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Pell Grant Now More Lucrative, Restrictive

By Sarah de Crescenzo
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

The U.S. Department of Education recently released guidelines regarding this year's awards for the federal Pell Grant program, opting to raise the maximum possible award while simultaneously lowering the number of students qualifying for aid.

The increase in the funding of one of the nation's largest need-based grant programs stems from the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, signed into law by President George W. Bush in September. The CCRAA allots an additional \$490 per eligible student for the 2008-09 Pell Grant award year.

The CCRAA funds, coupled with a \$69 decrease in discretionary funding, nets an overall increase of \$421 for eligible students — making the maximum award \$4,731 next year.

While the changes increase the maximum amount of money for each student who receives a Pell Grant, they do not make the grant more accessible, said Mark Kantrowitz, founder of financial aid Web site www.FinAid.org.

"Even though the maximum Pell Grant has increased, the \$69 decrease in discretionary funding will slightly

A Gradual Incline

Year	Max. Pell Grant
2000-01	\$3,300
2001-02	\$3,750
2002-07	\$4,050
2008-09	\$4,731

SOURCE: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

reduce the number of students who otherwise would be eligible for a Pell Grant," Kantrowitz said.

The maximum award could be raised in the future, as Bush plans to request a \$2.6-billion increase to the Pell Grant program from Congress later this week. An increase of this magnitude would bring the maximum total award between \$5,100 and \$5,400.

The current White House administration is asking for almost \$60 billion overall for education this year. However, this amount, nearly equal to the money allotted for the past year, has not been adjusted for inflation.

While the overall amount of money that Pell Grant recipients will take home this year has gone up, the maximum

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New Winter Format, Same Winter Turnout



A.S. Programming's Winter All-Campus Dance continues trend of relatively low attendance but enthusiastic audience.

By Yelena Akopian
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thumping techno beats and sweaty students brought the Price Center Ballroom to life at the first-ever Winter All-Campus Dance, the A.S. Programming event that replaced the WinterFest concert of previous years on Jan. 31. However, despite the change in size and venue, it drew less of an audience than last year's WinterFest, making it the lowest-attended Winter Quarter programming event in the last four years.

Rx Bandits opened the event to a modest but excited crowd. Playing reggae, funk and ska-infused rock, the mostly bearded quintet switched from jazzy breakdowns and soulful instrumentals to mosh pit-inspiring choruses.

Though the band played to a crowd that filled less than a quarter of the ballroom floor, by the time the Bandits left the stage, they had the crowd chanting for an encore.

The Bandits' act was a surprise to those who were expecting original act Ima Robot, who canceled their appearance due to illness.

"Rx Bandits have played quite a few very successful shows at UCSD before," A.S. Programming Festivals Coordinator Garrett Berg said. "We felt they were a solid choice for the last-minute change."

At around 8:50 p.m., Lazaro Casanova took the stage. The act, comprised of a young DJ, his turntable and a slew of catchy electronica, prompted concertgoers to dance with wild abandon.

L.A. Riots followed Casanova at 10:15 p.m., a duo that has gained growing attention from electronica lovers and clubgoers over the past year. The crowd dwindled as the show progressed, but those remaining continued to dance until midnight.

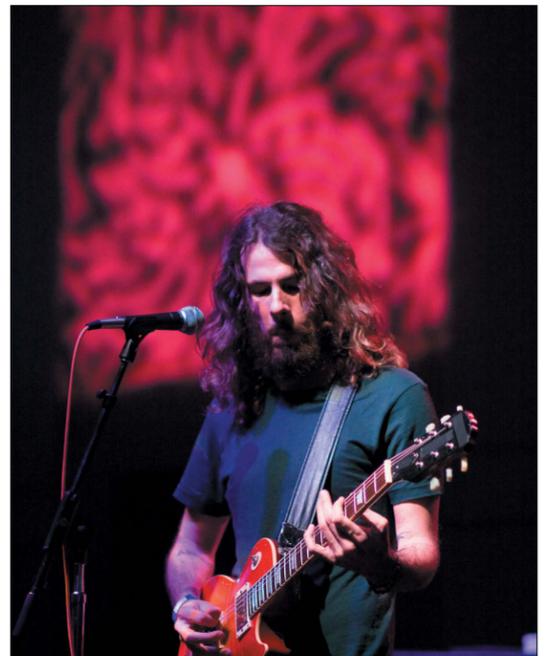
The latter two bands of this year's lineup brought a new genre of music not usually seen at UCSD.

"Rather than simply repeat the fall dance, we decided to diversify the lineup," Berg said.

Some attendees were surprised by the relatively low turnout, which peaked at about 800 people, 60 that paid to attend the concert. Last year's WinterFest attracted 1,200 people.

"There weren't as many people as we expected," said East Lake High School student Samantha Villegas, one of several local high school students who purchased tickets to see the last two electronica acts. "But it was still so much fun. I wish we could have kept dancing."

Some East Lake students complained that many of their friends tried to purchase tickets for the performance at the door but were turned away despite the low attendance and



PHOTOS BY WILL PARSON/GUARDIAN
Top: The crowd rocks out to DJ Lazaro Casanova during the Jan. 31 Winter All-Campus Dance 2008. **Bottom:** Rx Bandits vocalist and guitarist Matthew Embree serenades the crowd as part of the event's opening act.

mostly empty Ballroom floor.

"In general, students should always plan to buy tickets to our events in advance," Berg said. "Student guest tickets were on sale right up until the night of the event."

Despite the turnout, Berg said the programmers were generally satisfied with the new format.

"The event was essentially a test run, and while we would have liked to see a larger turnout, we feel the event went well overall," he said.

The size and scope of Winterfest has been consistently reduced in recent years to free up funding for more popular events such as Bear Gardens. Last year the event was moved from RIMAC Arena to the less-expensive ballroom and remained there this year due to low funding and the predictably small attendance.

Also different this year was the decision to host the event on a Thursday night instead of the traditional Friday.

"We have yet to decide whether Winter All-Campus Dance will continue in years to come," Berg said. "Regardless, it's unlikely that we will return to the traditional WinterFest format."

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Task Force Examines Feasibility of Football Team

Group to weigh potential effects of creating football program on campus academic, social life.

By Gina McGalliard
STAFF WRITER

An A.S. Council-chartered task force is currently researching one of UCSD's oldest and most contested student life issues: the possibility of creating a UCSD football team.

All-Campus Senator Utsav Gupta said he established the Intercollegiate Football Feasibility Task Force to explore the longstanding debate among UCSD students. Gupta said the purpose of the task force is not to argue for or against a football team, but rather to research the potential costs and benefits of having one.

"I want to take all these arguments, pro and con, and form one prime document that can be used for either side," Gupta said.

The task force will research issues

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CAMPUS ART GALLERY GETS NEW 'BEGINNING'

By Larisa Casillas
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

UCSD's University Art Gallery opened again to the public last month with a recently renovated space, new curatorial directorship and fresh exhibition titled "In the Beginning."

While UAG reopened on Jan. 19, the space has been a part of UCSD since 1978. It closed in 2006 for remodeling.

The gallery's transfigurations include renovated walls, a new floor and reception desk, different staff and what new curator Stephen Hepworth calls "a more open and flexible feel."

"In the first few days it was great to see people spotting it on Ridge Walk," Hepworth said. "From this enthusiasm we can start to build on previously existing audiences and find new ones."

Hepworth is a London-based artist with experience managing other noted galleries such as the non-profit Tannery, the Jerwood Gallery — which assists young artists in the development of their careers — and Bloomberg SPACE in London. He

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FOCUS

No Pain, Free Gain

Students get down into Dumpsters as part of an alternative anticonsumerist lifestyle.

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Movin' On Up

Men's basketball went undefeated over the weekend, moving into second place in conference play.

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Savings Plan Group Joins College Preparation Project

ScholarShare, California's 529 College Savings Plan, and its program manager Fidelity Investments have joined forces with the Early Academic Outreach Program to help fund the Family Inclusion Initiative. The initiative consists of a series of workshops and activities designed to empower parents to advise students about college preparation.

The pilot program provides culturally relevant, multilingual workshops and activities throughout the academic year that educate parents about key information about college eligibility, financial aid and the admissions process. EAOP's Family Inclusion Initiative is also a partnership between schools, districts and community groups to assist families in boosting scholastic achievement.

"California's economy is becoming increasingly more competitive and good jobs increasingly require a higher education," said Bill Lockyer, California state treasurer and chair of ScholarShare, in a press release. "That makes college all the more important and the Early Academic Outreach Program provides California's youth with a tremendous college planning resource. I'm proud to work with my alma mater, the University of California, to help deliver this vital program to deserving students throughout the state."

Parent involvement in children's education is positively related to achievement, and the initiative's events give parents who have little experience dealing with college the information they need to guide

their children along a college path. EAOP, ScholarShare and Fidelity Investments have said that the initiative is a vital strategy for supporting parents in their efforts to close achievement gaps in California.

UCSD Students Tailgate L.A. Presidential Debate

Students from eight southern California universities built a life-size plywood truck and tailgated the presidential candidate debates outside Hollywood's Kodak Theatre last week to bring attention to issues important to young voters.

UCSD students who joined the effort are volunteers with the California Student Public Interest Research Group's New Voters Project, which has registered thousands of young voters this primary season and is now running "get out the vote" drives on college campuses statewide. UCSD's CALPIRG members have registered nearly 500 voters.

Since April, more than 400 student volunteers with the project have appeared at fundraisers, photo-ops and town hall meetings to urge presidential candidates to speak directly to young people about issues relevant to them. The eight universities who aided the project include UCLA, USC, L.A. City College, L.A. Valley College, UC Santa Barbara, UCSD, UC Riverside and UC Irvine.

CALPIRG is a statewide student organization that works to solve public interest problems related to the environment, consumer protection and government reform.

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FOCUS

Slideshow: How Things Work
 The director of UCSD's Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Resource Lab explains the research conducted in the campus facility dubbed the "Bubble."

HIATUS

Blog: The Mixtape
 Hot tracks reviewed weekly. This week: R&B cuts from Trey Songz, J. Holiday and the Wyclef Jean.

OPINION

Web Poll: Which candidate do you support in the primary elections?

CORRECTIONS

A news article published on Jan. 28 titled "Artists Duel With Admins in Mandeville Center Graffiti War" incorrectly stated that the University Art Gallery was responsible for painting over the graffiti in Mandeville Center stairwells. In fact, the gallery was only responsible for painting over graffiti directly adjacent to its entrances.

The Guardian corrects all errors brought to the attention of the editors. Corrections can be sent to editor@ucsdguardian.org.

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Bicycle Breakfast

Campus cyclists can brake for Rideshare's Bicycle Breakfast on Thursday, February 7, from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. near the Gilman Information Center. Pedal Club members and UCSD cycling commuters can get free goodies and giveaways, including \$20 bike helmet coupons.

Rideshare Operations thanks those who prefer pedal power to pushing the pedal to the metal.

LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Jan. 25

7:57 a.m.: **Citizen contact**

▶ A Cafe Ventanas employee found a small bag containing a suspicious white powdered substance.

11 a.m.: **Report of grand theft**

▶ A laptop, flash drive, iPod and X-acto knife were stolen from McGill Hall.

7:36 p.m.: **General disturbance**

▶ A security guard reported hearing gunshots at Blacks Beach Gate.

9:11 p.m.: **Medical aid**

▶ A 30-year-old female taking antidepressants fainted after throwing up in a RIMAC Arena restroom.

Saturday, Jan. 26

1:29 p.m.: **Citizen contact**

▶ A 25-year-old white male wearing a black stocking cap and carrying a black backpack was seen looking through windows on Discovery Way. *Arrest felony.*

7:48 p.m.: **Burglary**

▶ A burglar was reported as attempting to break in the back door of a La Jolla Farms Road residence, where a female teenager and her younger brother were home alone.

