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## NIGHT OUT WITH THE BIG BOYS

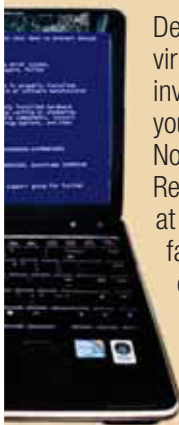
Columnist Jake Blanc got a taste of life as a pro sports journalist when the LA Lakers hit San Diego. **PAGE 16**



## FILLING THE GAP

Muirstock may be safe for now, but college councils shouldn't rely on cash-strapped students when they come up short. **PAGE 4**

## A BYTE OUT OF CYBERCRIME



Deadly viruses invading your inbox? Not to worry: Researchers at UCSD are facing the challenge head on. **PAGE 8**

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### POST-GRAD REPORT

## OUT OF SCHOOL & OUT OF A JOB

BY CONSTANCE QIAN • CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Though financial reports indicate the national economic crisis may have an end in sight, recent college graduates are finding little reassurance in the face of dismal employment opportunities nationwide.

"We are looking at a challenging job market for students graduating this year," Career Services Center director Andy Ceperley said. "Nationally, employers are predicting a 7-percent drop in campus recruitment compared to last year."

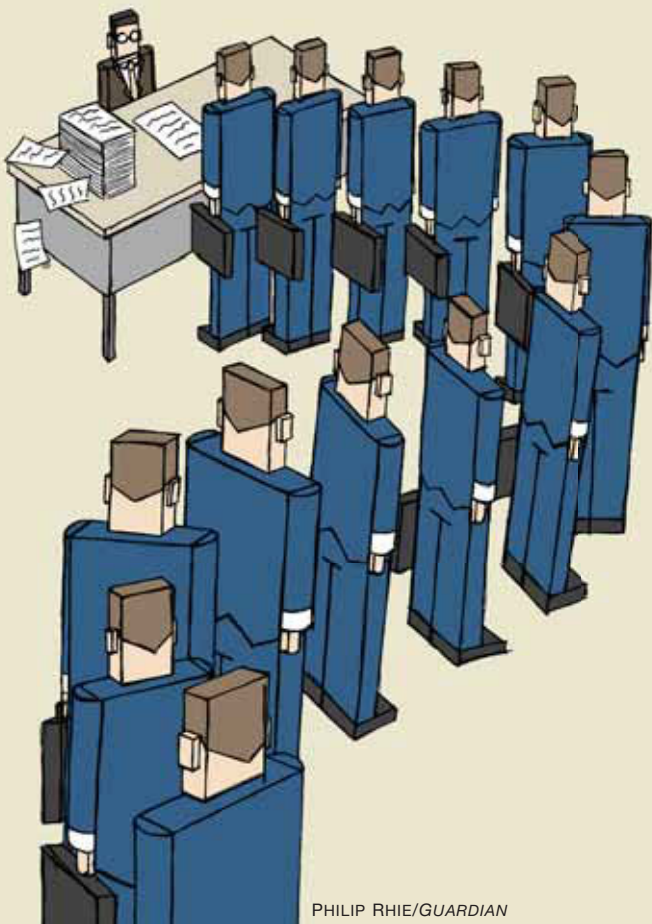
These worsening conditions coincide with a 26-year high in national unemployment.

In early 2008, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported unemployment rates of around 5 percent; however, joblessness shot up over the last year and now hovers at around 10 percent.

This discomfiting reality is a result of a global recession that began in September 2008. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, about 6.7 million jobs have been lost nationwide since the start of 2008.

See **JOB MARKET**, page 7

America's great recession is keeping college graduates unemployed — but some opportunities remain to beat the trend.



PHILIP RHIE/GUARDIAN

## Muir Barely Passes \$4 Fee Increase

Depleted college resources make passing referendum a priority for cash-strapped Muir student orgs.

By Hayley Bisceglia-Martin  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

John Muir College students voted Friday to pay an additional \$4 per quarter in activity fees, beginning March 2010.

Roughly 29 percent of the increase will go toward financial aid for Muir students. The remainder will fund Muir College activities like Muir Musical, Muirstock and the bi-quarterly N.E.R.D. LAN Party.

The referendum included a clause barring the Muir College Council from raising fees again until 2013.

Councilmembers made a similar bid to raise fees last year, but the referendum — included on the 2009 A.S. election ballot — failed.

The first proposal would have only raised the fee from \$7 to \$10, but included a clause that raised fees by \$2 every two years until 2014.

Despite an extensive informational-poster campaign led by the MCC, the Spring Quarter referendum didn't get by student voters, and only made the 20-percent voter participation requirement by 1 percent.

This year's referendum passed with 1,008 — or 24 percent — of Muir students turning out to vote.

According to MCC Financial Advisor Frank Chang, a main contributor to the passing of this year's referendum and the failure of last year's was the level of campaigning by both the MCC — which oversees funding for the entire college — and Muir

### THE VOTES ARE IN

TOTAL MUIR STUDENTS **4,197**

STUDENTS WHO VOTED **1,008**

'YES' VOTES **532**

'NO' VOTES **476**

See **MUIR**, page 3



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## BRINGING THE HEAT


Far left: The SD Board Club set up an impromptu foam slide on Sun God Lawn Oct. 23. Top: The annual Chancellor's Challenge 5K Run/Walk raised \$195,563 for undergraduate scholarships on Oct. 23. Bottom left: Hip-hop/indie-rock act Why? didn't come on until after midnight at the Loft Oct. 23, two hours after they were scheduled to begin. Still, a packed house went wild.

### SPOKEN

“The going rate for an individual [computer] is not more than a few dollars. Most are probably just pennies. So, you can get 1,000 computers for fairly cheap.

STEFAN SAVAGE  
UCSD PROFESSOR  
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### FORECAST

 MONDAY H 79 L 56	 TUESDAY H 70 L 55
 WEDNESDAY H 67 L 49	 THURSDAY H 69 L 50

### NIGHT WATCH

 MONDAY	 TUESDAY
 WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY

### SURF REPORT

<b>MONDAY</b> Height: 4-5 feet Wind: 3-9 mph Water Temp: 66 F	<b>TUESDAY</b> Height: 3-4 feet Wind: 6-7 mph Water Temp: 67 F
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# POORLY DRAWN LINES

By Reza Farazmand



# AS PER USUAL

By Dami Lee



## SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

# Federal Gov. Gifts \$9 Million to UCSD Brain Research

Stimulus cash to fund study of young brains; researchers hope to learn about drug addiction.

By Sarah Smith  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

On Oct. 15, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act announced intentions to provide an \$8,950,590 grant to UCSD researchers studying juvenile brain development. The research will aim to uncover biological reasons for differences in human behavior.

The study will be conducted at 10 sites across the nation and is expected to employ about 25 researchers.

"This very significant award — one of the largest single ARRA awards that UC San Diego has received to date — recognizes the vital, life-saving research being conducted at the Center for Human

Development, an interdisciplinary Organized Research Unit, and makes possible swift advances in the pediatric brain-imaging and genomics projects so important to families in California and across America," Vice Chancellor of Research Arthur B. Ellis said in a statement.

Faculty from at least seven UCSD departments will participate in the project. Cognitive science and radiology and neuroscience professors Terry Jernigan and Anders Dale will serve as the project's leaders.

The grant was awarded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health. The study — called

Pediatric Imaging, Neurocognition and Genetics (PING) — is one of NIDA's signature projects, intended to eradicate tobacco abuse and addiction by understanding how genes influence the development and morphology of the human brain.

Jernigan said the grant will be crucial to pediatric advances.

"One might say that PING is a study of the genetic and neural factors that contribute to individuality," she said in a statement.

"Understanding why we have different personalities and mental qualities is critically important for solving many problems that affect children."

The Multimodal Imaging



CHRISTINA AUSHANA/GUARDIAN

Laboratory — a campus laboratory that specializes in the use of imaging, recording and computational techniques to study healthy brain function and the diseases that disrupt it — will host the project's advanced neuro-imaging work.

"Our major aim is to create a database — essentially, a map depicting the genomic landscape of the developing human brain — as a resource for the scientific community," Dale said in a statement.

On Feb. 17, President Barack Obama signed the \$787 billion American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Recovery Act's main goals are to protect and create jobs, spur and invest in long-term economic growth and foster accountability and transparency in government spending. The federal government has allotted \$199,349,197,034 to grants since then.

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## Bus Zone Anniversary

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# Word on the Street

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## LIGHTS AND SIRENS

**Friday, Oct. 16**

**1:15 a.m.: Trespass**

▶ A Latina female with a small build, wearing a gown and carrying a bag of clothes, was reported as "refusing to leave" Thornton Hospital. *Field interview administered.*

**1:41 a.m.: Alcohol content**

▶ Two males were seen carrying bottles of alcohol outside Frankfurter Hall.

**Saturday, Oct. 17**

**12:56 a.m.: Possession of marijuana**

▶ The odor of marijuana was detected at the Muir College apartments.

**11:34 p.m.: Citizen contact**

▶ A taxi-cab driver was arguing with a female resident for not paying her cab fare at Lot 406.

**Sunday, Oct. 18**

**1:06 a.m.: Noise disturbance**

▶ A loud party was reported at Cuzco Hall. *Verbal warning issued.*

**Monday, Oct. 19**

**2:05 a.m.: Welfare check**

▶ A female was seen dancing in the middle of Lot 406. *Checks OK.*

**8:40 a.m.: Accident report**

▶ The driver of a shuttle was reported as accidentally "[striking] a pedestrian in the face with his mirror" at the Shuttle Trailer.

**12:14 p.m.: Fire**

▶ A trashcan was on fire at the Biology Building.

**1:05 p.m.: Citizen contact**

▶ An Indian male in his early 20s was reported as attempting to take a stranger's baby out of its sling, and did not understand when the reporting party told him that he "could not hold the baby." *Field interview administered.*

**Tuesday, Oct. 20**

**11:43 a.m.: Injury**

▶ A female with a rod in her leg was reported as unable to stand

after slipping on the stairs at the Thurgood Marshall Activity Center.

**Wednesday, Oct. 21**

**2:04 a.m.: Call for help**

▶ Two screams, followed by two more screams, were heard at the snake path behind Geisel Library.

**2:16 p.m.: Suspicious person**

▶ A white male with light brown hair and weighing approximately 225 pounds was reported as "knocking on neighbors' doors" and "acting like he wanted to go inside [the South Mesa] apartments" on Regents Road. *Unable to locate.*

**2:47 p.m.: Suspicious person**

▶ A teenage male wearing a black baseball cap was reported as "knocking on doors and seeing if they would let him in" at the apartments on Miramar Street. *Field interview administered.*

**5:00 p.m.: Prisoner**

▶ A 30- to 40-year-old male was caught stealing goods worth \$15.98 from the UCSD Bookstore. *Arrest misdemeanor.*

**7:06 p.m.: Drunk in public**

▶ An unknown number of males were reported as intoxicated at the Torrey Pines Glider Port. *Arrest misdemeanor.*

**Thursday, Oct. 22**

**8:10 a.m.: Suspicious person**

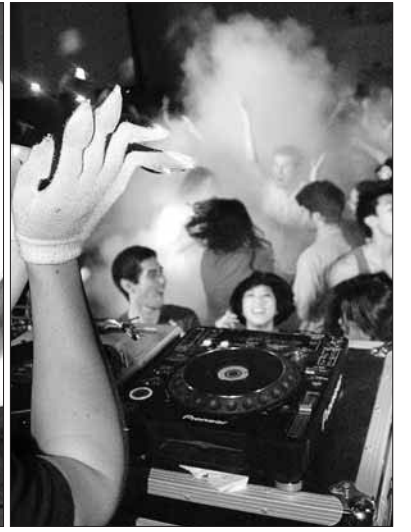
▶ A black male in his 40s, wearing a maroon dress shirt and khaki pants, was reported as "walking up to an unknown vehicle" as if he was "going to punch the window" before "[running] around Lot [603] and talking to himself." *Unable to locate.*

**9:47 a.m.: Suspicious person**

▶ A black male wearing a purple-stripe dress shirt was seen "pointing his finger like he had a gun" and "talking to himself" at Lot 603.

