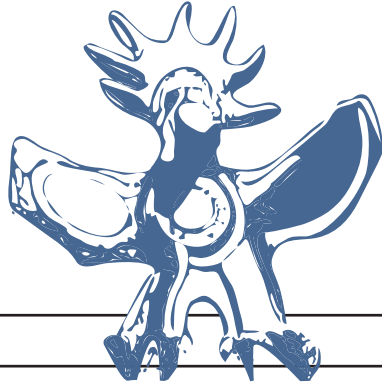


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Due to financial constraints and the rising cost of UCSD's partnership with the San Diego Municipal Transit System, the campus transportation department is reviewing several options to gather additional funding for shuttle services. One suggestion is a new campuswide student fee.

Students May Pay for Campus Shuttles

Transportation officials seek new funding source for shuttle services, consider eliminating campus loop.

By Kelly Pleskot
STAFF WRITER

An attempt to economize campus transportation services may result in new student fees or the elimination of the campus-loop shuttle next year.

The Transportation Policy Committee met last week to consider new ways of funding campus transit services — including the Arriba,

Regents and campus-loop shuttle lines — while taking into account the results of a campuswide survey of students, staff and faculty conducted by Parking and Transportation Services which indicated that most people would like to see the services continued.

The committee will make a recommendation to the transportation department next month to either enact a \$50 user fee, implement a campuswide \$15 student transportation fee or to simply reduce campus transportation services.

The user fee would function as a monthly or quarterly pass, and would be paid for by those who chose to utilize transportation services. A campuswide student transportation fee,

which would be decided by a student referendum, could be either a specific quarterly fee or added on to current registration fees.

All three options would help offset budget shortfalls, as well as a recent increase in ridership for the Metropolitan Transportation System, according to last year's A.S. representative on the Transportation Policy Committee Peter Benesch. He added that public transportation is a self-sustaining system, and student fees have never been used to fund the department. Parking citations and permit revenues fund the majority of shuttle and transit services, which cost more

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Summit, Mercado to Close for Renovations

Marshall College will house additional dining facility featuring sushi bar, coffee.

By Victoria Banuelos
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

John Muir College dining facilities Sierra Summit and El Mercado will shut their doors for renovation this summer, and will remain closed until 2010.

Housing, Dining and Hospitality Director Steve Casad is currently settling logistics for the renovation of Summit and the relocation of Mercado. Casad's vision for the eateries includes more seating space in Summit — one of the most trafficked dining halls on campus — and a new restaurant to replace the Mexican-themed Mercado.

Summit and Mercado are the only two dining facilities in John Muir College that accept students' residential dining dollars.

Although Summit will not be relocated, a new dining facility called Goodies is set to open in the



JIMMY KAN/GUARDIAN

John Muir College students will have to seek out alternative dining options next year when Sierra Summit and El Mercado close for renovations. El Mercado will not return to Muir.

Thurgood Marshall Academic Center by fall 2009. Unlike Summit, which closes at 8 p.m., Goodies will remain open until 1 a.m.

The upper level of Goodies will feature a coffee area, sushi bar and Whole Foods-style self-service area. The lower level is designed as a retail market, similar to Earl's Place in Earl Warren College.

Upon the closure of Mercado, a new restaurant will open in Eleanor

Roosevelt College near Cafe Ventanas. According to Dolores Ramirez, lead food-service worker at Mercado, the new menu will feature Central and South American fare, including traditional Salvadoran and Ecuadorian dishes.

During renovations, employees from both facilities will be reassigned to other HDH locations on campus.

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Sixth College to Absorb Annual Warren Festival

Miscommunication leads A.S. Programming to book Warren Live! acts ahead of schedule.

By Yelena Akopian
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Members of the Warren College Council voted yesterday to hold a joint music festival with Sixth College instead of staging the annual Warren Live! concert. Sixth College's fifth annual Kuncocshun festival will take place on May 8 in the Sixth College Quad.

Earlier this quarter, WCC President Colin Scholtz and members of the Warren Concert Commission decided to postpone Warren Live! until next fall after realizing the May 8 date was problematic.

"We discovered that the day before was Warren Semiformal, and the day after was Transfer Admit Day," Warren Senator Katie Buzas said. "The staffing would have been shorthanded to do three events

three days in a row. The Warren Concert Commission was under the impression that they would try to get a later date and that the contract wasn't binding yet."

However, because Associate Vice President of Programming Garrett Berg had already extended a formal offer to the headlining musical acts after being given the go-ahead by Warren Concert Commission Chair Eric Mendoza, A.S. programming was no longer willing to renegotiate the date of the festival.

"We had actually outbid another venue in San Diego to get an artist, and felt obliged to book the commitments," AVP of Athletic Relations Peter Benesch said. "It became an issue of reputation. One of the reasons A.S. was helping out the college councils was to improve its reputation, but Warren was taking actions that would hurt that reputation. [The decisions] were made behind closed doors. We didn't know this was happening; only the Warren president and concert commissioner knew."

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EVERY WORM IS ILLUMINATED



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Students brush up on their interpersonal relationship skills in the classroom with exercises like "soul-gazing."



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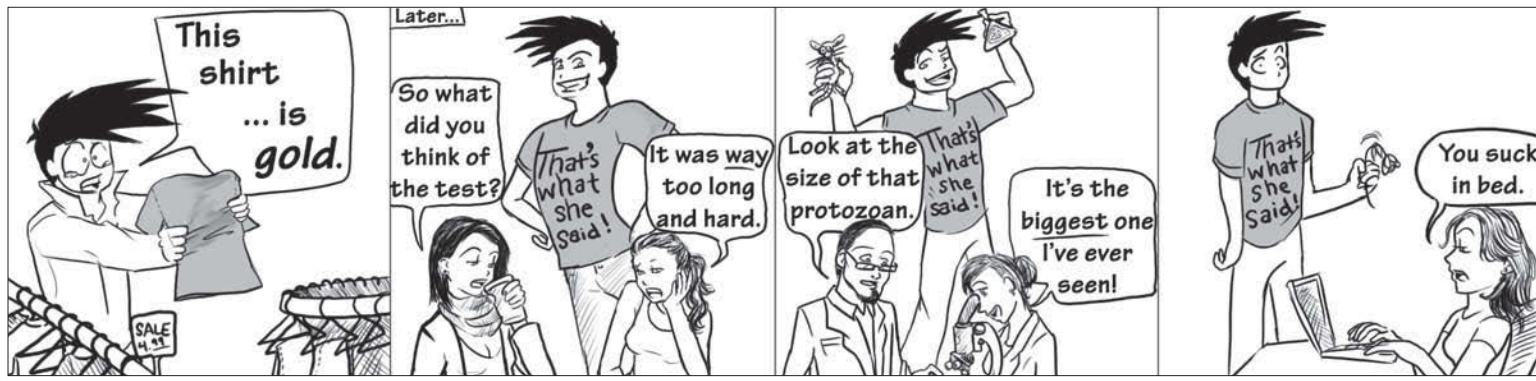
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Dalai Lama Addresses UCSB Students

UC Santa Barbara students and visitors from across the country received a lesson in Buddhist wisdom Friday — from the Dalai Lama himself.

In his two two-hour talks on the UCSB campus, the smiling, self-described “simple monk” said that compassion and understanding can solve everything from world war to economic crises.

“Wherever I go and talk with the public, I always emphasize importance of compassion,” he said. “Compassion for human being, because it is that that I consider the source of our strength, source of self-confidence. More self-confidence, less fear, less stress. So open our mind so that we can easier reach other people.”

G. Shulz, a practicing Buddhist, traveled from Santa Cruz to attend the event.

“I love being in the same room with him, and whenever he laughs or tells a joke, it lights me up, and I

think it lights others up, too,” he said. “He is very childlike and has a joyful heart, and it’s wonderful to be in his presence.”

UCSD Grad Programs Rank High in U.S. News Reports

U.S. News & World Report pumped the Triton ego last week when it recognized 36 UCSD graduate schools, departments and programs as among the best in the nation in its annual “America’s Best Graduate Schools” report.

The report recognized a broad range of disciplines at UCSD, including bioengineering, geophysics and seismology, neurosciences, biochemistry, political science, psychology and plasma physics.

Most notably, the UCSD School of Medicine was ranked 15th among the nation’s 120 research-intensive medical programs.

“These outstanding rankings reinforce the collaborative, diverse and interdisciplinary ethos of our campus,” Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said. “We are fortunate to have

award-winning experts at the forefront of their fields, with impressive track records for achieving scientific, medical and technological breakthroughs.”

Ranking criteria included peer assessments, student GPAs and test scores, grant support from the National Institutes of Health, faculty-to-student ratio and others.

Graduate Studies Dean Kim Barrett said that UCSD’s consistently high rankings in U.S. News and other national journals have positively impacted application rates.

“Our graduate student applications for next fall are up almost 4 percent because students want to study under professors who are leaders in their respective fields,” she said.