11:27 p.m.: **Serious injury accident**

▶ A subject reported spinning out of control while driving on highway 805. As police attempted to transfer the call, the subject was reported as screaming before suddenly cutting off; rain was heard in the background, and the call was lost.

Sunday, Jan. 27

2:57 a.m.: **Noise disturbance**

▶ A student at the Sixth College apartments laundry room was reported as surfing in puddles and making loud noises. *Checks OK.*

8:22 a.m.: **Trespass**

▶ Four "kids" jumped over the Preuss School fence and were reported as entering school grounds.

3:05 p.m.: **Trespass**

▶ A 40-year-old Asian male carrying large trash bags on broomsticks was seen Dumpster diving on Regents Road.

11:32 p.m.: **General disturbance**

▶ Subjects were seen throwing water balloons from Gilman Parking Structure. *Gone on arrival.*

Monday, Jan. 28

7:47 a.m.: **Suspicious person**

▶ A homeless person living near the Internal Medicine Building reported having hearing difficulties.

8:34 p.m.: **Welfare check**

▶ A male called from the emergency callbox at Lot 702, saying that he was "cold and wanted to go home."

Tuesday, Jan. 29

3:54 p.m.: **Petty theft**

▶ A 5-foot-9 Asian male wearing a black zip-up sweatshirt was reported as unscrewing the front license plate of a silver BMW.

7:30 p.m.: **Noise disturbance**

▶ A child on Regents Road was reported as "running around" and stomping loudly. *Will cooperate.*

7:35 p.m.: **Suspicious person**

▶ A 5-foot-8 male wearing a dark jacket was seen checking the doors of vehicles at Lot 782. *Field interview administered.*

Wednesday, Jan. 30

12:42 a.m.: **Noise disturbance**

▶ Loud pounding and arguing were heard from a Miramar Street residence. *Will cooperate.*

3:05 p.m.: **Report of petty theft**

▶ Someone allegedly stole \$5 from the Financial Aid Office.

Thursday, Jan. 31

1:48 p.m.: **Citizen contact**

▶ A white elderly female, wearing a denim jacket and blue skirt, reported being unable to find her car at the Biomedical Library.

10:44 p.m.: **Vandalism**

▶ An Asian male wearing a black jacket was reported as breaking a window at the *Guardian* office, and subsequently running toward Mandeville Hall.

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

Current Collection Emphasizes Meaning of Media

▶ **GALLERY**, from page 1
was recruited by Amy Adler, a member of UCSD's visual arts department.

"What was interesting to me was that there was the desire and commitment to relaunch the space with an emphasis on current contemporary art within the supported environment of UCSD," Hepworth said. "The gallery should speak to not only those who are involved in the university, but to a larger public beyond its campus."

"In the Beginning," UAG's current exhibition, features work by 20 artists from Europe and America who used contemporary approaches to create pieces that involve words in a variety of compositions.

The collection is composed of different forms of media — including paintings, sculptures and video — all centering on words in relation to their form and meaning.

The exhibition runs through Mar. 9 and will also include a series of scheduled talks and events that opens panel discussions to the public and allows attendees to interact with some of the exhibit's artists.

"Many of the staff from both San Diego's Museum of Contemporary Art and Museum of Art attended the opening and were impressed with the first show," Hepworth said.

UAG, in partnership with UCSD's visual arts department, will now be open year-round for a total exhibition of five shows. Visual arts Chair Lesley Stern will serve as director.

In addition, the campus' MFA students will be able to showcase their work at an annual exhibition.

"We're very excited — once again the gallery will become a lively part of the university and of the larger San Diego-Tijuana-L.A. region,"

Stern said in a press release. "In time we hope to extend to an international presence."

Hepworth said he is optimistic about the gallery's future, citing galleries at Massachusetts Institute of Technology and California College of the Arts as successful models to which UCSD aspires.

"The University Art Gallery is joining part of a larger community of spaces, all of who have their own voices," Hepworth said. "What is important is that we are mutually supportive and seek collectivity to grow both audiences, and the profile of San Diego as an important city for contemporary art."

The University Art Gallery is open from Tuesday to Saturday between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the west end of Mandeville Center.

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Alternate Schedule Will Not Affect UCSD Students

▶ **GRANTS**, from page 3
Expected Family Contribution — the amount of money a student's family can contribute to his or her education — has been reduced from \$4,110 to \$4,041. Therefore, students with an EFC from \$4,042 to \$4,110 who were able to benefit from funds last year will no longer be eligible for federal aid under the Pell Grant program.

Kantrowitz said the bottom line is that while slightly fewer students will qualify for the Pell Grant, the remaining Pell Grant-eligible students will get \$421 more each.

"That's a fairly substantial increase, although it does not make up for four years of no increases," he said.

In addition to the monetary boost, the payment and disbursement schedules for Pell Grant funds have also changed. While alternate

payment and disbursement schedules were previously used in addition to the main schedule, the repeal of the Tuition Sensitivity Rule now bases all awards on a single payment schedule for all students.

The TSR, originally part of the Higher Education Act, reduced Pell Grant funds for students who chose to attend colleges with lower tuitions. The HEA is currently in its eighth extension, and its reauthorization will be put to yet another vote before this extension expires on April 30. Rep. George Miller (D-Calif.), who serves as chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor, indicated in a press release that if it is reauthorized, the repeal of the TSR is expected to become permanent.

If the reauthorization passes, students attending low-cost community

colleges will be the most affected group, as the bill would raise their funding to be equal with their peers attending more expensive institutions. UCSD will not be one of the institutions affected by this reversal from an alternate payment schedule as undergraduates qualify for the maximum Pell Grant already.

"The alternate schedule is not applicable at UCSD because our cost of attendance is not less than \$805," said Ann Klein, senior associate director at UCSD's Financial Aid Office.

UCSD expects to have close to 7,200 Pell Grant recipients this year, totaling nearly \$24 million in Pell Grant funds, Klein said.

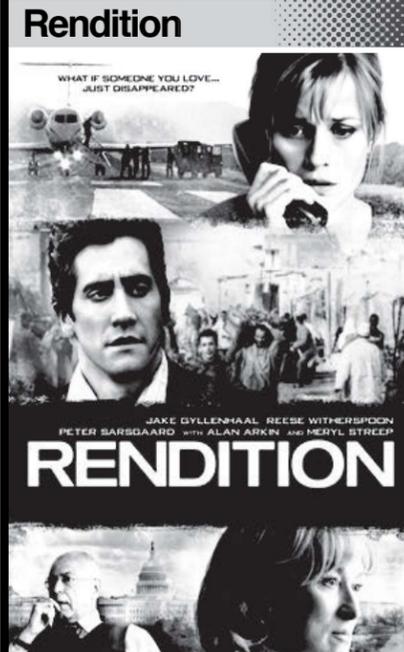
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Chancellor: Predictions Underestimate Cost of Team

► **FOOTBALL**, from page 1 including financial costs, the potential team's impact on the UCSD academic scene, opinions of the administration and student body and how a team's presence would affect Title IX, which mandates that schools provide equal athletic opportunities to men and women. The task force will also look at the progress of universities that have recently founded football teams, such as UC Davis, and examine more established football teams at other universities.

Gupta said one of the biggest issues the task force will explore is how a football team would be financially supported, with possible funds coming from alumni contributions or the university. Other key issues under consideration by the task force include where a future team would practice and what stadium it would use for games.

The task force, whose research is still in the early stages, hopes to release its findings by fifth week of Spring Quarter.

UCSD had a football team for one winless season in 1968, but it was discontinued because of the Vietnam War draft.

Since then, Gupta said, there have been three referendums to reintroduce football to UCSD, all of which failed. The task force will also examine why these referendums were not successful.

"I just see this as a way of opening up the debate," Gupta said. "It's the first little baby step to see if UCSD wants to have a football team."

If the task force discovers substantial evidence that a football team is not feasible, then the issue will likely become less controversial, Gupta said.

Meanwhile, student opinion is varied on whether a football team would benefit UCSD. Two opposing Facebook groups, for example, reflect this opposition.

The Facebook group supporting

a football team is connected to the Web site www.gotritons.com, which estimates the cost of a possible football team at \$1 million. Proponents argue that a student fee increase of approximately \$20 per undergraduate could raise the funds needed, which would include the funds necessary for the creation of additional women's teams needed to comply with Title IX. Regarding facilities, the site suggests that RIMAC fields could be expanded or the team could practice at a community college or high school. But members also said that scheduling could be a hurdle due to the lack of

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— Utsav Gupta, All-Campus Senator, A.S. Council

Division-II football teams.

Chancellor Marye Anne Fox said at the Nov. 1 A.S. Council meeting that she expected the team to cost more than the \$1-million prediction, citing the \$100-million Division-I programs at schools such as Ohio State University as an upper limit.

"If you're interested, keep the cards and letters coming, but for now we don't have the money," Fox said at the meeting.

Earl Warren College senior Matt King, who operates the Facebook group protesting the creation of a football team, said that a team would do far more harm than good, mainly because of the funding it would require.

King said that UCSD cannot fund full-time scholarships for football players, and that because of UCSD's loca-

tion in Southern California, it would be difficult to beat powerhouses like UCLA and USC in recruiting players.

"It would be impossible to have a Division-I school," King said.

He also said that when people imagine a football team at UCSD, they are probably comparing it to the ones at well-known Division-I schools, when in reality Division-II football teams are relatively unknown. He also said that it would be difficult for UCSD to be competitive because the squad would initially consist of volunteer athletes, while the better athletes would go to schools that provide scholarships and have a long-standing football culture.

"We wouldn't be playing in bowl games," he said.

The crowds at existing sports, such as basketball and water polo, are relatively small, King said, and because of Title IX it is likely that some existing men's teams would have to be cut in order to match the number of women's teams.

Despite the cost, Fox said she is still open to the possibility of a football team at UCSD, but stressed the difficulties inherent in any attempts to implement one.

"Chancellor Fox has always felt strongly that athletics and recreational opportunities are essential to a well-balanced collegiate experience," university spokeswoman Dolores Davies said in an e-mail.

She said that while UCSD does not have a football team, it boasts an award-winning intercollegiate athletics program that also deserves recognition.

"A football team in UCSD's future is always a possibility, but it would require substantial support from students as well as faculty, and would require a substantial investment of funds both by the campus and in terms of student fees," she said.

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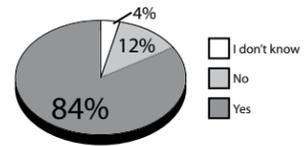
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So it was with refreshing verve that many voters were introduced to Obama at the 2004 Democratic National Convention, where the senator delivered a keynote address harkening the tenets of unity America had not seen since Sen. Robert F. Kennedy made his run at the presidency in 1968. Obama spoke of the links between red and blue, conservative and liberal, and seemed neither Republican nor Democrat: He was just a man who wanted a better America.