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

## COMING UP NEON



COURTESY OF WES FIELD

The first annual Something Awesome, a Deejays and Vinylphiles Club event modeled after Winter Quarter's annual Let's Bounce, drew hundreds to live electronic and hip-hop sets in the Price Center Ballrooms on the night of Saturday, Oct. 24.

## Muir Council Struggled Without A.S. Funds

▶ **MUIR**, from page 1

Residential Council, which puts on many of the major events for Muir residents.

Because the MCC must remain officially impartial on issues like these, the council ran an informational campaign. Representatives in the Muir Quad encouraged students to vote, and reminded them of the upcoming ballot deadline.

"MRC decided to run the pro campaign for the referendum that MCC couldn't," Lagano said. "MCC had \$75 for a pro campaign and \$75 for a con campaign, so we took what MCC gave us and made fliers and put them up all over school."

The council omitted the annual \$2 increase clause from this year's referendum. According to Chang, due to a drop in the council's reserve funds — from \$18,000 at the start of last Spring Quarter to around \$8,000 now — running the referendum, even without the clause, was critical if

the MCC wanted to continue funding student events as pricey as Muirstock.

"Historically speaking, we're supposed to put money back into our reserves, from our revenue, but we haven't been able to do that in the past four years because of the amount of money that we aren't getting from A.S.," Chang said.

In 2005, the A.S. Council declared financial independence from the six college councils, agreeing to fund all campuswide student activities and leaving the colleges to finance only internal events and organizations, like Marshall College's annual music festival Marshallpalooza or Muir's Weekends at Muir.

A.S. President Utsav Gupta said the split was due in part to a convoluted funding-request process.

"I remember, when I was a first-year, going around to seven or eight different bodies just to ask for funding for one event, so it did make it a lot harder to actually throw an event,"

Gupta said. "So, the deal was that college councils would no longer have to fund all-campus organizations if they didn't want to, and A.S. would pick up all of the funding for all-campus student organizations."

The elimination of this funding prompted the college councils to begin raising individual activity fees.

Now that Muir's referendum has passed, MRC co-chair Robin Sablove is optimistic about the council's ability to better fund student events and organizations.

"MCC used all their money," Sablove said. "So if the fee increase hadn't occurred, they wouldn't have any money to give us... like, [Muir Theatre] will now be able to get those lights to put on their production, or an organization will be able to get that funding they need, now that MCC will have money for us to request."

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# Sales Pay Decreases, Technology Sector Remains Strong

► **JOB MARKET**, from page 1

Last year, economics professor Richard Carson told the *Guardian* that he did not expect any improvements in the near future. However, he recently suggested that the worst may have already passed.

“My impression is that this year will not be much better than last year,” Carson said. “However, there is a clear sense that the economy is turning around, and it may be better by the spring, when most students start looking for jobs. Over the longer run, the job situation looks more optimistic than it did a year ago.”

Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco Vice President John Fernald offered a similar viewpoint in his Oct. 13 economic report.

“There are clear risks to the outlook, and some indicators continue to decline — most notably, employment,” the report said. “Nonetheless, the pace of job losses is slowing. In the first half of the year, employment fell by more than half a million jobs a month. In August, employment fell only 216,000.”

According to a September report by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, teaching jobs top the list of strong employment opportunities for recent college graduates. Previously, the No. 1 position was held by management and sales jobs.

The report also said that over the past year, the average yearly salary for recent college graduates has decreased from \$49,224 to \$48,633.

A study by CareerOneStop — an organization that offers career information and resources — anticipated tremendous growth in job opportuni-

ties for computer software engineers in California. Employment numbers are expected to rise from 87,300 to 128,400 — a 47-percent increase.

“We are finding that opportunities for our technical graduates remain strong,” Ceperley said. “Our Oct. 29 Triton Science and Technology Job and Internship Fair is generating favorable employer interest.”

According to NACE, 43 percent of employers expect to continue hiring as many college graduates as they did last year, while 17 percent of employers aim to increase hiring, and 40 percent of employers predict they will decrease the number of recent graduates on their payroll.

“Traditionally, employers tend to be conservative about their college hiring when the economy is in flux,” NACE Executive Director Marilyn Mackes said in the report. “Although employers anticipate doing most of their recruiting in the fall, we are seeing some movement to recruit in the spring. This is likely due to anticipation that the economic recovery will be underway by then.”

As many graduates wait for the economy to pick up, Ceperley recommended building work experience and credibility rather than going back to school.

“Students should look at post-graduate internships, fellowships and other ways to build their credentials, demonstrate their work ethic and establish important connections,” Ceperley said. “Some will inevitably choose to dive right into graduate or professional school. This is not necessarily the best solution unless the stu-

dent is focused and has a clear sense of their options when the advanced degree is completed. Simply waiting out a weak economy in school is seldom the wisest tactic.”

Revelle College alumnus Jimmy Lee, who graduated from UCSD last June, chose to pursue an internship when he was unable to land a full-time job in the management or consulting industries after leaving school.

“I think internships — rather than part-time positions — are definitely preferred by companies, since it’s essentially free labor,” Lee said. “For me, it’s helped me get my foot in the door of the type of industry I’d like to work in, make important connections with people that I might work with in the future and learn valuable skills that can only be learned at a workplace.”

According to a survey conducted by the Career Services Center — from a pool of recently employed graduates who completed their degrees between December 2007 and June 2008 — 29 percent successfully found jobs through internships or other previous experiences, 26 percent used online resources, 21 percent contacted employers directly and 15 percent found employment through networking.

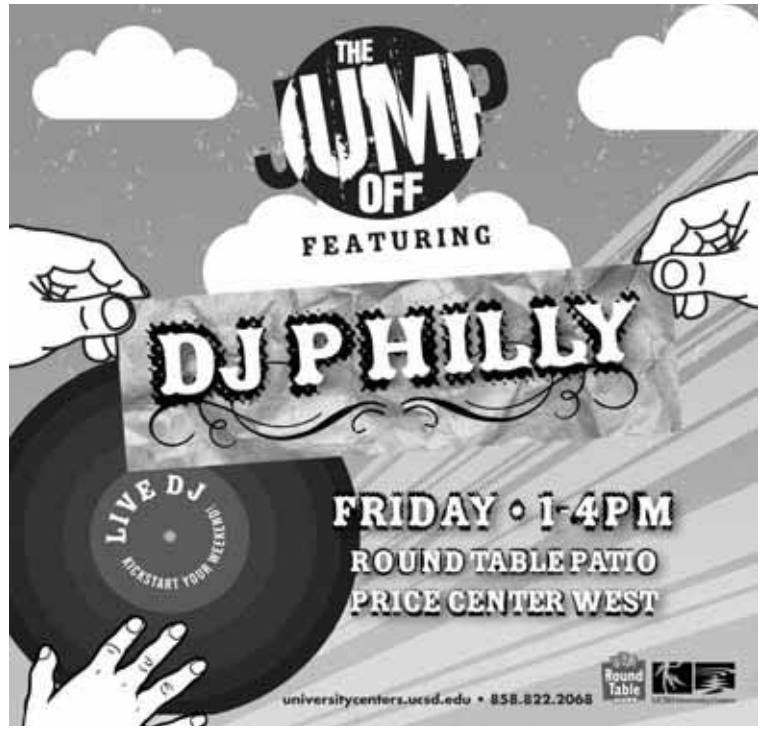
Ceperley said graduates should remain optimistic about their options, no matter what profession they are seeking.

“So few employment destinations are directly aligned to college major,” he said. “Outside of engineering, computer science and economics, graduates traditionally pursue a wide range of employers — from business to communication to education and nonprofit. A college degree from an excellent institution like UC San Diego is a plus, regardless of the academic discipline.”

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DIRECTOR,  
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# OPINION

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## OUT OF CONTEXT

“Several times a month we’re seeing kids being left by parents who say they can’t afford them anymore.”

MARRY FERRELL  
Director, Maslow Project

## Squash All Frogs on the Road to Prince Charming

With SlutFest 2009 (read: Halloween) nearly behind us, a string of warm ‘n’ fuzzy holidays await. It’s during this magical time of year that I normally scour the Web for evidence of humanity’s altruism. But, sadly, with every holiday miracle comes a crime report featuring an everyday psychopath to steal old St. Nick’s thunder.

Leading off the season, we have a

### The Surf Report

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newly dumped Portland misfit who broke into his ex-girlfriend’s house to beg for another chance. After her immediate rejection, he pushed her against a wall, whipped out a knife and stuck it to her tiny pet fish.

In case you didn’t learn your lesson from “Fatal Attraction” (the ’80s thriller in which Glenn Close boils her ex-lover’s pet rabbit in a jealous rage) don’t let this happen to you.

It’s tougher than it sounds. The world teems with those obsessive Facebook stalkers who just happen to glance at a Friday night dance party you’re attending and — by sheer coincidence — rain on your bump-and-grind parade.

But hold your judgment a quick second — we’ve all been that jealous dumpee at some time. One day you’re in your boyfriend’s delicious BMW, surveying all the poor single people trudging to the shuttle stop, and the next day you’re alone with “Tyra” and a silent phone, asking Ben & Jerry what you could have possibly done to deserve this.

It bites to be left in the dust, but after a few weeks as the stereotypical, See’s box-throwing dark princess, you too can bounce back.

When the tables turn, however, and you become the dumper (aka heartless bitch), it’s easy to shrug off that miserable abyss you’ve pushed your ex-lover into and jump back into the brawny embrace of college singlehood. For me, Christmas came early last year after my breakup: two apartments full of frat-guy testosterone moving into our hallway. Deck the halls, baby!

But if your ex’s pathetic cries are still drowning out the silver bells, it’s time to pull the plug on those weekly sympathy heart-to-hearts.

Acknowledge that you’re the reason for his bucketful of tears — if you seem oblivious to your ex’s pain, he will do everything possible to drown you in it. But also recognize that you don’t have to hold his hand while he’s dabbing his tears — that’s in his mom’s job description, not yours.

While the bloody goldfish made it stupidly obvious that our aforementioned Web felon’s deranged behavior screamed “restraining order,” it might not be so crystal clear when your average ex has crossed the threshold of obsession. After all, this is a person you presumably felt some scrap of a feeling for at one point. It may be difficult to recognize when he’s truly jumped off the deep end.

But take the time to look a little harder, folks, and really try to discern those warning signs. Because discarding that old, worn-out battery before it



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## COLLEGE FEES: A STEEPER CLIMB

*The passing of the Muir College council’s fee referendum might allow for another Muirstock worth remembering — but the A.S. Council should have opened its pocketbook before students had to. By Cody Christie*

**ON CAMPUS** — Last Friday, Muir College students voted to fork over another \$12 per year to keep their college’s organizations and events afloat.

