



CAPITOL HILL

Obama Cuts Banks from Loan Game

By Hayley Bisceglia-Martin
NEWS EDITOR

A rider bill attached to — and somewhat overshadowed by — President Barack Obama's landmark health-care reform will remodel the student loan system by cutting out private lenders and setting aside billions more in federal dollars for financial aid.

Currently, the U.S. government provides money to banks or corporations which arrange loans for students, then collect interest at a profit. According to the Congressional Budget Office, bypassing private lenders and giving loan funds directly to students will save the federal government \$1 billion over the next year alone, and \$62 billion over the next 10 years.

\$49 BILLION

Amount added to Pell Grants

\$5,500

New maximum Pell Grant award

26

New age limit for children on parent's health insurance

The vast majority of that \$62 billion will be reinvested in Pell Grants, \$13 billion of which will be devoted to increasing student eligibility and avoiding a cap on the money students can receive.

The additional funds will push the maximum award for the 2010-11 academic year from \$5,350 to \$5,500. The federal government is covering this increase and allowing for more like it by 2010 with \$36 billion in additional aid.

Of the remaining \$13 billion in government savings, \$10 billion will go toward reducing the federal deficit and about \$2.55 billion will go to institutions that serve minorities.

The larger health-care bill also affects students with a provision that allows all Americans to stay on their parents' health-care policy until age 26, instead of the more typical 19.

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The Bill to Ban Hate

Students move to outlaw hate speech on campus.

By Angela Chen • News Editor

After repeated acts of racism rocked the UC campuses during Winter Quarter, the UC Student Association — a group that aims to represent the 10-campus university — is working with the UCSD Black Student Union to pass

legislation banning hate speech on public college campuses in California.

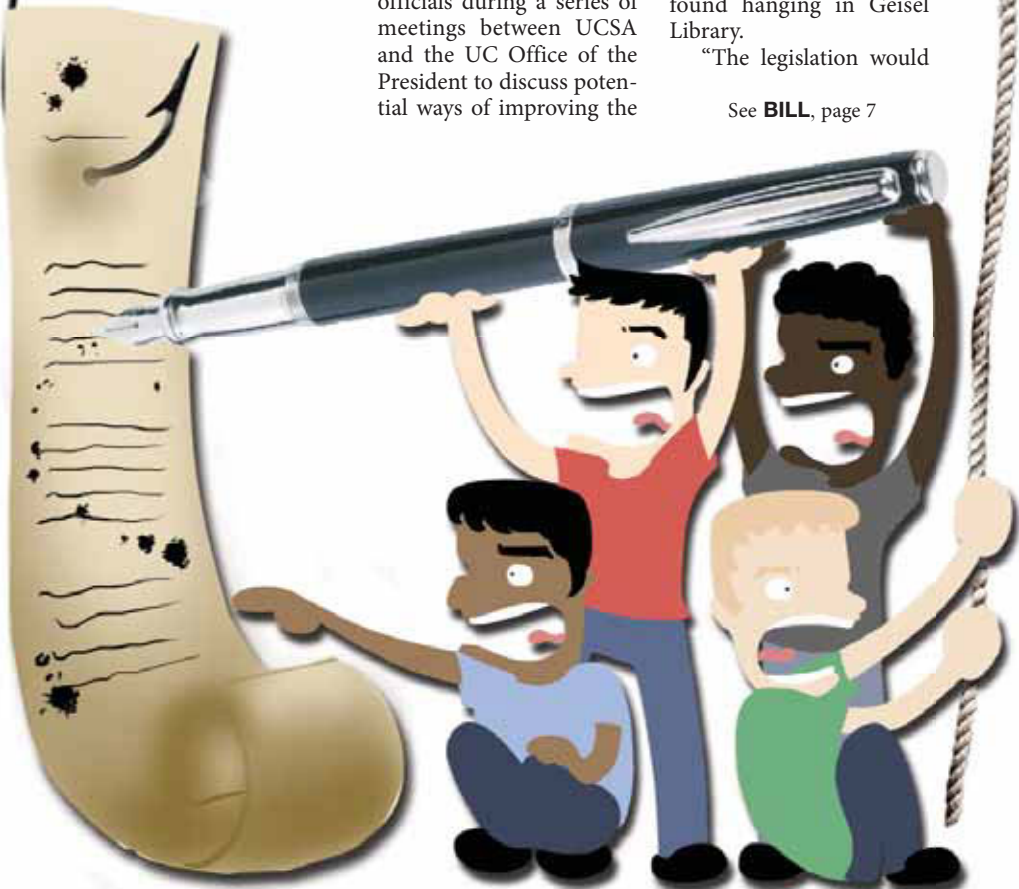
First proposed by UCSA President Victor Sanchez early this month, the legislation is a collaborative effort between the two groups. Sanchez brought the idea before UC officials during a series of meetings between UCSA and the UC Office of the President to discuss potential ways of improving the

