespans

The village of Acciaroli has an unusually high number of centenarian inhabitants and has never before been studied.

BY LISA CHIK
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

UCSD researchers, in collaboration with colleagues at University of Rome La Sapienza, will have first-time access to study the disproportionately high percentage of centenarians living in the remote village of Acciaroli, Italy. UCSD Health announced in a press release on March 29 that the team hopes to discover what combination of genetic and environmental factors allow them to live longer with lower rates of disease.

According to UCSD Health, the average life expectancy in the United States is approximately 78 years and only 0.02 percent of Americans will live to be over 100 years old. In contrast, Acciaroli has a population of 2,000, including roughly 300 centenarians. According to Lead Investigator Alan Maisel, a UCSD professor of cardiovascular medicine, 20 percent of the centenarians are believed to be over 110 years old despite many being smokers and overweight.

"We are the first group of

researchers to be given permission to study this population," Maisel told UCSD Health. "The goal of this long-term study is to find out why this group of 300 is living so long by conducting a full genetic analysis and examining lifestyle behaviors, like diet and exercise."

Over the next six months, this joint research team will analyze blood samples, test for cognitive dysfunction and examine resilience to several diseases including heart disease and Alzheimer's.

Salk Institute's Integrative Genomics and Bioinformatics Core Director Christopher Benner believes that longevity is likely due to both genetic and environmental components.

"With respect to environmental influences, the Acciaroli population largely eats a Mediterranean diet, rich in olive oil, sardines and lots of fresh herbs," Benner told the UCSD Guardian.

According to the Express, experts previously credited rosemary, an herb commonly used in Mediterranean

cooking, for extending the lifespan of Italians. Its antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties are also believed to relieve muscle pain, improve circulation and boost the immune system.

Acciaroli is located between the Tyrrhenian Sea and mountain ranges, forcing locals to hike on a daily basis. As a result, Maisel noted that people allotted time for leisurely activities, but few were seen exercising.

"What shocked me is that I don't see people jogging, I do not see people in active exercise classes [and] I don't see them swimming laps in the ocean," Maisel told NPR. "In the late afternoon, they're all sitting around the cantinas, the restaurants. They're having some wine, some coffee. They're relaxed."

Genes or metabolites found to strongly correlate with healthy aging would become the focus of follow-up efforts. Benner explained the need for understanding these molecular roles in opening doors for potential therapeutic intervention.

"The overarching goal of aging research and therapies, other than

a longer life, is to simultaneously prevent or treat the large collection of aging-associated diseases at once," Benner told the Guardian. "For example, living a healthy, active lifestyle with lots of exercise reduces your odds of heart diseases, type II diabetes, liver disease, many types of cancer, etc. Is there a supplement or small molecule that can compliment that approach?"

Lead Italian Investigator and Director of Emergency Medicine at University of Rome La Sapienza Salvatore Di Somma believes that this joint study will further encourage scientists all over the world to work together.

"This project will not only help unlock some of the secrets of healthy aging, but will build closer ties with researchers globally, which will lead to improved clinical care in our aging population," Di Somma told UCSD Health.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

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Sunday, March 27

7:36 p.m. DUI/Non-Injury Collision
Following an investigation of a solo vehicle traffic collision, driver was arrested for DUI and passenger was transported to detox for public intoxication. *Closed by adult arrest.*

Monday, March 28

9:53 p.m. Medical Aid
Young adult male with high fever, going in and out of consciousness. *Transported to hospital.*

Tuesday, March 29

12:49 a.m. Tamper with Fire Alarm
Unknown suspect(s) pulled fire alarm pull station in absence of emergency. *Report taken.*

6:43 a.m. Welfare Check

Two subjects with hospital blankets over their heads walking in and out

of traffic. *Gone on arrival.*

Wednesday, March 30

1:36 a.m. Noise Disturbance
Loud music, resident cursed at complainant when asked to turn down music. *Written warning issued.*

7:03 a.m. Injury

Adult female fell down steps, injuring knee and arm. *Transported to hospital.*

Thursday, March 31

7:13 p.m. Drunk in Public

Adult male asked for water cup and got upset when told it cost 25 cents, and then brought out a bottle of liquor. *Unable to locate.*

— JACKY TO
News Editor

UC President Called Auditor's Allegations Unfair and Unsupported

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same time, considering that the UCs need to profit, I can see how [lowering standards] is working for them.”

However, Gaur takes issue with the way lowering standards portrays international students.

“That is objectifying a person,” Gaur said. “Basically, you are reducing the status of a human into a [monetary] value.”

In response to the report, the UC Office of the President published “Straight Talk on Hot-Button Issues” on Tuesday and a March 8 letter from UC President Janet Napolitano to Howle disputing the auditor's claims.

“Unfortunately, the draft report that has been shared with us makes inferences and draws conclusions that are supported neither by the data nor by sound analysis,” Napolitano stated in the letter. “To suggest from the outset that UC decisions regarding admissions were designed to ‘disadvantage Californians,’ as opposed

to mitigate the impact of a 33 percent budget cut, is a rush to judgment that is both unfair and unwarranted.”

“Straight Talk” discusses a number of different factors regarding the universities’ funding and enrollment process in its argument against Howle’s report.

According to one section of the report, the UC system admitting an additional 5,000 California undergraduates in the upcoming academic year demonstrates its commitment to resident students. The report also states that there is no set limit to the number of students accepted each year. “Straight Talk” specifies that the number of admissions depends on how many students UC campuses can fund and admitting more nonresidents has no bearing on the number of California students accepted.

Howle suggested that the UC system should instead have taken actions “to generate savings and revenue internally” to resolve its financial

problems, such as reconsidering its increase of employees’ salaries, the amount of money given to the Working Smarter initiative and the distribution of funding between campuses.

Napolitano dismissed such suggestions as unproductive to providing effective change.

“We would have preferred a constructive set of recommendations that could help move the University and the state forward,” Napolitano said in her letter. “We are deeply disappointed at this lost opportunity.”

California Assemblyman Kevin McCarty (D-Sacramento) also responded to the report by issuing a press release saying that the report demonstrates the need for his and Assemblyman Jose Medina’s (D-Riverside) bill, proposed in January, that would cap nonresident enrollment at its current 15.5 percent.

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Ortiz: Contest Provides Hands-On Experience

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“I feel like we spend a lot of time doing a lot of theoretical studies but we don’t get to explore and experience hands on aspects of engineering,” Ortiz said. “I feel like [the Make-A-Thon is] a great opportunity to learn more beyond just the classroom setting.”

Warren senior Brenda Pham, one of Ortiz’s teammates, added that the event is akin to a quarter-long class but takes place in a much shorter timeframe.

“This is comparable to [a] class where you have a whole ten-week period,” Pham said. “But now it’s condensed into three days and you get to make something more tangible and

more fun.”

Muir College senior Jeffrey Wang, another one of Ortiz’s teammates, pointed out that the Make-A-Thon is a hands-on alternative to what is called a Hackathon, during which students gather together and program for 24 or 36 hours.

“[Hackathons are] usually software because it’s easy to build things in software, whereas we’re mechanical engineers and it’s not that easy to build a car in 36 hours,” Wang said.

Autodesk, Robo3D and Sixth College Student Council were the official sponsors of the event.

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New York Times Praised UCSD for Treatment of Low-Income Students

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to pursue these activities.”

Clark also told the Guardian about how overnight programs can help incoming students better transition into UCSD.

“[Students] transitioning to UC San Diego ... may participate in overnight programs before the academic year begins,” Clark said. “These programs allow participants to live with a host student mentor and are integrated into everyday life on campus, from visiting classes to touring academic departments and interacting with student organizations.”