However, after A.S. Council nearly doubled its funding last year with a pricey referendum, it seems college councils might be better off asking their rich Price Center uncle to fill spending gaps before scapegoating students.

The referendum, to be instituted Spring Quarter 2010, will increase Muir College’s activity fee from \$7 to \$11 per quarter to offset the Muir College Council’s depleted reserves. With only \$8,000 in unallocated funds as opposed to last year’s \$18,500, the council needed more money for unforeseen future costs and those last-minute pizza study breaks — and they got it.

Once upon a time — as recently as the 2005-06 academic year — individual college councils sought out funding from A.S. Council, which is rolling in it this year with \$861,500 in Concerts and Events funding at its disposal.

Thing is, the old system required student orgs to jump through seven separate funding-request hoops to get their hands on fees, begging each college for a little cash before groveling on the fourth floor of Price Center for even more.

The overhaul, which sent those orgs directly to the A.S. floor, was intended to make the funding process simpler for everyone, college councils included — as they’d no longer have to decide how many Benjamins the knitting club deserves.

Currently, the colleges don’t receive a dime from the A.S. Council. Instead, every cent they spend comes from a separate, smaller activity fee on our student bills. It may be a more streamlined approach, but it’s also problematic. When college councils go broke (which happens a lot), there’s only one place for them to turn: their students.

As anyone who’s ever witnessed a student-cashier battle at Cafe Ventanas knows (doughnuts, it turns out, are actually \$1.25), we students aren’t very willing to shell out. During Winter Quarter 2009, both Muir College and Sixth

College tried to pass marginal fee referendums just like this one. Muir’s failed. This time around, the measure just barely passed — with a mere 52-percent support rate.

Four bucks a quarter may not amount to much more than one sacrificed Perks cappuccino, but — on principle — the six college councils should be able to petition A.S. Council to help fill their funding gaps before begging their apathetic student bodies.

After its own lucrative referendum last year, the A.S. Council is the sole institution on campus with more money to spend than it knows what to do with. It would be far more cost effective to use the funding we already have than to tax students even more.

A.S. President Utsav Gupta said funding college councils would take away from the money now set aside for all-campus orgs. He insisted all \$630,000 of their allocation has already been set aside for one group or another this year.

But even if it’s not possible for A.S. Council to lend Muir College Council a generous hand this year, it could be feasible in the future. It’s not impossible to rewrite A.S. legislation — councilmembers did it four years ago, and can

do it again. Their self-proclaimed mission, after all, is to “promote student engagement in all areas of campus life” — and they should spread that involvement to all areas of campus.

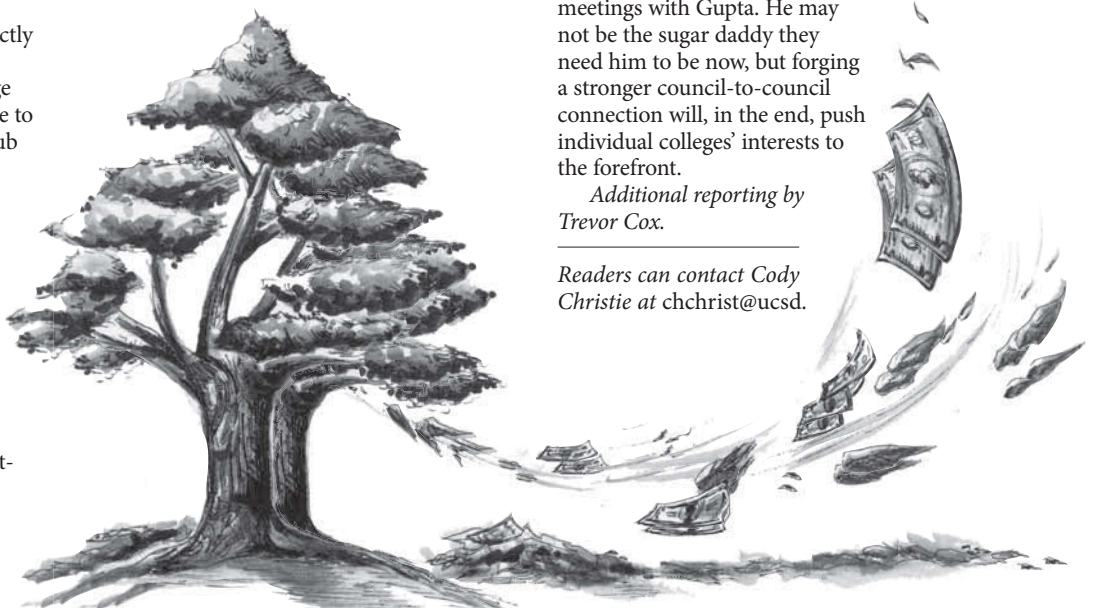
Gupta has expressed interest in doing just that. He wants college councils to host their own events the day of the Sun God Festival to expand the event to other parts of campus. But money for that has to come from somewhere, and A.S. has far more in reserves than do college councils. If the A.S. Council wants to see that type of participation, they’ll need to make sure it’s funded.

Before this can happen, though, the A.S. Council must communicate more with the college councils. As it stands, the councils themselves operate almost autonomously from the Associated Students. The only semblance of discussion between the two comes from a pair of senators from each college serving on both the A.S. Council and their respective college councils.

A couple go-between figureheads can’t lead a real, cooperative effort to serve the student body — in order for that to happen, and for the possibility of greater collaboration and cash-swapping down the line, college councils should at least hold quarterly meetings with Gupta. He may not be the sugar daddy they need him to be now, but forging a stronger council-to-council connection will, in the end, push individual colleges’ interests to the forefront.

Additional reporting by Trevor Cox.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

*New Artwork Represents Campus Latino Presence*

Dear Editor,

I respectfully dissent with Don Lindsay's letter published in the Oct. 15 issue, entitled "New Campus Mural Is Politically Charged," regarding the new campus mural.

First, the mural says "Health Care for All," not "Government Health Care for All." It never says whether health care must come from the government or from private corporations.

Second, there is already a place that displays "openly Christian symbols" and "faith-based American patriots" advocating stronger border security.

It is called Texas.

Furthermore, Lindsay's comments regarding Che Guevara are completely irrelevant, because Che is not on the mural.

Third, diversity is neither "anti-white" nor "anti-straight." As a heterosexual white woman, I feel threatened by neither the new mural nor the gay rights movement. An anti-white mural would say "F--- All White People" on it. The mural by Peterson Hall is not anti-white, but pro-Latino. The two are not necessarily the same. I will still be heterosexual if and when gay marriage is legalized in California; same-sex marriage poses absolutely no threat to my heterosexual identity nor to that of any other heterosexual.

Lindsay protests the mural's displaying of "clearly religious ... statements," then contradicts himself by saying the mural reflects "anti-faith" sentiments. He ought to make up his mind whether the

mural is inappropriately religious or inappropriately secular.

Finally, Lindsay's description of the "anti-American Hispanics ... undermining our great, traditional American culture" is inaccurate.

Most, if not all, of UCSD's Latino students to whom this mural is directed live in this country legally. They work hard, pay taxes and believe in liberty and democracy as firmly as any other group of Americans.

Additionally, immigration is one of our great American traditions. This country has seen waves of immigrants from India, Japan, China, Cuba, Russia, Germany, Italy, Ireland and many other countries.

All of these groups have contributed positively to the nation, bringing new foods, languages and ideas to the United States.

Welcoming these immigrants to our shores is an American tradition that has stood the test of time. Perhaps, as Lindsay is such a fervent patriot, he will one day travel to New York City and read the inscription underneath the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free."

— Amanda Woods  
Sophomore, Muir College

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## Pet Murder? Time for a Disappearing Act

► **REPORT**, from page 4  
 becomes a toxic pool of acid can save you a whole lot of cleanup time.

Note that the fish-mauler from our Web story released a post-crime statement saying, "If she can't have me, she can't have the fish." By the same logic, a psycho ex can — and will — try to sabotage your chance of reeling in another lover.

The classic example: personal jabs made in public. Last year's ex pulled aside my best friend and told her he can't even believe he liked me because Hispanic girls aren't his type.

I mean, premature balding isn't really my cup of tea either, but you don't see me whispering that into his best friend's ear.

Kindergarten-level racial slurs and other playground jabs reveal that your ex is lacking something key in the post-break-up rehab process: Pride. If he's not even bothering to preserve his good-guy image, he'll do anything to hijack your attention. It's a surefire indicator of his quest to tarnish your image so that you appear unlovable to anyone who'll listen — because after all, if he can't have you, no one should.

So when he starts pulling the race card and you — still trying to be sympathetic — haven't done the snip-snip yet, remember that when kids act their naughtiest, it means they want love and attention. Which isn't your

problem.

These blips on your lifeline, you must remember, are big boys. So go ahead and get it all out in one — I repeat, one — conversation. Anything more will only satiate his ever-burning desire to keep you in his life.

Commence silent treatment.

This is especially hard for people who have Snow White's desire to befriend all fellow humans and cuddly animals (example: me). But fish-killer has a valuable lesson to teach us all: The frogs you kiss before arriving at Prince Charming's castle will amount

to an eternal buzzkill if you let them stick around and make you feel guilty. However many sweet-talking apologies escape your lips, they'll only fall on seething, deaf ears.

The next time a breakup goes awry and you have to pull a disappearing act, remember: It's for your own good. No one wants to get chewed out for talking to the hot neighbor or not

responding on Facebook chat. To a scorned lover, everything you say will always be wrong, nothing you do will ever be right and no one you date will ever live up to his glorious precedent.

So when you see that drunk dial coming in, do yourself (and your Kleenex-chaffed ex) a favor and let it go to voicemail — life is too short to let the frogs overstay their welcome.

Look a little harder, folks, and really try to discern those warning signs. Because discarding that old, worn-out battery before it becomes a toxic pool of acid can save you a whole lot of cleanup time.

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## OVERHEARD

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According to an October 2008 poll by CNN, the amount of Americans who say they believe in ghosts. Twenty-two percent say they’ve seen or felt one.



FIGHTING THE LATEST ASSAULTS ON YOUR INBOX, UCSD RESEARCHERS BLAZE THE TRAIL FOR BOTNET RESEARCH AND VIRAL INVESTIGATION.

# TRACKING THE MASTER

BY JASMINE TA STAFF WRITER

You’ve seen it before: a humble request from distressed Dutch citizen Romeo Ormskerk, promising you “in absolute trust in god” he’ll place \$25 million in your bank account. After all, you — a responsible college student — are as trustworthy a business partner as any.

But no matter how many car bombs and insurgents threaten Ormskerk, he may have just posed an even greater threat to your computer.

Here at UCSD, a team at the Collaborative Center for Internet Epidemiology and Defenses — led by computer science and engineering associate professor Stefan Savage — has been working to halt the latest trends in cybercrime. They were recently granted \$7 million from the U.S. Navy to continue conducting the cutting-edge research on botnets they began in 2008.

