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HEALTH

CALPIRG Hosts Student Health Care Conference

The public interest group launched a comprehensive healthcare guide in light of the Affordable Care Act.

BY GABRIELLA FLEISCHMAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UCSD's California Public Interest Research Group, or CALPIRG, hosted a press conference in Warren Mall on Thursday to launch the release of a comprehensive guide to healthcare for students. The conference was held in response to the national Affordable Care Act, known as "Obamacare," which opened to enrollment on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

People in attendance included members and student interns of CALPIRG as well as Sarah Czarnecki, field representative for Rep. Scott Peters

(D-Calif.). The speakers stressed the importance of health insurance, and of educating people on their options.

"We do think we are invincible sometimes," CALPIRG Campus Organizer Alex Acuna said. "As young people, we're healthy. The fact of the matter is that things happen, whether it be illness or injury. Every student is covered, but for graduating seniors this should be something on their minds."

Czarnecki said that Peters is determined to maintain an open office to aid people in understanding the healthcare changes, as well as partner with groups such as CALPIRG that

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DISORIENTED?

Students attended the annual Co-op Disorientation on Sunday, Oct. 6 in the Student Center and the Che Cafe Collective. The event was hosted by the university co-ops, including the General Store Co-op, the Food Co-op and Groundwork Books and featured workshop, music, films and free food.

UCSD CRIME STATISTICS

COMPILED BY MEKALA NEELAKANTAN

Highlights from the UCSD Police Department Annual Security Report, released on Sept. 30.

- 0 MURDERS
- 12 FORCIBLE SEX OFFENSES
 - ▶ 9 IN STUDENT HOUSING
- 2 ROBBERIES
- 11 AGGRAVATED ASSAULTS
- 27 BURGLARIES
 - ▶ 12% DECREASE FROM LAST YEAR
- 25 MOTOR VEHICLE THEFTS
- 0 ARSONS
- 0 WEAPONS ARRESTS
- 9 WEAPONS DISCIPLINES
 - ▶ 80% INCREASE
- 25 DRUG LAW ARRESTS
 - ▶ 2 MORE THAN LAST YEAR
- 5 SS DRUG LAW DISCIPLINES
 - ▶ 65% INCREASE
- 40 LIQUOR LAW ARRESTS
 - ▶ 66% DECREASE
- 1,781 LIQUOR LAW DISCIPLINES
 - ▶ 44% INCREASE

FINANCE

UCSD Donations hit \$150.3 Million in 2012-13

30,289 donors gave funds to UCSD, a 15-percent increase from the previous year.

BY MEKALA NEELAKANTAN NEWS EDITOR

Over 30,000 private donors gave funds to UCSD for the 2012-13 fiscal year, generating a total of \$150.3 million in gifts for university construction, student support and research.

"All gifts, large and small, are making an important difference at UCSD,"

Vice Chancellor of External Affairs Steve Relyea said in a UCSD News Center release.

The private support comes in a 15 percent increase from the previous year, with 30 percent of the total donations provided by private and public foundations.

"Private gifts fund support for students, construct academic and medical buildings, ensure excellent patient care, fuel research, foster the arts and promise a diverse student experience," UCSD Chancellor

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UC SYSTEM

UC Announces New Programs Abroad

The Education Abroad Program will partner with six new study abroad programs for 2014-15.

BY ZEV HURWITZ MANAGING EDITOR

The University of California's Education Abroad Program announced six new study abroad programs for 2014-15. Two new programs in England, one at McGill University in Montreal and a public health program in the Dominican Republic headline the new offerings, which EAP's office in Goleta, Calif. rolled out last week.

"We tried to develop programs that are different from what we've offered in the past," UCEAP Regional Director for Asia and Africa Programs Mary McMahon said. "We looked to see what areas weren't offering programs and see what high-quality schools we could partner with."

One of two new programs in London, UCEAP's partnership with University College London, is a general study-abroad program for all majors. The other, a University of California partnership with Sotheby's Institute of Art, will focus more on exposure to the fine arts through museum trips and auctions.

UCEAP will also offer a service-

study program in the Dominican Republic for health and pre-med students, a French language program at McGill, a sustainable-engineering program in Munich and a five-week program in Indonesia that will be taught by UC Santa Cruz sociology professor Steve McKay.

"[UCEAP] reinstated the Indonesia program after a several-year absence," McMahon said. "However, we suspended one of our smaller programs in Germany because of a drop in student interest."

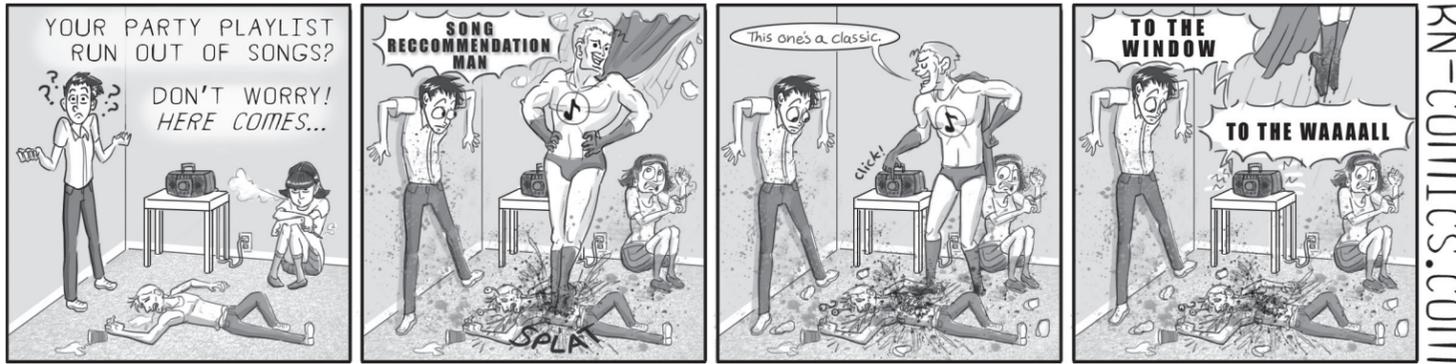
In addition to the new programs, a general study abroad merit scholarship for students doubled the

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BIRDLAND By Rebekah Dyer



KN-COMICS By Khanh Nguyen



BRIEFS BY HELEN HEJLAN STAFF WRITER

► **Shutdown Costs San Diego \$7 Million:** This week's federal government shutdown cost the San Diego region to lose \$7 million of economic activity each week the shutdown continues, according to San Diego Association of Governments' chief economist Marney Cox.