Clark added that the Assistant Vice Chancellor of Student Retention

and Success Jeffrey Orgera has been working with UCSD to reach out to underrepresented groups and develop ways to help them succeed academically.

“Orgera leads a team at UC San Diego that provides academic success services to several distinct student populations that includes historically underrepresented students, undocumented students, military-affiliated students, international students and others,” Clark said. “The team also is collaborating with the six colleges and other units on campus to develop more comprehensive academic support services for all students on campus regardless of

their ability to pay.”

In addition to the Department of Education, other sources have praised UCSD for being affordable and accessible. The New York Times ranked UCSD fourth in its College Access Index, which measures schools by the quality of services they offer to students in need of financial aid. The Washington Monthly also named UCSD the best university, for the sixth consecutive year, at acting on behalf of the public interest in the areas of “research, service and social mobility.”

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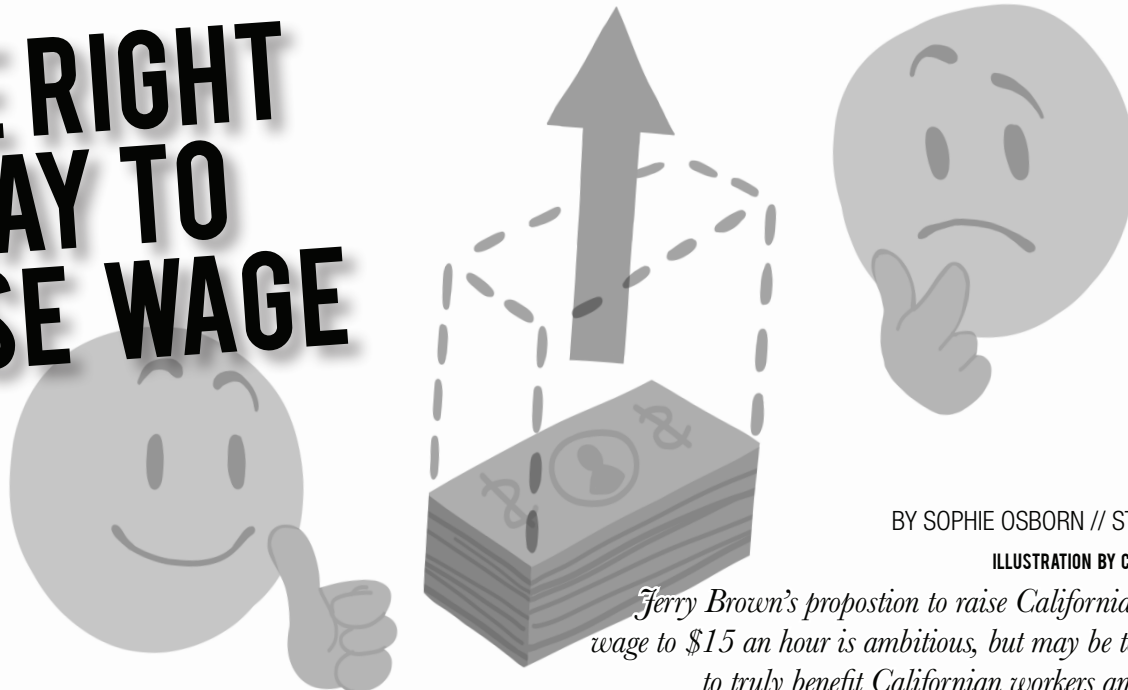
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THE RIGHT WAY TO RAISE WAGE



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Jerry Brown's proposition to raise California's minimum wage to \$15 an hour is ambitious, but may be too simplistic to truly benefit Californian workers and employers.

On Monday, March 28, California Gov. Jerry Brown, in conjunction with legislators and labor leaders, unveiled an initiative to raise the state minimum wage from the current \$10 an hour to \$15 by 2022. Over the course of last week, the legislation passed various hurdles relatively quickly, while stirring up quite a few dissenting opinions. Compared to the federal minimum wage of \$7.25, California already has the highest minimum wage in the nation, and with the passing of this measure, would be the first state to enact a \$15 minimum wage.

The minimum wage question is a constant debate nationally, with arguments falling along the lines of how increased wages would either result in hurting small businesses or in providing living wages for low-income workers. Though many have lauded California's proposal as a historic moment for labor groups and minimum-wage workers, economic analysts are uncertain whether or not this will be beneficial. Such a large increase has never been done before, and there is no data to predict its consequences. More importantly, the living wage differs vastly across California, and imposing a single wage rate on counties with lower costs of living could hurt them economically.

Supporters of this legislation argue that this is an unprecedented win for workers in industries like agriculture, retail and restaurants, whose paychecks do not amount to a living wage. The Los Angeles Times reported that the new raise is estimated to increase the income of 5.6 million people, or nearly one in three Californians. A proponent of the bill, Democrat Sen. Mark Leno of

San Francisco, also told the Sacramento Bee that it "will literally lift over 2 million Californians out of poverty because they are working full time today and earning a sub-poverty wage." Though Governor Brown has similarly applauded the legislation, he was also quick to reassure panicked financial interests that it would proceed in a "careful and responsible" manner. As reported by the Bee, under the new plan the minimum wage would gradually rise to \$10.50 next Jan. 1, then to \$11 by the next year and subsequent increases of \$1 a year, so that by 2022, it will be \$15 an hour. Further, there are measures in place to suspend the increases if they have negative effects.

However, skeptics like Washington Post writer Charles Lane point out that this legislation is the opposite of moderation. In 2022, when the \$15 minimum is fully implemented, he writes that the minimum wage would represent 69 percent of California's median hourly wage. Typically, states set the minimum at just half the median wage, which is what California's current minimum is. A wage increase as drastic and rapid as this one will possibly outpace businesses that can't afford to pay their low-level employees more than the current minimum.

Another reason this new \$15 minimum wage could be problematic is that the living wage differs vastly across the state. Though the living wage in San Francisco County is currently \$14.37, according to the MIT living wage calculator, in Mariposa County just outside of Merced, California, it is currently \$10.26. An increase in the minimum wage so that it matches an area's living wage makes sense for expensive counties like San Francisco

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How-To Guru: Be a Good Role Model

Emerging from a long and cold winter of 60-degree days and almost monthly rain, we've finally made it to spring, and so have high school seniors exploring their options for upcoming years. As these tourists begin to explore our campus, it's vital in these busy weeks of college decisions that UCSD students serve as enthusiastic and representative role models of our institution. To navigate campus during this exciting time, the How-to Guru has some useful tips.

These students will remember you — whether you like it or not. Whether running to class, traveling on hoverboard, or navigating the crowds via bike, you're going to be in plain sight, representing not only the institution but the University of California. You're worth millions. This is why you need to always dress in classic San Diego attire, namely swimsuits and flip flops. However, the Guru knows that classes can be early and not everyone can muster the extra 15 seconds to make themselves presentable for the throngs of hopeful UCSD applicants. If this is the case, it's perfectly acceptable to skip showering and to wear just pajamas to class.

However, it can be daunting to always be smiling and waving at UCSD's tourists. Therefore, our friendly administrator Janet Napolitano has contracted with the La Jolla Playhouse to provide professional actors to greet and socialize with UCSD hopefuls. These actors are trained to highlight UCSD's ample parking, fantastic dining hall food and our new Division-0 sports team (that's a whole division higher than Division I). While this may seem misleading, it's all for the greater good of getting as many applicants as possible and therefore as many application fees as possible. After all, UCSD has taught us that money is really all that matters, and those \$70 fees per applicant are a healthy bonus toward reducing our tuition.