campus climate.

Sanchez said the legislation would target not only hate speech — which includes racial slurs — but also “acts with intent to terrorize,” the legal wording used by the university to describe a Feb. 25 incident in which a noose was found hanging in Geisel Library.

“The legislation would

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Grads Sue University for \$38 Million

Defense attorney says university will contest ‘guilty’ ruling two years after losing similar case.

By Ayelet Bitton
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

The University of California will pay back \$38 million in fees to students in professional programs, after a San Francisco Superior Court judge ruled on March 10 that the university had raised fees illegally from 2003 to 2007.

According to evidence presented throughout the case, — *Andrea Luquetta et. al v. Regents of the University of California* — official university documents, including an online fee guide, stated that fees would not be increased for continuing students at any point throughout their period of enrollment.

The court ruled that these materials constituted a contract, which the university then violated.

“The contract between the plaintiff students and the university included a binding commitment not to raise the professional degree fees for continuing students,” Superior Court Judge John Munter said in a statement.

The ruling applies to nearly 3,000 students who enrolled in UC professional schools — including law, business and medicine — before August 25, 2003.

Four students from schools such as the UCLA School of Law and UCSF School of Medicine contacted law firm Altshuler Berzon LLP in 2007 to take up their case against the university.

Danielle Leonard, who works for the firm, said that while fee increases may be necessary, students must be informed of the possibility of such increases before they go into effect. In this case, students were not notified.

“The court concluded that the university had breached its contracts with the students for the price of their education, because the university had promised to keep the amount of the professional degree fee constant for the period of their enrollment, and then violated that promise,” Leonard said.

Over the last several years, the university has raised fees for both undergraduate and graduate students systemwide to account for state budget cuts.

Those affected by the case will receive up to \$8,000, an amount that has sharply increased during

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UCSD Prof. Examines Earthquake in Chile

By Kashi Khorasani
STAFF WRITER

Six months back, UCSD structural engineering professor Jose Restrepo was in Chile, ironically working on preventive earthquake measures.

Cue the 8.8-magnitude earthquake

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TIM WONG/GUARDIAN

ANYTHING BUT CLOTHES

Students took a break from finals to participate in the quarterly undie run, which took place at midnight on March 18. Hundreds of scantily clad stressballs ran past CLICS Library, where a few overexcited participants smashed a window on the second floor.

WEB POLL

SHOULD THE UNIVERSITY PROVIDE HEALTH CARE FOR PRISONERS?

- ✓ Yes
- ✓ No
- ✓ I don't know

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 MONDAY H 73 L 64	 TUESDAY H 63 L 54
 WEDNESDAY H 54 L 47	 THURSDAY H 52 L 45

SUNRISE

6:39 A.M.

SUNSET

7:07 P.M.