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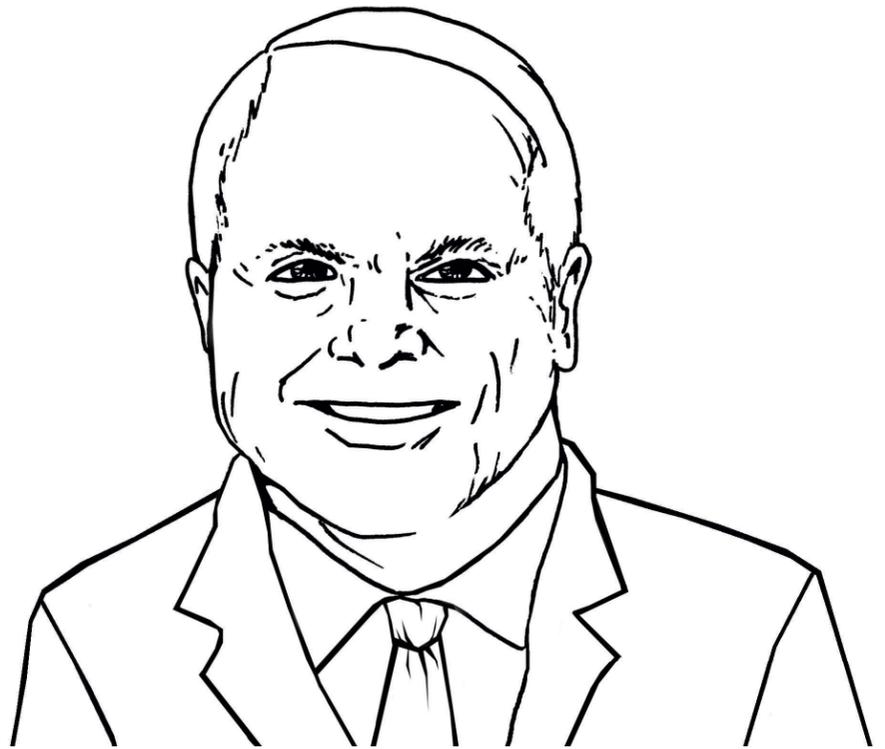
He is relatable to his constituents. His desire to see this country bettered is in line with the bulk of Americans. Better health care, better job security, better education and an end to war. Obama is the closest mirror to the warmly personable Bobby in this election race.

Bobby united a spectrum of voters under his flag: old to young, black to white to brown voters threw their support behind the charismatic and vibrant figure who touted his simplistically idealistic approach to political change. "I do not run for the presidency to oppose any man but to propose new policy," Kennedy said when he announced his presidential candidacy. "I run because I am convinced that this country is on a perilous course and I have such strong feelings about what must be done. And I feel that I am obliged to do all that I can."

The question now is, are times different? Has the bureaucratic process grown too convoluted, too hefty for a "man of change" to actually instigate change? New York Sen. Hillary Clinton's argument against Obama is decidedly strong. A woman of her experience and lengthy resume would be better equipped to enter the

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Republican Candidate

John McCain**Genuine Public Servant Brings Vetted Political Resume, Know-How**

Simply put, John McCain is the best Republican candidate for president.

The Arizona senator has both the leadership skills and character necessary to lead the United States in a new direction at a time when most of the world continues to regard our country with hostility, especially amid the increasingly unpopular Iraq War.

Unlike his opponents, the 71-year-old Vietnam War veteran and former prisoner of war consistently defends his beliefs without regard for political peril, a characteristic most strongly demonstrated by how many times he rejects the motions of his own party and president.

He breaks with the GOP on illegal immigration, an issue that hits close to home for this border-state politician, sensibly advocating a pathway for citizenship for the country's estimated 12 million illegal aliens while simultaneously calling for tougher immigration standards.

Again separating himself from others in his own party, McCain also staunchly supports rebuilding America's image abroad by closing Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — the military detention center that houses suspected terrorists — beginning legal proceedings for detainees

and banning torture, which he himself has survived.

With many Republicans refusing to acknowledge global warming as a dire problem, McCain has been a leading voice for climate policy reform, championing the first Senate bill to address the problem legislatively in 2003. Although that bill ultimately failed, McCain continues to defy many fellow Republicans by supporting cap-and-trade policies to reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

He also supports more federal funding for embryonic stem cell research — one of the only leading Republicans to do so — and is realistic about the ominous future of Social Security and Medicare, saying that if elected he would place overhauling those programs at the top of his domestic agenda.

But McCain does have his flaws. He is against abortion and the legalization of same-sex marriage, and has consistently said that he would keep troops in Iraq for as long as necessary — whatever that means.

Those issues aside, McCain is clearly the best choice from a field of candidates that also

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- ▶ Advocates citizenship path for illegal aliens and reducing greenhouse-gas emissions.
- ▶ Against abortion and the legalization of same-sex marriage.
- ▶ Supports the Iraq War and does not claim an exit strategy.

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No on Proposition 91

Proposition 91 exemplifies wasteful bureaucracy. It is the tail end of a legislative saga that began with former Gov. Gray Davis' administration.

Motorists at the pump pay 7.5 percent in federal and state taxes tagged specifically for transportation funds. Those monies previously went to the state's general fund, but voters passed Proposition 42 in 2002 to specifically beef up what they considered to be the state's faltering transit infrastructure. A caveat dictated that the measure be suspended, and money reallocated to the general fund for more flexible use in the event of a fiscal emergency. Then, in 2006, voters again put their foot down for transportation improvements by approving Proposition 1A, which mandates that any monies borrowed from the state's transportation fund be repaid with interest within three years. It was a gainful addition to the state's tax-on-gas laws, allowing the state the chance to fix its broken freeways and transpor-

THE SHORT GUIDE TO 91**What It Does:**

It adjusts regulations for when the General Fund can borrow certain transportation funds and the pay-back period.

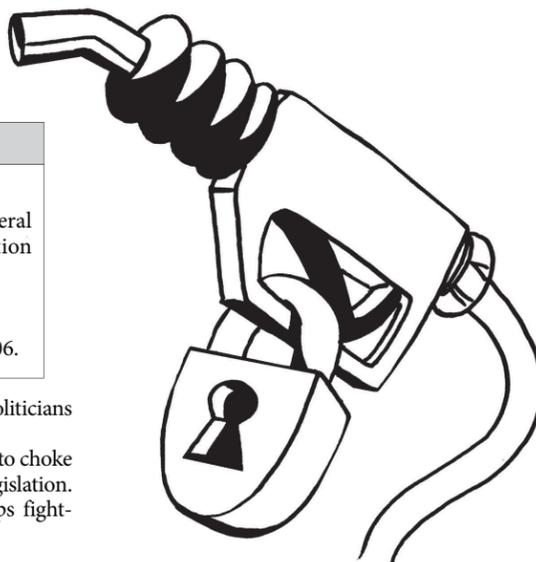
Why You Should Oppose It:

Proposition 1A already did the job in 2006.

tation systems within a short time period if politicians overborrowed.

So now comes Proposition 91, which seeks to choke out any flexibilities drawn from related legislation. The measure was initiated by industry groups fight-

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No on Proposition 92

Proposition 92 seeks to grab K-14 education — particularly the community college system — a big chunk of change in preparation for the tight-budgeted future. The problem is, while funding education should be a top state priority, the numbers just aren't adding up and California's most important programs are all feeling the sting of budget cuts. This instance of special interest-driven ballot box budgeting helps only a subset of students, and would place an extra burden on the California State University and University of California systems as they deal with an extra \$70 million of lost revenue in the already tight fiscal future.

Supporters of Proposition 92 argue that by lower-

ing costs for community colleges, the measure provides a valuable educational gateway to the middle class. But this ignores a glaring financial problem: By decreasing fee revenue without raising taxes or offering any other method to balance the loss, the proposal would create a massive funding deficit in a sector already being severely slashed. Unless all of the state's students stand together to bear cuts equally, community colleges — which already charge the country's lowest tuition costs — stand to see an unnecessary gain by crippling their higher education sister institutions.

Though supporters have a point — community colleges give struggling high school graduates a pathway to four-year universities and provide many adults with important career instruction — this proposition is financially unrealistic and blatantly irresponsible, and would build upon a dangerous precedent of education earmarking. It's a fair assessment that K-14 schools need more support, but shorting the UC and CSU systems for community colleges is not the way to solve the state's education woes.

By locking up approximately \$300 million annually for K-14 education while simultaneously throw-

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What It Does:

It increases funding for K-14 education and locks community-college fees at \$15/unit.

Why You Should Oppose It:

It favors only a subset of students and creates a \$70-million loss in state revenue.

No on Proposition 93

Since last month, opponents of Proposition 93 have been hauling a life-sized Trojan horse around California as a statement on the item's outwardly benevolent but inherently deceptive nature. While this political ploy revels in its own melodrama, a close examination of the issue illustrates the appropriateness of this metaphor: Presented as a poorly disguised gift to cap term limits and encourage politicians to reject the influence of lobbyists, the proposition is a last-ditch effort for current state leaders to hold on to the power they may soon lose.

If approved, Proposition 93 will allow members of the California State Legislature to remain in office for 12 consecutive years, two years less than the 14 total authorized by 1990's Proposition 140. Currently, members may serve six years in the Assembly and eight years in the Senate. Some analysts have argued this does not give them adequate time to forge substantive changes before depending on lobbyist

funds for re-election. Proposition 93 would allow legislators to serve the 12 years in one house, which proponents claim would allow them more independence from outside influence.

The catch? Current senators could stay in office four years longer than current term-limit laws dictate, and acting members of the assembly would pocket an extra six. Not surprisingly, two of Proposition 93's most vocal backers — Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles) and Senate President Pro Tempore Don Perata (D-Oakland) — will have to leave office in the event that the item fails.

A little more subtlety would have helped, gentlemen.

It would be hasty, however, to reject the item merely because its key proponents have a vested interest in its outcome — such is the nature of politics. However, in looking at California's voter track record, the people have spoken out against any political tinkering with Proposition 140, clearly emphasizing the importance of openness and transparency in their officials' term-related actions.

For example, when former Senate President Pro Tempore John Burton (D-San Francisco) tried to mitigate Proposition 140 in 2002 by spearheading Proposition 45 — which would have amended the state constitution to soften the imposed term limits — 58 percent of voters were quick to shoot it down. It

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What It Does:

It shortens legislative office time, but increases the number of possible terms spent per house.

Why You Should Oppose It:

It undermines term-limit laws, which are vital to an efficient political system.



Yes on Propositions 94-97

Unlike winning a slot machine jackpot, Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97 are no gamble, and will bring much-needed revenue to California at a time when it seems the state is slipping further and further into financial crisis.

If passed, the measures would simply uphold gaming agreements that are already in existence; the four American Indian tribes covered by the measures already support large casinos on their reservations.

In fact, the proposed changes to the gaming compacts were championed by the state, approved by bipartisan majorities in the Legislature and signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, but because of a strong push — primarily by racetrack owners and a few other tribes — a petition drive landed the propositions on the ballot, forcing California voters to decide their fate.

The initiatives are virtually identical, with the only difference being the Riverside and San Diego County tribes in question: the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, the Morongo Band of Mission Indians, the Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla

Indians.

The agreements between the state and the tribes, which hold exclusive rights to operate slot machines in California, would increase the permitted number of operating machines by a few thousand.

More machines mean more gamblers, which ultimately means more money. According to a formula drawn up in the agreements, the tribes will give the state 15 to 25 percent of the total additional revenue, which the state has predicted to number in the hundreds of millions per year.

There is really no logical argument against these propositions; opponents argue that the reservations will transform into huge Las Vegas-esque powerhouses and that expansion projects will irreversibly harm the environment, but in reality the expansions will conform to strict standards in line with established state law.

The expansions will not adversely affect the state's 104 other indigenous tribes, another claim thrown around by opponents; under the agreements, the four tribes would share tens of millions of dollars with other tribes that currently have little or no gaming.

Critics also preach that tribes will have the ultimate say regarding how much money will be given to California, but in actuality the State Gaming Agency will audit each payment, and disputes will be settled accordingly. Although those audits will not be available to the public — every rose has its thorn — there is no arguing against the fact that the state will receive more revenue.

It is true that the measures will not solve the

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What They Do:

They allow four tribes to operate thousands more slot machines.

Why You Should Support Them:

They will ultimately bring more money to cash-strapped California.