Despite constant attempts to show tourists how amazing UCSD is, some find themselves thinking that maybe this school isn't as great as our actors make it appear. Our computer science department has craftily created the new "Janet Vision," a state-of-the-art virtual reality system that allows tour groups to experience a utopian college with gleaming skyscrapers and world-class academics. Tour groups are taken into the bowels of the computer science building and quickly outfitted with a headset depicting a truly perfect campus. After this "re-education" with the VR headsets, 100 percent of all tourists apply to our fantastic campus!

Springtime really is a fantastic season for aspiring college students. Make sure to do your part to encourage them to pursue higher education by always highlighting how fantastic our school is. If a high school student asks about a less-than-perfect aspect of our campus, you can always smile and lie. Remember, it's not your job to tell these students about the real world — they need to figure it out on their own.

QUICK TAKES

MARKETED AS A TEENAGE GIRL, TAY — MICROSOFT'S MOST RECENT BOT — WAS CREATED TO EXPLORE THE INTERNET THROUGH MIMICKING USERS. WITHIN HOURS, SHE TURNED INTO AN ANTISIMETIC, XENOPHOBIC MONSTER.

Tech Companies Must Address Sexism in Products and Workforce

In relying on women's voices for chat services like Tay, assistants such as Siri, and even "girlfriend-serving" chatbots like Xiaoice, the tech industry depicts women as manipulatable servants. So while Microsoft works to reboot Tay, a prominent question lies in her wake: How is the tech industry still so blatantly sexist? Companies such as Microsoft fail to address the issues of sexism within the workplace, which perpetuates the core problem of this sexism-related issue.

According to The Telegraph, Microsoft had another recent sexism scandal in March when workers hired countless female dancers dressed in provocative school-girl outfits for their game-developer party. And, relative to the issue of female chatbots, Microsoft has also created Xiaoice in China, as stated by The Telegraph, to serve as a girlfriend and provide dating advice, and it's used by approximately 20 million people. Yet these services modeled after females fail to have basic understandings of concepts highly relevant to women — such as rape and domestic violence, according to The Guardian. And despite women's attempts to advance their positions in technology, companies continue to ignore their efforts. Take, for instance, the summit at South by Southwest, which worked to address abusive language toward women online. Despite its importance, the entire summit had been "isolated away from the main conference and reportedly attended only by the few brave souls already aware of the issue," according to The Guardian.

It remains vital that tech companies address the issues within their own workforce and in the very technology that they release to the public in order to eliminate sexism in the industry. Unless companies tackle the issue head first, it is highly unlikely it will be eliminated any time soon.

— EMILY COLLINS
 Staff Writer

Obscene Bigoted Language Toward Tay Reflects the Attitudes of Users

A machine by itself can do neither good nor evil, so the humans who make use of it bear full responsibility to use it well. Microsoft's new chatbot shows us just how much users shape a technology's ethics, even more so than its creators. Tay's bigotry on Twitter clearly mirrors the flaws and biases of her users.

Microsoft announced that Tay's purpose was to "speak as a teen girl," ostensibly to make her relatable, empathetic and accessible to her users, those who engage with her on Twitter. However, Tay and other chatbots have no true age or gender and will adapt their own personas based on interactions with their users. Even if Microsoft had designed a chatbot, sans gender, with an avatar and voice automatically generated to maximize relatability, its users would still anthropomorphize it, assigning gender and other personal qualities to it, and treat it accordingly.

Thus, Tay serves as a litmus test for the kind of behaviors and attitudes that pervade the Internet. Users ostensibly corrupted Tay as a joke, trolling her with bouts of racism and sexism just for the irony of it, but anyone who frequents social networks knows the real prevalence of these "ironic" prejudices. Sarcasm gets lost in the medium, and mock bigotry becomes indistinguishable from the real thing, making many corners of the web a far less comfortable places for women and minorities. Tay either became a masterful troll or a genuine bigot, and the fact that the two look the same shows us the ugly truth about our society's online culture. Regardless of creator intent, users bear the ultimate responsibility to use technology for good.

— THOMAS FINN
 Senior Staff Writer

Representation in Companies Necessary to Combat Misogyny Illustrated via Tay

Through Microsoft's "Tay," we gain insight into the rhetoric that female activists, game developers and engineers who live online face every day. For example, Gamergate, a controversial movement in 2014 led by an alliance of anti-feminists, resulted in game developer Zoe Quinn and critic Anita Sarkeesian facing disturbing death and rape threats, forcing them to flee from their homes for questioning sexism in video games. In the male-dominated technology industry, women's safety and equality online are not treated as central issues. To further the conversation, we need more women in technology.

It's no surprise that sexism is an obstacle in the tech industry. According to the Huffington Post, in Silicon Valley, nearly half the companies have no female executives, and, as ascertained by a ValueWalk infographic, only 18 percent of all tech startups in the United States have at least one female founder. In response, companies have been reforming by turning to wage transparency and releasing reports indicating the number of female employees. Activists such as Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg have been speaking out on gender disparity, stating that Facebook provides employees training to correct their unconscious biases. The issue is even being tackled at a young age, with organizations like Girls Who Code and SciGirls.

However, the misconceptions associated with women in tech, as seen by promotional videos portraying "geek girls" as sex symbols, are still pervasive, and young girls are not experiencing the same level of support for pursuing STEM careers as their male counterparts. With more female executives in tech, we will see an increase in representation and diversity. In the future, bots like Tay will not face this same reaction online because women will not be seen as technologically inferior.

— AARTHI VENKAT
 Staff Writer

WORLDFRONT WINDOW By David Juarez



Differences in Counties' Cost of Living Should Factor into Wage Increase

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County. For rural areas where the cost of living is lower or where there are economic struggles, this new statewide plan could be very harmful.

In contrast, Oregon recently passed legislation to increase its minimum wage. Voice of America News reported that though Oregon's law raises minimum wage to just under \$15 by 2022, similar to California's law, the rates will differ by counties. According to Oregon Live, the highest rate of \$14.75 will apply to urban areas such as Portland, while in mid-sized counties it will be raised to \$13.50. Rural counties, some of which are facing economic struggles, will have

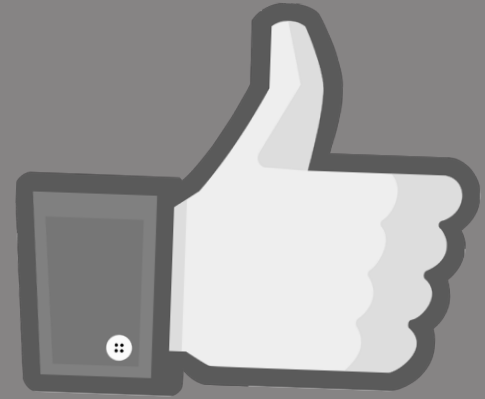
the lowest minimum of \$12.50 by 2022. Oregon's actions highlight how California's new legislation could be forcing a "one-size-fits-all" solution to wage injustice on poorer counties.

The negative consequences that this new minimum wage might have on the state's economies raise important questions for the current movement for a higher federal minimum wage. The current federal minimum wage, \$7.25, has not been changed in six years and is currently just 38 percent of the national median wage. With the Bernie Sanders campaign pledging to raise it to \$15 and Hillary Clinton's promise to raise it to \$12, various interests are uniting to adjust it to a liveable amount. However, before

we jump on the bandwagon of what sounds like a great idea for low-level workers and those living below the poverty line, we should carefully read into the details of proposed plans and determine what the realistic problems are. Legislation like California's may be too simplistic in its vision, ignoring the variety of counties' economic situations. An unprecedented and drastic wage raise to \$15 nationally could have unforeseen consequences for states with lower costs of living, just as California's plan could backfire on poorer counties.