Roughly 800,000 to 1 million federal employees were furloughed as a result of the shutdown on Oct. 1, with about 33,000 in the San Diego County. Many of the workers furloughed on Oct. 1 work at local military bases.

Cox reported the economic toll may be over four times greater in the San Diego County than in any other region in the nation, due to the high amount of furloughed employees.

► **A.S. Council Speaker Resigns:** Council speaker John Weng formally resigned effective immediately on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Weng, who will continue as A.S. Associate Vice President of Student Services

is also a Student Involvement Leadership Consultant at the Center for Student Involvement, a NASPA Undergraduate Fellow and a Warren College Student Council Parliamentarian.

Weng cited various reasons for his resignation, including the time commitment to attend and continue to be involved in weekly council meetings while balancing other work, as well as the change in council mentality and priorities following the induction of A.S. President Andy Buselt and other "Keep it REAL" slate members.

► **San Diego Continued Olympic Bid :** San Diego placed its bid for the 2024 Summer Olympics with the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Last spring, a joint bid between San Diego and Tijuana was mentioned; however, USOC's historian noted that binational bids are not permitted.

Other potential bids include Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia,

Dallas and Washington, D.C.

USOC CEO Scott Blackmun expressed that the committee should decide if it will bid and, if so, pick its city candidate by the end of 2014. The 2024 host will be chosen in 2017.

Blackmun said there are three factors going into the USOC's decision to bid for a U.S. city, including financial sense, logical sense, and an assured possibility of actually hosting.

"We're not in any huge hurry right now," Blackmun said. "We are talking to less than 10 cities at this point. We've seen some great ideas. We are excited about the prospect of bidding, but we have not made a decision to go forward."

► **Filner May Face Criminal Charges:** Former Mayor Bob Filner may face criminal charges this week following San Diego County's grand jury proceedings.

The secret question-and-answer session will be held by the state

attorney general's deputies without Filner's lawyer present.

"From what I understand about the allegations made in the civil case regarding sexual misconduct, I haven't heard of anything that appears to me to rise to a level of felony," defense attorney Anthony Solare said. "If there is a criminal charge here, it sounds like it's a misdemeanor misconduct."

Filner's lawyer, as well as authorities, declined to comment.

► **Camp Pendleton:** Officials in Camp Pendleton reported a brushfire Saturday afternoon that forced 230 people to evacuate from the area's base housing unit and 30 patients to evacuate from the Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton. The 1,500-acre fire was contained by 15 percent on Sunday, although it is projected to continue moving along the Santa Margarita River.

Residents of Camp Pendleton's Lake O'Neill will be able to return to their homes, following approval from fire officials.

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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Lights and Sirens is compiled from the Police Crime Log at police.ucsd.edu.

Friday, Sept. 27

1:23 p.m.: Preserve the Peace

►Police reported that a former student could attend class after being told they could not attend class. *Unable to locate.*

9:41 p.m.: Assist Other Agency

►A resident advisor reported a glass bottle thrown out of a building. *Information only.*

10:02 p.m.: Fire

►A vehicle was on fire and was fully engulfed in flames along Scholars Drive South due to accident/mechanical malfunctions. *Fire extinguished by San Diego Fire Department.*

10:18 p.m.: Medical Aid

►A young adult female passed out after feeling ill all day. *Transported to hospital.*

Saturday, Sept. 28

12:08 a.m.: Welfare Check

►A parent was concerned about not being able to get a hold of their daughter. *Checks OK.*

Sunday, September 29

12:02 a.m.: Disturbance

►Students were smoking on the first floor of Goldberg Hall. *Gone on arrival.*

2:28 a.m.: Citizen Flagdown

►Police arrested a male student for assaulting a taxi cab driver and running off without paying cab fare. *Closed by adult arrest.*

3:35 p.m.: Injury

►A male was bleeding after hitting his head on a clothing hook inside of a bathroom in the Sixth College Residence Halls. *Transported to hospital.*

2 a.m. to 9:25 a.m.: Citizen Contact

►Unknown suspects accessed the victim's private user accounts for various websites and networks. *Report taken.*

Tuesday, Oct. 1

12:59 p.m.: Injury

►A female subject was coughing up blood in Pacific Hall. *Transported to hospital.*

1:03 p.m.: Disturbance

►A large group of people waiting for autographs from the Clippers were refusing to leave the premises. *Gone on arrival.*

5:42 p.m.: Hazard Situation

►An adult female was dangling her feet on the roof of the Keeling Apartments while talking on a cell-phone. *Checks OK.*

Wednesday, Oct. 2

12:06 a.m.: Suicide Attempt

►Student reported concerns about possible suicidal comments made by a roommate. *Field interview administered.*

6:03 a.m.: Person Down

►The San Diego Fire Department responded to reports of a female subject down. *Gone on arrival/San Diego Fire Department transported victim.*

2:58 p.m.: Unknown Injury Accident

►A caller stated that he was involved in an accident and disconnected. *Unable to locate.*

5:04 p.m.: Signal Light Malfunction

►Subject reported that the push button to the Villa La Jolla Drive/Gilman Drive crosswalk was damaged. *Referred to other agency.*

8:30 p.m.: Injury

►Police found an adult male fallen off of Canyonview Pool Center's rock climbing wall with a possible arm injury. *Medical transportation refused.*

10:48 p.m.: Noise Disturbance

►A male subject was banging on an apartment door shouting, "Let me in!" *Unable to locate.*

— MEKALA NEELAKANTAN
News Editor

Anonymous Alumnus Donates Record \$18.5 Million to UCSD

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Pradeep K. Khosla said.

Of the 30,289 donations, 15 percent came from alumni — a record number that included an unprecedented \$18.5 million gifted to the computer science and engineering department from an anonymous Jacobs School of Engineering alumnus.

"I made this gift to recognize the wonderful education I received and to assist the department in its efforts to reach even higher levels of excellence," the donor said. "It is my wish to 'pay it forward,' and I hope other alumni,

at all giving levels, will consider doing the same."