NIGHT WATCH

 MONDAY	 TUESDAY
 WEDNESDAY	 THURSDAY

SURF REPORT

MONDAY Height: 3-4 ft. Wind: 8-10 mph Water Temp: 62 F	TUESDAY Height: 4-7 ft. Wind: 6-11 mph Water Temp: 62 F
WEDNESDAY Height: 6-8 ft. Wind: 9-13 mph Water Temp: 62 F	THURSDAY Height: 6-11 ft. Wind: 1-14 mph Water Temp: 62 F

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AS PER USUAL By Dami Lee



Scripps Research Vessel Explores Ocean Earthquake Site, Map Sea Floor

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that hit Chile Feb. 27, a quake so strong it moved the entire city of Concepción more than 10 feet to the west.

According to Restrepo, Chile's earthquake-proof construction codes — which he addressed while in Chile — helped the country avoid the total devastation that Haiti experienced several weeks earlier.

Restrepo worked with structural engineers and architects in Chile to advise a committee of city officials drafting new codes to make buildings earthquake-proof.

"We were deciding if the buildings had to be demolished or had to be repaired for people to be able to safely inhabit them,"

he said. Following his recommendations, city officials had a better idea of how to draft strong building codes.

City officials throughout the country enforce design codes, or standards that control how quickly buildings can respond to earthquakes. Restrepo said the latest earthquake — the fifth largest ever recorded, according to the U.S. Geological Survey — caused remarkably little damage considering its scale.

"I don't recall any earthquakes of

this magnitude causing such little damage, actually," he said. "Less than 1,000 people died due to this earthquake of magnitude 8.8. If you look at the recent earthquake in Haiti and compare the catastrophe, you see the importance of the structures and codes."

In the aftermath of the earthquake, architects and engineers observed the most substantial damage to older buildings that lacked load-bearing walls — a common fate for buildings constructed before seismic design codes were increased.

"The overall performance in Chile is very good," Restrepo said. "They have very good engineering, good codes and good practices. The architects are well-trained, too. Their practice is very similar to the U.S."

However, Chile's second-largest city, Concepción, was still strongly affected by the earthquake due to its location near the coast. The city was also hit by a resulting tsunami — caused by a slip in tectonic plates during the earthquake — that reportedly reached as far as Antarctica.

"The city of Concepción was hit very hard. The whole city was on

shaky ground," Restrepo said. "They are addressing the damaged and fallen buildings, but Concepción may have significant problems with sewage — and the piping will need to be opened and inspected."

Following the disaster, scientists from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography explored the quake's rupture site to investigate the theory that it had been caused by changes in sea floor movements.

"Scripps decided to take on this expedition because of a series of opportunity events," graduate student in geophysics and geology Ashlee Henig said in a statement. "Such a rapid response to an event like the large earthquake allows scientists to get excellent data on the direct effects of the earthquake."

According to Henig, the Scripps research vessel *Melville* was near the epicenter of the earthquake at the time it struck, allowing it to examine ruptures and landslides.

Using a sea floor imaging system, the team of scientists worked with Chilean and German researchers to compare the images with those captured before the earthquake. In addition, four GPS receivers were deployed to measure any small sea floor changes that occur as the earthquake rupture settles.

"These receivers will be collected on a return cruise after several months of recording the sea floor," said Henig. "The GPS receivers will provide insight into the post-seismic movements of the floor, so we can learn about the earthquake rupture and movement of the plates."

Another part of the expedition will include searching for landslides that may have triggered the tsunamis following the earthquake.

The expedition was completed last Thursday. They are now processing and analyzing the data they collected.

"The data will hopefully provide us with insight into subduction related earthquakes and related co-seismic and post-seismic deformation," Henig said.

According to Restrepo, if an earthquake were to hit California, buildings would be expected to perform better than, or at the same level as, Chile.

Restrepo said that most of California would be safe in the case of an earthquake.

"California is well-prepared. But if an earthquake hit the West Coast, I don't think Oregon and Washington are nearly as ready as us, or as a matter of fact, as Chile," he said.

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LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Friday, March 19

2:44 a.m.: Alcohol contact

Two intoxicated white females were seen "running" by the Pangea Parking Structure. *Field interview administered.*

9:34 a.m.: Report of grand theft

A telescope worth \$600 was reported as stolen from the Biomedical Sciences Building.