Other honors included a 12th-place ranking for the Jacobs School of Engineering out of 198 engineering schools nationwide.

‘Sleep Talking’ Mode Saves Power, Keeps PCs Alert

You probably won’t hear it, but in the not-so-distant future, your com-

puter may be talking in its sleep.

The new “sleep talking” mode is part of an energy-saving system for personal computers developed by a team of UCSD computer scientists.

Currently, PCs alternate between an “awake” mode — during which they consume power even when not in use — and a low-power “sleep” mode, which makes them unresponsive to network and Internet traffic.

Doctoral researcher Yuvraj Agarwal’s USB-connected hardware and software plug-in enables a compromise between these two modes, saving power while maintaining the network connections associated with the “awake” mode that do not require human interaction.

The new system — dubbed Somniloquy, defined as “the act or habit of talking in one’s sleep” — supports Web downloads, peer-to-peer file-sharing networks, virus scans and more.

“Reducing energy consumed by wall-powered devices, especially computing equipment, offers a huge opportunity to save money and reduce greenhouse gases,” Agarwal said.



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LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, April 17

6:55 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ The residents of a La Jolla Del Sol apartment reported that their neighbors were “moving things around” and “usually use their washer [and] dryer at all times of the night.”

10:39 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 27-year-old was reported as “fainting in and out of consciousness” at the Center for Molecular Genetics.

Saturday, April 18

9:37 a.m.: Vandalism to vehicle

▶ An unknown subject was reported as keying a vehicle parked at Lot 406.

1:22 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 19-year-old female reported feeling faint and “having trouble breathing and swallowing” at Cafe Ventanas.

1:22 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A 50-year-old white male with a white beard and wearing sweatpants was seen going through the trash at the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building. *Field interview administered.*

4:02 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A disoriented 18-year-old male reported that he had “no idea where [he was] and how he got there,” and did not know what day it was. *Checks OK.*

11:03 p.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ A 20-person party was reported at the laundry room of a Regents Road community center.

Sunday, April 19

12:12 a.m.: Drunk in public

▶ An intoxicated white male wearing a sleeveless shirt was seen running in the middle of a track at the Spanos Athletic Training Facility.

2:09 p.m.: Animal call

▶ Two dogs were reported as running off their leashes at the Spanos Athletic Training Facility, but the reporting party left the site because he was “afraid the dogs might [bite] him.” *Unable to locate.*

11:26 p.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ The residents of a Regents Road apartment were reported as having “a loud fan.” *Will cooperate.*

Monday, April 20

7:40 a.m.: Suspicious package

▶ An unmarked eight-by-five inch box was abandoned at the graduate offices in Pacific Hall.

4:07 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ A 35- to 45-year-old black female with red hair and wearing a light turquoise shirt was seen “pan handling” and “swearing when people [refused to give her] money.” *Field interview administered.*

5:20 p.m.: Injury

▶ A 19-year-old female reported hearing “something [pop]” after tripping on Library Walk.

Tuesday, April 21

12:20 a.m.: Marijuana possession

▶ Four people were seen smoking marijuana at Harlan Hall. *Field interview administered.*

11:09 a.m.: Smoke check

▶ A smoke detector went off in a Thurgood Marshall College apartment after residents accidentally “burned a package on top of [a] toaster.”

7:53 p.m.: Reckless driving

▶ The driver of a dark blue sedan was seen throwing a firecracker out of his window while racing another vehicle. *Unable to locate.*

Wednesday, April 22

3:44 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ Loud violin playing was reported at Kathmandu Hall. *Will cooperate.*

1:17 p.m.: Forgery

▶ The Thornton Hospital cafeteria staff reported receiving a forged \$10 bill.

4:56 p.m.: Suicide attempt

▶ A female student requested to go to the hospital after ingesting 20 aspirin pills at the Muir apartments.

— *Compiled by Sonia Minden*
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Admin. Looks to Avoid Reduction in Shuttle Service

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than \$7 million annually.

The university currently pays just over \$1 per day for each student who utilizes MTS, which is also facing budget constraints from state funding reductions. Ridership costs are expected to increase by 25 percent next year.

Director of Parking and Transportation Services Brian d’Autremont said the burden of funding public transportation unfairly lies on those who pay for parking permits and citations, not on those who use shuttle services.

“We have to try to figure out how to do some cost sharing,” d’Autremont said. “My biggest concern at this point is that we are fair. My second biggest concern is that we are supporting public transportation because it is so important to pollution [control] and sustainability.”

Two studies currently under way—one conducted by Transportation Services and the other by management consulting firm Sundstrom and Associates — seek to identify the most efficient funding strategies for public

transportation through focus groups and forums, in order to help reduce congestion around campus and lower greenhouse-gas emissions into the atmosphere.

Although d’Autremont said the

“Even if you don’t take the shuttle and you are charged an x-amount fee, it is for the greater good.”

— Emily Chi, A.S. undergraduate representative, Transportation Policy Committee

department is “trying to make sure the decision is made by the people that are affected by it,” Benesch countered that the focus group involved in one of the studies is comprised mostly of faculty, and favors student fees over the elimi-

nation of the campus-loop shuttle.

A.S. undergraduate representative for TPC and campuswide Senator Emily Chi said she thinks the all-student transportation fee is the most feasible option of the three. While the user fee would give students the option to decline public transportation, the student transportation fee would require all students to pay for the services.

“Even if you don’t take the shuttle and you are charged an x-amount fee, it is for the greater good,” she said.

Chi said another option would be to completely cut the campus-loop system, though she said there is “strong support against reduction in service” among members of the committee.

D’Autremont said that Parking and Transportation Services is constantly evaluating and seeking to improve campus transportation services.

“We are in a very solid financial situation, but we are trying to economize,” he said.

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John Muir College students will have to seek out alternative dining options next year, when Muir's two dining-dollar eateries — Sierra Summit and El Mercado — shut their doors for renovations.

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They will have the option of either reapplying to other dining halls with priority over incoming freshman candidates, or waiting until the completion of Sierra Summit's renovations to resume their positions.

Ramirez, who has served HDH for 12 years and has worked at Mercado since its opening over five years ago, said she is disappointed to see the restaurant go.

"I love working here," she said. "Most of us have worked together for years, and we are very comfortable with each other."

Sierra Summit Student Manager

Laura Comstock said there is currently excessive traffic in the dining hall. During its peak hours, up to 300 students flood the restaurant.

Comstock said the remodeling will make Summit's interior less cramped.

Its building frame will not change, but the redesigned floor plan puts the entrance near the stir-fry area and

expands the dining area to accommodate more students.

Mercado will be completely removed from campus. In the absence of its carne-asada tacos and notorious shrimp burrito — a recipe created by Ramirez — Comstock said she believes that traffic will increase at Price Center eateries such as Rubio's, as will business for the other dining halls.

Muir College freshman Susan Park said she will be inconvenienced by the removal of both of her college's dining halls.

"It's going to be pretty sad because I'll have to walk farther," she said. "[Compared to other dining halls], Summit food is pretty good."

Sierra Summit is featured on the online restaurant guide Yelp.com, with many reviews ranking it among the best dining halls on campus.

Readers can contact Victoria Banuelos at vbanuelo@ucsd.edu.

Most of us have worked together for years, and we are very comfortable with each other."

— Dolores Ramirez, lead food-service worker, El Mercado

Kuncocshun to Include Warren Live! Acts After Mixup

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Scholtz said the heart of the problem was miscommunication.

"Given the information presented, we came to the decision that we could postpone it, and we were under the impression that there would be no financial repercussion," Scholtz said. "As much as I have to reiterate this, there was bad communication on all sides."

Late last month, Berg contacted Sixth College Coordinator of Student Activities Jenelle Dean to suggest that the Sixth College Council co-sponsor the event with Warren, since Kuncocshun had been planned for the same date.

"[The Sixth College Council] reached out to Warren councilmembers a couple of times and asked if they would like to do a joint event," Sixth Senator John Cressey said. "We were denied at all times."

Unsured of whether the Warren College Council was still opposed to combining the two festivals, A.S. councilmembers voted last Wednesday to allocate \$13,671.26 from their mandate reserves to pay the headliners they had booked for Warren Live!

The lineup has not yet been released to the public.

"When A.S. funded the money for Sixth on Wednesday, it became completely obvious that most of WCC didn't know what was going

on, and they hadn't been offered the opportunity to decide," Cressey said. "They said 'no' initially under false pretenses, and due to lack of knowledge about what was going on."

Buzas and Warren College Senator Pam Sran called for an informal meeting with Berg, Sholtz and AVP of Student Advocacy Frank Carroll on April 24. There, they decided that Warren College should combine its festival with the Sixth College festival.

"It was a really messy situation," Sran said. "It was kind of a major lack of communication on all three parties' parts."

In accordance with yesterday's vote, the Warren College Council will reimburse the A.S. Council for the money used to pay for the bands, as well as pay for upgraded stage and security costs.