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A.S. ENDORSEMENTS

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The Guardian Editorial Board offers their take on the 2016 A.S. Council Elections. We conducted interviews with the presidential candidate, as well as both vice-president of external affairs candidates and both campus affairs candidates. In addition, we spoke with the twelve students running for the five campus-wide senator positions. Every individual we spoke to demonstrated a passion for improving student life. Thus, our endorsements reflect who we believe would be the most qualified to actualize their goals at UCSD during their one-year terms in office.



UNIVERSITY CENTER FEE REFERENDUM

Starting Monday, students will be able to vote on a proposal to add \$14.92 to the quarterly Associated Students Campus Activity Fee, increasing the Activity Fee from \$52.33 to \$67.25 per quarter, effective Fall 2016.

Forty-seven percent will go to student events and organizations; 29 percent of the revenue from the fee will go to financial aid for undergraduate students and 20 percent will go to Student Promoted Access Center for Education and Service, which focuses on improving access to higher education and retention of university students. Additionally, 4 percent will go to the Student Sustainability Collective, a student-run subset of the Sustainability Resource Center that focuses on increasing environmentally friendly practices at UCSD.

Among the student events the fee will help fund are Sun God Festival, Bear Garden and Hullabaloo. At the same time, this money will go to the Triton Food Pantry, an organization founded in Spring 2015 to provide food for students experiencing food insecurity. This portion of the fee will also cover travel expenses for UCSD student-representatives to attend meetings with the UC Student Association, UC Regents and the UC Office of the President.

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- Helps ensure that student organizations are adequately funded.
- Ensures that A.S. Council is represented at statewide UC meetings.
- Increases access to higher education via SPACES.
- Provides funding for Sun God Festival and maintaining the quality of the performances and activities.
- Helps fight food insecurity among UCSD students through the Triton Food Pantry.
- Makes UCSD more environmentally friendly through the Student Sustainability Collective.

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- The Student Sustainability Collective already receives \$2.34 per student per quarter, and this referendum will increase it to \$2.94 per quarter. SSC is already adequately funded, receiving 4.47 percent of A.S. Council's budget and UCSD is already environmentally sustainable; the fee increase isn't worth the cost.
- Some of the SSC's activities may increase the cost of products sold at UCSD's markets, hurting students' already tight budgets.



DANIEL JUAREZ

Students Determined

A.S. COUNCIL PRESIDENT

With realistic plans, tangible solutions, ample experience and genuine passion, it is clear to us that Daniel Juarez will be the A.S. President UCSD deserves and needs. As a volunteer for campus affairs, a founding member of Triton Lobby Corps, a member on the UCSA board of directors, and a coordinator for the Raza Resource Center — among other positions — she has gained insight as to how to pursue realistic, meaningful courses of action on campus. Juarez recognizes the urgency of housing insecurity and the influx of students on their way to UCSD, and has pragmatic plans to alleviate students of this burden by working with local legislators — such as Assemblymembers Shirley Weber and Lorena Gonzalez — to provide housing. Across the board, her plans illustrate a dedication to utilizing resources in order to provide students with necessary services — this includes creating workshops to help qualifying students sign up for CalFresh, and working with the Counseling and Psychological Services director to shorten wait time, allow walk-ins, diversify staff and improve access to mental health services. It is unsurprising to learn that she advocated in 2012 for Prop 30 — legislation that passed and prevented tuition raise. Juarez is a leader who not only recognizes but fights — and will continue to fight — for student voices, the importance of grassroots advocacy, and the need for equitable, accessible and inclusive college education.

LAUREN ROBERTS

Students Determined

Clear, concise and to the point, Lauren Roberts is a candidate well-versed in both UC-wide and UCSD issues, presenting specific platforms on undocumented immigrants, factors impacting racial diversity on our campus, and mental health. Roberts wants to work toward establishing all the universities in the UC system as sanctuary campuses to protect, rather than infringe upon, all students' educations. Using funds from the same budget to spend on schools and prisons is an issue Roberts is especially enthusiastic about and wants to address through student coalitions as well as dialogues between those demographics affected by high rates of incarceration. Along with her use of students as a focal point for racial diversity, Roberts plans to pursue a more widespread mental health resource approach by partnering with Active Minds to have Counseling and Psychological Services-certified peer educators to not only alleviate the impacted CAPS services but to build a stronger sense of community through students themselves. Overall, Roberts has an impressive resume as a student leader at UCSD and the necessary mindset to approach the position of Vice President External Affairs: To have impactful legislation, the students at the UC campuses must be educated and motivated to want to see that change; Roberts is the candidate to whip up that fervor.



VP EXTERNAL AFFAIRS



SABRINA EKDAHL

Tritons United

VP CAMPUS AFFAIRS

With a practical approach to campus-wide issues, Sabrina Ekdahl is a candidate who will be active in engaging UCSD students with simple solutions that can go a long way. When it comes to the housing crisis on our campus, Ekdahl acknowledges that building more residence halls will be neither quick nor cost-effective. Rather, Ekdahl understands that some students will have to live off campus and believes a better, immediate alternative is providing adequate resources to prepare for that initial move. Ekdahl is also an advocate for addressing the pervasive mental health issues on our campus at a more base level through preventative measures to aid students. By tackling it alongside food and housing insecurity, Ekdahl hopes to relieve the overflow of students reaching out to CAPS, reducing the pressure on both students and psychologists alike. Along with Ekdahl's pragmatic approaches to housing and mental health, she has shown a respectful understanding of diversity, inclusion and sexual assault on our campus, understanding her own privilege and seeking to work with affected communities to develop effective programs. Overall, Ekdahl is a well-rounded candidate for Vice President of Campus Affairs who will work with students toward meaningful short-term and long-term solutions.

See page 8 for endorsements of Campuswide Senators.



MORGAN KUWASHIMA

Tritons United

CAMPUS-WIDE SENATOR

Soul. That's what second-year candidate Morgan Kuwashima will bring to each one of her projects as A.S. Campus-wide Senator. Although she's only a second-year, Morgan personally understands that an understaffed Counseling and Psychological Services is a systemic problem and that conversations surrounding the issue needs to be an inherent part of campus rhetoric. Furthermore, she realizes that the most effective way to improve student life is by standing in solidarity with her fellow student leaders: identifying common goals and developing creative solutions to address them. According to Morgan, spirit at UCSD is a problem and moving up to Division-I will indeed improve how students experience their campus. Most individuals in favor of the referendum would agree. However, Morgan contextualizes the issue of community on campus in the long-term through her "Dine with an Alum" program. Alumni would therefore choose to visit UCSD not only to cheer on the Tritons at games but to provide mentorship and foster personal ties with current students. Morgan's passion for students' well-being is what inspired her to run for A.S. Council; however, her faith in students is what will sustain her projects and solidify real, positive changes at UCSD.

LESLY FIGUEROA

Students Determined

Lesly Figueroa's strength lies in the way she frames her thoughts on campus issues, which is through her passion for food and housing sustainability. This is an angle that few other candidates chose to take. Overall, Figueroa wishes to fix prominent campus issues through peer-based education. Figueroa hopes that this will foster a sense of understanding between opposing groups on campus. Specifically, peer-based education could also be used as an alternative to Counseling and Psychological Services, which Figueroa admits is — despite doing its best with the resources at hand — unable to fully address the mental health needs of students on campus. But what really drives Figueroa's platform is a commitment to raising awareness on sustainability in agricultural and waste-management systems. Figueroa also wishes to educate students about where food comes from and who's growing it, and to ensure that Housing, Dining and Hospitality is held accountable for recycling and composting. By addressing problems that no other candidate has addressed, and through her commitment to student-based solutions, Figueroa would be a welcome addition to the student senate.