2:24 p.m.: Welfare check

An 11-year-old boy was reported as having a seizure; his mom was "being hysterical, but [his] dad seemed like things were fine." *Gone on arrival.*

9:04 p.m.: Welfare check

A male student with lupus was reported as missing from Village Building 4. *Checks OK.*

10:51 p.m.: Report of grand theft

A Latino male in his 30s with long black hair and a "heavy build" was reported as stealing a vehicle from the North Mesa Apartments on Miramar Street. *Unable to locate.*

11:43 p.m.: Alcohol contact

An intoxicated male was reported as running from the police on his Razor scooter, heading toward the Main Gym.

Saturday, March 20

12:12 a.m.: Welfare check

An intoxicated female was seen vomiting at the Village Building 3. *Checks OK.*

2:04 a.m.: Possession of marijuana

The scent of marijuana was detected at the Village Building One. *Field interview administered.*

4:25 p.m.: Suspicious person

Four males wearing black — one in a ski mask — were seen in a "beat-up white sedan" at Lot 604. *Verbal warning issued.*

Sunday, March 21

12:42 p.m.: Medical aid

A 43-year-old female had an

"injured wrist" after "slipping and falling" at Naga Street.

12:48 p.m.: Battery

A male with a moustache, sunglasses and blue spandex shorts was reported as hitting another male in the chest at the Spanos Athletic Training Facility. *Field interview administered.*

1:45 p.m.: Suspicious person

An Asian male with a "bowl cut" and carrying binoculars was seen at Regents Road.

7:35 p.m.: Missing person

The seven-months pregnant wife of a resident at the North Mesa Apartments was reported as missing.

Monday, March 22

7:29 a.m.: Report of vandalism

Graffiti and "shed things thrown around" were reported at the Service Yard.

8:51 a.m.: Medical aid

A 60-year-old woman was reported as "bleeding from the head" at the Rebecca and John Moores Cancer Center.

2:14 p.m.: Medical aid

A 16-year-old male reported having a "gash on [his] head" at RIMAC Field, but remained conscious and breathing.

3:42 p.m.: Suspicious person

An elderly Asian couple was seen "dumpster diving" at Regents Road. *Field interview administered.*

Wednesday, March 24

11:18 a.m.: Animal call

An "unaggressive" brown and white dog was reported as missing from Bonner Hall.

12:34 p.m.: Welfare check

An 18-year-old female from Sixth College was reported as missing after posting that she was "sad" on Facebook. *Checks OK.*

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SENIOR STAFF WRITER

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

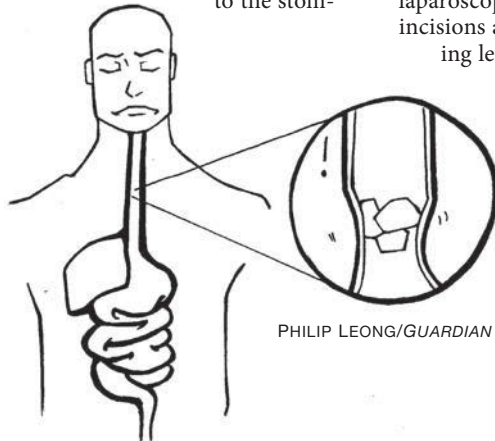
Non-Invasive Surgery Hits Another Milestone

Doctors turn an intrusive throat surgery into the first incision-free procedure in the country.

By Anqi Chen
STAFF WRITER

Future victims of achalasia — a rare disease that makes it difficult to eat and can cause drastic weight loss — may no longer have to wear scars after surgery. Surgeons at UCSD Medical Center have performed the first successful incision-free myotomy in the U.S.