The \$18.5 million will go toward funding new teaching labs, tutoring programs and endowment chairs, among other projects.

Notable gifts also included \$4 million in scholarship support for graduate students from the Jerome and Miriam Katzin Prize Endowment Fund and a \$1.6 million award from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, created by Microsoft founder Paul Allen.

Assistant physics professor Suckjoon Jun received the Allen Distinguished Investigators award to

continue research in the field of interdisciplinary quantitative biology.

Jun, a member of the UC San Diego Young Investigator Program, is the first UCSD member to be such an award recipient.

Other donations included a bequest of \$6.05 million from the Walter J. and Betty C. Zable Foundation, a \$4.6 million grant from the U.S. Hereditary Angioedema Association and \$4.3 million from the Simons Foundation.

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CALPIRG Guide Will be Available This Week on Library Walk

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provide education resources.

Following the press conference, CALPIRG members handed out a tip sheet about the new healthcare reforms on Library Walk. A full 14-page guide will be available this week in the Student Health Services and on Library Walk.

The UCSD CALPIRG chapter's chair, Amrita Ray, emphasized the informative nature and simplicity of the guide.

"The guide lays out the new healthcare reforms," Ray said. "We're not trying to trick you; we're just trying to let you know what's going on. Health insurance does affect us, — it is in flux

right now, and we should keep on top of the changes."

The CALPIRG guide also specifically outlines the options for graduating college students. Under the ACA, children can now remain under their parents' healthcare until they are 26. People can also find coverage through employment, student healthcare plans, or Covered California. Certain people can also qualify for Medi-Cal or Healthy Families.

Several other changes that come with the ACA, including the addition of Covered California, an online marketplace that allows shoppers to compare insurance options. The new law also mandates that having a pre-existing condition is no longer grounds

for denied insurance or raised rates. Women can also no longer be charged more than men. Families below certain income levels can now receive financial aid in purchasing insurance.

Senior Sheryl Mendoza works at a pharmacy and is thus informed about the healthcare reforms.

"When it comes to insurance, it isn't something you buy, like clothes," Mendoza said. "You research it, and find the best for you and your family. It's part of life; it's something you always have to have. If you don't have health insurance, it's going to hurt you more."

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Study Abroad Enrollment Is Expected to Increase This Year

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amount of funding it would allocate for 2013-14. The scholarship, one of several that all UC students can apply for, raised its total budget from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

McMahon, who led the new pro-

grams workgroup for UCEAP, also said that she expected enrollment in programs announced last year, like a program at Ben Gurion University of the Negev in Israel and University College Dublin to increase as word of mouth from alumni begins to spread. "Programs are slow to roll out,

but we find that the biggest influence is student hearing from another student coming back from the program, she said. "Peer influence is the greatest of all."

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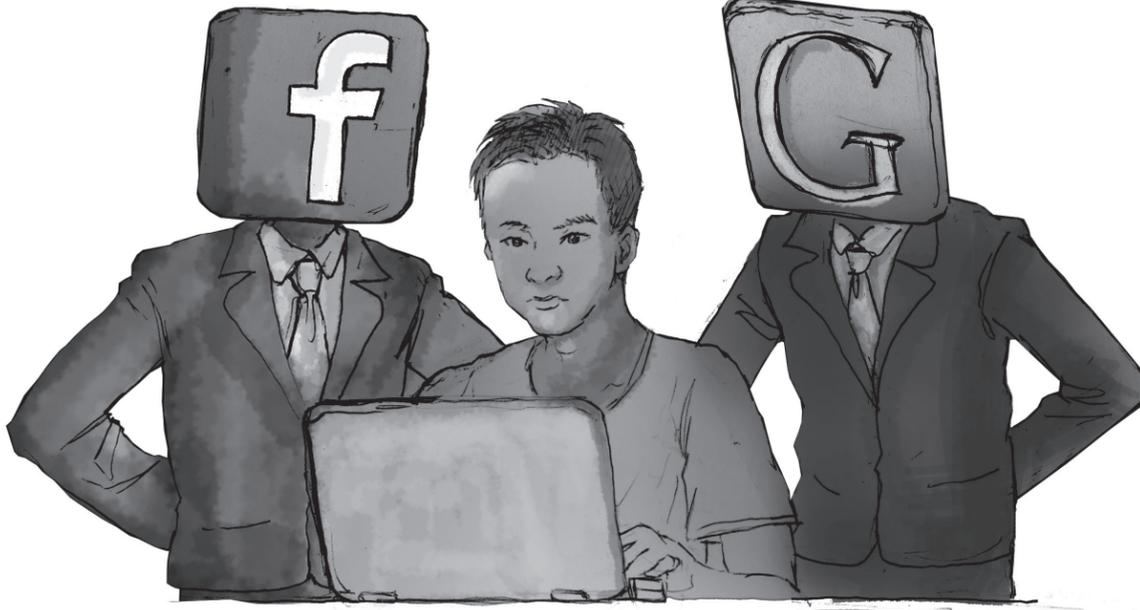
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The Real Big Brother

Internet users should be wary of the overreaching technology firms putting users' private information at risk.

BY KELVIN NORONHA ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

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Ex-National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden's bombshell disclosure of the extent of federal wiretap surveillance programs caused quite the ruckus this summer. With the nation's domestic espionage policies revealed for the first time, the government scrambled to justify its privacy intrusions as the public voiced its outrage.

On both sides of the metaphorical political aisle, citizens and media analysts alike decried the government's mass collection of electronic communications data, such as Facebook messages and emails. But what all concerned parties should keep in mind is that their private information has long been lying in the scheming hands of several Silicon Valley corporations.

Take Google, for example. Despite its overwhelmingly positive public image, the preeminent tech firm is one of the most egregious offenders when it comes to the privacy of users' data. An Oct. 2 article in The New York Times outlined several instances of current lawsuits alleging that Google's Gmail service, which operates nearly 60 percent of email accounts in the United States, illegally moni-

tored users' email and used the data for undisclosed purposes. During a trial, Google itself admitted that all messages sent to and from Gmail addresses by generally unsuspecting users are scanned. Tellingly, US 9th Circuit Judge Lucy Koh deemed this invasive process unjustifiable given Google's basic task of sending email.