CAMPUS-WIDE SENATOR

ADITI GAUTAM

Independent

CAMPUS-WIDE SENATOR

Being one of the few independent candidates running for A.S. Campus-wide Senator positions, Aditi Gautam has a strong personal opinion on how to approach the issues of campus climate, ineffective usage of tuition money, student spaces availability and mental health. Throughout her college career, Aditi has obtained necessary experience, both in collaborating with different student populations during student protests and on a day-to-day basis. In addition, as an activist and a co-op volunteer, she has been maintaining a fruitful dialog with UCSD authorities, which allows her to effectively communicate students' needs to the campus administration should she become a Campus-wide Senator. A strong believer in students' agency, Aditi chose "A university of the students, for the students and by the students" as her slogan to highlight the need for student-run structure of the university government. On A.S. Council, Aditi Gautam not only will be successful at granting students the voice and authority they deserve, but also will fight for more transparency in university funds distribution, as she believes that it will prevent tuition hikes and unfair prioritization of administration's budgeting over investment in student resources. Cooperation, transparency and agency is what Aditi stands for, and is what A. S. needs to fight for to make UCSD a favorable environment for all students.

RACHEL ADAMS

Students Determined

Spirited and balanced, Rachel sticks out for her critical approach to issues facing our campus. Her priority is bringing peer-to-peer mental health counseling to UCSD, which she hopes will give students an outlet to share their daily struggles and psychology majors an opportunity to acquire practical experience. She also wants to work towards diversifying the Counseling and Psychological Services staff to improve relatability and towards moving its office to a more central location to prevent the inconvenience of walking to Revelle from posing a barrier to students in need of assistance. In regard to free speech, as much as she is adamantly anti-censorship, she also believes that the voices of students should be heard, both in print and through the decisions of their leaders. Furthermore, she aspires to support student-run businesses, including the existing co-ops, which she values for the pragmatic skills that they offer to teach. Overall, Rachel is a thoughtful candidate who's likely to be effectual in her areas of expertise.



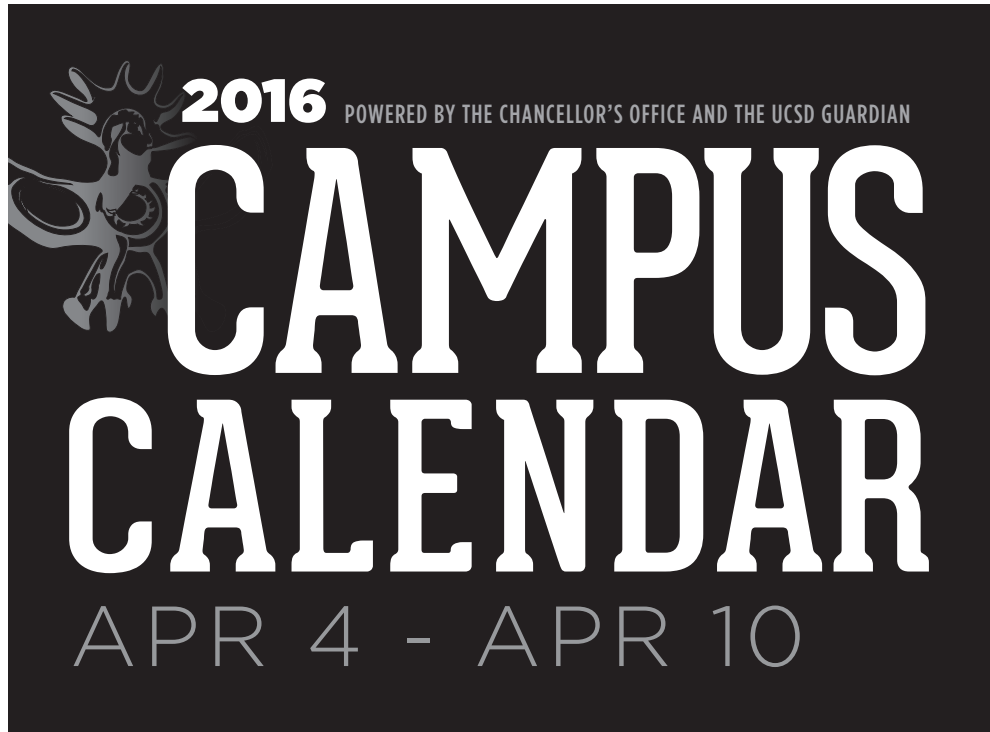
CAMPUS-WIDE SENATOR

DESIREE JOHNSON

Tritons United


CAMPUS-WIDE SENATOR

Desiree Johnson of Tritons United hopes to represent both the pre-med and black communities if elected and has the experience and drive to be an effective voice for both communities. Johnson served on the First Year Council, then as the Warren College Student Council ASCE Representative, all the while interning for Porter's Pub and working as a health peer educator at the Career Center. Meanwhile, her involvement with Black Student Union gives Johnson the necessary experience to start conversations about diversity and inclusion at UCSD while facilitating conversations between different cultural and activist organizations about improving campus climate. To address the UCSD pre-med students, Johnson aims to start an umbrella organization for leaders of the many pre-med organizations to increase cooperation between the groups. Additionally, Johnson aims to enact a bike program similar to that of UC Davis. Her plans would allow student to swipe their ID cards at one point on campus and receive a "zip bike" to ride to their next class. Overall, Johnson's community involvement and clear ideas for improving on campus transportation make Johnson a valuable addition to next year's A.S. Council.



CAMPUS CALENDAR

APR 4 - APR 10



SAT 4.09 • 9pm
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THE LOFT, PC EAST

MON 4.04

ALL WEEK

UCSD CARES WEEK- PRICE CENTER & LIBRARY WALK

For the month of April, CSI community Service will be holding the UCSD Cares campaign, promoting awareness, education and action on key social, environmental, and health related issues, and showing UC San Diego students how they can help make a difference in the lives of our local and global community, as well as their fellow Tritons. Monday, April 4th marks the commencement of the 2016 UCSD Cares Week, with events each day focused on a different issues, and hosted by student organizations, the Center for Student Involvement, and various partners on campus and in the community. These events will highlight a plethora of community-service and outreach opportunities open to all students, emphasizing the UC San Diego community-service mentality

11am
ART & SOUL: MAGAZINE PATTERN COLLAGES- THE ZONE
Create a collage of patterns out of magazine cutouts! Workshops are free; all supplies and materials provided. Space is limited and is first come, first served. Questions? Contact The Zone at zone@ucsd.edu.

5pm
AA CAMPUS MEETING- THE ZONE
Open AA Meeting held at the Zone every Monday from 5:00 PM- 6:00 PM.

7pm
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. Sign up here: tinyurl.com/BlabbermouthOpenMic

THU 4.07

7:30am
ECONOMICS ROUNDTABLE WITH MAUREEN STAPLETON - UC SAN DIEGO FACULTY CLUB
Maureen A. Stapleton is the General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, the regional water agency that provides up to 90 percent of all the water used in San Diego County. Since taking over the agency in 1996, Stapleton has led the Water Authority's diversification efforts and successfully developed a comprehensive array of water supply and infrastructure programs designed to diversify and improve the reliability of San Diego County's water supply. Stapleton oversees a dynamic agency, managing a \$3.1 billion Capital Improvement Program and leading the Water Authority's efforts in the region's water supply reliability through implementation of the Imperial Valley water transfers, the Carlsbad seawater desalination project, advancement of regional water efficiency and conservation programs, and water recycling and reuse.