The Sixth College Council had already booked several musical acts before the decision to merge with the Warren College festival, all of which will still be performing at Kuncocshun next month.

"Sixth planned the entire event," Cressey said. "We were offered the opportunity to take those bands and tack them onto the event. We wouldn't have the budget regularly to put those bands on."

Readers can contact Yelena Akopian at yakopyan@ucsd.edu.

It was a really messy situation. It was kind of a major lack of communication on all parts."

— Pam Sran, Warren College senator

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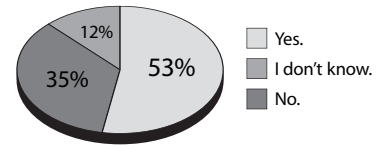
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The Worth of Your Shiny Gold Star

Everyone's a gold medalist — and \$75 poorer — in the National Society of Collegiate Scholars.

By Omair Qazi
STAFF WRITER

STUDENT LIFE — “It’s nearly May and high time you were recognized for your great achievements,” reads the National Society of Collegiate Scholars recruitment letter.

These messages are sent to high-achieving freshmen and sophomores, congratulating them and offering admission to an elite-sounding club.

Soon, letters will flood campus mailboxes, appealing to these students’ academic egos and asking for their membership. While the first letters offer friendly congratulations, hasty followups come with an ultimatum: Pay us \$75 or this coveted offer will never be yours to treasure.

But don’t shell out for the honor club — in actuality, NSCS can only be politely described as an exceedingly bad bargain for those who join.

Founded in 1994, NSCS has chapters at 228 colleges and universities nationwide. Its one-time \$75 lifetime membership fee promises access to scholarships, special discounts and opportunities to help the local community. Though it sounds promising, a closer look at how NSCS spends its money throws the value of membership into question.

NSCS literature brags of offering more in undergraduate scholarship dollars than any other honor society in the country, with awards ranging from \$250 to \$7,000. According to tax documentation filed in 2007, NSCS paid \$115,020 in scholarships — a significant number at first glance. However, in the same year NSCS had a total revenue of \$6.2 million, nearly 80 percent of which came from membership dues. It’s troubling that this supposed society of scholars would charge such a steep entry fee in exchange for a handful of scholarships amounting to about 2 percent of the organiza-

tion’s entire revenue — especially given that scholarship access is its main selling point.

Compare that amount to other scholarship-offering honor societies at UCSD. Tau Beta Pi — the oldest engineering honor society in the country — indicates that 9 percent of its 2007 revenue went to scholarships. The psychology honors society, Psi Chi, allotted 14 percent of its earnings.

There is no reason to pay NSCS for access to special scholarships when there are organizations on campus that devote more income to their members. And some of the most lucrative scholarships on NSCS’s Web site are offered by companies that do not require NSCS membership, making for an expensive Google search.

NSCS also lists membership-fee waivers as “scholarships.” Though it’s admirable that NSCS understands it solicits people who may be unable to pay the membership fee and is willing to let them join, it’s insulting that NSCS considers financial need synonymous with academic ability. Obtaining a fee waiver does not require more academic qualifications, so using these waivers to pad (by a hefty \$4,200, in 2006) the total amount of scholarship money awarded to members is deceptive. Not only does the true amount of scholarship money shrink, members are not informed of this distinction in NSCS’s annual finance report. No one should be part of an organization that is so misleading, much less

one that allegedly considers integrity a part of its mission.

As a nonprofit organization, NSCS literature reports that “all income is used for the development and operation of the society.” With the relatively small amount of money devoted to scholarships, a significant amount would have to be spent on the various additional programs to make this statement true. According to the same tax documents, \$4.8 million was spent on program services such as community-service opportunities and educational seminars, but these vague terms do nothing to detail to a potential member just what their money would be used for. If the NSCS can’t explain what it spends its money on to the IRS, students shouldn’t expect explicit details either.

NSCS spends close to \$2 million on day-to-day operations alone. While the organization certainly returns more to its chapters in total, it’s disconcerting how little is dedicated to scholarships. NSCS’s pushy letters asking you to pay up and join are part of about \$700,000 spent on mailings. The list of current employees shows that while eight out of the nine board members receive no compensation, the founder and executive director of NSCS, Stephen Loflin, was paid \$123,600 for his services in 2007.

There is no value in paying \$75 to an organization that spends more on its mailings and founder’s salary

than scholarships. It’s equally deceptive that NSCS does not release these two figures in its annual report to members. The absence of these figures is especially evident on the poorly explained finance page — a half-hearted effort to create transparency. The only chance to see any value for the membership fee would be directly through individual chapters — which have the largest amount of funding — though not all chapters receive an equal cut.

UCSD chapter President Brittany Boswell said NSCS provided \$1,600 for the chapter’s annual budget. This highlights the haphazard and alarming way money is distributed by the national office, and is baffling considering 300 new members were inducted at UCSD this year. Meanwhile, NSCS charges additional fees to attend an annual conference where members discuss ideas on leadership; the group asks chapters to subsidize the cost. Despite obvious student interest to join the organization, NSCS offers little aid to members who wish to participate in NSCS-sponsored events.

The chapter does, however, provide community service in the form of a tutoring program at University City High School and participation in cancer walks such as Relay for Life. Past projects included visits to an orphanage in Tijuana, which UCSD’s chapter paid for without soliciting additional member fees. The chapter also provides its members with free presentations from test-prep companies which end up advertising — instead of discussing — test-taking strategies. NSCS encourages the sale by provide members discounted test-prep courses.

If NSCS were to allow more of the money generated by students’

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Take a Bite Out of Consumerism With Indie Fruit

A college student’s first lesson is that capitalism has us by a short conformist leash. Of course our natural instinct is to deny this completely, citing our thick-rimmed glasses and experimental music as markers of uniqueness. Only problem is, even the things we consider alternative are usually fabricated by suit-clad men who are dedicated to encouraging anticonsumerists to consume.



Burnt Soup

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It sounds bad, but we’re used to it. I didn’t mind when marketers hinted that Gap was too commercial, mostly because Urban Outfitters — its up-and-coming alternative — seemed more stylish anyway. I was a little perturbed when Death Cab for Cutie’s “Soul Meets Body” became part of every store’s Christmas shopping soundtrack, despite the band’s self-proclaimed indie image. But marketers’ most recent scheme is taking anti-consumerist consumerism too far. They’ve commercialized our clothes and music, and now they’re after our fruit.

Let me explain. This weekend I found myself in Costa Mesa at a place called the “anti-mall” — a collection of expensive, antimainstream stores (including Urban Outfitters) that appeal to identity-hankering college students. Ignoring that I was, in fact, at a mall, I sat down in the Gypsy Den — a cafe decorated with haphazard thrift-store finds — and glanced at the menu. Unsurprisingly, the menu offered a collection of pomegranate- and acai-berry-infused beverages.

Which is cool. I like pomegranate and acai berry. They’re yummy and they might even be good for you or something. But clever marketers have turned them into celebrity fruits that serve as some sort of status-marker. You consume them if you are 1) bored and disgusted with mainstream orange/apple juice, 2) vaguely concerned about global warming or 3) a wealthy, middle-aged MILF who shops at Whole Foods (sorry mom).

Now that these fruits have earned a hip reputation, they’re being “infused” in practically everything. Celebrities are photographed with POM teas, magazines are plugging acai juice and swanky restaurants are adding the pair to dishes. They’re even being shoved into other random products, just to appeal to a certain demographic. Häagen-Dazs sells a Brazilian acai berry sorbet and Burt’s Bees offers a whole line of pomegranate beauty products. All the while these companies brag about their products’ high antioxidant value and we eat it up, though few of us actually know what that means or live healthily-enough lifestyles to feel the difference.

But there’s really no use in learning — pretty soon there will be a new superingredient to consume and we’ll forget all about boring old pomegranates and acai berries. I’m banking on ginger or horned melon, but you never know what our crazy capitalist society has up its sleeve.

Senior Experience Cheapened Without Seminar Intimacy

Academic Affairs must fight for the preservation of senior seminars before cutting their funding entirely.

By Brent Westcott
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

ACADEMICS — The senior-seminar program, in place since Fall Quarter 2006, was designed to facilitate closer contact between faculty and students through more intimate, less academically taxing courses — but like so many other student services, it now faces extinction.

Rather than cut funding and leave the rest up to faculty and their respective departments, the Office of Academic Affairs should create other incentives for professors to

offer these courses.

According to Barbara Sawrey, associate vice chancellor of undergraduate education, the senior seminars were a small casualty within the shrinking budget. All budgetary decisions concerning instructional allocations are made by Senior Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs Paul Drake. Drake confers every month with a program review committee comprised of administrators, faculty and two student representatives from Associated Students and the Graduate Student Association. The committee works with the

senior vice chancellor and his office to recommend how to best organize funds and maximize educational value for students, and saw eliminating money for senior seminars as relatively insignificant, given that the severity of the budget crisis put 47 faculty position searches on hold. But freshman seminars retain full funding.