For the average consumer who is, realistically speaking, unlikely to scour the Terms of Service with an attorney's eye for sinister privacy pitfalls, the broad scope of the company's mischief will prove surprising. An inspection of the Terms of Service accompanying Google products reveals that any content "submitted to Google's Services," including any emails or documents sent via Gmail, are subject to be "used, reproduced, modified, or publicly displayed."

However, not all of Google's policies are disclaimed on their website. The company cars that meander up and down neighborhood streets collecting imagery for Street View on Google Maps were caught illegally collecting data from residents' Wi-Fi networks. What Google did with that data is so far a mystery, but their ability to

blatantly steal data and receive just a trivial fine is cause for worry. While Google claims that the use of consumers' data is intended for promotional and developmental purposes, consumers would presumably be livid to see their personal correspondence emblazoned in Times Square's neon ads as a Google promo spot.

Although such a situation is unlikely given the public backlash it would cause, it would be perfectly possible given the power that Google grants themselves through their end user agreements. As consumers become aware of the computer scientists at Google's Mountain View, Calif. headquarters looking over their figurative shoulders, they should start to consider the alternative services available from companies who have less interest in mass data collection.

As if their cavalier approach to basic user privacy wasn't bad enough, Google's legal terms go on to state that the company has every right to "create derivative works" from anything sent via Gmail or stored on the increasingly popular Google Drive

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Spirituality Is Not Lost In Science Education

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An anti-evolution group in Kansas filed a federal lawsuit against the Kansas State Department Board of Education two weeks ago, claiming its curriculum promotes atheism and forces susceptible children into accepting evolution. While the theory of evolution may threaten these groups' worldview, this is the point of the scientific method: to adapt one's opinions in light of new discoveries about our living reality.

What these groups need to understand is that human spirituality is not lost in science. We're all humans, and all of us understand what it means to feel a deep sense of wonder for the world and its beautiful conglomeration of novelty, variety, and mystery. The enthusiasm that emanates from a professor who is truly inspired by his field is the exact same enthusiasm and wonder that religious people feel toward their god or gods. Spirituality is merely an emotional state: a feeling of inspiration and purpose, the fulfillment in finding meaning in our seemingly purposeless existence. To say that science lacks spirituality is to misunderstand what spirituality means.

I was raised religious, but I can't name one thing that religion can accomplish for me that can't also be accomplished by actively and freely pursuing my interests. Neuroscience fascinates me. Public health is exciting, challenging and meaningful. I love to write, to play music, to travel. And the fulfillment that I feel can, too, be experienced by an artist expressing an emotional state or delivering a message, or by an engineer crafting efficient solutions to real-world problems. I can't imagine what my life would have been like if I had been denied the chance to learn the scientific principles that led to the theory of evolution. This is the function of education: to teach what we know and lay an exciting foundation for further exploration, whatever the subject may be.

That said, religion shouldn't be eradicated in the global system with hatred and haughty over-generalizations. Take r/atheism on Reddit, for example. The people on that website bash religion just as ignorantly and persistently as some religious groups challenge scientific theories. It's important to understand that religion does — and will — have a place in global culture. But the point is this: Spirituality is meant to be an individual choice, a personal decision. If people are allowed to pursue what they please, they will find that deep sense of personal fulfillment and purpose.

In a postmodern society, we have access to community and shared purpose based on mutual values and ideas that don't have to be associated with faith in a deity. Society is built upon methods that transcend religious conviction because religion is personal, not universal. This is why we have laws, a judicial system and a constitution delineating our unalienable rights. We need to teach kids the scientific method, because it is how we go about discovering facts and making appropriate decisions based on these findings. Science and the theory of evolution are a product of those methods, and are our best attempt at making sense of our observations about the world.

QUICK TAKES

FORMER DISNEY STAR MILEY CYRUS' "WRECKING BALL" MUSIC VIDEO HAS OVER 194 MILLION VIEWS ON YOUTUBE, BUT HAS CREATED CONTROVERSY AMONG FEMINIST GROUPS DUE TO ITS EXPLICIT SEXUALITY AND NUDITY.

Female Power Artists Have the Freedom to Choose Different Directions For Their Image and Music

Four men may be credited for writing "Wrecking Ball," but it's Miley Cyrus herself who gets all the credit for going nude in her new music video.

Men may offer demos, options and suggestions to powerful female artists in the industry, but female performers make the decision to accept or reject them.

Whether the path they choose is conservative or sexual, women have the power to control the direction and image they want to bring to their art and careers.

Both powerful men and women comprise the music industry; female artists who proudly choose to take their careers in a different direction should not be characterized as being "anti-female" or exploited by men for doing so.

It is a double standard to say that women cannot choose to express sex in their music. This suggests that only men can characterize and portray women sexually, while women themselves can't. This preconceived notion only supports traditional constructs of how females should view and treat their sexuality. The way female artists choose to

express themselves in regards to sex and their bodies in their music is ultimately up to them.

Society's latest trend has been to criticize Cyrus for her overtly sexual and promiscuous performances, but the star is proud of her newfound freedom in her music. The former "Hannah Montana" star tweeted several unenthused responses to the industry advice that '80s pop star Sinead O'Connor offered her in a public letter. O'Connor complimented the young artist's talent, but warned her not let the industry prostitute her and her body. Miley's rejection of O'Connor's advice shows her confidence behind her decision to take on a direction of her own.

No one forced Cyrus to grind with Robin Thicke at the Video Music Awards, nor was she pushed to transform herself from teen pop star to twerk queen. Miley Cyrus is one of many empowered female artists who have made their own decisions and prospered in the music industry.

— LAUREN KOA
 Opinion Editor

Women Are Objectified and Misrepresented by a Male Dominated Pop Music Industry Obsessed With Sex

Miley Cyrus may "do what she wants," but she doesn't play by her own rules. Amid all the twerking and licking, Cyrus's sexual "movement" is motivated by the males in the industry's time-honored tradition of selling sex.

Miley Cyrus is just one in a long line of female artists — including Olivia Newton-John, Beyonce and Katy Perry — whose sexy top hits have been written and directed by men, for the most part. Janet Jackson, a sex figure herself, co-wrote and released the single "Let's Wait Awhile" in 1986. Yet this song, which doesn't conform to male's sexual desires, did not win any prestigious awards. "That's the Way Love Goes," however, in which Jackson promises in not-so-subtle sexual innuendos to give her lover the time of his life, stayed on the top of Billboard's Hot 100 for 8 weeks and won her a Grammy. The ideas of passionate, hot sex in this song are considerably more popular than ones containing more conservative ideas about love in her earlier, less popular 1986 single.