2pm
ACCB PRESENTS: SOCIAL POWER HOUR- PC COMMUTER LOUNGE
Come meet your representatives from All Campus Commuter Board and learn more about what we do or suggest ways to improve the Commuter Community! Feel free to stop by our table in the Price Center to chat and enjoy free food!

4pm
DE-STRESS AT OUR BLOCK PARTY- SEUSS ROOM, GEISEL LIBRARY
Have some fun and de-stress by coming to the Geisel Block Party to a have a coffee, provided by Housing and Dining and enjoy tasty "Block Party" themed snacks. Enter the raffle to win exciting prizes such as a multi-device charger, Triton Gift Cards and your own building blocks. De-stress further by using the sustainable Keva Building Planks and letting your imagination flow or follow the examples we'll have on hand to receive a prize. You may also collaborate with your friends and build a group project.

TUE 4.05

10am
FITNESS ZONE: HATHA STRETCH- THE ZONE
Come after your workout for a deep stretch class. Using props like blocks, straps, yoga therapy balls this class can incorporate myofascial or other techniques to release stress or tension from the body.

12:30pm
FILM PREMIER - FALLEN STAR: FINDING HOME- ATKINSON AUDITORIUM, CALITZ
The Stuart Collection is pleased to present the world premier of "Fallen Star: Finding Home", a film by Do Ho Suh; directed by Vera Brunner-Sung and Valerie Stadler; images by Do Ho Suh Studios. Perched atop the seventh floor of EBU1, Do Ho Suh's "Fallen Star" is a campus landmark. It's planning required years of effort and innovations in architecture, construction, and engineering. Why did so many people get behind such an improbable idea, and work so hard to make it a reality? This is the story of collaboration and the ways that art can surprise you. The artist will be present. Seating is limited. First come - first served. Admission is free. Screenings at 12:30pm and 2:30pm

5pm
SUMMER IS COMING!- THE VILLAGE BUILDING 2, CONFERENCE ROOM C
Thinking about summer? Have questions about financial aid or internships? Come to this info session to learn about summer classes, housing, internships & financial aid!

6pm
ASCE PANEL SERIES PRESENTS: WOMEN IN ENTERTAINMENT- PRICE CENTER THEATRE
Join AS Concerts & Events as we will host our first ever Entertainment Panel specifically highlighting women in the industry. Guest Speakers Include: Jessica Flores - UCSD Department of Music, AGMA Stage Manager, Jordan Coburn - OSSIC VR, SHO Services, UCEN Tech, UCSD AS Concerts & Events Alumni Marike Fitzgerald - La Jolla Playhouse, WoW Festival, Meryl Klemow - Belly Up, Tonight In San Diego Moderator: Molly Clark - ArtPower at UC San Diego Date: Tuesday, April 5th (4/5/16) Location: PC Theater - UCSD Price Center Time: Doors open at 5:30PM, Event from 6:00PM-7:00PM

FRI 4.08

3pm
DE-STRESS W/ BIOFEEDBACK- THE ZONE
Come de-stress with the CAPs Wellness Peers! Measure your psychological stressors and learn more about what makes you most stressed, how it affects your well-being and how to keep your stress levels down! Workshops are all free. Space is limited and is first come, first served. Hosted by the CAPS Wellness Peer Educators

8pm
MUIR MUSICAL PRESENTS IN THE HEIGHTS!- MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM
Muir Musical Ensemble returns April 2-3th and 7-9th with a performance of "In the Heights". Produced by a talented cast of undergraduate students, the musical revolves around the largely Dominican American neighborhood of Washington Heights in New York City. Written by Lin-Manuel Miranda, "In the Heights" features contemporary art forms such as hip-hop, salsa and rap and offers insight into the complex cultural and political landscape of the United States. Celebrating its 25th year, the Muir Musical is the largest and only completely student directed and produced musical theater event on campus. The production is comprised of more than 75 dedicated undergraduate students representing all six colleges and various majors.

WED 4.06

11am
BODY COMPOSITION- THE ZONE
Walk in for your free analysis which includes: body weight, percentage body fat, total body water, and blood pressure. One free assessment per quarter is available to registered UCSD students. For more information visit: <http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu/bodycomposition.shtml>

11am
(SAFER) SEX SHOP + CONDOM BAR- THE ZONE
(Safer) Sex Shop + Condom Bar at The Zone! Stop by and get #FREE safer sex supplies and learn how you can make sex safer and fun! Questions? Contact Debbie Kim at deborahk@ucsd.edu

12pm
ROOTS IN THE SAND FILM SCREENING- SEUSS ROOM, GEISEL LIBRARY
Join us for a screening of Roots in the Sand. This documentary is a multi-generational portrait of pioneering Punjabi-Mexican families who settled a century ago, in Southern California's Imperial Valley.

12pm
SUMMER SESSION, HOUSING AND FINANCIAL AID INFO SESSION- RED SHOE ROOM, PRICE CENTER
Watch as UC San Diego Women's Tennis takes on Nevada.

1pm
IDENTITY THEFT AND HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF- THE ZONE
Come check out our new Financial Wellness Workshops at The Zone! Hosted by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and the Identity Theft Resource Center.

2:30pm
CAREER CHATS W/ CSC- THE ZONE
Watch as UC San Diego Women's Tennis takes on Nevada.

3pm
A LOCAL AFFAIR: GOVERNMENT AND NON-PROFIT NETWORKING- THE LOFT, PC EAST
Navigating the sea of internship and volunteer opportunities can be a tough and tedious task - especially without the right connections. Luckily, the A.S. Office of Local Affairs and the Career Services Center are here for you! Join us for an afternoon of networking and noshing with local government and non-profit offices, who have dedicated their life's work to improving the quality of life in SD. Our goal is to serve as a liaison between UCSD and the surrounding community, so that anyone with an interest in gaining hands-on experience can get a foot in the door.

SAT 4.09

6am
VOLUNTEER AT TRITON DAY!- CAMPUS-WIDE
Calling all volunteers! Join Volunteer50 to make Triton Day 2016 a success. T-shirts, lunch, and other goodies will be provided. On Saturday, April 9th, 2016, UC San Diego will welcome all newly admitted freshman, their families and the campus community to experience Triton Day. The day-long event allows our guests to explore the full range of opportunities available at UC San Diego, and we need your help.

9pm
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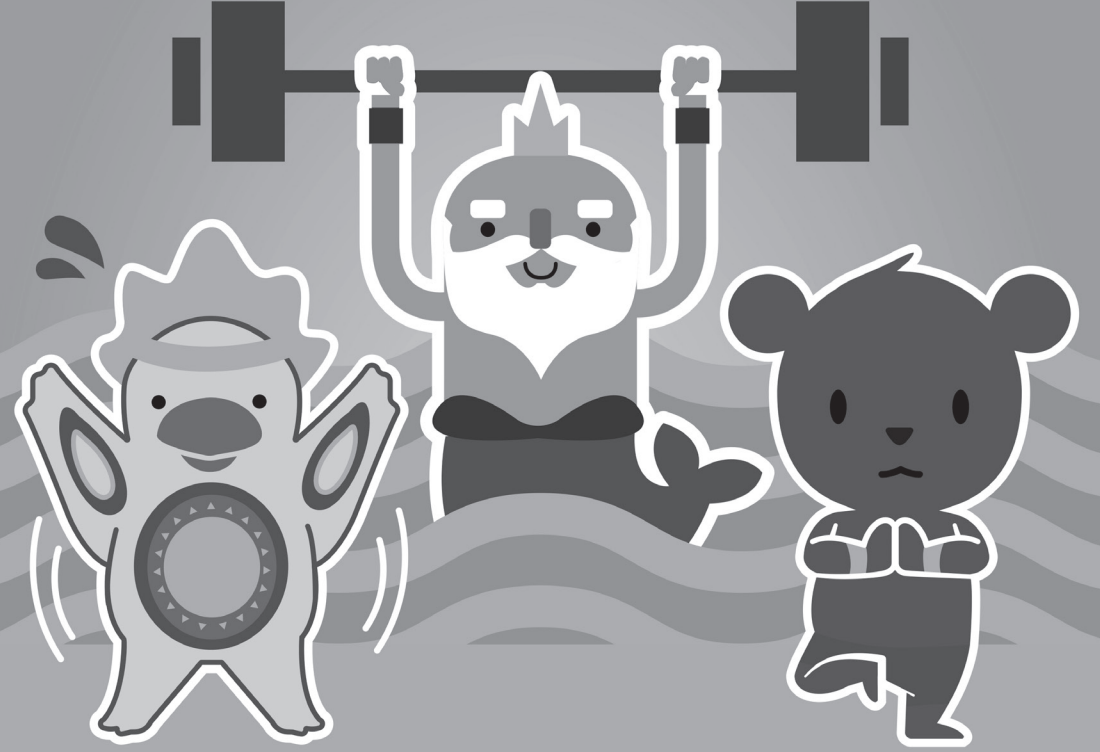
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- 64 Toy dog, briefly
- 65 Dud of a car