In Deep Debt, California Needs Casino Cash Windfall

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state's fiscal crises, but it would be foolish to think that the state would not benefit enormously from them — both via revenue and the creation of thousands of additional jobs. Vote yes on Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97. And who knows, maybe you'll be the lucky jackpot winner on one of the new machines.

Term-Limit Shakeup Stretches Sacramento's Bad Streaks

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is clear that Californians support the law they fought for on multiple occasions, but perhaps the state's elected officials know better than the uneducated masses.

While Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger claims that voters have previously gone "too far" when restricting term limits, he has surprisingly expressed support for Proposition 93 — a measure that would, on the surface, impose even more stringent regulations than those already in place.

Perhaps this seeming contradiction would explain why the Republican Party that Schwarzenegger purportedly represents does not even back the item. If Proposition 93's motives were as honest and well-meaning as its proponents argue, voters would not be left scratching their heads and second-guessing who will really reap the benefits of its passage.

In this case, if Proposition 93 looks like a duck, walks like a duck and quacks like a duck — it's probably a horse.

Bad Timing for Community Colleges Seeking Funding

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ing away \$70 million of community college fee revenue, Proposition 92 would create a deadly funding sinkhole, placing an unmanageable burden on the CSU and UC systems. The idealistic initiative provides neither a counter to the monetary loss it implies nor a method for how the additional \$300 million will be spent.

Experience a Nonissue for This Politico

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Oval Office, where her familiarity with political structures, the players involved and the compacts they strike would grease the wheels to actually force change. But the biggest problem is that Clinton's route toward change is exactly the kind that has been walked before, and runs counter to principles of change without harm. This America wants a new mentality, where the end does not justify the means.

Obama embodies that idealism, which makes a statement as strong as it is desirable for modern-day America: You don't have to get dirty to play the political game.

A DROP FROM THE INKWELL

By Priscilla Lazaro



Proposal an Extra Chunk of Legislation, Money

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ing lawmakers that raided transportation funds to help balance the state's sickly budget — before Proposition 1A was passed. Now, those transportation groups have turned on the measure they started, realizing that 1A's provision requiring quick payback with interest meets their needs.

Without its founders' backing, Proposition 91 has no official support, save Southern California Transit Advocates, a small transportation body. With the very organizers of Proposition 91 now speaking out against it, approving the measure would make budget moves even more rigid. If the state were to haphazardly borrow from the transportation fund, a mere three-year wait with added interest will rightfully reinforce the state's languishing transit funds.

War Veteran Liberal Where It Counts

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includes former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee. While McCain continually stands by his core beliefs, Romney has left voters confused about his positions, the most notable example being his support for abortion as governor but a sudden turnaround on the issue now that he is trying to capture the White House. And Huckabee's religious jargon is often so alarming (bringing the Constitution in line with "God's law") that he has no broad appeal.

With this election's outcome so crucial to our country's future, voters should recognize McCain's conviction and support him on Election Day.

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► The approximate number of young voters the New Voters Project has registered since it launched in 2003, according to the New Voters Project Web site.

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To At the Freegan go the spoils

Whether it's due to growing environmental principles or increasingly empty wallets, some UCSD students are flocking to trash as the answer to their consumption woes.

Freeganism, a term coined in the 1990s, is a way of living in which individuals reject the consumerist economy by practicing unconventional strategies such as Dumpster diving for food. Now with increased concern for the Earth's climate, freeganism has become more popular among students like Eleanor Roosevelt College junior Justin Lowenthal, a Sixth College resident advisor who organized an educational event on freeganism for students during Fall Quarter 2007.

"Personally, it's a value of mine to be more conservative," Lowenthal said. "That's what I want to introduce to other people so they can understand the impact they have being a consumer in our society."

In a similar effort to educate others, UCSD alumnus Marko Manriquez created www.freegankitchen.com, a Web site where he hosts a gourmet cooking show using only ingredients taken from Dumpsters.

"The United States is a culture of enormous consumer appetites," Manriquez said in an e-mail. "We consume and waste so much but it never really seems to satisfy our desires. I wanted to share this revelation with others. I created [Freegan Kitchen] as a way to both satirize our consumer media bubble while at the same time empower others to alternative forms of sustainability — all the while leveraging the tools of the system to critique itself."

In addition to offering cooking tips and insight into the movement's

main philosophies, Freegan Kitchen also includes an educational video on how to Dumpster dive. According to Manriquez, looking through Dumpsters is the most exhilarating part of freeganism.

"It's fun and kind of a rush when you first get started and don't know what to expect — like a scavenger hunt," Manriquez said. "You name it, chances are it's lying in a Dumpster somewhere."

Although many UCSD students are interested in freeganism, Lowenthal said both issues of time commitment and local security can impede students looking to try out the lifestyle.

"It's a lot easier to go to the store, you know?" Lowenthal said. "Especially here in La Jolla, there are not as many resources to get food because the grocery stores are a little stricter on their waste regulation. Because [of] the upscale nature of this place and [the fact that] it's not that liberal here, it's just harder to pull off."

Manriquez, who is hoping to finish a Web-based widget application by Earth Day that Dumpster divers can use to work around closed-off Dumpsters, agrees that this is a growing concern among freegans.

"This has become a problem as freeganism becomes a victim of its own success in terms of more and more Dumpsters becoming fenced off and locked up," Manriquez said.

According to Matt Clark, the Villa La Jolla Drive Ralphs service manager, store policy bars individuals from rummaging through the store's Dumpsters. Clark said that although the store discovers people looking through its Dumpsters two or three times a week, all employees are instructed to tell Dumpster divers to leave, and call mall security if they refuse.

Although Dumpster diving is illegal and, according to many supermarket policies, a liability if an individual becomes ill after eating discarded products, individuals can only technically sue if they can prove malicious intent of poisoning or contaminating the food. However, Marlon Geller, a UCSD alumnus and Freegan since 2005 said staying safe is simply a matter of being aware.

"If you don't take meat or dairy products out of the Dumpster this will increase your chances of not getting sick by a long shot,"

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He's Not Buying It

A profile of Milton Saier, campus professor and local dumpster-diver



On Sunday mornings around 8 a.m., 66-year-old biology professor Milton Saier fills his old Pontiac convertible with cardboard boxes and drives to a nearby Albertsons Dumpster in Encinitas. Wearing only a red bathing suit, he jumps in and sorts through discarded produce and products, filling his boxes with bananas, smoked salmon, pancake mix, plastic bottles — anything he deems fit to eat or recycle. While customers inside Albertsons are doing their weekly grocery shopping, Saier is doing his.

"It's one of the most fun things I do," Saier said. "It's like Christmas every time you go to the Dumpster; you find something of interest and you never know what it will be."

Saier, who first started Dumpster diving 30 years ago as a way to feed his farm animals, is a devoted freegan. As a concerned environmentalist and a natural-born bargain lover, Saier sees his lifestyle as a result of his inherent qualities.

"There are some people who

just derive natural pleasure from getting something free and I happen to be one of those people," Saier said. "I think [freeganism] was a part of me before I even did it. Like, I could walk down the street when I was a kid and I would find something. Maybe it was a penny, maybe it was a nickel, maybe it was just a rock that appealed to me, and I would take pleasure in that."

Although many might see Dumpster diving as potentially hazardous to one's health, Saier says upper- and middle-class Americans are often too cautious about sterilizing their children's living conditions.

"In a study, they found out that the increased incidents of asthma in developed countries were due to the conditions of sterility when they raised their kids," he said. "And the poorer classes in America and elsewhere in the world are not suffering from increased incidents of asthma. And when they raised piglets under comparable sterile conditions they also came down



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Top: Every Sunday, professor Milton Saier visits the Encinitas Albertsons to gather food. Middle: Saier's "Freegan Wagon" only leaves his garage once a week for Dumpster diving trips. Bottom: Saier searches through local garbage bins for branches and foliage he later plants in his garden.

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Riding Back Home on the Range

I used to ride horses. Not very often, mind you, but enough to know a thing or two, and enough to get tired of it. Living the semi-rural life all the way up through high school, I learned to link horses with long hot days on the dusty valley floor outside Bakersfield, working my family's cattle. I was glad to leave the hard hours in a saddle behind when I started college. But, like a lot of people who grow up and leave home, I began to miss my character's foundry once I was cast from the mold. When my sister recently offered me a chance to go horseback riding with her and a friend, I jumped at the opportunity.

"You can take pictures," my sister assured me, as if I needed further reason to go. She knows me well; a chance to take an interesting picture is enough to get me to go just about anywhere.

On this occasion, though, I almost went without my camera. A horse demands your full attention, and I didn't want to ruin both the ride and my camera by trying to juggle the two. I decided the best way to dodge a problem was to leave my bulky digital camera at home and use my reliable film camera, a rangefinder.

My camera holds true to classic rangefinder form. The basic style has been around since the 1930s, and helped realize the genius vision of journalists and artists like Henri Cartier-Bresson, Robert Capa and Garry Winogrand. Its design is simple: with few moving parts, it feels as solid as a brick in my hand. It's also small and the shutter is discreet. There is no flash, nothing automatic and barely a flicker of electricity. When I first bought it, I went through dozens of rolls of film just getting used to how it feels looking through the viewfinder. So now, it is less of a piece of equipment and more of an extension of my eye, capturing intimate frames from moment to moment with fluid ease.

This is a camera I can trust, and so I brought it with me that sunset, when our truck and trailer were speeding out of town on an empty highway. The evening light was

beautiful, but a mixed blessing. I had loaded my camera with film that would give me incredibly vivid colors, but the drawback was that it had very low sensitivity to light. In a cruel twist of irony, I had to accept that as the light faded and the sky became more dramatic, I would be less and less able to represent it faithfully.

At one point where the highway crosses a dry river, we unloaded our horses. I got acquainted with Buddy, the horse I would be riding. My sister and her friend would ride Lorenzo and Joe, respectively. I checked Buddy's saddle, and added some length to the stirrups (as I've usually done as a tall person borrowing a shorter person's equipment). I was thrilled to hoist myself onto the saddle. I focused my camera on my sister's cowboy hat and framed a photograph toward the west, into the setting sun. I turned Buddy around to view the trail, took another photo and we headed east to begin our route along the sandy riverbed.

All my former confidence in my camera immediately vanished. My eye was steady and calm, but even with our horses at a slow walk, raising the camera to my eye made the world convulse. Nothing in the quiet, peaceful riverbed looked sensible through the achingly small viewfinder. I couldn't make the beautiful images I wanted match the feeling I had inside. In denial, I made one last effort by stopping Buddy in his tracks. I took a picture of the two riders as the distance between us increased. Buddy did not like this — he is a leader, not a follower.

As I quickly cocked my shutter for a second photo, Buddy suddenly took off at a gallop toward the other two horses. I lost my hat to the wind, and my camera was loose and beating on my hip on every stride. I found out that it not only feels like a brick in my hand, but also against every part of my torso. One foot was out of the stirrup. I couldn't hear it, but my pelvis tripped the shutter. This photo came back as a shot of my chin taken from waistline viewpoint. If it wasn't so blurry you'd be able to see my

clenched teeth.

Buddy, satisfied, slowed to a trot as he brought me back to the group. I was happy too, and not just because I hadn't been thrown off. Despite the unexpected burst of speed, I had handled myself fairly well. After four years I hadn't forgotten how to ride!