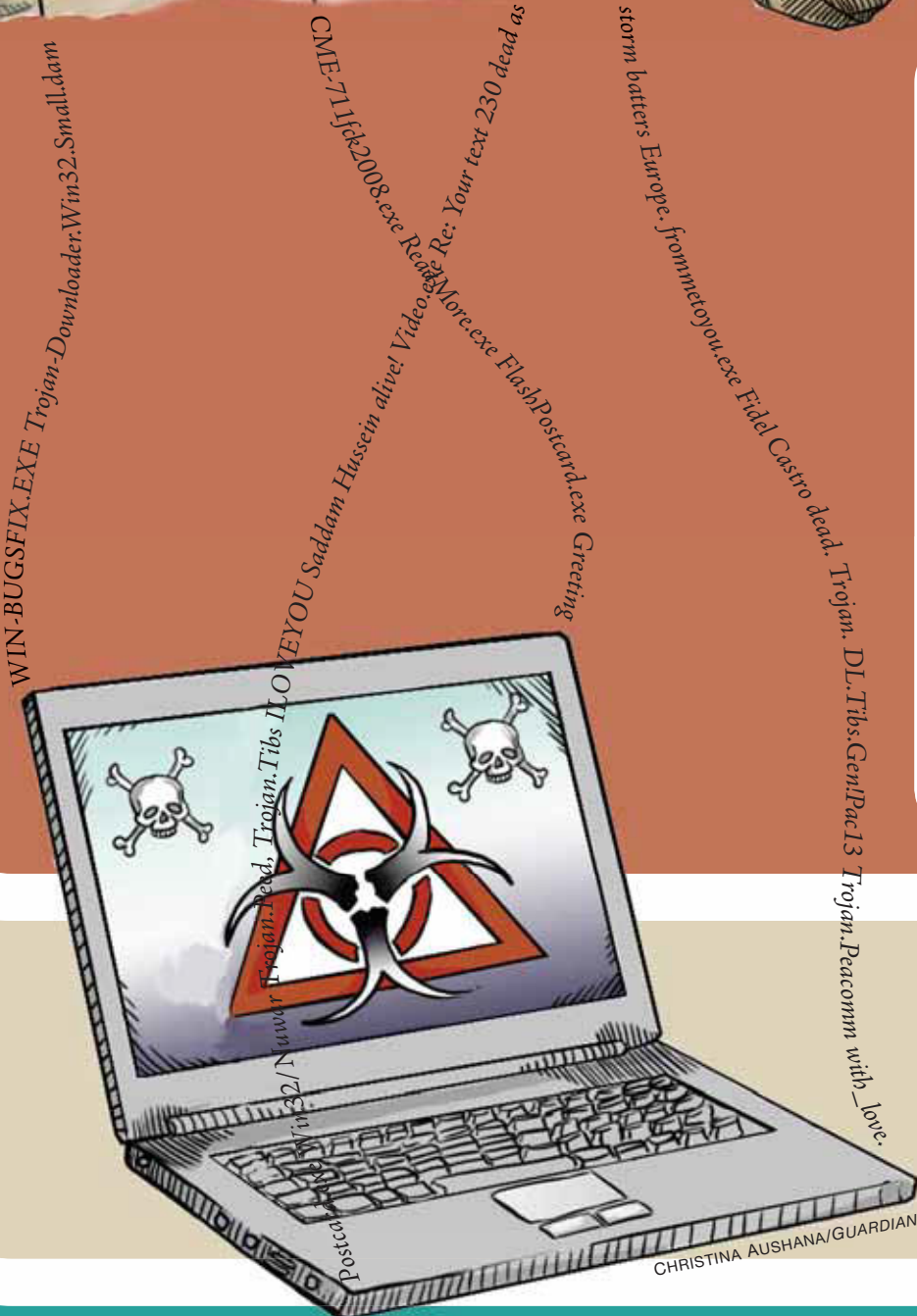
This research enabled them to figure out something no one had been able to determine before: exactly how many people receive a specific spam e-mail, click on a link within it, and ultimately purchase that pill promising to make him longer and wider — or whatever product the e-mail was attempting to sell.

The latest criminal tool in 21st century drive-by downloads, a botnet is a network (“net”) of computers (“bot”) controlled by a spammer called the “bot master.” Once you download a virus, usually with an accidental mouse click, it sends out spam to all other computers in your network. All without leaving a trace back to the bot master.

According to Savage, when the botnet concept emerged online in the early ’90s, it was only designed to send self-perpetuating insults via e-mail. However, most spammers were soon “blacklisted” by anti-spam campaigns and filters or blocked from sending outgoing mail. They needed a new outlet to continue their attacks — one where they themselves wouldn’t be the target.

“The people writing worms, viruses, and malicious software and the people who send spam got together,” said Savage. “It was like, when you infect these machines,

See **BOTNET**, page 10



## AN EMAIL WE WON'T BE RESPONDING TO ANYTIME SOON...

Dear Friend

With absolute trust in GOD and due respect to you, I write you this letter, which I believe would be of Great assistance to you and my good self. I would wish you keep this information confidential. Having got your Email address on the internet. Though this medium < Internet > has been greatly abused, I choose to reach you through it, because it still remains the fastest medium of communication.

I am Mr. Romeo Ormskerk, a dutch citizen, working with the American Red Cross in greater New York and serve in the military of the 2nd Armored division for Peace Keeping mission in Iraq. As you know, we have been attacked by the insurgents everyday and car bombs. We were lucky to move funds belonging to Saddam Hussein’s family, hoping it was a bomb in the box. Later we found out, it was a fiscal cash. The total amount is \$8,500,000,00 < Eight million and five hundred United States dollars in cash > mostly \$100 dollars bills.

We are seeking for a trustworthy foreign business partner, who can help us in receiving this box of money, so that he or she may invest it for us and keep our share for banking and investment advise.

This is our plan of sharing, my partner and I will take 90%, you take the other 20%, no stress attached, for we have made all necessary arrangements for shipping it out of Iraq, Iraq is a War Zone. We planned on using diplomatic courier service for shipping the money out in one large silver box declaring it as family valuables using diplomatic / military immunity.

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Yours Truly  
Romeo Ormskerk

## THE WORST VIRUSES OF ALL TIME

### BRAIN

This was the originator. Discovered in 1986, it was the first computer virus. And it wasn’t even meant to do any damage to your computer. Two brothers living in Pakistan invented Brain as a tracking program for illegal copies of their medical software. In the end, their bright idea to preempt piracy ended up inspiring far too many idle minds and infecting way more computers than they meant to.

### ILOVEYOU

With a subject line not many people could resist, this was one of the first viruses (or worm to be specific) to trick you into opening it. The actual virus came as an attachment. ILOVEYOU was remarkable in that it swept through the globe in a single day — starting off in the Philippines and ending up in Hong Kong, Europe and the United States before the sun had set over the Pacific. It caused approximately \$5.5 billion in damages and forced both the Pentagon and CIA to shut off their systems.

### KLEZ

Labeled by PC World as “the most prolific virus ever,” this was a computer worm that swept through inboxes across the globe. It was the first virus to alter the “From” field of your e-mail messages, which means that you probably shouldn’t have been as excited as you were to open that e-mail from that Eastern European prince hoping to give away his millions.

### MYDOOM

Hitting hard in the United States and Australia, this was the fastest-spreading e-mail virus of all time. British Web security firm MessageLabs announced that it had intercepted 1.8 million copies of the worm in 168 countries, and that 100,000 were being intercepted every hour. Most recently, the virus resurfaced in July 2009 to attack government, news media and financial Web sites in South Korea and the United States.

### STORM

Storm swept through computers via e-mail spam that was estimated to be running on up to 50 million computers during its peak in 2007. Utilizing a barrage of fake attachments ranging from music offers to pictures of Christmas strippers, it used a remote-controlled network of compromised computers (a “botnet”) to continue sending infected spam.

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# HALLOWEEN IN SAN DIEGO

If you're looking for an infamously chilling venue for your annual fright fix, look no further than Old Town.

Whereas every other establishment in town breaks out the cobwebs for an edge, the Whaley House doesn't need gimmicks. No need to hire zombies, Bedlam patients or unnerving dentist: San Diego's historical monument has been growing a staff of them for a century and a half.

The house, built by wealthy businessman Thomas Whaley for his family in 1857, has survived fires, earthquakes, severe floods and two great depressions. More importantly for ghost hunters, the property has witnessed a suicide and multiple hangings.

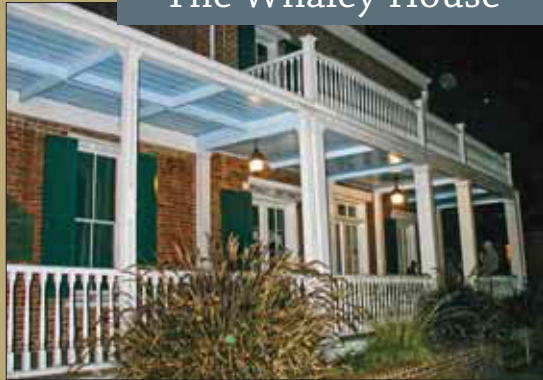
Whaley himself experienced the house's first documented paranormal activity: He claimed to have seen and felt the presence of "Yankee Jim" Robinson — a burglar and suspected murderer — who had been hung on the property five years before.

Whaley House guides say some people admit to feeling pressure on their chest and neck as they walk up the front porch — a sensation first described by the mansion's initial residents.

Tales like these earned the Whaley House national attention. The U.S., and the Travel Channel's "America's Most Haunted" investigators named it the No. 1 most haunted house in America.

The house is open year round, but every October, the Whaley House Museum and San Diego Ghost Hunters offer midnight tours for those bold enough to enter the creaking and whistling premises with nothing but an oil lantern.

— Courtney Strickland  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER



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The Whaley House

## Gravity Hill

Are shady roadside stops are your thing? Try Gravity Hill — an unremarkable I-805 South off-ramp. As the urban legend goes, some time back, a school bus full of kids had a horrible crash at the intersection in which everyone died.

According to the myth, if you put your car in neutral at the foot of the Sorrento Valley Road/Mira Mesa Boulevard slope, your car will be pushed up the hill by a group of ghost children to prevent you from suffering their same fate.

Some skeptics have tried to explain away the uphill roll with physics, but how do they account for alleged handprints? Throw some baby powder on your back windshield (some sort of mind-altering substance couldn't hurt either) and find out for yourself.

— Adonis Relieve  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

## The Scream Zone



JESSICA HSU/GUARDIAN

These days, 30 bucks for a quick thrill is steep — especially when there's no physical contact involved. At the Scream Zone at the Del Mar Fairgrounds, you'll squeal, you'll moan and you'll get your black and orange undergarments in a twist, guaranteed (maybe even moisten them). Just remember, whatever you do, don't "accidentally" trip and grind on the masked Jason — there are strict rules against touching the actors, and chances are, they're as cute as the shrunken heads decorating the corridors.

Take a date: If you play your cards right, the ghouls and goblins of Halloween lore won't be the only things going bump in the night. A \$27.99 fee will gain you entrance to

all three of the Scream Zone's haunts, but you can also pay less for just one or two attractions.

The triple combo is the most cost-effective package — and, given the Fairgrounds' distance from the usual seen-and-be-seen locales, your best bet is to make an evening of it. Go on an off-peak night, and save Friday and Saturday for something closer to home base.

If you decide on the Double Haunt combo, skip the relatively tame Haunted Hayride. Although it'll give you an opportunity to cuddle up to your escort, the Chamber and House of Horror are less likely to let down your discerning taste for terror. Even if six years of Saw — and all its knockoffs — have probably desensitized your scare palate, these two are likely to elicit that elusive shriek from deep inside your jaded interior. Go under the influence, and you'll be screaming like a newborn by the time you turn the first corner.