The elimination of the senior-seminar program only widens the disconnect between professors and students.

the need to maintain the lecturers, teaching assistants and other bare-bones faculty and staff positions that make it possible to offer

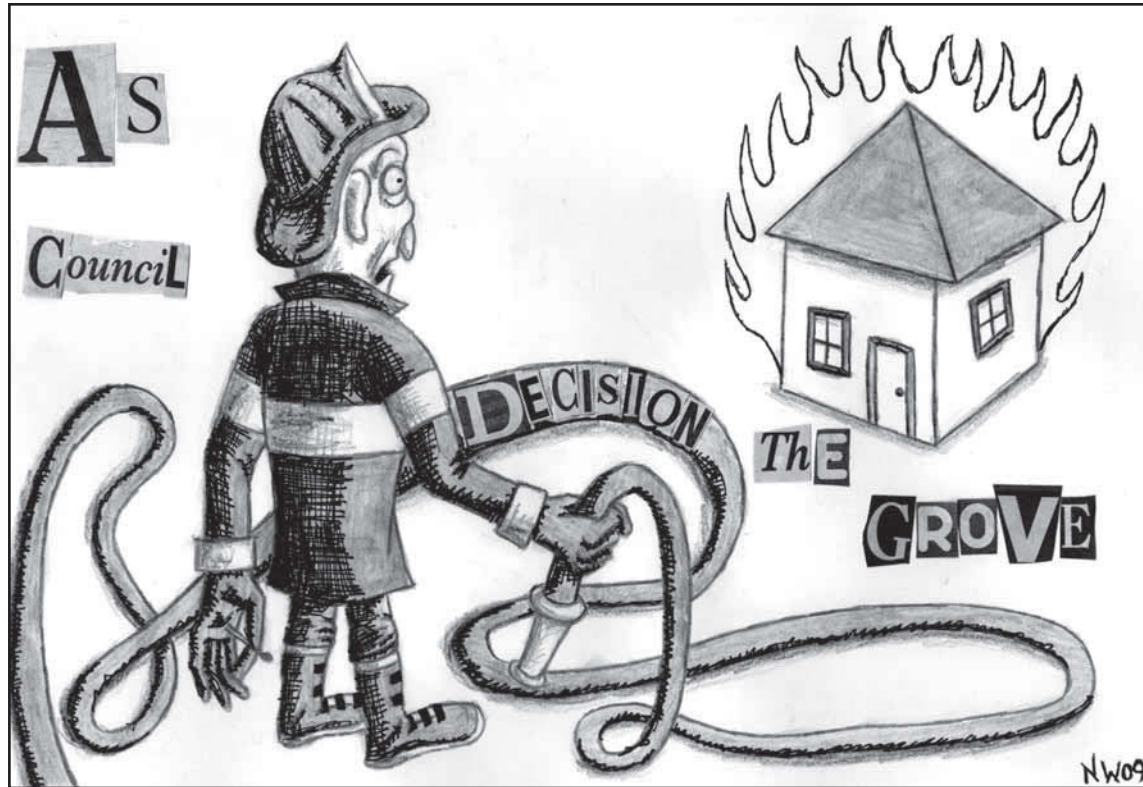
a wide range of classes at the university. Normally, 40 to 50 senior seminars are offered annually, with each participating professor receiving a \$1,500 stipend that usually goes toward research.

But the elimination of the senior-seminar program only widens the disconnect between professors and students. Senior seminars offer the rare chance to interact with professors in a close environment without having to stress over a grade — an asset for a recommendation-thirsty senior. Seminars also allow professors to present material they may not be able to tackle in a traditional four-unit class. In Spring Quarter 2009, 16 departments and a few colleges offered a total of 27 senior seminars, with topics ranging from “Sex and Democracy” to “Induced

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THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

By Niven Wilson



Expanding On-Campus Presence Could Make Membership an Actual Honor

► **NSCS**, from page 4 membership dues to be reinvested on campus, joining the organization could become worthwhile. NSCS should give the chapter funding to hold test-prep seminars with actual information about test strategies, or create a truly distinct volunteer program within the UCSD community. But as it stands, the entrance fee is unjustifiable when other student organizations can provide alternatives at lesser costs. The A.S. Council Volunteer Connection and UCSD's Center for Student Involvement both provide ample opportunities to help the community, without a high

membership fee. NSCS has too many misleading qualities to be worth joining. An honor society that calls itself selective while recruiting members with an academic record only one quarter long is a sign that something's awry. Not only does NSCS misrepresent how it awards students for academic achievement, it doesn't offer enough support to individual chapters. While NSCS claims it can offer the world for a few dollars, UCSD students already have at their

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fingertips — for free. Readers can contact Omaid Qazi at oqazi@ucsd.edu.

Faculty Need Incentive for Additional Hours

► **SEMINARS**, from page 4 Pluripotent Stem Cells: Science Hit or Science Hype?" Though faculty members can still work with their departments to present a proposal for a senior-seminar course, the associated \$1,500 research stipend will be eliminated. While many faculty members teach these seminars out of the goodness of their hearts, students can expect a drop in course offerings. At a research-focused university with merit reviews coming every few years, the limited incentive to teach an extra class without compensation will likely convince professors to opt out of the program. One solution is

to convince faculty that teaching a senior seminar without receiving a stipend would be looked upon nicely by merit-review personnel. Reviews are based on teaching, research and service — no doubt teaching a seminar course. Sawrey said the Office of Academic Affairs recognizes that every professor teaching a senior seminar is doing so on top of his or her normal workload. According to Sawrey, Academic Affairs is currently considering four senior-seminar proposals for Fall Quarter 2009 and she said there is likely to be some reduction in the number of courses offered. Rather than eliminate all funding for senior

seminars, perhaps the Office of Academic Affairs could reduce stipends while eliminating some funding for the freshman program. According to Sawrey, the freshman seminar course offerings outnumber senior seminars by three to one annually. Instituting creative funding compromises like this is but one way the Office of Academic Affairs can keep the program afloat — and in order to do that, it must also realize that the program demands greater respect than it's currently being afforded. Readers can contact Brent Westcott at bwestcot@ucsd.edu.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Registration Are Fees Distributed Appropriately

Dear Editor,

The April 23 *Guardian* editorial incorrectly suggested that Student Affairs was proposing to redistribute registration fees from their intended purpose of supporting student co-curricular services to "academic components such as admissions." The opposite is the case.

In these difficult budgetary times, indeed for many decades, Student Affairs has sought to preserve the distinction between the registration fee and its co-curricular uses on one hand, and state general funds and education fee funds and their mainly academic uses on the other.

Student Affairs, it should be noted, is made up of units that utilize state general funds and other units that use registration fee funds as well as campus-based fees in some cases. Each unit offers campus programs and services appropriate to its funding sources.

At UCSD, the Registration Fee Advisory Committee plays a major role in the allocation of registration fees. RFAC has 14 voting members, 10 of whom are students representing the colleges, the A.S. Council and the Graduate Student Association. In addition there is a nonvoting chair, who must be a student elected by the members. The other RFAC members are staff and faculty.

RFAC, with the consent of the vice chancellor of Student Affairs many years ago, adopted and continues to adhere to the UC Council on Student Fees' Standing Policy on the Appropriate Use of the University Registration Fee, which lists the student service units that are inappropriate for registration fee funding. Included on this list are "enrollment/registrar/admissions services."

UCSD students may rest assured

that any ideas regarding the possible allocation of registration fees by Student Affairs to departments not usually considered for such funding under the CSF guidelines would first be vetted thoroughly by the RFAC.

— **Ed Spriggs**
Associate Vice Chancellor of
Student Affairs

UC Can't Balance Duties With Inadequate Funding

Dear Editor,

The *Guardian* news article ("Pay Cuts, Furloughs Likely for UC Workers," April 16) and editorial ("It's Time UC Execs Put Their Mouths Where Their Money Is," April 16) raise some important issues, but both miss the central issue: the state's responsibility to adequately support the UC system.

First, the actions referenced in the news story were not salary increases. These were appointments for critical positions. In one instance, an individual is filling two roles for the salary of one, saving the University of California roughly \$320,000 per year. Another concerns the appointment of a chief financial officer at a salary well below the going rate for CFOs to ensure strong financial management and to identify more ways for the UC system to save money. A third individual was promoted to fill a vacancy in our Washington office, which is a critical place for the UC system and California to be represented.

Second, the editorial ignores what is being done to limit executive pay and control costs, and suggests that a potential furlough might apply only to staff. Here are the facts:

The UC system has instituted a systemwide freeze on senior managers' salaries, cut bonuses and incentive pay, and reduced the budget at the Office of the President in Oakland by \$67 million and the staff by 628 employees

over the last two years.

UC campuses are curtailing faculty recruitment, in many cases by 50 percent or more. This reduces hiring of nonteaching staff; severely limits spending on nonessential costs such as travel; consolidates or eliminates programs and looks for efficiencies, while working to minimize cuts to student programs.