A myotomy is a surgery designed to reverse the effects of achalasia, which directly impacts the esophagus — the muscles lining the inside of the throat — by inhibiting the ability to swallow and making it difficult for patients to carry food down their stomachs. In addition, the lower esophagus sphincter — the muscle that relaxes to let food through, then contracts to keep stomach acids from backing into the esophagus — tightens, making it difficult for food to get to the stom-



PHILIP LEONG/GUARDIAN

ach. When this happens, achalasia patients can experience chest pains, and often regurgitate their food.

John Slepicka, a patient who offered himself up for the trial noninvasive surgery, lost 30 pounds over the two years that he suffered from achalasia, and found that other surgeries did not work for him.

"Over time, I could not eat the foods I love," Slepicka said. "I could no longer go to restaurants. My friends said I looked unhealthy. When I tried to eat, the food would get stuck in my throat. I would swallow air or stand up to get the food down."

According to Santiago Horgan, chief of minimally invasive surgery at UCSD and the doctor who performed the myotomy, there are two ways achalasia can manifest. The first is through a parasitic infection — more common with patients in Latin America. In the U.S., however, achalasia is primarily a genetic disease.

Traditionally, to treat achalasia, surgeons made incisions in patients' chests to gain access to the esophagus and stomach. Then, using laparoscopic techniques — smaller incisions and the use of magnifying lenses on probes inside the body — doctors cut long slits along the outer layer of the esophageal muscles.

These surgeries started from the lower esophagus sphincter and continued into the stomach, allowing food to pass through uninhibited. They required several days' recovery time and often left scar-

ring.

When performing the minimally invasive surgery, Horgan and his team still made the incisions laparoscopically — only this time, they went in through the mouth instead of a cut in the chest cavity.

"With prior surgeries, my post-operative pain was a 13 on a scale of one to 10," Slepicka said. "Because this surgery was done without cuts, I don't feel like I've even had a procedure."

Horgan said he hopes the surgical innovation will mean shorter recovery time, less pain and smaller risk of infection for patients. If so, according to Horgan, the procedure could become a standard treatment for achalasia.

"The surgery is still in its trial stages," Horgan said. "Only time will tell if it involves fewer risks."

In 2008, alongside Dr. Gareth Jacobson (who also helped perform the recent myotomy) Horgan performed California's first minimally invasive gastric bypass through a patient's mouth. Horgan then made headlines that same year when he performed an appendectomy by removing a patient's appendix through her vagina and mouth.

"With dramatic advancements in medical devices, we can now perform complex surgeries through the mouth with no external incisions," Horgan said. "What we are seeing is the evolution of laparoscopic surgery into more specialized procedures that require no incisions at all. I believe that minimally invasive surgery is the future of surgeries. We can very well see incisionless heart or brain surgery in the coming 20 to 30 years."

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OPINION

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OUT OF CONTEXT

“Yes, Mr. Vice President, you’re right.”

ROBERT GIBBS
PRESS SECRETARY, WHITE HOUSE

Deep Breath: You’re Better off Than You Think

If there’s one thing I’ve gathered from years of late-night “Girls Gone Wild” infomercials and annual MTV booze fests, it’s this: Spring break is not supposed to be a time for deep reflection. It is not a call to introspection nor an exploration of life’s great mysteries so much as an excuse to lose an inordinate number of brain cells/articles of clothing to tropical locales that host breakfast happy hours and outlaw T-shirts of the nonwhite variety.

At Wit’s End

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Except my spring break wasn’t anything like that. I didn’t lose any brain cells or pants, and I definitely didn’t enter any wet T-shirt contests. (But after a quarter-long grilled-cheese binge, I’d be in no shape for victory, anyway). No, I spent my week of leisure doing exactly what none of us should: freaking out about the future.