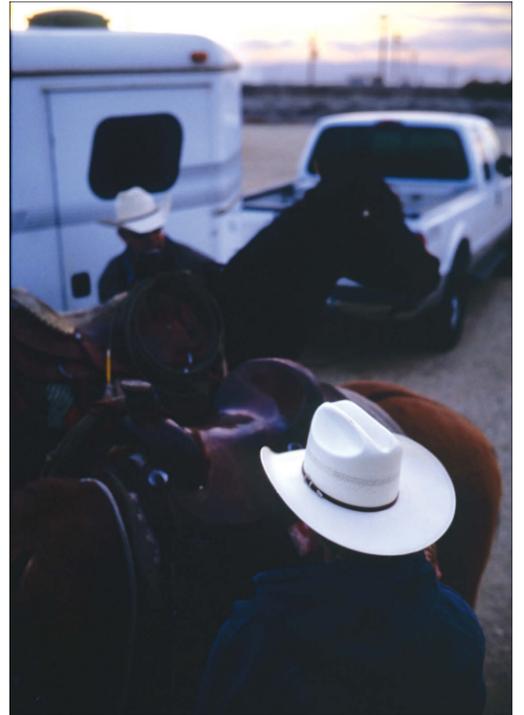
I brought Buddy to a lope to secure myself, and then we all worked in a few hard gallops over a half hour before turning around to head back. We stopped for a few minutes for group photos for the family album, but besides that my pictures alternated between dark and blurry.

I didn't mind. It's rare to truly match experiences with a still image anyway. Not that I can't try, since it's always nice to remember things through a photo, but a lot of the time a memory will do a better job. Nevertheless, even with a rank horse like Buddy between my legs, I still got in a few lasting shots.

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Top: The group of riders unloaded their horses and checked their saddles just before the sun dipped below the horizon. **Bottom:** Facing the trail, Buddy the horse anxiously waits for the ride to commence and allows the grateful photographer one last steady exposure.

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Students Rally for Participation at the Polls

By Daniela Kent
STAFF WRITER

From CALPIRG's voter registration clipboard crew to a one-manned table with a loud boombox and some "Mike Huckabee for President" pamphlets, on-campus, student-run political groups are determined to prod students to take a stance on today's pressing issues.

With the Feb. 5 primary election approaching, politically active students like Revelle College freshman Alec Weisman, an on-campus representative for the Presidential Campaign for Governor Mike Huckabee, are eager to influence the university's young voters.

"I want to get involved on campus and do whatever I can," Weisman said. "I'm here to show people that [Huckabee] has a presence [in San Diego]. [Huckabee] is pushing the fact that college is too expensive. In the lower education system he wants more teacher equality and more art and music in schools to help [students] become more well-rounded."

Out of their strong support for Texas Rep. Ron Paul, Revelle College seniors Jenny Cheng and Isaiah Sage founded the College Libertarians club. Although Paul later chose to run as a Republican, his change in status did not deter Cheng and Sage, who employ a whatever-it-takes approach in their campaigning. Though still a small club, College Libertarians find Facebook and tabling on Library Walk two ways of reaching UCSD students.

"What's the point if we're just meeting and talking amongst ourselves?" Cheng said. "The point is to get people involved and get the word out. It's nice to meet new people and get your ideas out there."

Similarly, supporters of Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) are campaigning aggressively. Students for Hillary Clinton at UCSD managed to get Clinton to speak at a San Diego State University rally, which had an impres-

sive turnout of over 8,000. Covering issues such as veteran affairs and immigration, Clinton catered to the region's specific interests and addressed the rising prices of higher education. Reizza Ty, a Thurgood Marshall College senior and Students for Hillary Clinton at UCSD member, said the former first lady's experience makes her an attractive and trustworthy candidate.

"Everyone says this, but [Clinton] does have the most experience," Ty said. "She cares about college students and immigrants — she really speaks for the middle class."

As a way to reach out to uninformed on-campus voters and urge them to consider Clinton's take on various issues, the group hosted a forum at Sixth College, where the candidate's daughter, Chelsea Clinton, spoke with about 60 students.

"She reached out to undecided student voters who might not know about Hillary Clinton's policies," Ty said. "Our whole campaign is based on social networks and just reaching out and talking to individuals. Even if it's something small, it still makes a difference."

Students for Barack Obama has also made its presence and opinion known on campus. In conjunction with the Black Student Union, the organization had originally scheduled a rally in Price Center featuring hip-hop star Nick Cannon to celebrate Black History Month and the progressive nature of Obama's campaign on Feb. 1. However, university officials, regardless of assurance from Students for Barack Obama that additional security was not needed, felt that Cannon's presence would present a liability issue. Administrators also told BSU that Cannon could not speak about Obama, since BSU did not officially support the candidate and it wasn't part of the original event planning.

This is not the first time the administration has been a roadblock for political action on campus. In 2004, only two



Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee supporters geared up for Super Tuesday by promoting their candidates and distributing informational pamphlets.

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on-campus polling places were open on Election Day, creating four-hour lines and preventing approximately 50 percent of hopeful voters from submitting their ballots. Although members of Students for Barack Obama hoped campus administration would change this, the number of polling places will remain the same. With young voters coming out in record numbers, the group expects lines to be six- to seven-hours long this year.

Undaunted by the lack of support from campus officials, Students for Barack Obama has continued to focus on progressive change and to address young voters who have been absent at the polls in past years.

"What's really interesting and unique about the Obama campaign is that there

are a lot of first-time voters and first-time volunteers getting involved," said John Muir College sophomore Marika Shiga. "And one reason why is that Obama really connects with a younger generation. He's not just looking for normative change but a more fundamental, better way of doing politics. It's about getting rid of divisive politics and having a new vision of unity."

While each on-campus political group has its own agenda, most organizations are mainly concerned with informing and involving people. Laura Fitzer, a Revelle College senior and College Democrats vice president of internal affairs, stressed the importance of simply getting UCSD students to vote, even if it isn't for her party.

"My roommates last year were all

Republicans and that was fine," Fitzer said. "It doesn't matter who you vote for. Vote Republican, vote Democrat — just vote."

UCSD's student political organizations have also found new ways to make candidates relatable. CALPIRG's Erin Steva, a recent UCSD graduate and campus organizer, encourages voter registration and is an active participant in the "What's Your Plan" campaign. The campaign fights to increase presidential candidates' efforts to address the issues that college students find important, such as global warming, making higher education more affordable and health care. Clinton has acknowledged the influence of the nationally orga-

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Saier Sets an Example for Consumers

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with asthma and certain types of allergies that are common in humans. So, yeah, you can be too careful."

While social stigmas about his freegan lifestyle don't bother Saier, his larger obstacles are the anti-Dumpster-diving policies of many grocery stores.

"It does upset me when some employee or some manager comes out and says, 'Hey, you're not supposed to take that,'" Saier said. "I'll respond and say, 'Why not? Did you want it?' I don't see why anyone should object. If it's something that was thrown away and it's not to be used then why shouldn't someone come along and take advantage of it if it's of use to them?"

However daunting Dumpster-related deterrents are, Saier has found clever ways to get around possessive policies, or at least reciprocate some benefit.

"I used to own some stock in Albertsons and I would tell them that I had the right because I owned the store," Saier said. "I didn't have very much but I decided I would buy a little since I was deriving so much benefit from them. I didn't do well with their stock. They throw away billions of dollars worth of food a year."

In addition to getting his groceries from the Dumpster, Saier also uses tree branches and other foliage from his neighbors' trash cans to fill his farmland. According to Saier, the majority of plants in his 2.5-acre backyard started as recycled bits and pieces.

"Some trees, especially subtropical trees, will root if you just put them in the ground," Saier said. "You break off a branch, stick it in the ground and it will grow. I have trees with huge diameters now which I planted when we first moved here just by sticking a branch in the ground."

Saier's commitment to recycling and reusing also extends to everyday activities. He bikes 16.6 miles to work from Encinitas each morning and returns home by bus. Besides special circumstances, Saier only uses his car to drive to the Dumpsters. He will buy retail gifts for others, but relies on thrift stores and swap meets for his own clothing and luxury items. Saier never rides elevators, never leaves the water on when he's soaping in the shower and always turns the lights off. Although these deeds

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— Milton Saier, UCSD biology professor

are small, Saier said they add up.

"America is a land of waste. We're all addicted to lifestyles of waste. And I've made an effort, a conscious effort, at least at first, in order to stop wasting everything."

While Saier lives frugally, he is also dedicated to educating others about important environmental issues. He has authored two volumes of the book "Our Precarious Earth and Its Biosphere" and regularly contributes to the Environmentalist and Water, Air and Soil Pollution journals. In addition to sponsoring UCSD's Human and Earth Rights Organization, Saier teaches a "Human Impact on the Environment" class and leads a freshman seminar entitled "Earth's Fragile Biosphere," in

which he discusses pollution's detrimental effects on the environment and urges students to make a difference by conserving.

"I decided it would be a great assignment for my students, to have them write down 100 ways in which they could be more environmentally friendly," Saier said. "There are really so many ways."

Because Saier supports population control for the benefit of the environment, he also donates half of his annual salary to Planned Parenthood, the United Nations Family Planning Agency, Population Connection and Population Communications Incorporated — a nonprofit group that produces soap operas in underdeveloped countries that encourage the use of birth control.

Although he is extremely active now, Saier didn't become involved in environment conservation until he learned of the ocean's depletion at a lecture six years ago.

"I realized everything [the lecturer] said, I could confirm, based on my own personal experiences," Saier said. "And it was on the basis of that knowledge that I decided that I had to devote myself to environmental issues. And that's what I've been doing since."

As both a freegan, an active teacher and a concerned scientist, Saier practices what he preaches in hopes that others will follow.

"Why should I condone an economy based on waste when it's not benefiting me?" Saier said. "I see no reason. I think I can do better. I think I have personal responsibilities to the world. I think also, maybe, by doing so, I'm going to set an example for someone who's going to change. And if enough people change then it really will make a difference."

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Conserving Requires Creativity

► **FREGANISM**, from page 8

Geller said in an e-mail. "But, in general, you can tell if something is contaminated or not by using your senses. I know it seems too obvious, but look at it, smell it, sample it."

While freeganism has caught the attention of many environmentally concerned students, John Muir College junior Andre DaMetz, who learned about the movement from Lowenthal's seminar and recently started Dumpster diving, said it is not enough to solve America's waste issues.

"I don't think it will change the situation of all the waste that goes on in the United States," DaMetz said. "I think the United States does waste a lot of food, and I think by being a freegan, it gives a personal gratification that you're not contributing to the massive structural system of waste. But it's definitely not popular and I don't think people will become freegans just because the concept of jumping into a Dumpster to receive food; I think there would be health concerns about it."

According to Manriquez, people make choices about sustainability in all facets of daily living.

"I think sustainability or 'being green' or whatever label you wish to call it is something that pervades all aspects of life — we are each faced with the sustainable or not-sustainable choice in pretty much every aspect of our lives," Manriquez said in an e-mail. "There are many ways of integrating sustainability into our lifestyle. People just have to get creative and have fun with it — freeganism is just one way of doing that."

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Students Force Political Issues to the Forefront

► **POLITICS**, from page 10

nized "What's Your Plan" program and has placed a number of her platform stances around such issues.

For liberal groups, the fight against global warming is an important political topic among college students. CALPIRG participated in Focus the Nation, held on Jan. 31, which spread the word about environmental issues to students across the country.

Because of students' concerns with future financial responsibilities and health-care costs, CALPIRG has also urged candidates to propose more affordable and reliable health-care plans.

"We know that [Governor Arnold] Schwarzenegger isn't going to pass a universal health-care initiative, so in the short we are in favor of expanding coverage and capping the costs," Steva said. "For instance, there is a bill right now, ABX1-1 — it's in the Senate and coming up [on the ballot] pretty soon, so we're gathering petitions, and that's our way of working toward reforming the health-care system."

More conservative students are concerned with the Iraq War and domestic economics.