If a furlough were to be implemented, it would not apply just to line staff — managers would also be included.

Salaries for senior managers represent less than 1 percent of the university's annual payroll. Reducing executive salaries or not filling senior positions would have very little impact on the budget deficit the UC system is faced with.

In the current economic environment, it is understandable and appropriate to be concerned about every institutional expenditure, and we welcome scrutiny of how the university is being managed. It is also important that people view financial decisions in the proper context, and that the public receives a balanced presentation of the facts. There are many questions and some misconceptions about the university's budget and why state support is so critical. *Guardian* readers are encouraged to get the facts about these issues at universityofcalifornia.edu/news/budgetmyths.pdf.

The bottom line is that the state's under-funding of the university has put the UC system in an impossible position: We're expected to keep the university running smoothly, accept a growing student population, graduate tomorrow's leaders, hire the best people, produce cutting-edge research and life-improving innovations and more — all with fewer and fewer state dollars. That's an unrealistic expectation.

The state has a responsibility to its citizens to adequately support public higher education, and we encourage all UC stakeholders, including students and student-run media, to help

us deliver this message to our state leaders.

— **Paul Schwartz**
UC Office of the President
spokesman

Student Parking Should Be More Accessible

Dear Editor,

The bureaucratic system that has plagued our institution has made students suffer enough. So why is the Parking and Transportation Services Office contributing to students' bureaucratic nightmare?

It's obvious that finding undergraduate student parking on West Campus is like striking gold. Desperate students unwittingly waste an enormous amount of time and gas going from one lot to the next, passing by the abundance of open "B" and "A" spots in order to get a parking spot nearer to the center of campus. This is unfortunate because many students miss portions of their classes, which may be vital for an exam, just because Parking and Transportation Services wants to make an additional buck with "B" and "A" spots. On a daily basis, a number of students spend more than 30 minutes in Gilman Parking Structure waiting on the half floor dedicated to "S" spots. That's right, in a six-floor parking garage, there is only half a floor with "S" spots and it's at the very top! For a student population of over 20,000 this seems like an entirely thoughtless arrangement by Parking and Transportation Services. The response is simply, "Use Regents!"

Telling students to park in the Regents parking lot, although valid due to the abundance of available "S" spots, also shows how much this institution cares about its students — by pushing us back and making us park entirely away from the center of campus. This seems contradictory to the original purpose of any university,


which is to serve its students. Faculty and staff have a much easier time trying to find parking. Almost five of Gilman's floors are dedicated to them, in addition to three and a half floors in Hopkins Parking Structure, three floors in Pangea Parking Structure, Lot 207, Lot 206, half of Lot 406, Lot 510, Lot 502 and more. The worst part is the amount of available "A" and "B" spots within these lots. Students pass by empty spots and floors in Hopkins trying to reach the top floor. Similarly with Gilman, students have to drive up five floors passing many empty spots to reach the half floor that is dedicated to us. Why are the undergraduate student spaces consistently more difficult to reach?

This is not an issue of creating more "S" spots, but simply an issue of fair reorganization of currently available spaces. Parking and Transportation Services should consider changing many of the consistently empty "B" and "A" spots at the various structures to "S" spots. This would enable students to park nearer to a campus that is supposed to serve the students, instead of having students drive to campus an hour earlier just to wait for a parking spot, or take the shuttle in from East Campus, which doesn't allow students to maximize their time! This would be a small gesture in support of UCSD's next generation of scholars.

— **Kayvan Ghaffari**
Thurgood Marshall College
sophomore

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A new study from Scripps Institute of Oceanography is shining a light on bioluminescent worms off the San Diego coast.



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By Danielle Crawford
Staff Writer

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Shortly after the sun dips below the horizon, puffs of sparkling green light glow beneath the ocean's surface. This alluring spectacle, which occurs two days before the quarter moon and lasts from 20 to 30 minutes, has long mesmerized voyaging sailors. What they may not know, however, is that the source of this radiance is a tiny worm, shorter in length than a single fingernail.

Odontosyllis phosphorea, the luminescent fireworm, lives on the seafloor of tropical and temperate oceans and is known for its mating swarms: Female worms swim to the surface and secrete a bioluminescent mucus that attracts males for spawning.

This mucus emits the green light, which has been observed by kayakers and seafarers in waters as nearby as Mission Bay. Dr. Dimitri Deheyn and Dr. Michael Latz, marine biologists at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, are working to uncover the different purposes of the worm's bioluminescence, as well as the protein responsible for the light itself.

"Hundreds of years ago, locals would say that this was the 'spirit of the ocean,'" Deheyn said. "It has been reported many times, but few studies have been done regarding the biology of the light."

Through their research, the scientists have already discovered that juvenile worms are able to produce the light as an internal flash, rather than the secretion of mucus. Because sexually immature worms are able to achieve bioluminescence, the scientists propose that this internal light cannot be for the sole purpose of mating.

"We hypothesize that the bioluminescence could therefore have two purposes," Deheyn said. "One is as a means of defense in the small worms, and the other as a visual signal for mating in the adults."

In order to identify the protein responsible for the light, the

team must isolate the protein in the mucus generated by the worms.

Fifty to 60 years ago, scientists would collect the worms by finding the mating swarms and using a dip net, Latz said. They would then take the bodies of the worms, grind them and then extract the chemicals responsible for the glow.

Deheyn and Latz take a different approach. They gather worms from their tubular seafloor homes instead. When the worms swarm near the surface, they easily deplete their mucus; collecting them from their resting place ensures that the worms' ability to glow hasn't been diminished.

In the lab, worms are exposed to potassium chloride, which artificially triggers secretion.

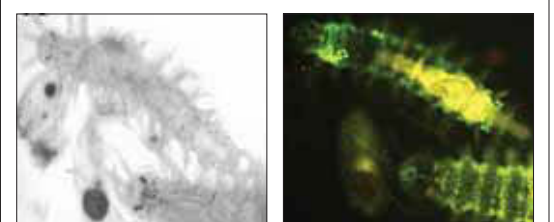
In general, a chemical reaction resulting in bioluminescence requires oxygen; based on previous studies, if oxygen is removed, no light should be produced. However, by testing solely the mucus, Deheyn and Latz were able to trigger a glow without adding oxygen, which led them to speculate that the protein responsible for the light is a photoprotein — a protein that contains oxygen within it.

"When they studied the worm 50 years ago, the lack of oxygen would have reduced the bioluminescence," Latz said. "They used the full worm, indicating that they might have analyzed the internal flash instead of the mucus itself."

The scientists said that isolating the particular protein responsible will be a very difficult process. They will need to determine the amino-acid structure of the protein through column chromatography and gel electrophoresis, a standard method for separating proteins based on their size and charge.

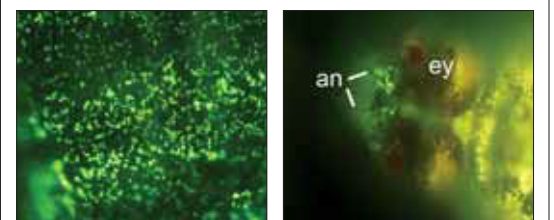
Latz said that a successful identification of the protein could

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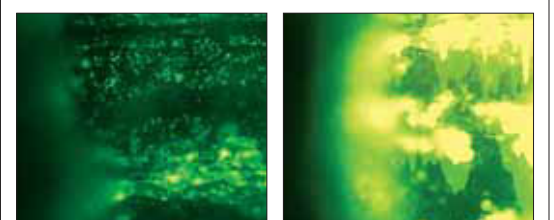
▶ View of two small fireworms using bright-field microscopy. The worms are known for their bioluminescent mucus.

▶ View of the fireworms using blue-excited fluorescence, showing green and yellow emission. Epifluorescence microscopy was used to take the above image.



▶ Green fluorescence, originated from epidermal cells spread over the fireworm's body. This shows the worm glows internally, along with their secreted mucus.

▶ Fluorescence from the worm's head was not associated with eyes (ey) or antenna (an).



▶ Green fluorescent organelles in epidermal cells of the fireworm, which can be seen glowing under the ocean's surface.

▶ Secretion of green fluorescent mucus from the epidermal cells a few seconds later, which appears brighter as the mucus is released by the fireworm.

PSYCH CLASS GETS UP-CLOSE AND PERSONAL

BY GLORIA WU
STAFF WRITER

How much control do you have over your own love life? According to Dr. Robert Epstein, former editor in chief of *Psychology Today* and current visiting scholar at UCSD, love doesn't have to wait for Cupid to strike.

In PSYC 158, an upper-division course on the psychology of interpersonal relationships, students are learning what exactly makes our heads spin and knees weaken when the object of our affection is nearby. During each lecture, Epstein leads his students through a 15-minute relationship-building exercise. And, according to Epstein, nearly every student has used one of the techniques from the course to improve a relationship outside of class.