Try to make it to the surprise finishes — your patience will be rewarded, especially if your date scares easily. The Chamber and House of Horror finales will be sure to have her jumping into your waiting arms. Might just get your happy ending after all.

— Aprille Muscara  
ASSOCIATE FOCUS EDITOR

## Knott Memorial Bridge

If you're not privy to the 1986 murder of Cara Knott — a 20-year-old San Diego State University student — here's how it goes: she was pulled over on I-15 by then-California Highway Patrol officer Craig Peyer during a traffic stop two days after Christmas. Hours later, she was found strangled to death in the canyon brush below one of the interstate's many overpasses.

It's not exactly your fireside s'more story, but ever since that night, the cement stretch between Mercy Road and Rancho Penasquitos Boulevard — now the Knott Memorial Bridge — has been a hotpot for late-night thrill seekers.

Though Peyer was eventually found guilty of the slaying and sentenced to 25 years to life, the story didn't end there.

Years later, Sam Knott, Cora's father and a frequent visitor to the memorial, was found dead in his car on the nearby onramp. He had suffered a heart attack.

So if you're looking for some deadly grounds to plant your Ouiji board, grab some candles and a flask of absinthe, head out to Knott Memorial Bridge, and let the seance begin.

— Adonis Relieve  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

## Haunted Trails

San Diego Halloween tradition, Balboa Park's Haunted Trails promise goosebumps and blood curdles for all those willing to fork over the \$14.99 ticket fare. As per every October, a romp along the trail guarantees you'll be chased around by a cast of actors dressed to the nines in scarlet-splattered rags, unkempt wigs and pasty makeup.

And, of course, no Halloween attraction is complete without a chainsaw-wielding madman.

The trail starts you off in a shanty school bus filled with dummies (who may or may not be real people) and takes you through a variety of garishly decorated sets. Bring a friend with a weak stomach to triple the fun — the bloody lurkers can usually spot the weakling of the group.

A word of advice: Avoid the park during peak weekend hours. If the trails are congested, surprises are most often ruined by the group of shrill teenage girls just ahead of you. Unless that's what you're looking for.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or online until Oct. 31. For an additional \$4.99, you can tour the Carnival of Carnage clown maze, a new addition to the trails.

— Gloria Wu  
STAFF WRITER

# INFOCUS SD Board Club Foam Slide



JESSICA HSU/GUARDIAN

No, that waterslide you saw this past Friday wasn't a flashback of 2009 Sun God Festival debauchery. (Let's face it — 2009's Sun God wasn't epic enough to warrant flashbacks anyway.)

This time, there was foam. After being denied a place at the proverbial inn of the Student Center block party last Wednesday, a joint SD Board Club and Koala effort aimed its sights on Library Walk for Friday. But, after a classic Paul Terzino cockblock, the affair was relocated: Bikini- and board-short-clad folks were forced to trek over to Sun God Lawn, where the blue tarp was rolled out and the leaf blower turned on full blast.

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## Research Team Self-Infect Computers With Storm Worm to Conduct Cybercrime Studies

► **BOTNET**, from page 8 instead of doing nothing, why don't you set up a relay so I can send my e-mail through one of your machines. So, all this e-mail will not come from me. Instead, it will appear like 10 messages from the infected machines."

And that was the beginning of the cybercrime renaissance. Upon the success of these spammers, botnets became a hot commodity on the underground cybermarket.

"It's cheap," Savage said. "The going rate for an individual [computer] is not more than a few dollars. Most are probably just pennies. So, you can get 1,000 computers for fairly cheap."

According to Savage, buying infected computers is just like any other commodity market.

"You just go online, and you can buy compromised machines all over the world. 'I want computers in Uruguay; I want computers in Spain.' People try to send more spam during Christmas."

As botnets evolved, large networks of compromised computers could be used for credit-card theft, identity theft and online extortion. Due to vague laws and differing international definitions regarding cybercrime, botnets are still a relatively new worldwide phenomenon that remains mysterious to cyber-police like Savage.

One botnet, named Storm Worm (for the popular subject line: "230 dead

as storm batters Europe."), infected computers from December 2006 to early 2008. It became the world's largest network of infected computers within three months of its inception, infecting over an estimated one million computers nationwide, including several computers at UCSD. Though the Worm was used mainly to send spam, particularly for small pharmaceutical companies, it functioned much like peer-to-peer file-sharing networks such as BitTorrent and Kazaa.

However, Muir College senior Brandon Enright, a security analyst at UCSD's Administrative Computing and Telecommunications, said that these worms weren't dangerous.

"These were not the harmful botnets. The [ACMS] — the people who work on your computers — love the Worm because it's easy to identify, and allows them to easily clean student computers."

Although the Storm Worm only infected a handful of UCSD computers, Enright wanted to stop the botnets from returning to campus for good. He was able to reverse-engineer a "crawler" — a computer program that harvests e-mail addresses from spam — to quickly track down computers in the infected network.

After developing his program, Enright obtained a copy of the malware in order to look further into how its protocol worked. After that, he was

able to create a program that could infiltrate this specific variant Worm's protocol.

"I gave it one host, and it asked other computers to tell me about their neighbors. So, I contacted those [computers] and asked them to tell me about their neighbors. Eventually, I get a list of every single infected computer on the network."

But the crawler was by no means perfect. The Heisenbot Uncertainty Principle states that there is always a certain amount of error within a crawler's estimated numbers, due to the large volume of computers on the network.

"It's like a street, where at any point and time there can be multiple cars entering and leaving," Enright said. "It's like [the game] telephone, where you ask a bunch of cars to tell me about the car next to them. But, by the time it gets back to me, the car that one of the other cars mentioned might not be there anymore."

After learning of Enright's list of infected computers that Enright found with his crawler, Savage invited the student to work with his team of researchers.

"The [infected computers] need some way of communicating back to [the bot master], so we try to understand how the command control works," Savage said. "That way, we can monitor what the botnets are being

told to do — what they are saying they have done."

The team has now switched its main focus toward the economics of cybercrime, putting an emphasis on spam e-mails.

"We were able to confuse about 1 percent of the botnets," Savage said. "So, 1 percent of botnets were confused into sending an e-mail with a Web link which pointed to [Web sites] that we control. We were able to answer the question no one has answered before: How many people get the mail, click on the link and then go to the site and buy?"

The team monitored the Storm botnet in computers they purposely infected for about 20 days last year. Within that time period, they estimated that a spammer selling generic drugs for a hired pharmacy could make approximately \$3 million to \$4 million a year through spam e-mails alone.

By gaining more specific knowledge of spammer profits, Savage hopes to understand the cost benefits behind cybercrime and find ways to combat it. Understanding these business models, he says, will make it easier to fight cybercrime from an insider's perspective.

"We're trying to understand things from the criminal's point of view," Savage said. "It's hard to decide the right way to combat something if you don't know the weaknesses, like the

bottlenecks in [spammer profits] and what effects them."

Although Savage is focusing primarily on cybercrime economics, he's found some techniques to infiltrate botnets along the way.

"One of the interests in the Department of Defense is the strategic threat," Savage said. "They would like to find a way that, if they were infected with a botnet, they can infiltrate it and shut it off, or see what information it could have taken. So we can try to build tools and automate the shutdown process, and test it in a way that's safe."

However, Savage insists that UCSD will never go so far as to take the war on cybercrime completely into its own hands.

"We will never be an operational organization that will shut off botnets," Savage said. "There's a whole bunch of legal issues with that. What we're working on is the technology to infiltrate and, if duly authorized, to shut down."

Ultimately, Savage said his team hopes to work toward the prevention of organized crime networks of the future.

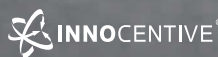
"[Spam and cybercrime] are definitely profitable," Enright said. "It's basically your 21st century mafia."

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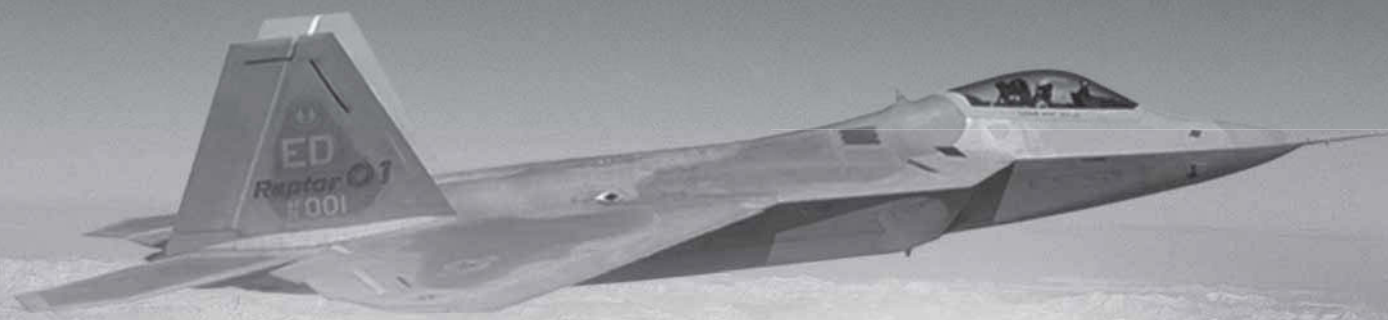
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## Tritons Unable to Break into Top 20

► **CROSS COUNTRY**, from page 16  
The Triton men saw less success at the meet, racking up a total of 119 points — only one point above fourth-place Cal State Stanislaus.

The top three Triton finishers crossed the line within 15 seconds of each other. Senior Mike Wright was the first to finish, in 26:22 — good for 22nd place in the 8K race. He was followed by sophomores Jeremy Riley and John Svet, who finished 23rd and 24th, respectively.

"Humboldt got in front of us early, and ended up getting in their top seven before our top five," Baum said. "At regionals, we'll look to reign in Stanislaus, and we'll have our eye on Humboldt."

First-place Chico State was led by

conference champion Jimmy Elam, and won their eighth consecutive CCAA Championships. The Wildcats fielded five of the first seven finishers, and are ranked No. 3 nationally in Division II.

"It's always tough when you lose a race by just a point," Garcia said. "But I feel confident that with a good effort and a little bit better day, they can turn in better results at the regional meet."

The Tritons' next race will be for the NCAA Division II West Regionals, held at the home course of San Francisco State University on Nov. 7.

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## UCSD Defense Contains Cal Poly Pomona in Ninth Shutout of Season



TIMOTHY WONG/GUARDIAN

After posting wins over Cal State San Bernardino and Cal Poly Pomona, the Tritons will host second-place CSU LA on Oct. 30. The Golden Eagles are one point behind UCSD in the conference standings.

► **W. SOCCER**, from page 16  
coach Brian McManus said. "But I don't think [sophomore goal keeper] Kristin [Armstrong] was ever bothered. There was never a hard save to make."

UCSD's defense played efficiently, disrupting the aggressive Cal State San Bernardino offense. Of 12 Coyote shots, only two required a save. Armstrong's two saves — one in the first period and one in the second period — helped maintain the Tritons' one-goal lead.

Bradley — who scored the game-winning goal — added a team save in the second period, when she deflected a Coyote corner kick heading dangerously close to the UCSD net.

"Not one of their better games," McManus said. "But lot of teams would have folded under the pressure, and they stood up to it well."