This objectification of women in the music industry wrongly perpetuates the image of females

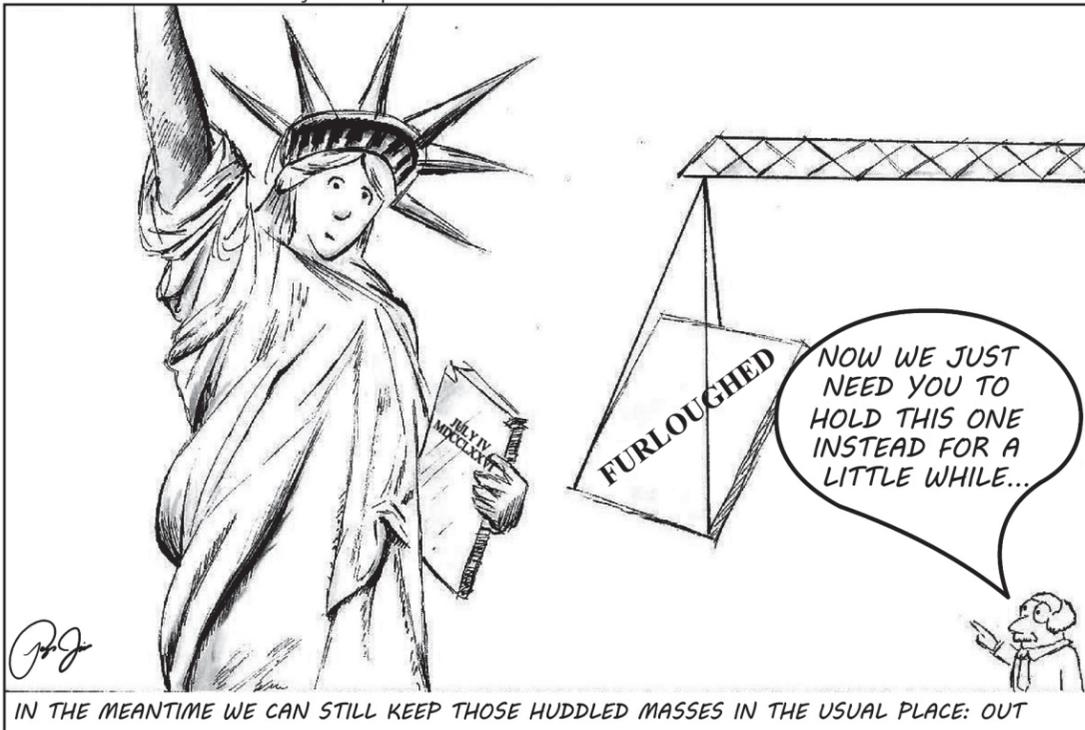
as sex objects. A study published in the Journal of Broadcasting and Electronic Media argues that music videos often feature women "as sex symbols that simply must have sex and will submit to any fantasy that a man may have."

Female artists are depicted as submissive sex icons who, as Cyrus sings in "Wrecking Ball," will always want you, regardless of how you treat them. Billboard's poll of the "10 Best Videos of the 2000s" highlights five female artists; four of whom — Beyonce, Rihanna, Britney Spears and Lady Gaga — are gyrating seductively at the camera, or worse. Sex sells, and the men in the industry are capitalizing on it.

Female artists tend to be most successful when catering to men's sexual desires. Female artists must buy in and strip down, or get left behind amid the glitter and nudity of their competitors. But that leaves women pigeonholed as sex symbols in an industry that should be celebrating talent instead.

— ALIA BALES
 Staff Writer

SOLVE FOR X By Philip Jia



IN THE MEANTIME WE CAN STILL KEEP THOSE HUDDLED MASSES IN THE USUAL PLACE: OUT

Firms' Data Collection Policies Are Dangerous for Consumers

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service. Simply put, Google engineers can liberally "borrow" any content that crosses their servers.

Alarming, Google is not the only privacy offender with a sleek glass Bay Area office. The Wall Street Journal reported that a new Facebook privacy policy allows the company to use for marketing the personal data of anyone signing up for an account, regardless of age. Even Apple couldn't resist getting caught up in the fray, and recorded iPhone users' location data for some time before caving to public pressure and removing the offending software element. Despite the number of misdeeds, there has been little protest.

Government action against these issues thus far has been half-hearted; fines have not exceeded slaps on the wrist. Without a concerted legislative effort to protect users, companies will continue to record children's birthdays, preferred clothing and best friends' addresses.

So although libertarians everywhere rail against the excesses of the NSA's surveillance programs, the bigger threat to citizens' privacy comes at the hands of corporations. Largely overlooked and frighteningly unaccountable for their actions, internet companies harvest our data on just as massive a scale as does the government. And while the NSA operates under the oversight of elected officials with the goal of

protecting the citizens under its purview, Silicon Valley firms look only to turn a profit. Catching the bad guys unfortunately necessitates some loss of civil liberties — that's why the NSA has existed for the past 60 years. But there's no reason why a corporation should be allowed the same sleight of hand.

We tend to depend on tech companies for the wonderful conveniences of our day-to-day lives, which earns them lots of goodwill points. But just because a company comes up with a pretty new doodle everyday doesn't mean they've got consumers' best interests anywhere near their hearts.

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BEHIND THE GAME

UCSD alumnus Matthew Kirby talks about creating "Apples to Apples" and the underlying philosophy of his board game inventions.

BY KATHERYN WANG STAFF WRITER

Almost a decade after graduating from UCSD in 1987, board game designer Matthew Kirby began creating what is known today as "Apples to Apples," the game of hilarious comparisons that can be found in many dorm rooms around campus.

"Apples to Apples" is a party game designed for large groups of players. The game consists of two decks: one deck of green cards, each containing an adjective, and one deck of red cards, each containing a noun. The goal of the game is to match a red card's noun to the adjective on the green card. During the course of the game, a judge will present a green card and players will each select a red card they think is the best match. The player who has the best match is awarded the green card.

Kirby described the game as a mirror that reflects the opinions of its players. He said that the game came to him as an accidental inspiration one day at his in-laws' home.