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- 1 Chilly
- 2 "Mamma Mia!" group
- 3 Word after nurse or milk
- 4 CPR performer
- 5 Final race segment
- 6 Frolic
- 7 Hertz competitor
- 8 G-man
- 9 Before, in poetry
- 10 "The African Queen" costar
- 11 Addis ___
- 12 Stand-up performer
- 13 New Hampshire city
- 19 Musical eightsome
- 22 Foolproof
- 24 Some men's underwear
- 25 Actress Charlotte and explorer John
- 26 Per what was previously mentioned
- 27 Suds source
- 28 Ancient Andean
- 29 Ogle
- 30 Wear gradually
- 33 Suspenders alternative
- 34 After-bath powder
- 35 "This can't be good"
- 38 Gridiron zebras
- 39 Pastoral places
- 41 Tennis great Ivan
- 43 Put in danger
- 44 Zuni or Hopi home
- 45 Recoil in fear
- 46 Battling
- 47 "Survivor" unit
- 48 Measured with a stopwatch
- 51 Goose's cry
- 52 Sixth-day creation
- 53 Flintstone pet
- 54 Ghostly sound
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MLB Season Preview: Which Baseball Team Rules California?

With the season now in motion, we are offering our definitive ranking of all five MLB teams that reside in the glorious Golden State.

BY JACKY TO
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It's 2016, an even-numbered year, which in Major League Baseball means the San Francisco Giants are going home with the grand prize. As a Giants-hating, A's-loving San Francisco native, even I have to admit another World Series title is within the realm of plausibility. But despite the chances of another parade in downtown San Francisco (not the kind you're probably thinking of), the Giants have four other teams in their own state that can prevent this psychologically devastating outcome from coming to fruition. Here, I give my definitive ranking, from worst to best, of every MLB team in the Golden State.

Note: Each team's 2015 win-loss record, division standing and playoff results, if applicable, are listed in parentheses after its name.

5. San Diego Padres (74-88; fourth place in NL West)

The Padres went all-in in 2015 by trading high-end minor league prospects for high-ceiling major league veterans — outfielder Justin Upton and closer Craig Kimbrel among them. It was obvious to some at the time of these acquisitions that the team acted on impulse rather than on strategy and shafted long-term promise in favor of short-term ticket sales. Unfortunately, the team's front office had to experience this to learn it, wasting its top prospects and millions of dollars only to finish with three fewer wins than it had the year prior. In the offseason, the team let many of these acquisitions go and opted to replace them with mere stopgaps like Jon Jay and Fernando Rodney until they have the resources to build a competitive roster. Until then, UCSD students will have to rely on their own athletics to find a good baseball team to root for.

4. Oakland Athletics (68-94; fifth place in AL West)

Being an A's fan, as much as I would like to put the Athletics over the Angels, making up a 17-win differential in just one season is wishful thinking. Even harder is to, in that short time, grow from zero to hero, loser to winner. From the teams on this list, the Athletics were by far the worst team last season. However, they've made significant strides toward returning to their 2013 to 2015 glory. Shoring up one of the league's worst bullpens is no easy task, but Billy Beane did just that by acquiring comeback kid Ryan Madson, late bloomer Liam

Hendriks and former dominating closer John Axford. They also added left-fielder Khris Davis and reacquired converted second-baseman Jed Lowrie to supplement a lineup that, a year ago, lacked punch and consistency. The team hopes this will allow them to, at the very least, compete again, but they'll likely have to settle for steady improvement.

3. Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (85-77; 3rd place in AL West)

The Angels were on the brink of clinching a wildcard spot in the playoffs last year, due in large part to their one-two combo of Mike Trout and Albert Pujols, but they lost out to the Astros on the very last day of the season. One would think then that the team would have pushed hard this offseason to get itself past the threshold of "just not good enough." However, they instead opted to rely on mostly minor upgrades, if even that, to get them to this year's Fall Classic. Their acquisition of shortstop Andrelton Simmons — one of the best defensive players in the game — might nab them a few extra wins, but overall, they're likely looking at another third-place finish in the AL West.

2. Los Angeles Dodgers (92-70; first place in NL West, eliminated in NLDS by New York Mets)

It's only fitting that this list comes down to one of the most intense rivalries in California and probably in all of sports. While the Dodgers and Giants have, in recent years, see-sawed to determine who comes out on top — with L.A. winning the most recent season by seven games — the reigning NL West champions aren't looking as robust as they were last year. The loss of their secondary, or arguably primary, ace Zack Greinke to the division-rival Arizona Diamondbacks and a myriad of other significant contributors to the ever so infamous disabled list will certainly hurt the team's playoff prospects. Though Scott Kazmir, one of the Dodgers' few offseason acquisitions, looks to stop some of the bleeding, he can only do so much to offset injuries to five of the team's starting pitchers — literally, a whole major league rotation. Ultimately, it looks like Los Angeles will have to sit through another year of spending the most money in baseball only to take second place to the Giants, both in their division and on this list.

1. San Francisco Giants (84-78; second place in NL West)

The Giants, over the last five years, have been one of the most interesting phenomenons in sports. After a post-Barry

Bonds playoff drought of six years between 2004 and 2009, the team came back in a big way by winning the 2010 World Series with a majorly underdog team. Since then, they've alternated between missing the playoffs completely in odd-numbered years (2011 and 2013) and winning the whole shebang again in even-numbered ones (2012 and 2014). Well it's now 2016, and as much as I would like to call the past few championships flukes, history has tended to repeat itself and the top-to-bottom strength of this year's team doesn't hurt their chances. With an incredibly balanced lineup that relies on consistency over punch and a pitching staff bulked by the additions of potential aces Johnny Cueto and Jeff Samardzija — as well as a team full of three-time World Series champions — the most inconsistent dynasty in sports might strike gold once again.