After defeating the Coyotes, the Tritons aimed their sights on the Cal Poly Pomona Broncos.

Freshman defender Haley Johnson netted her second goal of the season in the game's 13th minute, and UCSD's defense held strong en route to the 1-0 final score. Armstrong's second shutout in as many games gave the Tritons their ninth win out of their most recent ten games.

The victory assures the Tritons a spot in the CCAA Championships — which will give the team some breathing room over the final two games of the regular season.

"The pressure is starting to get to the younger players now," McManus said. "We have to try to get that out of their heads and just get them concentrated to play one game at a time."

The Tritons' next game is at home on Friday, Oct. 30 against Cal State Los Angeles, who currently sits one place behind UCSD in conference standings.

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## UCI Comeback Hands Tritons Defeat

► **WATER POLO**, from page 15  
Irvine came into the contest having won six straight games, including an Oct. 11 victory against UCSD.

The Tritons came out strong, holding the Anteaters to one goal in the first half and scoring three in the second period to lead 4-1 at halftime.

However, UC Irvine entered the second half with renewed strength, jumping on UCSD for two scores in the first three minutes and cutting the Tritons' lead to one goal.

Madsen got the Tritons back on track momentarily — converting on a six-on-five opportunity with just under five minutes left in the third quarter but the Anteaters took advantage of Triton defensive miscues. The opposing team closed out the period with two man-up goals, evening the score heading into the final period.

"During the first half, we had really strong intensity on defense and on the counterattack," Roberts said. "We came out with same intensity in the second half, but we weren't as consistent."

Junior driver Sean Cruz regained the lead with a six-on-five conver-

sion two minutes in. UC Irvine's Tom Kruip tied it up with a goal one minute later, and the Anteaters scored again with 2:28 left in regulation, claiming their first advantage of the game. The Tritons were unable to fight back to tie the game, falling to the Anteaters by one goal for the second time this season.

"Overall, we showed good effort in the game," Roberts said. "We knew going into it that this was going to be a physical game, and we brought physicality to it. They just made one more goal than we did."

UCSD now prepares for a faceoff at Cal State Long Beach on Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. and an away match against WWPAA rival Loyola Marymount University on Oct. 31 at 12 p.m.

The Tritons look to reverse a recent string of losses to the No. 1 Lions, including three defeats to the team earlier this season.

"We want to show them that we belong in the top 10," Roberts said. "We know we have to have no mental mistakes against these teams."

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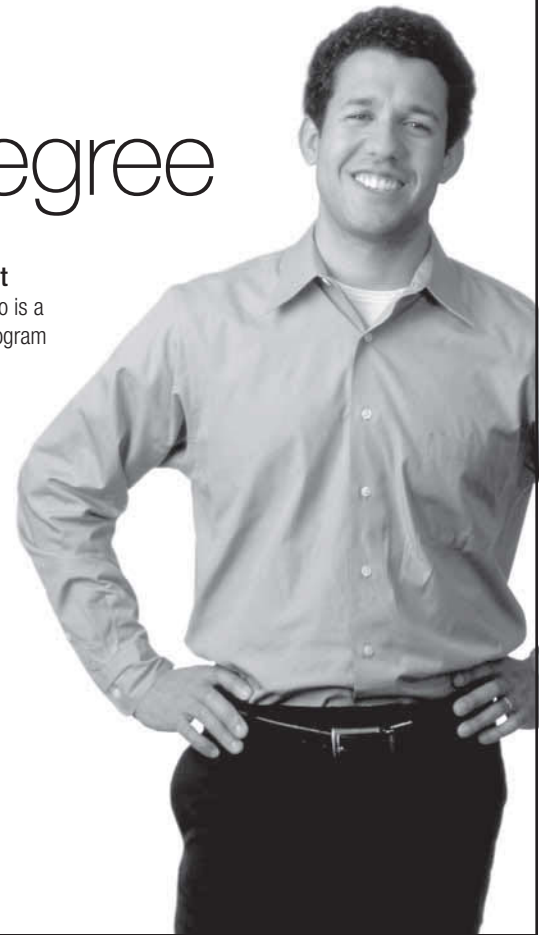
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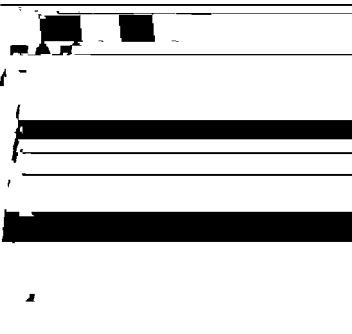
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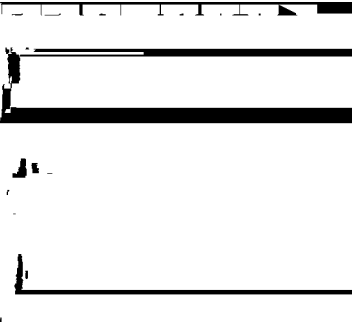
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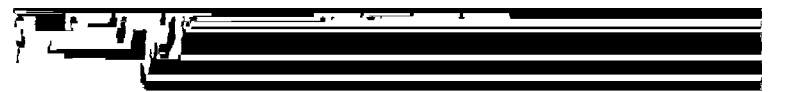
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### Across

- 1 Federal job safety org.
- 5 Gorilla and gibbon
- 9 \_\_\_ Hari
- 13 Prison uprising
- 14 Pot pie veggies
- 15 Early programming language
- 16 57-Across, 12-Down or 24-Down
- 18 Secretly stock up on
- 19 Wicker furniture maker
- 20 One of a crab's grabbers
- 21 Gaza Strip gp.
- 23 TV kid "in the middle"
- 26 Sch. with a Providence campus
- 27 Holy, in Le Havre
- 29 "The Good Earth" mother
- 30 Luke, to Darth
- 31 Slipper or sandal
- 32 Dawdling type
- 35 Landing site of 7/20/1969
- 40 What bikinis expose, informally
- 41 Informed about
- 42 Sit-up targets
- 45 Yemen city
- 46 Pretentious one
- 47 "The Tell-Tale Heart" author
- 48 More foamy, as soap
- 51 Naval noncom: Abbr.
- 52 Yoked beasts, collectively
- 54 For all to hear
- 56 It's slightly larger than a quart
- 57 16-Across Neil
- 61 Ogles
- 62 Asian desert
- 63 Resting on
- 64 Nabisco chocolate-and-creme cookie
- 65 Get up
- 66 Mother of Castor and Pollux

### Down

- 1 "...man \_\_\_ mouse?"
- 2 Girl sib
- 3 Wintertime drink
- 4 Gillette razor
- 5 Sleep disorder
- 6 Oyster's gem
- 7 \_\_\_ de Cologne
- 8 Former fast flier, for short
- 9 35-Across is on it
- 10 Beaded calculator
- 11 Bullring VIP
- 12 16-Across Buzz
- 15 Sweep's milieu
- 17 "Drinks are \_\_\_"
- 20 Braids
- 21 Sibilant "Hey!"
- 22 Bert who played a lion
- 24 16-Across Michael
- 25 Hardy of Laurel and Hardy
- 28 Apartment payment
- 32 Kind of bullet that expands on impact
- 33 Got ready to fire
- 34 Score-producing stats
- 36 Highly luminous cosmic objects
- 37 Often-amusing story
- 38 Gazpacho, e.g.
- 39 Within: Pref.
- 42 \_\_\_ 11, mission celebrated in this puzzle
- 43 More squarish
- 44 Part of a living room set
- 46 Methodist, e.g.: Abbr.
- 49 Poetry feet
- 50 Borden mascot
- 53 Architect Saarinen
- 55 Russia's \_\_\_ Mountains
- 57 Part of USDA: Abbr.
- 58 French king
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**Triton Success Program** - The Triton Success Program is a communication and leadership development program for emerging leaders, or any student with little or no prior leadership experience or training.

3-4:50pm/Comunidad Room, Cross Cultural Center

### RECREATION

**Upright Citizens Brigade Tour Co** - The Chicago sketch comedy troupe that birthed improv lords Amy Poehler and Horatio Sanz is giving The Loft a hefty dose of hysterics. Come whether you want to wet your pants or wet your comedic appetite. 9-11pm / The Loft/PAYC

Philadelphia at Washington: Monday Night Football 5:30pm / Round Table

**By the Real Sea: Roma Nights** - 8pm / Espresso Roma

## Wednesday

**Holocaust Living History Workshop Presents Discovering History: Holocaust Survivors in San Diego** - Hear local holocaust survivor Benjamin Midler discuss his personal experiences and ask him your own questions. 5pm / Geisel Library

**UCSD Helen Edison Lecture Series and TMC present Nicholas Kristof** - Join us as Pulitzer Prize Winner Nicholas Kristof talks about his journey through Africa and Asia. 7pm / Price Center

### RECREATION

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**SPORTS**  
Softball v. Palomar - 5pm

### ARTS

**Beethoven Bartok Golijov** - Steven Schicks conducts the orchestra in two works by Bartok, with soprano Susan Narucki, and concluding with Beethoven's Seventh Symphony. 3pm / Mandeville Center Auditorium / \$15 UCSD student

### SPORTS

Men's Soccer v. Cal State Dominguez Hills - 12:00pm

Women's Soccer v. Cal State Dominguez Hills - 2:30pm

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## Tuesday Oct 27

### CAREER

**UCDC Info Session** - Live and work in the nation's capital while earning UC credit! All majors are invited to hear about requirements, deadlines, and the application process. 11am-12pm / Horizon Room, Career Services Center

**Peace Corp Info Session** - Learn about the adventure of a lifetime in one of 70 countries for education, business, health, computer science, agriculture, and environmental projects. 3-4:30pm / Horizon Room, Career Services Center

### LECTURE

**Unnatural Causes: Is Inequality Making Us Sick?** - Dr Sandra Daley will discuss healthcare disparities that occur within the context of broader historic and contemporary, social economic inequality. 11:30-12:30pm / Auditorium, UCSD Medical Center

**Tertulia: Book Presentation of Mica Chueca and Crónicas chúntaras** - Pablo Jaime Sáinz is a border journalist and fiction writer working in the San Diego-Tijuana area. "Crónicas chúntaras" is a collection of features and interviews with pillars of Mexican regional music. 5-6:30pm / Weaver Center, Institute of the Americas Building

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**The Orphan Movie Screening** - 6pm & 9pm / Price Center Theater / \$3 UCSD student

## Thursday Oct 29

### CAREER

**Women in Science and Engineering Open House** - Come meet Women in Science and Engineering (WISE). Learn about the opportunities for women in these fields at UCSD from the experts! Free Food! 12pm / Women's Center

### HEALTH

**Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction for Cancer Patients and Caregivers** - A 9-week course to cultivate greater attention and awareness. Learn to mobilize the

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### RECREATION

**Bobby Long: Broadside Ballads** - His music is like drops of rain on a bull fighters back like punches breaking through a Windy Gail. 8pm / The Loft / \$8 UCSD student

**The Orphan Movie Screening** - 6pm & 9pm / Price Center Theater / \$3 UCSD student

## Friday Oct 30

### HEALTH

**Melanoma Cancer Patient Support Group** - For patients with melanoma cancer for mutual support and education. 2pm / Moores Cancer Center

### LECTURE

**PowerPoint: Creating Killer Research Poster** - Learn to create research posters suitable for presentation at scholarly meetings using PowerPoint, a tool you already have on your desktop. 10am / Biomedical Library