"Contrary to popular belief, not all [College Republicans] are white, and a lot of us are immigrants," said Mark Mendoza, Revelle College senior and President of the College Republicans. "Speaking from personal experience, I have seen how illegal immigration can hurt the economy. My family is in the medical field and I've seen the overcrowding in hospitals. When it comes to the Iraq War, a lot of us have family members in the military or are in the military already. As for the domestic policy, we're all about to go out in the work world and start making money, and we want to have a say in where our tax money is going."

As opposed to the aggressive campaigning of liberal groups such as CALPIRG and College Democrats

at UCSD, College Republicans has encouraged more subtle political discussions at weekly forums held in Center Hall. By offering a less intense political atmosphere, Mendoza said the club appeals to conservative young voters who might be overwhelmed with liberal viewpoints of their peers.

Student activists feel it is important to show that young voters, however apathetic polls have proved them to be in the past, are an important group to cater to in the 2008 election.

"We're the most ignored voter group out there, so we're basically forcing candidates to pay attention to us," Steva said. "[The 'What's Your Plan' campaign] has gotten to the point where [former North Carolina Sen. John] Edwards and Clinton know us and know our names, so when they see us they'll answer our questions."

Lyndsay Maier, a Marshall College senior and College Democrats vice president of external affairs, also mentioned student enthusiasm in the 2004 presidential election, when 10,000 students flocked to Price Center to see John Kerry speak.

"Students as a demographic are progressing," she said. "More students are becoming more aware, and more students are voting ... the fact that many students showed up [in 2004] on UCSD's campus ... shows that students are willing to pay attention and even more so when a candidate pays attention to them."

Shiga said voting in the Feb. 5 primary is a must for students.

"People get caught up in their own lives but there's something about now that is urgent for us," Shiga said. "We as students can really motivate our peers to get involved, and not only get involved, but be an informed voter. There's an issue that's important to everyone, whether they know it or not."

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WEEK OF FEB 4-FEB 10

MON FEB 4

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GAVEL program - If you're a grad student interested in the legal profession or a law-related career, then join us for this workshop. Find out what resources UCSD has to help grad students explore a legal career and hear from a UCSD graduate program alumnus, who is practicing law in San Diego! 5pm at PC SB/LA.

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 in Student Services Center Room 554.

RECREATION

Roma Nights presents Colin Armstrong, 8-9pm at Price Center, free.

SPECIAL EVENT

A.S. Election Movie - Come see a movie promoting the February 5 elections. 6-8pm at PC Theatre, free.

TUE FEB 5

CULTURE

Chinese New Year Celebration - Come and celebrate Chinese New Year with us and learn about Still Thoughts Association's winter events. Also enjoy our delicious Chinese style hot pots. There will be games, performance, gifts and more. 5-10pm at the International Center, free.

LECTURE

Illegal Downloading & File Sharing - This event is for students who have questions or concerns about illegal downloading and file sharing. Presented by Student Legal Services. 12:00 PM at PC SF/SC.

RECREATION

Greek Week Karaoke Show - Campus fraternities and sororities will be hosting a Karaoke Show in conjunction with Greek Week events and activities. 8-11pm at PC Ballrooms A&B.

The Price Center Film Series presents Rendition - A CIA analyst questions his assignment after witnessing an unorthodox interrogation at a secret detention facility outside the U.S. Starring: Reese Witherspoon and Jake Gyllenhaal. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, free.

SPECIAL EVENT

Presidential Primary Election - 7am-8pm, Polling Location at PC Gallery B.

WED FEB 6

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Poetic reflections on the African American Identity - Come to a poetry reading by the nationally acclaimed, award-winning poet, Lynne Thompson. Ms. Thompson will be reading from her new collection, *Beg No Pardon*. 2-4pm in the Seuss Room of Geisel Library.

LECTURE

Last Lecture Series: Marc Jacobson, Economics - Professor Jacobson to give a 60 minute lecture as if it were his last time teaching at UCSD. Free pizza and drinks provided. 12-1pm at PC Gallery B.

"HIV and Hepatitis in Drug Users in West Central Mexico" with Dr. Octavio Campollo, who has worked on alcoholic liver disease, viral hepatitis, and has recently been involved in epidemiology of drug addictions and prevention in youths. 3:30pm at the Deutz Conference Room in the Institute of the Americas Complex.

Multisectoral Responses to Gender Based Violence in Urban India - Professor Suneeta Krishnan will give a lecture that focuses on insights gained from a longitudinal study of 750 young married women in Bangalore, India on spousal violence, a key aspect of gender-based power. 6-7:30pm in the Social Sciences Building (SSB), Room 107.

Making of the Modern World 2007-08 - Matthew Herbst, Ph.D. and director of the MMW Program will give a lecture on "Athanasius against the World: Bishop and Emperor in Conflict in the Later Roman Empire". 7-8:30pm in Great Hall.

RECREATION

Pub After Dark: Zion I - Zion I is going to play a 50 minute set as a part of the pub after dark concert

series sponsored by University Centers. 8-11pm at Porter's Pub.

SPORTS

UCSD Baseball vs. Cal State San Marcos, 2pm at RIMAC.

THURS FEB 7

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month Luncheon - A Salute to Woman of Color. 11:30am to 1pm at Revelle College Plaza Café.

ARTS

ArtPower! Presents: Rubberbandance Group - An über-physical hybrid of precision and invention, RBDG mixes up explosive hip-hop, contemporary, and classical dance with energy that pops and sizzles. Tickets available at the UCSD Box Office, (858) 534-TIXS. Students \$17, Faculty/Staff \$31, GA \$36. 8pm at Mandeville Center.

CAREER

Company Information Session: Stockamp & Associates - Come and learn more information about our company and what job opportunities are available. 5-6:30pm in the Multipurpose Room, Student Services Building.

RECREATION

The Price Center Film Series presents Bee Movie - A bee that recently graduated from college is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a special trip outside the hive, he discovers humans actually eat honey, and subsequently decides to sue us. Starring Jerry Seinfeld, Renee Zellweger, and Chris Rock. 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

Greek Week Talent Show - The campus fraternities or sororities will be hosting a talent show in conjunction with Greek Week events and activities. 8-11pm at PC Plaza.

SPECIAL EVENT

Grad Student Community Potluck - Come share "herstories" of the women in our lives and in the world that have inspired us to work for social justice. Connect with other graduate students and enjoy a community meal too. Appetizers and beverages provided; please bring a dish to share. Space is limited; please RSVP (grad-community@ucsd.edu) by Monday February 4th. 5-6:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

SPORTS

Women's Waterpolo vs. Hartwick, 7pm at Canyonview Pool.

FRI FEB 8

ACADEMIC

All-Grad Research Symposium - An all day event that fosters an interdisciplinary community where graduate students have an opportunity to present their current research to faculty, staff, and fellow graduate and undergraduate students. 9am-6pm at PC Ballrooms A&B.

LECTURE

Natural Path Meditation: Lecture & Workshop - Most of us tend to spend much of our lives in a stressful state. Meditation has been used throughout the ages to relax the body and mind, and connect one to their innate Nature, giving us the peace and tranquility we seek. Sahaj Marg (Natural Path) Meditation based on Raja Yoga is simple, gentle, and direct. Free! All are welcome! Email us at naturalpath.sandiego@gmail.com to register. 7-8:30pm at the Cross Cultural Center.

RECREATION

Thai Khuong Live R&B/Jazz/Funk/Gospel Concert - Thai Khuong Live R&B/Jazz/ Funk/Gospel Concert will be presented in the Price Center Plaza. Cover songs from Alicia Keys, Beyonce, MJB, Lauren Hill, Herbie Hancock, Musiq Soulchild etc. Come and Listen! 11am-2pm at PC Plaza.

Billiards Club Pool Tournament - The Billiards Club will be hosting an 8/9Ball Pool Tournament for all UCSD Students. The entry fee is \$5.00 and winners will receive prize of all entry fees collected. 5-10pm at PC Game Room.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Author James Burns Appearance - James Burns of the UC San Diego Black Staff Association will feature Super Bowl snacks from his CD Cookbook Compilation titled "The Awesome Cook Book Recipe Collection". 12-1pm at UCSD Bookstore.

SPORTS

Women's Rugby vs. Arizona Sate University, 11am at Warren College West Field.

Softball vs. Chico State, 1pm and 3pm at Triton Field.

Baseball vs. Grand Canyon, 2pm at Triton Field.

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Humboldt State, 5:30 and 7:30pm at RIMAC.

UCSD Club Ice Hockey vs. UC Davis, 11pm at UTC Ice Arena.

SAT FEB 9

ARTS

Symphonie Fantastique and more! - Music Director Steven Schick conducts the La Jolla Symphony Orchestra in one of the most revolutionary and exciting pieces of music ever written - the "Symphonie Fantastique" by Hector Berlioz. Also on the program are Ingram Marshall's haunting "Kingdom Come" for electronic tape and orchestra, and Serge Prokofiev's lyric "First Violin Concerto," performed by 2007 Young Artists Competition Winner Pasha Tseitlin. Composer Ingram Marshall will be in attendance. Also participate in a free, pre-concert lecture one hour before the concert. Students: \$15, Faculty/Staff: \$20, Senior citizens: \$22, GA: 26. 3-5pm at Mandeville Center.

EXCEL Leadership Conference 2008 - Excel Leadership Conference brings together hundreds of college and high school student leaders from campuses so that they may engage in a leadership experience they will never forget. Student leaders are encouraged to format their own personal leadership experience by selecting workshops that best focus on their areas of need or concentration. All participants are promoted to share ideas, network, and enjoy all the benefits presented to them - either from our renowned keynote speakers David Stollman and Michael Pole, or by the multitude of workshops that are offered. 9:30am-4pm at PC.

RECREATION

APSA's 13th Annual Talent Show Auditions - No appointment necessary, just show up and show us your talents! 9am-5pm at Center Hall 105.

The Price Center Film Series presents Bee Movie - 6pm and 9pm at PC Theatre, \$3.

SPORTS

Women's Water Polo vs. Indiana, 10:15 am at Canyonview Pool.

Women's Rugby vs. Arizona State University, 11am at Warren College West Field.

Baseball vs. Grand Canyon, 11am and 2:30pm at Triton Field.

Women's Tennis vs. Cal State San Bernardino, 11am at Northview Tennis Courts.

Softball vs. Chico State, 12pm at 2pm at Triton Field.

Track and Field Blue/Gold Alumni Meet, 12pm at RIMAC field.

Women's and Men's Basketball vs. Sonoma State, 5:30 and 7:30 at RIMAC.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Audre Lorde's Sister Outsider Book Discussion - "Because I am a woman, because I am black, because I am a lesbian, because I am myself." Please join us to discuss Audre Lorde's "Sister Outsider." 12-2pm at LGBT Resource Center.

SPECIAL EVENT

Friday Films - The UCSD LGBT Resource Center will honor BHM with a series of films regarding the experience of African American LGBT people. 5-7pm at LGBT Resource Center.

SUN FEB 10

ARTS

Symphonie Fantastique and more! - Students: \$15, Faculty/Staff: \$20, Senior citizens: \$22, GA: 26. 3-5pm at Mandeville Center.

South Asian A Cappella Performance - South Asian a cappella teams from Stanford, UCLA, and UCSD to perform. 4-6pm at Porter's Pub.

Open Dress Rehearsal for Vagina Monologues Play - Open Dress Rehearsal for Vagina Monologues. Open to the public. No admission, donations

UCSD Celebrates Black History Month

During February 2008 with a series of programs and activities focusing on the achievements of African Americans. Activities include discussions, poetry, speakers, and soul food. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to participate in this important observance.