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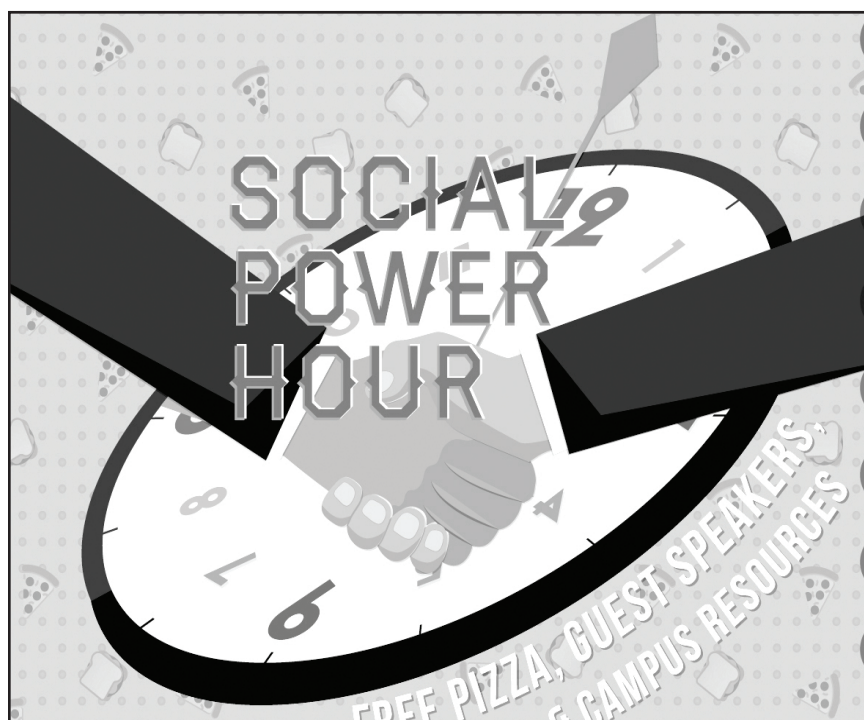


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UPCOMING UCSD GAMES

W. Tennis 4/6 VS Point Loma
 Softball 4/8 AT San Francisco State
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 M. Tennis 4/9 VS Point Loma
 Baseball 4/9 VS Sonoma State

On Saturday, the UCSD men's and women's track and field teams hosted the California Collegiate Invitational and concluded the day with strong performance results. The men's team ran away with first in the meet, earning its second win of the year, while the women's team took the runner-up position.

With a total of 177 points, the Triton men grabbed first at the invitational, followed by Azusa Pacific University (122), University of Southern California (93), Williams College (83) and Cal State San Marcos (65). In the women's competition, San Diego State University took home the victory with 178.5 points, while UCSD followed with 140 points, USC with 92.5, Azusa Pacific with 70.5 and Williams with 65.5.

Standout performer and senior distance runner Paige Hughes, competed in the 5000m and came out victorious, setting a new school record time of 16:57.30. Previously, Audrey Sung held the school record with a time of 17:00.26, which lasted for an incredible 13 years.

"Feels really good," Hughes told the UCSD Athletics Department. "Usually around 17 flat goes to nationals, so school-record and possibly going to nationals was kind of my goal today, so it feels pretty good to actually do it."

The 4x100 relay had UCSD written all over it, as both the men and the women came out on top in the event. Senior Amy Heins, sophomore Mandy Che, junior Marisa Padilla and redshirt senior Ellexi Snover made the Triton women's relay team, an experienced group, and posted a

Men Win Invitational

Triton women finish in second place as Paige Hughes sets a new school record

time of 48.23 to take the victory. The men's relay team — freshman Andrew Dirks, sophomore Justin Hunter, junior Emmanuel Elijah and sophomore Paul Doan — ran 41.48.

As the women's 4x400 relay event was coming to the final 400m, UCSD was in second behind USC, but Snover anchored the race and blew past the competition into first and earned the victory for the team with a season-best time of 3:48.93.

As well as dominating the relay events, the Tritons controlled the men's triple jump as they took the top three spots, first going to sophomore Matt Bowen (48'3.25"), followed by junior Khalil Flemister (47'5") and senior Sean Cook (45'10.75").

UCSD also dominated the high jump event, as Savanna Forry took first in the women's competition, clearing 5'6". While on the men's side, sophomore Raymond Silver took first with a clearance of 6'7". Triton teammates sophomore Luis Carson, sophomore Brett Molster and Cook all posted the second-best clearance of the event, 6'5".

Sophomore Skylar Thiel took first in the women's 10,000m with a time of 38:17.08, earning her the 10th best time of all-time. Tritons, senior distance runner Scott Acton and junior distance runner Brendan Gee faced off in the men's 10,000m, with Acton (31:41.74) crossing the finish line 10 seconds before Gee (31:51.13) to take first.

Although there was no Triton first-place winner in the men's javelin, senior Anthony Capitulo did earn second with a throwing distance of 209'6" and senior Travis Vandegriff came in third with a personal-best of 194'7". Both Tritons are provisional qualifiers.

Sophomore distance runner Nick Famolaro placed third in the 800m race with a time of 1:55.13, sophomore Meghan Fletcher took second in the 400m hurdles in 1:03.90 and sophomore Mason Falahat placed third in the shot put competition, with a seasonal best 47'3.75.

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TENNIS

Women's Tennis Upend No. 14 APU

Triton men fall 6-3 against APU at home but defeat Cougars in Azusa 5-4.

BY **MARCUS THULLIER**
 SPORTS EDITOR

Both UCSD men's and women's tennis teams played the Azusa Pacific Cougars this past week in matchups with major implications for the postseason. No. 17 UCSD lost to No. 18 APU on the men's side, while No. 22 UCSD took an option on the postseason by upsetting No. 14 APU for the women. The men's team now stands at 12-7, good for second in the region, while the women's team is 11-9 and fourth in the region.

Men's Tennis

On Friday, the men's tennis team lost 6-3 against Azusa Pacific. The teams split the series as UCSD defeated APU in Azusa 5-4 on February 6.

Junior Alexandre Miaule and senior Horea Porutiu provided UCSD with their only point in the doubles at the one spot when they won 8-6, bringing their record to

14-3 with their six-straight win as a team. In the two other doubles, freshman Rodrigo Amaral and sophomore Justin Zhang lost to Pascal Engel and Alan Leahy of APU, 8-4, while freshman Richard Han and sophomore Eric Tseng lost at the three spot on the same score.

In the singles, despite victories by Miaule at the three spot and Porutiu at the five spot, APU was too much to handle for the Tritons.

Sophomore Eric Tseng was defeated by Jan Meyer, the No. 2 player in the nation at the one spot, 6-1, 7-6. Zhang, Amaral and freshman Riku Hashiyada all lost in straight sets in the at the two spot, the four spot and the sixth spot respectively.

Women's Tennis

Also on Friday, the women's team garnered a huge upset win over no. 14 APU in a West Region matchup at Northview Courts. With the win, the Tritons earned a season series split against their rivals, after a 5-4 loss

earlier in the year.

The matchup did not even have to come to conclusion as UCSD raced to a 5-0 advantage to clinch the win.

In the doubles matches, all three pairs of Tritons won their game handily, 8-3.

No. 25 sophomore Britta Mosser and senior Kyra Scott took care of business in the one spot, defeating Kara Hinton and Natalie Johnson. At the two spot, freshman Ashley Chao and junior Shannon Theisen vanquished Lisa Schneider and Lilit Vardanyan while freshmen Madison Hale and Alexandra Weil triumphed over Valeriia Kashina and Jackie Resler at the three spot.

The Tritons won the first two singles to clinch the win. Chao dominated Vardanyan, 6-2, 6-1 at the four spot. She was followed by sophomore Jasmine Hosseini who clinched with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Hinton at the three spots. In the other single matches, No. 31 Scott was up one set to zero over No. 18 Johnson



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and Hale also had a one set advantage in the sixth spot. Both Weil and Mosser were down a set when the games were interrupted.

UCSD plays its future and its place in the postseason this upcoming week. The women's team hosts No. 37 Point Loma on April 6 at 2 p.m, with

a win likely clinching a postseason berth. The men's team will be on the road to play the No. 29 PLNU Sea Lions on April 9 at 10:30 a.m.

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