"I wanted to start an intellectual conversation, so I asked who was a better writer, F. Scott Fitzgerald or Ernest Hemingway, and I noticed a pattern," Kirby said. "The whole universe is contained in every little thing; it depends on how you look at it."

That was the moment he formed the concept behind "Apples to Apples." Fitzgerald and Hemingway became the game's first two red cards, and the adjective "better" became the first green card. From that point, Kirby created eight different prototypes of a game designed to make players identify, think about and compare the fundamental qualities of ordinary things.

However, Kirby said that even before he came up with the idea for the game, his philosophical journey had begun years ago during his time as an Earl Warren College student pursuing an engineering degree at UCSD.

"I believe the game was truly philosophically and spiritually created at UCSD," Kirby said. "Everything I experienced [helped], from the professors in lectures to the alcohol-fueled intellectual conversations late at night."

Kirby expressed his deep appreciation for the thought-provoking

and theoretical instruction that he received at UCSD. In particular, he recalled a history class that examined the viewpoints of some of the greatest minds of the world, such as Galileo and Newton. For Kirby, it was classes like those that inspired and shaped the way he views the world. Consequently, "Apples to Apples" was created with the intention of bringing out players' opinions about the world.

In his spare time, Kirby enjoys giving lectures and seminars at various elementary schools. His objective is to encourage students to exercise their creativity and pursue their goals.

"I try to tell them not to have expectations and criticism and to just ask themselves what they see around them," Kirby said. "Anything is possible as long as you are willing to create."

Currently, Kirby is creating a new game, Picaroon, which will be released through his company, Big Eyed Enterprises, LLC. Although he did not reveal much about the mechanics of Picaroon, Kirby described it as a pirate-themed, strategic board game well suited for families. His company also launched a website, picaroonboardgame.com, to promote and fundraise for his newest creation.

In the future, Kirby hopes to take the principle behind "Apples to Apples" to film and release a documentary about deconstructing reality. With it, he hopes to inspire viewers to look for the deeper meanings in this world and to consider all the characteristics of even the smallest of objects from a philosophical standpoint.

"I want to take a look at the big picture and what certain things mean in relation to the world around it," Kirby said.

A piece of advice Kirby offered UCSD students was to embrace the UCSD experience — not only the knowledge, but also the things that cannot be measured, such as the process of learning itself. He said that he often misses the intellectual atmosphere, the lectures and the simple times spent with friends.

"I often ask myself if I would have created this game if I didn't go to school," Kirby said. "But really, I would not have been that inspired if I just received my knowledge purely from books."

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CampusQuad



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A Campus in the Palm of Your Hand

UCSD alumni Peter DePaulo and Kameron Black speak about Campus Quad, a mobile application they designed as an integrated digital replacement for on-campus flyering.

BY STACEY CHIEN FEATURES EDITOR

A campus as tangibly scattered and divided as UCSD can easily give way to a sense of disconnection and alienation among its students. The developers of Campus Quad — a mobile app that visually consolidates campus communication — are proposing a remedy. In an effort to implement their solution, two of their founding team members, UCSD alumni Peter DePaulo and Kameron Black, have returned to their alma mater to launch the app on campus.

the app allows students to see and physically track when and where events are taking place throughout the campus. The newest version of the app was released mid-September. Android and iPhone users can download the app for free from the Apple App Store on iTunes or Google Play.

DePaulo described the app as a digital version of an on-campus community.

“What we’ve done is created this atmosphere where as soon as somebody steps onto campus — as soon as they open up their phones — there’s a place that they can find what they want,” Black said.

The app first gained traction at Duke University about a year ago and was later introduced to other campuses, including Stanford University and Foothill Community College — and now, UCSD.

The idea for the app stemmed from DePaulo and Black’s qualms with flyering while establishing a peer mentor program on campus as undergraduates at UCSD a couple years ago.

“We both hated flyering — absolutely, hands-down hated flyering,” DePaulo said.

DePaulo disclosed the faults that they found with flyering: ineffective targeted marketing and wasted paper. He explained how this sent them on a mission to digitalize flyers, which resulted in Campus Quad.

“All of a sudden, you’re not bombarded by all these different flyers — flyers getting lost in your backpack that you never even read — and your flurry of notifications from

Facebook or emails,” Black said. “All of a sudden, it’s just one app that organizes all of that in a clear and concise manner so that you can have an easier way of connecting.”

Black believes that the app has the potential to work toward eliminating the “UC Socially Dead” mantra.

“We have a six-college system that separates us from the very start,” Black said. “[Using this app] is a way to bring us back together. We’re able to create this connection and this camaraderie that culminates in abolishing this old idea about UCSD and bringing back the culture in a new way.”

DePaulo expressed his desire for the app to encourage detached students to get involved.

“Some people could say that these people are lazy, but maybe they’re just shy,” DePaulo said. “When I was a freshman, I was super shy. I didn’t know where to go. I was afraid of asking where things were. [This is] a subtle way to get people connected.”

DePaulo hopes that the app will stimulate students’ creativity.

“I would hope that it would help UCSD students get a little more creative about their social experiences on campus,” DePaulo said. “I want to see people using it in ways I haven’t thought of.”

The Campus Quad team recently created a method of streaming a live feed of students’ postings from the application to televisions connected to servers — a development that they will release at UCSD later this month.

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UCSD's Greek Life Welcomes "Men of Principle" to Campus

As part of its nationwide expansion process, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity has come to UCSD this year.

BY STACEY CHIEN FEATURES EDITOR

The Greek community at UCSD has made room for a new addition this school year — its very own chapter of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. Beta is one of the longest standing Greek organizations in the nation dedicated to cultivating men of principle with strong interpersonal and leadership skills.

This process of expansion began in June, after the UCSD Inter-Fraternity Council voted in favor of bringing the values-based, social fraternity to campus. Since then, a team of advisors from Beta have been surveying the expectations and needs of students and administration and building relationships on campus to gear up for a full-fledged recruitment effort from Oct. 12 to Nov. 9.

"This is an organization for gentlemen, leaders and scholars, and we hold that to a very high standard in our expansion process," Colin Gerker, a colony development coordinator for Beta's colonization at UCSD, said. "We're looking for students that are high-performing, and what that looks like is students that think that they're way too busy to get involved with a fraternity."