To learn more about the month long activities, visit: <http://blackhistorymonth.ucsd.edu/>.

accepted. Beneficiary for this performance is Women's Resource Center in Oceanside. 8-11pm at PC Theatre.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Last King of Scotland Screening - AAASRP (the African and African-American Studies Research Project) and the UCSD Arts Libraries present a special free screening of *The Last King of Scotland* with comments from Dr. Ricardo Guthrie (UCSB). 3pm in the Geisel Library Seuss Room.

SPORTS

Baseball vs. Grand Canyon, 12pm at Triton Field.

SPECIAL EVENT

APSA's 13th Annual Talent Show Auditions - No appointment necessary, just show up and show us your talents! 9am-5pm at Center Hall 105.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

BSU High School Conference - BSU hosts student from Southern California for a fun-filled day of interactive discussions, college prep workshops, and character development. 9am-5pm at PC.

UPCOMING

Alternative Break China: Coffee and Donuts - Coffee and Donuts for UCSD Students. 8-11am on Library Walk.

WEEKLY

CAREER

On-Campus Interviewing program - Industry-leading employers recruit at the Career Services Center throughout the year for full-time career positions and high-level internships outside of our regular listings. Learn how to sign up for an interview and submit your resume in Port Triton at <http://career.ucsd.edu>, or call 858.534.6710 with questions. Upcoming on-campus interviews: ESPN - Interviewing 2/11, resume submission deadline is 2/5; Triage Consulting - Interviewing 2/12, resume submission deadline is 2/5; Fair Isaac - Interviewing 2/14, resume submission deadline is 2/5; Deloitte Services - Interviewing 2/19, resume submission deadline is 2/5.

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Women's Group - Women's Group is an opportunity to discuss issues, problems, and life in an informal and comfortable atmosphere. We meet in a respected space, so all information and identities are kept confidential. If you are woman-identified and also identify as bisexual, lesbian, queer, or are questioning your sexual orientation, stop by Women's Group to meet other like-minded women and gain support from your peers. Every Wednesday, 8pm at the LGBT Resource Center.

CULTURE

Asian-American Community Forum - Looking for some good conversation and food during lunch? Drop by the Asian Community Forum. We will

discuss a different Asian/Pacific Islander related topic each week. Every Tuesday 1-2pm at the Cross Cultural Center

HEALTH

FITstop at RIMAC - Evaluate your relative fitness levels - Set goals & measure your progress. Trained Student Health Advocates test you: body fat composition, grip strength, step test recovery rate, blood pressure, resting heart rate. A free service for all UCSD students. Walk in to RIMAC Wellness Room any Mon or Wed 7-9pm.

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Student health is open to ALL registered students, regardless of health insurance status! Appointments can be scheduled online at <http://studenthealth.ucsd.edu> or call 534-8089. Same-day appointment for urgent needs; walk-in Urgent Care if you need immediate care (some access fees apply). Hours: weekdays 8am-4:30pm (Weds. 9-4:30pm).

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Weight Management Clinic - led by a dietitian and a physician. Meets every Thursday at 3pm in the Student Health Conference Room, 1st floor. No appointment - a FREE service for students.

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UC San Diego Dancesport presents the 12th annual "Dance by the Shores" Collegiate Dancesport competition on March 1st, 2008 in the UCSD Main Gym. Special Performances by World Rhythm Champions and Dancing with the Stars' Tony Dovolani and Elena Grinenko. Tickets are \$5 students/\$10 general admission before Feb. 20th. \$5 increase after Feb. 20th. To purchase tickets or for further information, contact marmstro@ucsd.edu (2/28)

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Division-I Powerhouses No. 11 USC, No. 5 Pepperdine Sweep Tritons

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team are focusing on the positives.

"We certainly didn't play our best volleyball this weekend," Ring said. "Heading into the weekend, we hadn't played up to the same level that we had in the earlier season. But our defense has continued to improve and we are reading opposing hitters better. Our side out game has been better and now it's just a matter of playing with a lead."

Now standing at 3-7 overall, and 1-7 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, UCSD is looking to reignite its once promising season.

"It's pretty ridiculous," sophomore outside hitter Jason Spangler said. "The fire is just not out on the court. We got together right after the [USC match] and said that on Monday we all need to state our motivations and find a way to achieve a victory. We're trying to find who really wants to win."

Pepperdine began the disastrous weekend Feb. 1 with a 30-28, 30-26, 30-23 victory over UCSD. Ring knew Pepperdine's talent before the game but was pleased with his team's performance during the first two games.

"I thought we played really well [during] the first two games," Ring said. "We sided out really well but we just don't have the same heat at the service line and blocking is definitely a negative factor for us. We knew it was going to be a challenge, but it was our youth and inexperience that really showed."

In game one, UCSD held a two-point lead before watching it evaporate. Pepperdine scored eight of the next 10 to take a 20-16 advantage. The Tritons closed the gap to one at 29-28 but were unable to complete the comeback. The Tritons held a 21-18 lead in game two but were stymied after the Waves took six of the next seven points to take a 24-22 lead. Pepperdine's offense proved too much, closing out the second game with four kills. Things never looked promising in the third game as UCSD fell behind early and wasn't able to claw its way back into the match.

The height advantage at the net proved to be a larger difference than either Ring or the players had expected. Pepperdine recorded 15 blocks to UCSD's five. While UCSD tallied more kills than the Waves, the Tritons recorded double the number of hitting errors. Spangler noted that UCSD is not intimidating enough at the net, allowing opposing teams to swing away.

"[Pepperdine and USC] have more discipline with blocks and are more intimidating," he said. "Blocking is just not what we work on during practice and it shows during the games. Night after night we're not a threat at the net."

UCSD hoped to rebound against USC on Feb. 2 but were again swept in their home building. The Trojans clobbered the Tritons 30-26, 30-22, 30-26. UCSD never looked energized as USC

dominated all aspects of the match.

The two teams traded points throughout the first game, with the last of 10 ties coming at 20. UCSD rallied behind senior outside hitter Russ Hardy, who gave the Tritons a two point cushion after an ace. But the Trojans responded with a five-point run and eventually closed out the game. Game two was uninspiring for the Tritons, as they fell behind early and were unable to stop the Trojan offense.

Hoping to prevent the sweep, UCSD opened game three scoring nine of the first 10. The Trojans battled back, tying the game at 15 and later opening a two-point lead at 20-18. Not wanting to go down without a fight, the Tritons dug deep, scoring five of the next seven to retake the lead at 23-20. But once again, the late game lead disappeared during USC's seven point run to close the game.

Ring pointed to a number of problems that may have caused distractions, but he didn't make excuses.

"Sure, we were in a different time zone, a few guys have colds, all have midterms and we're putting 20 hours a week in as an athlete," he said. "No one said being a student athlete is easy but every other team in the league is dealing with the same things we are. You can't make that an excuse."

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According to UCSD men's volleyball head coach Kevin Ring, it is USC's discipline with blocks and intimidation at the net that puts the Tritons at such a disadvantage, like what they faced in a three-game sweep on Feb. 2.

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Junior outfielder Evan Domanic, who is hitting .778 in three games against the Wolves, follows through on a two-run homer that led UCSD to a 4-3 win on Feb. 1.

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alive. Albitz then stole second, which became mute when junior second-baseman Garrett Imeson homered to left-centerfield.

"That just tells you how important every single run is because you never know when that run will matter," Rodiek said. "So having that two-run bomb kept our team in it and ended up being the difference."

While the opening game was encouraging for the Tritons, they came back on Feb. 2 and faced a rude awakening from the Wolves, first falling 11-10 in extra innings after rallying to tie the game in the ninth and then taking a 3-1 loss in the second game of the doubleheader.

In the first game, the Tritons found themselves facing a 2-1 deficit after the first three innings of play. Both offenses exploded in the fourth innings, as the Wolves put up a five-spot in the top of the inning and the Tritons answered with four runs of their own in the bottom half.

While UCSD was able to answer

the original rally, Western Oregon kept tacking on runs, adding two more in the fifth inning and one more in the eighth. The Tritons kept within reach with a two-run seventh inning, but found themselves down 10-7 in the bottom of the ninth inning.

Albitz led off the do-or-die inning with a single and advanced to third on a Cantele double to right field. He then scored the first of three runs that started a Triton rally that tied the game and forced extra innings. Unfortunately, the Tritons used all their energy tying the game and quickly found themselves trailing again after the Wolves hit a one-out double and scored on a two-out single. The Tritons then went down 1-2-3 in the bottom of the tenth to take their first loss of the young season.

After the disappointment of falling in extra frames, the Tritons had to prepare for a second game, which they lost 3-1. UCSD came out swinging, as Albitz led off the game with a

triple and scored on a sacrifice fly by Imeson. But that was the only run the team could muster and freshman starting pitcher Guido Knudson, who was pitching flawlessly through four innings, ran into trouble in the fifth when he allowed back-to-back singles with two outs. Despite the threat, Knudson looked like he was going to escape the inning unscathed, but a catcher's interference call kept the inning alive and allowed the Wolves to score three unearned runs and take the 3-1 lead they would never surrender.

"Our whole team knows there is a lot of room for improvement," Rodiek said about the Tritons' chances in the postponed game. "We must be focused and we have to pounce on them from the first inning and never look back."

UCSD will look to salvage a split in the series in the postponed fourth game on Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

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UCSD Has Chance to Break Tie Against No. 17 Humboldt

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the whole Spirit Weekend fiasco."

The Warriors opened the second half scoring with a three-pointer that cut the lead to four, but UCSD built some distance after five straight points from junior forward Darryl Lawlor. Junior guard Andrew Hatch converted a three-point play at the 13:10 mark that extended the Triton lead to double-digits and the UCSD defense prevented Cal State Stanislaus from getting closer than eight points the rest of the way. Two three-pointers brought Stanislaus within nine at 54-63 with 3:57 remaining, but a 9-0 Triton run ended any comeback hopes inside Warrior Arena.

Patterson and sophomore guard Jordan Lawley led UCSD with 15 points each, while junior guard Kelvin Kim added 13 points and senior guard Clint Allard chipped in 11. UCSD held Cal State Stanislaus to only 34.6 percent field-goal shooting in the second half, with the Tritons' 38-15 rebounding edge making up for their 19 turnovers in the game.

The Tritons started slowly against Chico State, scoring only eight points in the first 12 minutes of the game. After shooting only 1-of-7 from three-point range to start the game, UCSD would convert 3-of-6 long-range opportunities to end the half. Kim connected on his final two trey attempts of the half, including one with under a minute to play that cut the Chico State lead to six heading into the break.

"We were rushing a lot of shots [in the first half]," Hatch said. "We just calmed down. [Chico State guard Darroll] Phillips got off to a really good start, and so we just locked him up. We let [guard Justin] Argenal just drive, and just let him try to score and not let him dish off to the bigs."

The Tritons found themselves in a nine-point hole early in the second half after six straight points from the

Phillips. Determined to end their two-game conference losing streak, UCSD stepped up on both ends of the court. As the defense held Chico State scoreless for seven-and-a-half minutes, Patterson put in three lay-ups, Hatch added another two field goals and Lawlor connected on a three. Following that 13-0 run, the Tritons would not trail the rest of the game. Tied at 40 with just over six minutes remaining, UCSD put the game out of reach. After putting up only 21 points in the first half, the Tritons scored 22 in the final six minutes of the game, converting 15-of-19 from the free-throw line, and securing the 13-point victory.

"We just knocked down free-throws," Hatch said. "We didn't want to lose the lead. They tried to pressure us, so as soon as we got the ball up the floor we were looking to score. We were getting to the basket, they were fouling a lot, trying to block shots, and we were pump-faking. We just took our time."

Patterson led UCSD in scoring with 19 points on 7-of-9 shooting. Kim scored 13 points, while Hatch added 10. Allard scored eight points and recorded team-highs of six rebounds and six assists. After shooting only 29.2 percent from the field in the first half, the Tritons converted 11-of-17 from the field in the second half. The Wildcats, on the other hand, made 7-of-24 field goals in the second half and had 16 turnovers to only 10 for the Tritons.