"Soul gazing" is a favorite among students, he said. During the first lecture, several students volunteered to stand in front of the class and gaze into each other's eyes for two minutes.

Gazing is a form of mutual vulnerability that is not to be confused with staring, Epstein said. To stare is to look at someone intently without permission.

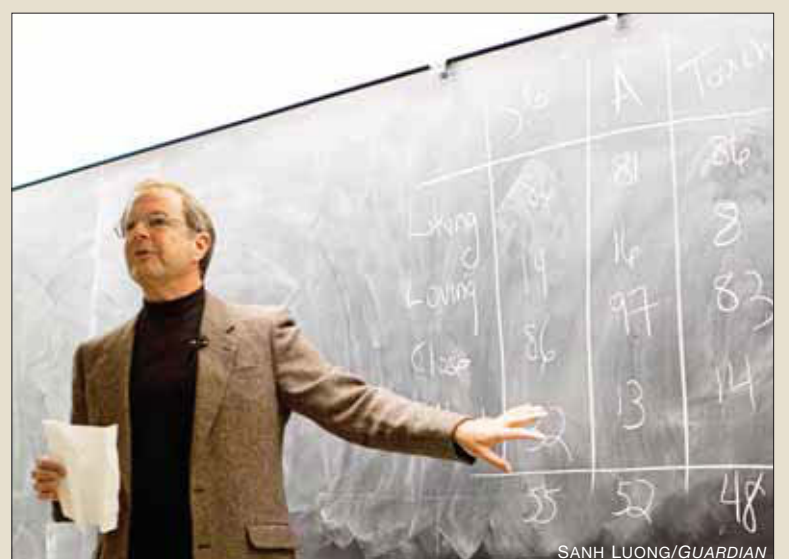
When two people gaze at each other, they lower their defenses and create a bond.

The class reported finding a 45 percent increase in closeness after the gazing experiment.

"[Soul gazing] is the one experiment we've done so far this quarter that I can actually do outside of class," Thurgood Marshall senior Jeffrey Jair said. "I can't fall backwards into someone's arms or hold up my palm to someone else's to feel their body heat, but I can look into someone's eyes."

Epstein's idea that love can be learned was originally derived from his research on the practice of arranged marriages in Asia. Partners don't necessarily love or even know each other at the start of the marriage, but Epstein found that in many cases, both man and wife fell in love over time.

"In the Western world, we tend to believe that love is something we entrust to chance," Epstein said. "We leave it up to Hollywood producers to tell us the



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IN FOCUS The Anti-Personnel Mines Project



If you find yourself on the first floor of Atkinson Hall anytime before June 10, tread lightly. Visiting professor Carlos Trilnick has constructed an indoor art exhibit — called the Anti-Personnel Mines Project, part of the gallery@calit2 — to raise awareness about the malicious use of landmines to kill enemy soldiers instead of targeting vehicles.

To simulate a landmine, the interactive exhibit includes a series of sensors hidden beneath a bed of Astroturf. Each time someone steps on a sensor he or she detonates an explosion composed of sound effects and images including maps, statistics and phrases projected onto a wall. The sensitivity of each sensor varies from moment to moment so that the explosions remain as unpredictable as actual landmines.

Trilnick hopes the exhibit will promote dialogue and encourage countries including the U.S. to sign the Ottawa Treaty, which bans the production and use of anti-personnel mines.

— JOANNA CARDENAS
ASSOCIATE FOCUS EDITOR



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Scanning the Brain for Wisdom

BY SARAH SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Wisdom — once the mere subject of flowery poetry and anecdotal religious teachings — has taken a giant leap into the realm of scientific brain imaging.

In a study published April 6, a team of UCSD researchers called for a scientific review of the neurobiology of wisdom, using literature on the subject as their starting point.

“We need to have some consensus on the definition of wisdom,” said Dr. Dilip V. Jeste, professor of psychiatry and neurosciences at UCSD. Jeste is also the Estelle and Edgar Levi Chair in Aging and director of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging.

The researchers decided to focus on individual traits that experts had decided were the ingredients to the widely accepted definition of wisdom — such as pro-social attitudes, social decision-making, emotional homeostasis, self-understanding, tolerance and acknowledgement of (as well as the ability to effectively deal with) uncertainty.

The researchers studied this concept of wisdom with neuroimaging, which uses small cam-

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'Heartbreak' Waiver Keeps Love at Bay

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story of how love works. This course is about empowering students. They can have some control over the development of their relationships outside of the classroom."

Like most psychology courses at UCSD, students are assigned reading from a textbook for homework.

Students have the opportunity to earn extra credit by marking the progress of their own relationships outside of the classroom. However, grades will be determined by the appropriate application of course material rather than its success, Epstein said.

In order to participate in the real-life assignment, students are required to sign a waiver ensuring that the university will not be held responsible for consequences such as emotional heartbreak.

"The things we are learning are enhancing our relationships," Jair said. "This is one class where we can actually apply the things we learn to the real world."

In January, Epstein signed a production deal with the Wolper Organization to produce a reality TV series called "Making Love" — expected to air spring 2010 — in which couples across the nation will participate in relationship exercises and measure their progress.

"I want to give them the tools to strengthen their relationships," Epstein said. "I want to show people out there that there are research-based methods that are proven to be successful in improving relationships."

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Ancient Philosophy Meets Modern Neurology in Wisdom Study

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eras to view brain activity through changes in blood flow or metabolic alteration on live subjects — something researchers were previously incapable of doing. The images helped Jeste and his team discover where certain traits could be found in the brain. For example, the prefrontal cortex, the part of the brain located just beneath the forehead, controls several traits associated with wisdom — including emotional regulation, decision-making and value relativism.

In the exploration of wisdom, researchers believe that isolating the location of certain traits in the brain

may help in treating certain diseases or conditions in the future.

"The goal of the research is to find ways to help people," Jeste said. "This research is important, because it has some relevance to some patients we see with things like dementia, a life-Alzheimer's which consists of little memory loss, just a change in personality."

The scientists' research was supported in part by grants from the National Institute on Mental Health, the National Institute on Aging, the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration, the UCSD Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging and the Department

of Veterans Affairs. Jeste said he believes their findings may eventually help a variety of patients, including the elderly and those with brain injuries and dementia.

Jeste stressed that other less factual, more spiritual methods and beliefs about wisdom should not be completely neglected.

"This isn't biology versus culture," Jeste said. "Many things are both. Culture can influence the brain and effect behavior."

The study noted a strong correlation between current definitions of wisdom, religion and philosophy and the definitions from ancient civilizations such as Greece, China

and India. The Bhagavad Gita, an ancient Indian religious text, contains a particularly relevant definition of wisdom: One must understand the differences between the body — the field of activity — and the soul — the knower of the body.

Jeste said he hopes his research will encourage the scientific community to take the concept of wisdom and other more abstract psychological traits more seriously.

"Wisdom also has a scientific basis," Jeste said. "We don't do enough research on psychological traits."

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Fireworm Study May Brighten the Future of Cancer Research

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prove extremely useful to biomedicine.

"We hope to have it as a new tool for bioengineering and biomedical applications," Latz said. "It is important because light is a really easy signal to measure. It could be used to indicate changes in gene expression, ATP — a common energy source used by cells — and protein. In general, there is tremendous interest in identifying and characterizing new bioluminescent chemicals, which is the reason why we are doing the project itself."

Today, the protein responsible for the bioluminescence in jellyfish is a valuable tool used in biomedical research.

According to Deheyn, over 30,000 scientific papers have been published to date regarding this protein, discovered by Noble Prize laureate Dr. Osamu Shimomura. The protein that Deheyn and Latz are trying to identify could possibly complement other existing fluores-

cent proteins.

Joy Leilei Shih, who recently finished her master's degree in marine biodiversity and conservation at UCSD, has been a research assistant in Deheyn's lab for one year. She studies a different species, known as *chaetopterus*, or parchment worm.

Like the fireworm, this worm releases bioluminescent mucus and can glow internally. However, it does not swim to the surface of the water for spawning, as does the fireworm. Instead, its light is thought to deter predators and repel other animals looking for a dark place to hide.

Shih said identifying the protein responsible for bioluminescence in the fireworm's mucus could be sig-

nificant in future medical research, and would build off previous studies.

"In the long run, if we are able to identify, isolate and get a good understanding of this protein, it would be very helpful in the medical field, such as with things like cancer research," Shih said.

"The other thing that's exciting is that previously it was thought that what makes it glow was an enzyme-substrate reaction. But based on their experiments, we think that it is a photoprotein that creates the glow. It's like thinking that the world is flat and then figuring out that it's round."

Laura Enzor, who just received

her master's degree from the University of West Florida, also studies the parchment worm in Deheyn's lab.

"I think that the research is significant simply because it's interesting to find out how animals work and why they do what they do," Enzor said. "This is a really interesting adaptation, and we should look at why they do it, how they do it and what helps them do it — namely the protein. Just learning about these animals is reward enough; you don't necessarily have to be looking for a cure to something."