### RECREATION

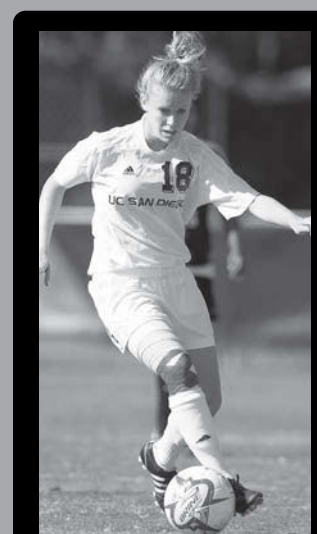
**UCSD Halloween Costume Contest** - Go to <http://bookstore.ucsd.edu/> for prize list, how to enter, contest guidelines and 2008 winners. 11:30pm / Price Center West Plaza

**Alela Diane & Marissa Nadler** - The Lofts favourite folk songstress Alela Diane returns to The Loft this fall as part of a nationwide tour with Marissa Nadler. 9pm / The Loft / PAYC

**The Che Cafe presents - Live Bands:** Weatherbox, Little Brazil, Life Deposits and Meseta. 7:30pm / The Che Cafe / \$8

### SPORTS

Men's Soccer v. Cal State LA - 4:30pm



**SPORTS**  
Women's Soccer v. Cal State L.A. - 7:00 p.m.

## Wednesday Oct 28

### CAREER

**Resume Critiquing Session** - Refine your resume! Learn how you can make your resume more effective in today's job market. No sign-up needed, just bring your resume! 1:30-4pm / Horizon Room, Career Services Center

### HEALTH

**Breast Cancer Education & Support Group: How to Strengthen Your Immune System Naturally** - presented by Gabrielle Traub. In this monthly series, an expert presents information on topics relevant to women

with breast cancer. Prior to the presentation, participants share concerns, feelings, information, inspiration and hope. 2pm / Moores Cancer Center

### LECTURE

**Espresso Successo Social 411** - In this fun and interactive workshop, presenters will give tips to participants of the various social scenes around campus that students generally don't know of. 3pm / Comunidad Room, Cross Cultural Center

## Saturday Oct 31

### ARTS

**Beethoven Bartok Golijov** - Performance by Grammy award winner Susan Narucki. The program concludes with one of Beethoven's most powerful symphonies. 8pm / Mandeville Center Auditorium / \$15 UCSD student

### RECREATION

**Halloween II Movie Screening** - 6pm & 9pm / Price Center Theater / \$3 UCSD student

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**Tuesday & Thursday, Oct. 27 & 29**  
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**HULA HOOP unwind**  
**DANCE**  
**Student Participation Session**  
**Wednesday Oct. 28 • 11:30am - 1pm**  
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Above: A hoard of reporters and cameramen interviewed Los Angeles Lakers' head coach Phil Jackson following the team's 119-105 preseason loss to the Denver Nuggets on Oct. 23. Right: Lakers guard Shannon Brown broke through the Denver defense for a third-quarter dunk — two of his nine points on the night.

► **BLANC**, from page 16

son starts next week, the game itself was pretty irrelevant; what made the night incredible was watching and listening to the players up close. No matter how many megapixels your HDTV has, nothing compares to hearing players curse a bad call, downstream of the sweat and smells wafting from the bench.

In the second quarter, both benches emptied when the Lakers' Lamar Odom got in a shoving match with the Nuggets' Kenyon Martin, giving me a firsthand look at the emotion and machismo of professional basketball in its rawest form. Overhearing Birdman Andersen — a recovering drug addict — from three feet away, yelling about the scuffle, is about as close to being a part of the game as you can get without covering your body in tattoos and growing seven inches.

The incident also allowed me to see Denver's star player, Carmelo Anthony, acting like a reformed goofball. Anthony — who served a 15-game suspension in 2006 for an on court fight with the New York Knicks — stayed on the bench as his teammates streamed out onto the court. Very aware of his reputation Melo laid down, winding his arms and legs through five chairs in a makeshift straightjacket. Smirking from ear to ear, the Nuggets' perennial all-star jokingly repeated "Hold me back; Hold me back."

Scenes like that are never important enough to be covered by major media networks, but it was those types of pro-sport subtlety that was so refreshing to see up close.

The game lacked the star power of a normal match — Kobe Bryant and most of the starters played only in the first quarter of the preseason match — but the true magic of my journalistic experience was waiting in the postgame interviews.

After hearing from both head

coaches in the tunnel, I joined the swarming mass of reporters as we slithered into the Lakers locker room. Even the decrepit state of the San Diego Sports Arena and its pathetic facilities couldn't sully the fact that I was about to go behind the scenes and speak in person with some of the world's biggest sports stars.

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anxiety after the preseason game, but I wondered how intrusive it would be to approach athletes after an important game.

Admittedly, I was pretty nervous when I walked into the room where the Lakers were icing up and changing into their street clothes. I wanted to make sure I looked professional and scored quick interviews instead of awkwardly standing around while naked millionaires got dressed.

I walked in, saw Derrick Fisher sitting down and threw my digital recorder in his face, blurting out a question about the game. Fisher stared at me for the longest two seconds of my life, motioned down with

his eyes and said, "Normally, I at least have my pants on."

Apparently, you're not supposed to prod players for interviews while they're only wearing a towel. Lesson learned.

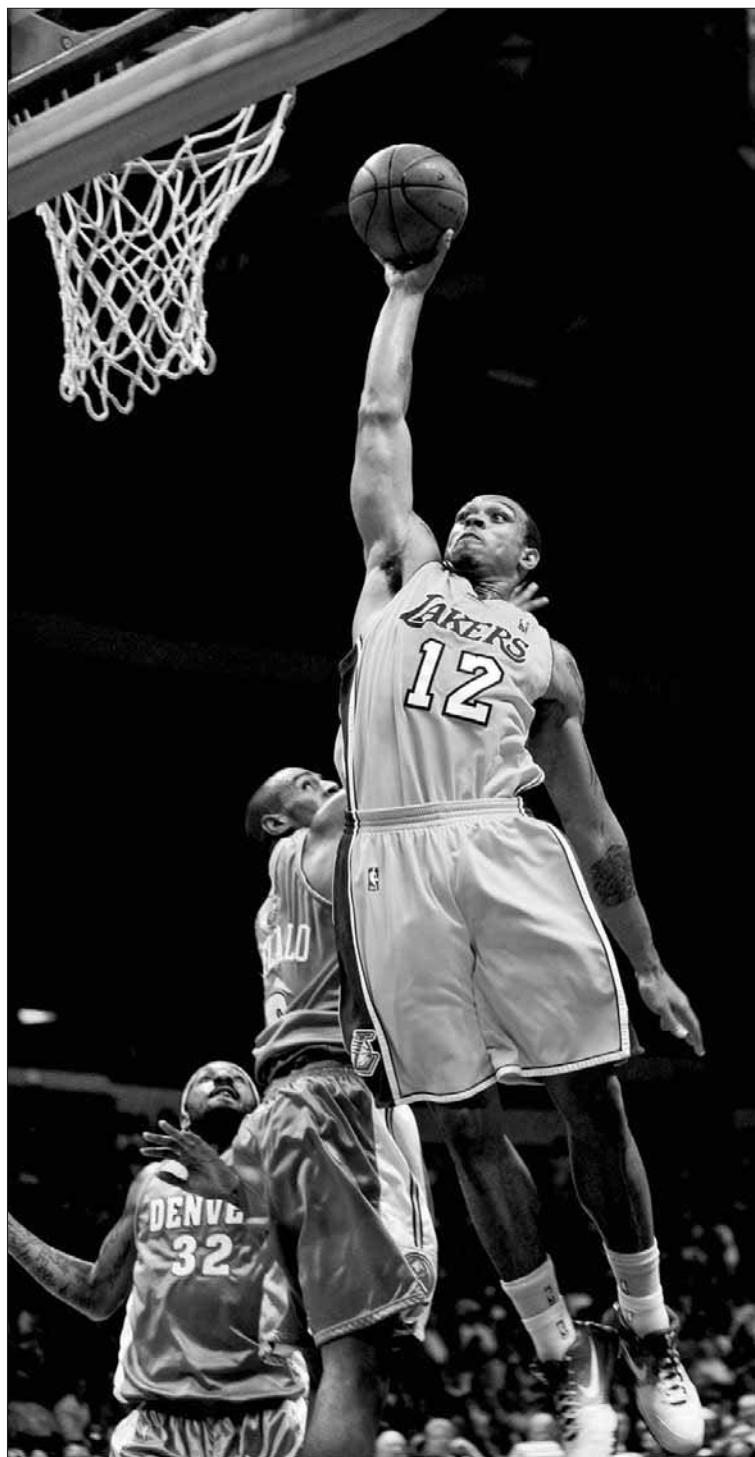
A little embarrassed, I walked over to the corner where Kobe was addressing a group of reporters. I was more than happy just to stick my microphone in with the sea of waving microphones and observe the delicate tango between player and journalist. I was surprised at how approachable Kobe and his Lakers teammates were — and none seemed bothered to talk with a college kid trying his hardest to look nonchalant.

No matter how comfortable I felt around my new friends, I still didn't dare talk to Artest, the Lakers' new hitman, whose face is permanently frozen in a prison mug shot.

Hulking in the corner was DJ Mbenga, the Lakers' backup center. Standing at a modest seven feet and weighing a humble 255 pounds, Mbenga was quite a sight in the cramped Sports Arena locker room. Born in the Democratic Republic of Congo but raised in Belgium, Mbenga speaks very limited English, and thereby didn't have a single reporter asking him about his evening's solid performance — 14 points — while spelling the injured Pao Gasol and Andrew Bynum.

Mbenga looked hesitantly at me as I walked toward him — assumingly unenthused about having to do another interview in English. Despite his initial surprise at my speaking in French, Mbenga opened up and eagerly talked with me about how happy he was getting so much playing time and how prepared he was for it.

When I eventually left the Lakers' clubhouse and walked out of the stadium, I felt a calm sense of accomplishment. For one night, I had been a professional journalist, and — aside from briefly annoying a near-naked



point guard — I did a good job. I held up the appearance of a seasoned sports writer and got a great sense for a profession that — if it weren't for the impending death of print media — I would love to pursue for a living.

Along with picking up solid tips on how to be a pro journalist from other writers, I also absorbed a lot of random facts that the average fan would never pick up on from simply watching a televised game. Chief among these tidbits is Denver head coach George Karl's left pinky finger, which bends straight out to the side at the joint and Lakers forward Adam Morrison's mustache, which somehow looks even more slimy in person.

Ah, the perks of behind-the-scenes access.

Seeing as basketball isn't my No. 1 favorite sport — baseball gets that honor — the Lakers game was

the perfect place for me to earn my journalistic chops. Sure, I was excited about mingling with basketball stars all night, but I was never so giddy that I was a fan rather than a writer.

While sitting courtside, I couldn't help but think about how great it would be to do this professionally. Following teams, interviewing players and writing articles seems like the greatest job possible.

However, the challenges of becoming a journalist were evident all around me — most of the other writers at the table were middle-aged, speaking volumes about how difficult it is for a writer to get started.

Despite my love for sports and a whole lot of ambition, I most likely will never become a journalist — and I'm OK with that, because for one night in San Diego, I was. And it was incredible.