"Losing those two games at home woke us up a little bit," Hatch said. "We were 7-0 at home and then we dropped two heartbreakers in overtime. We really matured in those two games."

UCSD returns home next weekend to take on No. 17 Humboldt State on Feb. 8. The two squads are currently tied for second in the CCAA.

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The junior forward averaged a team-high 17 points per game in the Tritons' weekend sweep of Chico State and Cal State Stanislaus on Feb. 1 and 2.

Tritons Eye Conference Lead

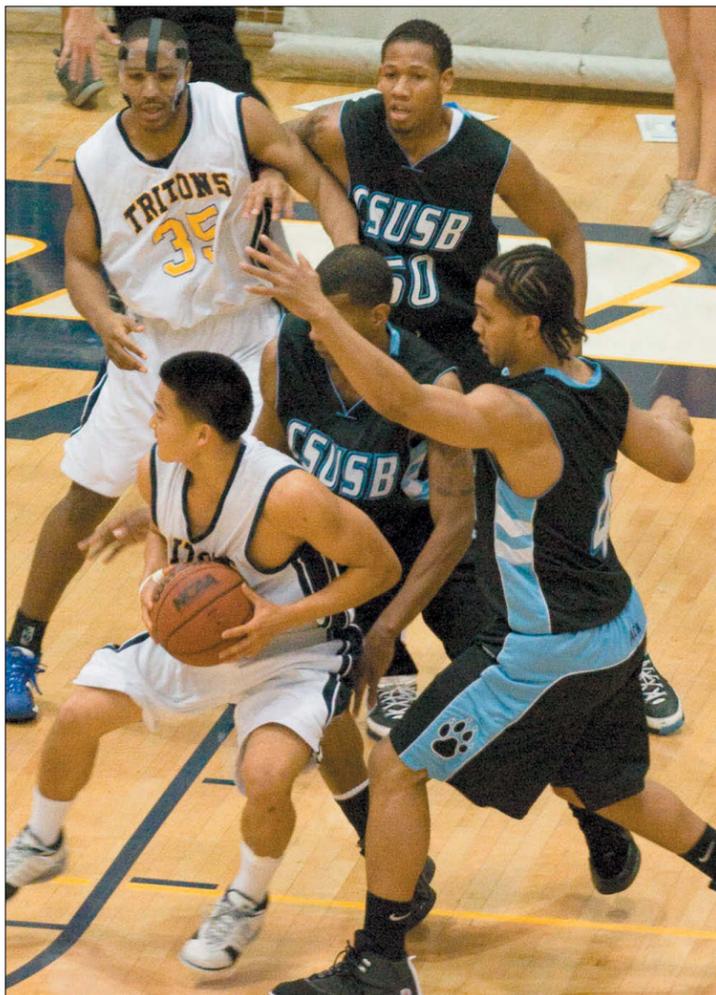
By Joe Tevelowitz
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — After a weekend road sweep, UCSD has moved back to second place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association and stands only one game behind the top conference spot. The Tritons rebounded from a slow first half to defeat Chico State 62-49 on Feb. 1, and needed less than five minutes to take the lead for good against Cal State Stanislaus, picking up a 75-58 victory on Feb. 2. The team now stands at 12-6 overall and 8-4 in conference play.

Despite playing only 11 minutes in the opening half, junior forward Henry Patterson made an early impact, scoring four of the first seven points and 10 points in the half, while also grabbing four boards. Trailing for less than one minute of game time, UCSD led in the opening half by as much as 11 points. The Tritons found themselves ahead early due to 5-of-8 three-point field goals and a 16-8 rebounding advantage, dominating the boards throughout the game, with their first half total exceeding the 15 rebounds Cal State Stanislaus collected in the entire game.

"Our defense was there the entire night," junior guard Andrew Hatch said. "Henry's been doing a great job of posting up and really clearing out the lanes. They're doubling on him and then there's open shots outside. We're definitely being more aggressive and attacking the basket. I think that's definitely something we kind of lost during

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Junior guard Kelvin Kim contributed 13 points in the Tritons' victories over both Chico State on Feb. 1 and Cal State Stanislaus on Feb. 2, which moved UCSD back into the second spot in the conference.

Baseball Sputters After Promising Start

By Rael Enteen
SPORTS EDITOR

BASEBALL — After a 1-2 start in three games versus Western Oregon, the UCSD baseball team had the finale of its four-game season-opening series postponed after rain pelted Triton Baseball Field on Feb. 3, forcing the Tritons to wait until today to try and finish with a split.

The Tritons, ranked 15th in Division II and picked by league coaches to finish first in the California Collegiate Athletic Association and win the postseason conference tournament, did exactly what they wanted to do in the season opener on Feb. 1. Thanks to a dominant performance by sophomore starting pitcher Matt Rossman and two two-run home runs, UCSD came away with a 4-3 victory.

Rossman, making the first start of his collegiate career, mowed down the Wolves, striking out nine over seven innings of one-hit, one-run ball.

"[Rossman's] definitely going to be a big impact pitcher for us this season," senior closer Nick Rodiek said. "He's a true competitor out there and we're lucky to have him. He goes out there, he throws strikes, he gets ahead in the count and that's really what you need to be successful."

Despite Rossman's near-perfect performance, the Wolves kept themselves in the game with a single run each in the seventh, eighth and ninth

innings. Rodiek earned the save by recording the last four outs of the game, though he left the Wolves an opening, allowing two hits and one run in his

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outing. "Before the season my coaches told me I would be in the closer role," Rodiek said. "Last season I was middle relief so it was definitely a different mindset for me. When they told me, I knew I had to be on my game from the get-go. There's no room for error so I told myself to be aggressive and it was really important to be successful my first time out there."

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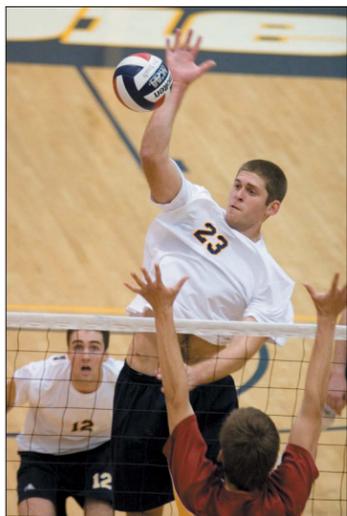
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UCSD only got six hits in the game, but they capitalized, hitting two home runs with one man on base. After trading scoreless innings to start the contest, UCSD scored first in the bottom of the fourth, when junior first-baseman Matt Cantele led off the inning with a single. Cantele came around to score when junior outfielder Evan Domanic cleared the right-field fence.

In what would become crucial insurance runs, UCSD came back in the bottom of the fifth and added another two runs. A two-out error put sophomore shortstop Vance Albitz on the basepath and kept the inning

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UCSD FALLS TWICE IN LACKLUSTER SHOWINGS



SANH LUONG/GUARDIAN

While the Tritons managed to play well at times, they were never consistent and it led to two losses.

By Matt Croskey
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL — Both Pepperdine and USC brought their brooms to San Diego over the weekend, as both powerhouse teams came away with sweeps over the No. 15 Tritons. As harsh as it sounds, the Tritons were a shadow of their early-season selves both nights.

Despite playing well in two games against the Waves, UCSD never found a rhythm and lacked that spark.

After beating Princeton on Jan. 30, head coach Kevin Ring admitted that the team hadn't played to its peak and had some work to do before the next games. Even after a lackluster performance this weekend, Ring and the

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Women Third in CCAA After Weekend Split

By Janani Sridharan
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons entered last weekend's games with a chance to climb into first place in the California Collegiate Athletic Association standings, but with a split on the road, UCSD remains tied for third place. The Tritons took a 60-51 loss to first-place team Chico State on Feb. 1 before bouncing back with a 67-57 win over Cal State Stanislaus on Feb. 2.

UCSD didn't bounce back from its loss to Chico State until the second half of its game against Cal State Stanislaus. The Tritons started the game well, as sophomore forward Erin Noonan hit a three-pointer four minutes into the game to give the Tritons an early 9-5 lead. The Warriors answered back with a three-pointer of their own and, after a foul by senior forward Meaghan Noud, took the lead on a jump shot.

The Warriors led for the rest of the half, controlling the game and forcing UCSD into a poor shooting half. The Tritons had many opportunities to get back in the game, but were unable to make their free-throw attempts, shooting a mere 2-10 from the line.

The Warriors' offense had no trouble scoring and took a 33-20 lead after hitting another three-pointer with 1:29 left. Then senior center Diahnn Futralan made one out of two free-throws, and the Tritons entered halftime trailing the Warriors by a score of 33-21.

The Tritons immediately turned the game around in the second half's opening minutes. Field goals by Futralan, Noonan and junior forward Michelle Osier led the Tritons in their 11-0 run to start the second half. With 15:14 left in the game, Futralan's two free-throws cut the Warriors' lead to 33-32.

"We kind of got yelled at at halftime and that made us come out really hard in the second half," Osier said. "We were aggressive and driving to the basket. We knew what we had to do."

The Tritons then changed their for-

tunes from the free-throw line, taking their first lead in the half on a free-throw from sophomore guard Annette Ilg that put them on top by a score of 43-42 with 10 minutes left.

Led by Osier, UCSD continued its offensive attack, extending its lead and controlling the game. With Osier leading the offensive scoring and the Tritons hitting their free-throw attempts late in the second half, UCSD was able to complete its 67-57 comeback victory.

The Tritons outscored the Warriors 46-24 in the second half and shot 20-of-23 from the charity stripe. Osier led all scorers with 28 points and collected a game-high 13 rebounds for UCSD. Noud and Noonan also added 11 points each for the Tritons.

"Osier had 24 points in the second half," Elliott said. "She came out with a different intensity that carried over to the rest of the team and set the tone for the second half."

UCSD needed the win against Cal State Stanislaus to preserve its tie for third place, after suffering losing to Chico State. UCSD's offense struggled mightily in the first half against Chico State, shooting only 22 percent from the floor. Despite their struggles on the offensive end, the Tritons were able to stay close in the game, taking a 13-12 lead on a three-pointer from Noud with 9:29 left in the half.

The Tritons only managed to score 15 points in the half, but they held the Wildcat offense at bay to enter halftime facing only a nine-point deficit.

UCSD's offense showed improvement in the second half, scoring 10 quick points to cut Chico State's lead to two points. The Wildcats answered back with their own run, hitting a three-pointer with 12 minutes left in the contest to give Chico State a 40-27 lead. The Tritons continued to fight, but the Wildcats' efficient offense was too much for UCSD to overcome.

The Wildcats shot an impressive 65 percent from the field in the second half, allowing UCSD no chance to keep up offensively with them in the game.



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Despite senior forward Meaghan Noud's 20-point effort on Feb. 1 against Chico State, the Wildcats proved too much for the Tritons and overwhelmed UCSD with a 60-51 victory.

Noud led the Tritons with 20 points in the loss and Osier added 12 points with 12 rebounds.

"We would have obviously liked to get two wins, but coming out with a big win on the second night was definitely a good thing."

The loss to Chico State and win over Cal State Stanislaus gave the Tritons an 8-4 CCAA record and a 16-6 record overall. UCSD will have a chance to distance themselves from Sonoma State, with whom they currently share

third place, when the two teams face each other on Feb. 9 at RIMAC Arena. The Tritons will also face Humboldt State at home on Feb. 8.

"We lost to both of these teams earlier in the season and they were not good memories," Elliott said. "We need to have a good week of practice and figure out a way to keep the intensity going. Every single game is important."

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