Currently, Deheyn and Latz are still working to identify and isolate the protein in question.

"The enzyme in the protein is not found anywhere else in the living kingdom," Latz said. "That is what's special and also what makes it difficult to isolate. There is no framework for what it could be."

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- 6 Used to be
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- 10 Leaves in a rush
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Tritons Hope Tough Regular-Season Schedule Pays Dividends

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last home meet of the season, the Tritons performed admirably against stiff competition at the UCSD Triton Invitational on April 24. The competition featured athletes from Division-I programs in the Pac-10, Big-12 and Southeastern Conference.

The 4x100 meter relay team, consisting of junior Christine Merrill, senior Katie Skorupa, sophomore Kelly Fogarty and senior Laiah Blue led the women's team. The four sprinters finished in 46.50 seconds to set a new record for UCSD and record the seventh fastest time nationally in Division II this season.

Merrill also competed in the 100-meter hurdles and 400-meter hurdles as one of the few Tritons to participate in three events. She placed third in the 100-meter event and won the 400-meter hurdles — an event in which she is ranked third nationally.

Merrill's strong races at the Triton Invitational come at a good time in the season.

"This helps me gain momentum for conference," she said. "It's really exciting because our 4x100 [team] ran so well and we can still improve. There are a lot of school records on the team this year. Everyone pushes each other, and if one person does well it helps everyone else do well."

Skorupa, who ran the second leg in the 4x100 relay, also competed in the 200-meter dash. She recorded a time of 25.70, which was good for third place in the race and 10th fastest in school history.

Junior thrower Danielle Thu also performed well for the Tritons, breaking her own school record in the hammer throw by an inch, with a mark of 189'6". Thu placed sixth in an event featuring a former Olympian and Division-I champion. Fellow thrower sophomore Theresa Richards placed fifth in the javelin throw, with a mark of 132'01", her personal best.

On the men's side, junior hurdler Leon

Baham, junior thrower Fred Cook and freshman thrower Nick Howe led with a trio of NCAA provisional qualifying marks.

Howe placed sixth overall in the javelin throw with a mark of 193'10", good for second in school history.

"This is really extraordinary because the javelin throw is an event that usually takes a while to develop," Salerno said of Howe's immediate success.

Baham had a strong showing in the 400-meter hurdles, placing fourth with a time of 53.10.

In a meet known for the quality of its throwing events, Cook placed 17th with a mark of 181' in the hammer throw.

Junior Casey Ryan had a strong performance in the high jump, clearing 6'10.75" to place third overall. Ryan had some of the stiffest competition in the meet, and finished behind only University of Nebraska's Paul Hamilton and University of Tennessee's Brenard Wilson.

Despite the team's success this season, Salerno stressed that conference will not be easy.

"We have possibly one of the toughest conferences in Division II," he said. "We almost need the Division I meets to get ready for a conference like ours."

While not all of the team will move on to conference, Salerno emphasized the importance of every athlete.

"Everyone who's out there laying it on the line has a role in getting other people to nationals," he said. "That's something that I think has been a huge thing for us — the level of commitment that we've seen in the program has grown immensely."

The Tritons will begin conference championships on April 30 in Chico, where the Triton women will attempt to capture their fifth straight title.

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Ozzie Will Hold It Together for One More Playoff Appearance

► **AMERICAN LEAGUE**, from page 16

that the Red Sox and New York Yankees can't always buy the AL East. The Rays showed that a well-developed farm system and key veteran acquisitions can equate to a World Series berth, even while the Evil Empire (now with a new Death Star!) tries to buy its way back to dominance. After spending slightly less than C.C. Sabathia's weight in the off-season, the Yanks continue to look weak due to a strange mix of egotistical all-stars and stunted up-and-comers. The Rays again have a chance to return to postseason play, though they no longer have the benefit of being overlooked, and it will be interesting to see when the decision is made to call David Price to the big-league club.

Nonetheless, this division should return to the Red Sox and their legion of annoying, arrogant and largely uneducated fans. Even without Manny, the Red Sox have spent wisely and should get at least one surprise from their underpaid trio of newcomers in Brad Penny, Takashi Saito and John Smoltz.

AL Central

Probable division winner: Chicago White Sox.

Keeping hope alive: Minnesota Twins.

The AL Central is the least clear-cut in baseball. The Detroit Tigers continue to be better on paper than on the field. The Kansas City Royals will probably be better with Zach Grienke coming on strong, before settling into their customary fifth-place position. The Cleveland Indians were banking on Fausto Carmona, and he's almost making Chien-Ming Wang look good. It appears that the White Sox and Twins, having played a one-game playoff last season, are destined to battle for the division crown once again this season. The Twins have the superior pitching, with Joe Nathan in the bullpen and the most complete starting rotation of any team — Scott Baker, Francisco Liriano, Kevin Slowey and the luxury of having pretty much anyone they call up being at least decent. Even when they sell off most of their

players, the Twins seem to stay competitive. However, the White Sox have by far the better offense and a rotation led by Mark Buehrle and John Danks that should be good for at least one more postseason appearance by Ozzie Guillen, before he inevitably gets fired for calling one of his players a cracker and challenging some fans in the stands to a knife fight.

AL West

Probable division winner: Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim in Orange County Near the Hooters Off the Freeway.

Keeping Hope Alive: Seattle Mariners.

The Angels have dominated the AL West for much of the past seven years, and things look to remain the same heading into the 2009 season. However, the team usually built on pitching and defense starts the season with three-fifths of its rotation on the disabled list. Ervin Santana and John Lackey led the team to a 2008 divisional championship, but have yet to pitch a game this year, while Kelvim Escobar is an unknown after missing last season. And it finally looks like Vladimir Guerrero's actual age might be catching up with him. The unlikely Mariners are off to a hot start this season, behind the awesome one-two punch of Felix Hernandez and Eric Bedard. Of course, awesome is probably just an overstatement that deranged Mariners fans (like Cameron Tillisch) would use, while most reasonable individuals would refer to the tandem as somewhere between solid and fluky.

New manager Don Wakamatsu's small-ball theory has also paid off early for the Mariners, who presently are sitting pretty atop the AL West with an impressive 11-6 record. While guys like Endy Chavez and Jarrod Washburn will probably not continue to produce at their early-season levels, Seattle remains the division's best shot at challenging an Angels team that has been decimated by injury and tragedy.

Nonetheless, the AL East should return to the Red Sox and their legion of annoying, arrogant and largely uneducated fans.

Tritons Look to Shine on Tough Regional Course

► **GOLF**, from page 16

out of the postseason on a last-minute change, Wydra was not exactly surprised.

"We've been looking for a fourth and fifth guy all year long," he said. "None of the other guys were able to go low enough all season. To be honest, [the new changes] are probably a better indicator."

With the team eliminated from postseason contention, UCSD claimed three of four individual qualifying spots for the NCAA Regional taking place May 4 through May 6.

Sophomore Keith Okasaki, junior Raj Samra and Olsen will represent UCSD at the Wilderness Ridge Golf Club in Lincoln, Neb. The trio has consistently been the top competitors on the team's roster.

Individual qualifiers are selected from teams that did not advance to the NCAA Regional based on their recent performance as well as their overall play throughout the regular season competitions. According to Wydra, Olsen was most likely selected for regionals due to his solid finishes at the last two tournaments of the season, while Okasaki and Samra earned spots based on consistency in competition play over the entire season.

Okasaki is coming off a tie for eighth place at the CCAA Championships, where he fired a one over par 217. The finish is his best since finishing second at the St. Edward's Invitational in Texas Feb. 24 and 25.

The Sacramento native leads the Tritons with a 74.1 scoring average and has been one of the more consistent players during the regular season. This is his first trip to the postseason.

Since transferring from Cypress College this year, Samra has estab-

lished himself as a leader for the Triton squad. He led his junior college team to a conference championship in his sophomore season and is no stranger to postseason play.

Described by Wydra as a steady player who doesn't get flustered, Samra has proved worthy of the praise, posting four top-15 finishes throughout the year — his best a fourth place at the Point Loma Invitational March 2 and 3. But since then, Samra has struggled to

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— Mike Wydra, head coach

find his rhythm during competitive play and is coming off his lowest finish of the season in the conference championship.

"Raj is not in bad shape," Wydra said. "I think he had one of his worst tournaments of the year, but based on his play all season, he was selected. His stroke average is way, way good enough to qualify for the national championships."

Olsen qualified for the NCAA Regional for the second straight year with a consistent 75-75-72 at the CCAA Championship. After finishing T-84 at the GCU/Thunderbird Invitational, Olsen posted a pair of top-25 finishes, including his 19th-place finish at last week's champ-

ships.

"I think Billy really impressed the selection committee with his play this past week," Wydra said. "He has really come on strong after struggling early on this season."

The Tritons haven't had an individual qualify for the NCAA National Championship since 1980, Wydra's first year as head coach. That year, Bruce Nakamura finished second in the nation.