The 175-year-old organization, founded in 1839 at Miami University, was the first college fraternity to be established west of the Allegheny Mountains and now boasts over 130,000 living members from 129 campuses in the United States and Canada.

"We're an organization that has been extremely illustrious between the years of 1839 and 1950," Gerker said. "And then we got into the same

problem that different fraternities and sororities got into between the '60s and the '90s because of the 'Animal House' culture that was widespread in the Greek community."

The trouble that Beta encountered led them to enact the "Men of Principle" initiative in 1997 as a push towards improving fraternity life and remodeling the Greek community. Beta now aims to do fraternity life, as described by Gerker, the right way.

"The focus of our fraternity is not to front-load the experience with this major, 'rager' social party dynamic — the college experience contains that," Gerker said. "Over the last 15 years, we've closed 90 chapters — the reason being that we're not afraid of letting go of what we don't really want our organization to be."

On another note, Gerker shared that in the past 17 years, Beta has reopened 65 chapters that abide by the fraternity's renewed model, which emphasizes ethical values, leadership and academics.

"From our perspective, it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to actually do fraternity life the right way," Gerker said. "We have a strict no-hazing policy. Every campus that we go to that has Greek housing — our houses are dry. Yes, it's a social organization. We're not saying that you can't go out and have a good time, but at the same time, there's a difference between doing keg stands and having a beer when you're just watching soccer."

Because of their rigid adherence to high standards, Gerker highlighted that current members of Beta average the top GPA among fraternities while maintaining a solid commitment to locally based community outreach. He

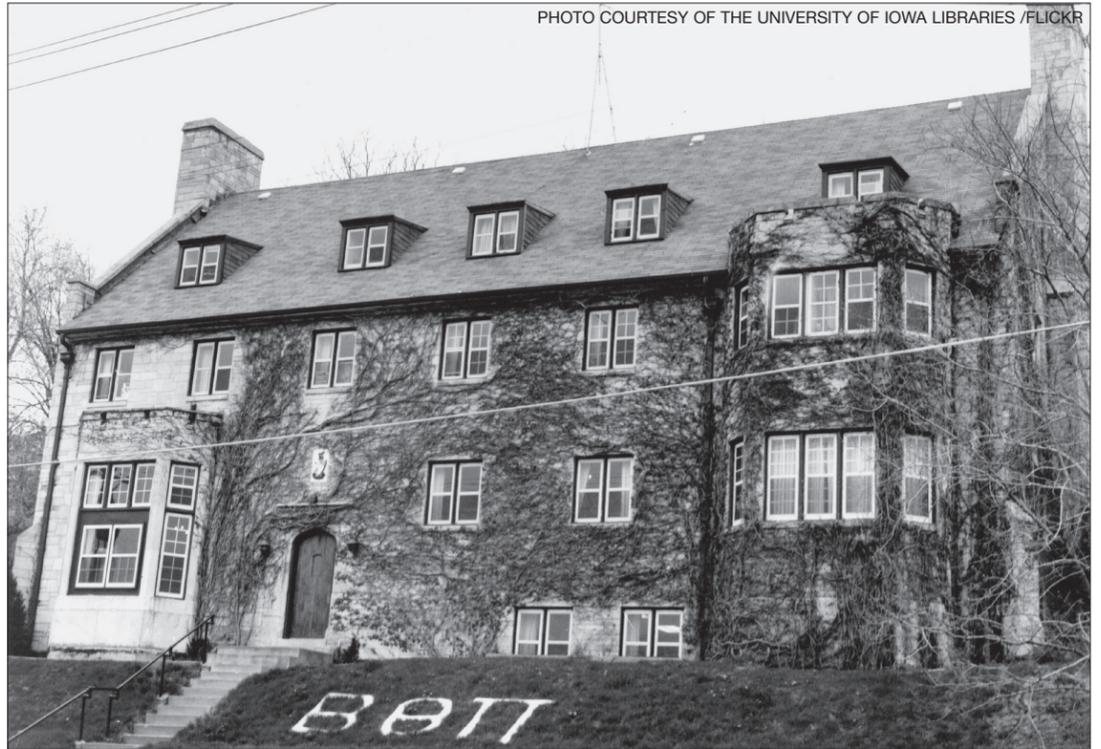


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noted that Beta allocates a lot more money to leadership development than do other fraternities and that they are the only fraternity with an online education system.

Beta is currently undergoing a rapid expansion project that is taking place not only at UCSD, but at eight other campuses across the country as well. Some of these include the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Florida State University and Drexel University.

"So far, I think it's been going very well," Gerker said. "I've noticed that students [at UCSD] are very excited about us coming along. We have been in talks with individuals that want to become members of our organization, so by the time we do start being able to give out bids, we're going to have about seven to 10 guys that are jumping on board [already]."

Gerker expressed his excitement about presenting Beta to UCSD.

"I'm just really, really fortunate to

be at a campus that is so welcoming of us," Gerker said. "The students on campus are extremely impressive. We think this is the type of institution that Beta needs to be at."

Presently, Beta is giving non-fraternity affiliated male students the opportunity to receive \$1,000 through their "Men of Principle Scholarship." The application deadline is Oct. 13.

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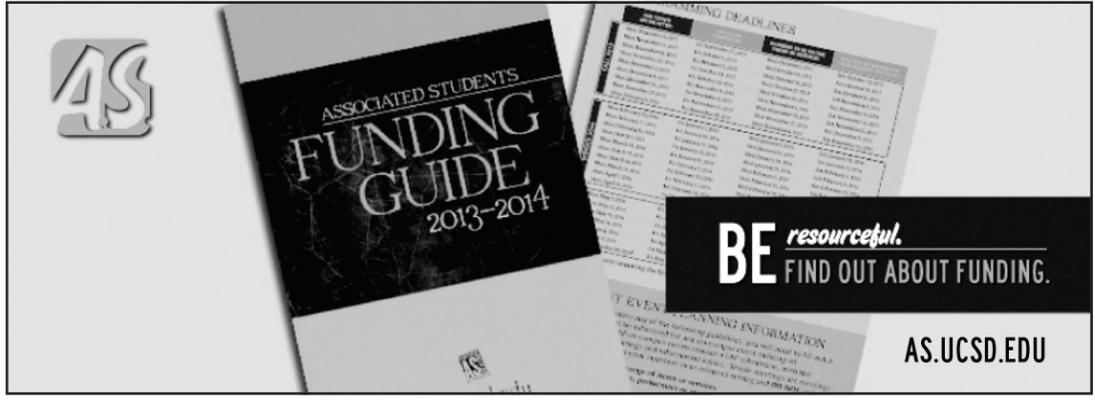


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MEN'S WATER POLO

TRITONS MAULED BY FIRST PLACE BRUINS

The Tritons fell to No. 1-ranked UCLA 17-2 in front of a crowd of over 1,000 people.