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# Two Conference Wins Bring Water Polo's Record to Even 11-11

By Janani Sridharan  
ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

**WATER POLO** — The No. 11 Tritons suffered a disappointing second-half loss against No. 7 UC Irvine on Oct. 23, narrowly missing a three-game sweep and forcing UCSD to settle for a 2-1 weekend.

The Anteaters scored four goals in the third quarter to erase the Tritons' commanding halftime lead, handing the team a tough 7-6 loss. UCSD recovered the next day, executing a quick turnaround in its Oct. 24 doubleheader by posting conference vic-

tories over Claremont-Mudd-Scripps and Pomona-Pitzer in Claremont. The Tritons' record now stands at 11-11.

The road trip continues this weekend, when UCSD will face off against Loyola Marymount University and Cal State Long Beach. Both teams have dealt the Tritons harsh defeats this season.

The Tritons ended the weekend on a high note, defeating Pomona-Pitzer 10-6. Junior driver Bryce Madsen, junior driver Ryan Allred and senior driver Sean Roberts scored two goals apiece, and sophomore goalkeeper

David Morton blocked 12 Pomona-Pitzer shot attempts.

Allred has been on an offensive roll ever since he scored his first six goals of the season against Chapman University on Oct. 9. The transfer student now has 20 scores on the season.

"Ryan is a great player with one of the quickest shots I've ever seen," Roberts said. "We knew that — coming from a [junior college] — Ryan was going to have to step up and play intense on defense and offense. Overall, he's a very sound player, and his quickness is probably his best

attribute."

Coming off their loss to UC Irvine, the Tritons faced CMS for the first time this year. The last time the two teams met at the 2008 Western Water Polo Association Tournament, UCSD demolished CMS 24-8. This time around, UCSD wasn't able to run up the score quite as high, but still came away with an 11-8 win.

The Tritons jumped ahead to a 4-1 lead after the first period, extending their lead to 7-2 at halftime. They stayed strong in the third period for three goals and a 10-4 advantage going into the fourth quarter.

Senior two-meter defender Steven Donohoe led UCSD with three goals, while Madsen and senior two-meter defender Peter Gresham netted two scores. Four other Tritons got on the board with one goal each.

"We wanted to bring the same intensity that we brought against Irvine, and we knew Claremont wouldn't be able to handle counterattack and our press," Roberts said. "In the end, it paid off."

Friday night, the Tritons faced a streaking Anteater squad — UC

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## Early-Season Loss Still the Only Blemish on Tritons' Otherwise Perfect Record

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into the match with renewed energy, but senior outside hitter Sylvia Schmidt pulled UCSD to the finish with impressive hitting and pinpoint serving. The Tritons ended the first set with a 25-23 first-set victory after a missed serve by the Golden Eagles clinched the win.

"It was a physical game," senior captain outside hitter Karen Reis said. "We played well, but it could have gone either way."

In the second set, the two teams battled head to head, flexing their offensive muscles and consistently swapping points and lead changes. Sophomore outside hitter Katie Condon's serves helped the Tritons scratch out a marginal advantage. As the Golden Eagles battled back, both squads got a little rowdy.

Outbursts from the Triton bench earned the team a yellow card. Rather than playing down to their penalty, though UCSD came back firing to regain a small lead. The set remained up for grabs until Williamson's kill clinched a 27-25 victory.

"All of the games were two-point

games," head coach Tom Black said. "There was no margin of error. When you're playing a team at the top of their game, it's a hard game."

As in the first two sets, neither team was able to take control in the third, and remained within three points of one another.

Though the Tritons played tough, the Golden Eagles took a small lead late in the set that forced the Tritons to play catch-up.

The Tritons pulled to within 23-24, but a UCSD net violation at game point handed the Golden Eagles their first set win of the night.

"They're a good team," Black said. "We just didn't transition as well as I thought we usually do."

Building off momentum from their previous win, Cal State Los Angeles jumped to a quick advantage in the fourth set. The Tritons never allowed the Golden Eagles to hang around, claiming an easy 25-11 set to earn their 13th consecutive victory.

"We really just put pressure on them in the fourth set," Reis said.

The night before their match with

Cal State Los Angeles, the Tritons improved their all-time record against Cal State Dominguez Hills to 39-1 with a three-set sweep of the Toros. In the first set, the Tritons stormed to an early lead, taking 11 of the first 15 points of the match and leading by as much as 10.

The onslaught proved too much for the Toros to handle, and UCSD took a 25-15 win in the first set.

In the second set, the Tritons kept their momentum up, scoring the first five points before the Toros could pull within 9-7. However, as Cal State Dominguez Hills edged closer, Williamson went on a kill streak to nail three consecutive points for the Tritons, reclaiming a definitive hold on the match.

UCSD extended its lead throughout the set, and Williamson eventually put down the game-winning kill to end the set 25-20.

In the match's third and final set, the Tritons faltered early but pulled together in flawless play to take the score to 12-5 — a lead that would stick as UCSD cruised to an easy 25-13 sweep.



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Strong defense helped guide the Tritons to an important victory against the No. 22 Cal State Los Angeles Golden Eagles. The Tritons picked up 58 defensive digs and collected 14 blocks in the win.

The Tritons nailed both games despite an unusual travel schedule that included a game at Cal State Dominguez Hills on Thursday before heading back to San Diego to host the Golden Eagles on Friday night.

"I was a little worried about the travel schedule," Black said. "But it

was great to come out so fast and get the win so quickly."

UCSD will travel north next weekend to face Cal State Stanislaus on Oct. 30 and Chico State on Oct. 31.

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## AROUND THE LEAGUE

With a 5-2 victory over the Los Angeles Angels in game 6 of the AL Championship Series on Oct. 25 the New York Yankees earned a trip to the World Series — the Bronx Bombers' first Series appearance since the 2003 season.



## HOTCORNER

### HILLARY WILLIAMSON | VOLLEYBALL

The sophomore outside hitter led the Tritons to their 18th straight sweep over Cal State Dominguez Hills with nine kills last Thursday, later sending down 15 kills in UCSD's win over CSU Los Angeles on Friday night.

## NBA PRESEASON



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## ONE NIGHT WITH THE PROS

*Behind the scenes of an NBA game, with an all-access press pass and a lot to learn.*

For their annual preseason game at the San Diego Sports Arena, the Los Angeles Lakers were nice enough to grant me full media access to an Oct. 23 match against the Denver Nuggets. For one night, I was a professional sports journalist.

The experience was overwhelming — so much that I spent my first hour experiencing bipolar facial disorder. I would break out in an enormous, goofy grin at the thought of being court-side at a Lakers game, then immediately go expressionless as I tried to look professional and fit in.

After finding our seats at the media table directly behind the Nuggets bench, my photographer and I headed to the ESPN hospi-

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tality room to grub on the complimentary buffet. I almost threw up my free meal when — walking through the tunnel to the court — I crossed paths with current Lakers assistant coach and NBA legend Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. I nodded, and he nodded back. I felt cool.

As opening tip-off approached, the experience intensified. Players from both teams were

now on the court for warm-ups, and here I was, shooting the breeze with other writers as fans filled the stands.

As the start of the game approached, I settled into my spot at the media table — a writer from *ESPN.com* on my left and one from the German Press Agency (random) on my right. I was so close behind the Denver bench that I could have easily reached out and touched any of the hulking players — which I eventually did, when Chris “Birdman” Andersen offered me an epic fist bump after our brief conversation in the third quarter.

As the final tune-up before the regular sea-

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## Win Streak Reaches 13 Straight Games

Women's volleyball only lost one set this weekend, continuing their season-best run with two wins.

By Tyler Nelson  
STAFF WRITER

**WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL** — UCSD notched two more wins last week, maintaining its spot atop conference standings and solidifying its No. 2 national ranking.

In their weekend opener on Oct. 22, the Tritons defeated Cal State Dominguez Hills in three sets before beating No. 22 Cal State Los Angeles in four sets the following night — a match that saw sophomore outside hitter Hillary Williamson rack up a team-leading 15 kills and a .444 hitting clip.

The wins improved UCSD's record to 22-1 (14-1 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association).

In their first set against Cal State Los Angeles, the Tritons played neck-to-neck with the Golden Eagles throughout the night, neither team able to pull away.

Both teams displayed solid offense, but effective net play allowed the Tritons to grab an 11-6 lead in the first set, forcing a CSULA timeout.

The Golden Eagles stormed back

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## Pair of 1-0 Wins Lands UCSD in First Place

By John Beck  
STAFF WRITER

**WOMEN'S SOCCER** — Bouncing back after losing an important conference game last week, the No. 11 UCSD women's soccer team snuck past California Collegiate Athletic Association rival Cal State San Bernardino 1-0 on Oct. 23 at Triton Field.

The women followed up with another 1-0 victory two days later against Cal Poly Pomona. The victories improve the Triton record to an impressive 14-3 (11-3 CCAA), giving them sole possession of first place in the CCAA South Division.

UCSD got out to an early 1-0 advantage against Cal State San Bernardino and never looked back. The Tritons took command of the match in the seventh minute, when junior midfielder Lisa Bradley deflected a corner kick and headed it past the Cal State San Bernardino keeper. Bradley's first goal of the year makes her the 13th player on the squad to score a goal this season.

Unlike the Coyote offense — which shot aggressively to overcome UCSD's one-goal advantage — the Triton offense was selective with its shots. San Bernardino outshot UCSD 12-3 in the game.

“Yes they had a lot of shots,” head

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## Women Take Second, Men Fifth at CCAA Champs

Best finish in four years still couldn't push Triton women past reigning champion Chico State.

By Liam Rose  
STAFF WRITER

**CROSS COUNTRY** — Traveling nearly the entire California coast to race in a pressure-filled conference championship against the nation's top Division-II squads last Saturday, UCSD prepared for a tough competition.

Two strong races later, those challenges didn't prove to be much of a problem.

The UCSD cross-country team competed in the 2009 California Collegiate Athletic Association Champions Oct. 24 at Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.

The Triton women took their best finish in years — second place overall — while the men's team came in fifth place.

The women's impressive performance follows three consecutive

third-place seasons at conference championships, and marks one of the best performances the Tritons have seen as member of the CCAA.

The effort was not enough to break a dominating Chico State, however, who claimed their second consecutive conference title — and their sixth in eight years. The Wildcats are currently ranked No. 1 nationally in Division II.

The women were led by junior Bre Schofield's second-place finish. After completing the 6K course in 22:13, she was awarded with her second straight all-CCAA recognition.

However, Schofield was far from alone in delivering strong performance — it took solid running from the entire team to hold off rival Cal Poly Pomona by only seven points.

Senior Marie Schaper finished 18th on the day with a time of 23:44, while sophomore Elena Inouye came in less than one second behind her to take 19th place. Sophomore Aaryn Kobayashi and junior Caprice Thompson took 24th and 32nd respectively, rounding out UCSD's score.

Their collaborative effort worked



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Junior Bre Schofield (center) was UCSD's top individual finisher of the day, with a time of 22:13.

to the team's advantage: all seven Tritons were able to finish before Cal Poly's fifth runner crossed the line.

“We were really pleased with what the women accomplished,” head coach Nate Garcia said. “They came up here with a clear focus on what they wanted to accomplish, and we were happy to see them able [to] real-

ize that.”

Cal State Los Angeles senior Vivien Wadeck was the overall women's winner for the second straight year, becoming only the second repeat champion in the history of the women's CCAA Championships.

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