Okasaki, Samra and Olsen will try and change that in the coming weeks. The NCAA Regional will feature three rounds spread over three days — a change in format from regular collegiate play which features 36 holes the first day and 18 the second.

The top 10 teams from both the West and Midwest Regions will be competing for five spots in the NCAA National Championships. All individuals not on the five qualifying teams will compete for a single individual spot.

Wydra believes that his three golfers have a good chance of being that lone individual if they're on top of their game.

"The people who play the best will likely be on advancing teams, which is good," he said.

That leaves nearly 80 individuals vying for only one spot, forcing Okasaki, Samra or Olsen to post a Nakamura-like run to advance. But the difficulty of Wilderness Ridge Golf Club will play into the hands of the Triton golfers, according to Wydra.

"The fact that it's a tough course bodes well for us," Wydra said. "We specialize in tough courses by playing the harder courses in town and in the tournaments we choose to play."

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Cantele and Decker Make History in Series Win

► **BASEBALL**, from page 16

seven runners in the loss. The Coyotes scored two runs in the second inning, which proved to be enough for them as the Tritons only managed to drive in one run on a sacrifice fly from junior shortstop Vance Albitz.

UCSD answered back in the second game, using a nine-run eighth inning to overcome the Coyotes. Already holding a 4-0 lead, the Tritons led off the eighth inning with a double from senior second baseman Garrett Imeson. Redshirt junior Brendon Gregorich and Tim Mort added back-to-back doubles to plate the first two runs of the rally. Ten batters and seven runs later, the Tritons took a 13-0 lead into the ninth.

Riding a huge wave of momentum, the Tritons came home to face the Coyotes in a doubleheader on Saturday. This time, the lineup didn't wait as long to put up a crooked number, following up a solo homer from junior catcher Kellen Lee in the second inning with five scores in the third. Cantele's double was the Tritons' biggest hit of the inning, scoring two in the rally.

Lee added another solo shot and Cantele homered in the game en route to a 10-4 UCSD victory. Cantele's home run was the 53rd of his career, tying the record for home runs as a Triton.

UCSD capped off the CSUSB series with a little more history in the final game. Senior starting pitcher Trevor Decker earned his 26th career victory, making him the Tritons' all-time wins leader.

The victory did not come easily, however, as UCSD spent most of the game holding on to a slim 2-1 lead. After Decker pitched his last inning,

the Tritons finally broke the game open in the bottom of the fifth with three runs.

The inning started with a blast off the bat of Nick Burke, which was tracked down and caught in right centerfield, robbing the senior outfielder of a double. Albitz came up to bat with one out and lined a ball to first base. But the Coyote first baseman couldn't come up with the hard hit ball, earning Albitz a single to start the Triton rally. After a passed ball allowed Albitz to advance to second base, CSUSB intentionally walked Cantele, giving the Tritons two runners with two outs. Gregorich, UCSD's next batter, worked the count to 3-1 before hitting a towering homer to left field, giving the Tritons a 5-1 lead.

The Coyotes answered back with two runs in the top of the second, but the Tritons weren't done scoring yet. After Mort singled to start the inning, junior outfielder Robert Sedin's helmet was grazed by a pitch, allowing him to take first base. Three batters later, Albitz drove in a run with a single to centerfield and Sedin scored on a wild pitch, giving the Tritons a 7-3 lead. The Coyotes rallied in the seventh, but only managed one run, giving Decker and the Tritons a big win.

The Tritons (30-11, 24-8 CCAA) have now clinched a playoff berth and sit atop the conference standings, two games ahead of second-place Sonoma State University. UCSD will face sixth-place Cal Poly Pomona in a home and home series April 30 through May 2 before the CCAA Tournament in Palm Springs.

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Shooting a one-over par and tying for eighth place at the CCAA Championships in Paso Robles, Calif., the sophomore earned his first career spot at regionals.



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Junior catcher Kellen Lee homered twice in the Tritons' first game of the doubleheader against Cal State San Bernardino at home on April 25. UCSD posted a 10-4 victory in the game before winning the back end.

BASEBALL IN APRIL: WHEN DREAMS CAN HAPPEN

Watching an early-season game between the defending American League West Champion Angels and the defending AL last-place Mariners provides an interesting preview of the opening month of the Major League Baseball season — even when your team has Russell Branyan hitting in the three-spot



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and the guy who ate Ken Griffey Jr. hitting before him, there's still hope that this could be the year. Thus, at this early-season junction, it's worth taking a division-by-division look at those teams that, one month in, can keep hope alive and those teams that will probably end up winning the division. Starting with the AL and continuing with a National League preview next week, the mission is to batter everyone over the head with baseball articles in hopes of convincing people that this is not a boring sport, or at least that it's almost as exciting as watching seven hours of the NFL draft.

AL East
Probable division winner: Boston Red Sox.
Keeping hope alive: Tampa Bay Rays.
Last season, the Rays proved

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TRITONS CLINCH PLAYOFF BERTH AGAINST CSUSB

The first-place Tritons took three out of four games against the Coyotes last weekend, securing a spot in the postseason.

By Janani Sridharan
SPORTS EDITOR

BASEBALL — The No. 6 Tritons came out of Cal State Dominguez Hills on April 18 with their first-place lead in the conference standings cut in half after dropping a doubleheader to the fourth-place Toros.

"It was a tough day because they seemed to have a lot of momentum

and we struggled to get it back," senior third baseman Josh Tanner said. "We weren't as successful with our offensive approach as we usually are and their pitchers took advantage."

Following the series, UCSD traveled to Cal State San Bernardino hoping to get back on the winning track.

"We need to get back to doing what we do best," senior first baseman Matt Cantele said before the series with the Coyotes. "We need to play great defense, pound the strike zone and have quality plate appearances. If we do that then the winning and everything else will fall in place."

But UCSD fell 4-1 to the Coyotes,

losing its third straight contest, with the offense falling flat in the opening match. Following the loss, the Tritons responded with a 13-1 bashing of Cal State San Bernardino, breaking out of their mini-slump in a big way and clinching a California Collegiate Athletic Association playoff spot at the same time.

The Tritons returned to Triton Baseball Stadium and extended their home winning streak to 14 games with two wins in a doubleheader on April 25.

In the first game of the home and home series on April 23 in San Bernardino, the Tritons put together seven hits but stranded

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CCAA BASEBALL STANDINGS

	WINS	LOSSES
1. [^] UCSD	24	8
2. [^] SONOMA STATE	22	10
3. CSU LOS ANGELES	21	11
4. CSU DOMINGUEZ HILLS	19	12
5. CHICO STATE	17	14
6. CAL POLY POMONA	15	17
7. CSU STANISLAUS	14	16
8. CSU SAN BERNARDINO	13	18
9. SAN FRANCISCO STATE	7	25
10. CSU MONTEREY BAY	5	26

[^] Clinched CCAA Tournament berth.

Three Golfers Advance to NCAAs While Team Falls Short

By Matt Croskey
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S GOLF — A hair's breadth away.

That's how close the UCSD men's golf team was to qualifying for the NCAA Division-II Regional Championship.

The Tritons entered last week's California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship believing they had already earned a berth in regionals. But everything changed during the coach's meeting the day before competition, when head coach Mike Wydra learned his team would need a victory to make

the postseason.

"[The changes] put a little more pressure on us," senior Billy Olsen said. "It was a tough thing to deal with, and it was always in the back of our minds."

In a go-low-or-go-home situation, UCSD could only muster a sixth-place finish at the CCAA Championships, finishing behind five of the nation's top-10 squads. The Tritons concluded the regular season 11th in the West Region, one spot out of qualifying for the NCAA Regionals.

Despite his team getting knocked

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UCSD Prepares for Conference Championships



By Liam Rose
STAFF WRITER

TRACK & FIELD — Even while resting during the week before conference championships, the Triton track and field squad managed to place more athletes in the school's record books.

With conference coming up this week, the coaches decided to sit many of the athletes at the invitational in order to put forth the team's best effort when the races count the most.

"We leave on Wednesday for conference, and some of the athletes compete as early as Thursday," head coach Tony Salerno said. "We had people compete selectively or not at all."

Nevertheless, competing in the last invitational and

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After posting strong finishes at the Triton Invitational, UCSD will compete in the conference championships April 30 through May 2. The Tritons fared well in the competition last season — the women placed first while the men finished third.

CCAA MEN'S GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 20 and 21
Paso Robles, Calif.

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3	TOTAL	PLACE
KEITH OKASAKI	74	71	72	TIED EIGHTH	217
BILLY OLSEN	75	75	72	TIED 19TH	222
RYAN BAILEY	72	76	76	TIED 23RD	224
JUSTIN GABBERT	76	73	78	32ND	227
RAJ SAMRA	80	77	77	38TH	234
TEAM TOTAL	297	295	297	SIXTH	889

Par: 72 Total Number of Golfers: 40 Total Number of Teams: 8