BY JOHN STORY CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Last Friday the UCSD men's water polo team took on the top-seeded UCLA Bruins and lost 17-2. Setting the stage for the Tritons to take on the No. 1-ranked Bruins, just over 1,000 fans were in attendance to commemorate 30 years of water polo at the Canyonview East Pool. Despite the difficult loss, UCSD head coach Denny Harper was still happy with the turnout.

"Everything was great except for the water polo," Harper said after the game.

Sophomores Chase Cockerill and Jeffery Jarvis are credited with one goal each for UCSD, while junior Triton goalkeeper Cameron Ravanbach managed a respectable eight saves against the powerhouse Bruins offense.

The game began on a high note for the Tritons with UCSD winning the sprint and junior Matt Michalko taking the first shot attempt of the game. A turnover quickly led UCLA to draw the first blood with the opening goal, but the UCLA onslaught wouldn't stop with the initial volley, as five UCLA players managed to score in the opening minutes, including two goals by Aimone Barabino. The first quarter ended with the Tritons absent on the scoreboard despite a great effort by the squad to find the back of the

Bruins' cage.

In the second quarter, the Tritons quickly found themselves back on their side of the pool as UCLA's squad repeatedly scored in the first few minutes. Harper noted the Bruins' exceptional lineup.

"This is one of the best Bruins teams I've seen in recent memory," Harper said. They were on a mission."

The third quarter was equally as tough for the Tritons, ending with UCLA up 16-0.

The fourth quarter was the only period that the Tritons outscored the Bruins as both Cockerill and Jarvis found the net. The crowd, eager to see the Tritons on the scoreboard, erupted in cheer.

The Tritons will go on the road hungry for redemption. In his post-game remarks, Harper was optimistic that his now-7-8 crew would "get that taste out of their mouth soon."

With five games in three days next week, the Tritons had better do so and quickly. UCSD will meet California Baptist University next Friday, UC Riverside shortly thereafter and will travel to Irvine to compete with California's best in the SoCal Tournament slated for Oct. 12 to Oct. 13.

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WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Road Wins

UCSD Concludes Seven-Game Road Trip With Two Weekend Wins

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The UCSD women's volleyball team finished a seven-game road trip with tough wins against opponents Cal Poly Pomona and Humboldt State this weekend. With an impressive 5-2 record on the road in conference play, the Tritons can finally park the bus for a while.

"I'm pretty happy with the result," UCSD head coach Ricci Luyties said. "When we first saw the schedule, we talked about it; we knew the start of the season was going to be really tough, but if we could get through it and have a good record after, we're all set."

Luyties was unsure whether or not the long road trips were good for team building.

"Either it's good for them, or they are getting sick of each other," he said.

But this weekend's road trip results were positive. UCSD traveled to Los Angeles on Thursday to meet Cal Poly Pomona, a team it hasn't lost to since October 2007. The game resulted in another Triton win when the team took its first five-set match of the season.

"We had a couple of chances to win 3-0," Luyties said. "Pomona fought hard and had a really good crowd that helped them, so we were really glad to take them down in the fifth set. It was a good learning experience for us, and it's always nice to

win in the conference."

Sophomore Danielle Dahle and junior Sophie Rowe — both outside hitters — each had 18 kills for UCSD in the team's five-set win. Junior Sara McCutchan finished with 12 kills and five blocks, while sophomores Kameron Cooper and Heidi Sierks had five stuffs.

After one day to rest, the Tritons were ready to head up north to Humboldt State Saturday evening.

The Lumberjacks hit the bottom of the conference last season, but with a new coach and some new players, the Tritons didn't expect an easy match.

"It was a tough match; that's for sure," Luyties said. "We won the first game pretty easy. Then they came back and won the two next. The rallies were long, but we did a good job defensively against a couple of their good players, and we did a good job blocking."

Middle Kameron Cooper led all players with a career-best nine blocks and opposite Caitlin Brenton followed with seven. Brenton also had eight kills and three service aces against the Lumberjacks.

The Tritons host CCAA opponents Cal State East Bay and Cal State Monterey Bay, on Oct. 11 and Oct. 12 respectively at RIMAC Arena.

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PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Clippers Train at RIMAC

The Los Angeles Clippers held a closed training camp at RIMAC last Monday through Friday.

BY RACHEL UDA SPORTS EDITOR

The Los Angeles Clippers held training camp at RIMAC Arena last week from Oct. 1 to Oct. 5 in preparation for their 2013-2014 season.

The Clippers, featuring 2013 All-Stars Chris Paul and Blake Griffin, had four days of practices and media events at RIMAC Arena, including an Inside the NBA segment hosted by Reggie Miller.

When asked about the campus, Griffin said he was impressed with the facilities.

"The gym's great," Griffin said. "This is the perfect court for a situation like this, having so many baskets and so much space to work. It's also a great area and right next to our hotel."

With the exception of a large group of students waiting for autographs outside of RIMAC that garnered attention from campus police, the training camp went through without a hitch. UCSD Athletics Director Earl Edwards was pleased with how the camp turned out.

"Having a team here of this caliber, and especially a local team, is great exposure for us," UCSD Athletics Director Earl Edwards said. "We've heard over and over from the organization about how fantastic our facilities, and it would be great to see them come back in the future."

This was the second time UCSD has hosted an NBA training camp after the Phoenix Suns spent a week at RIMAC last year. Edwards said Clippers Assistant Coach Alvin Gentry — former head coach in Phoenix — suggested camp be held at UCSD after coming to San Diego with the Suns.

Last June, Chris Paul hosted his summer camp at RIMAC Arena and Edwards said the camp will again be held at UCSD next summer.

Edwards also added that it's likely UCSD may continue to host training camps for professional basketball teams in years to come.

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