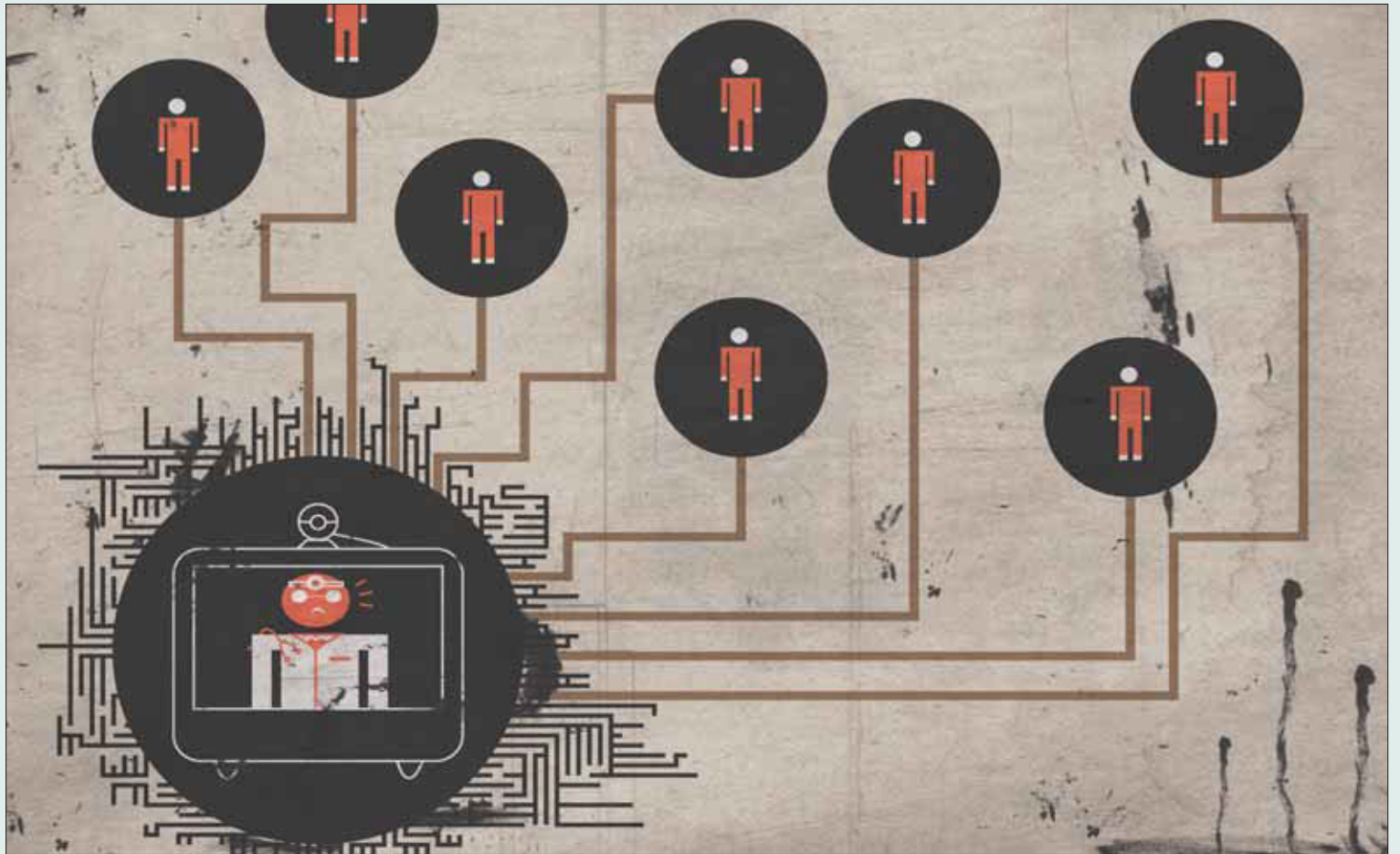
After 11 weeks of last-minute essay writing and furious memorization, you might think we’d all be ready to throw caution and various articles of clothing to the wind and relax — but not me. See, in the brief absence of overdue papers and centuries of ancient history to learn, I found another object of grave concern, one common to those of us whose majors don’t end in “chemistry”: the creeping suspicion that in two years, with nothing but a literature degree from a school where fraternities throw racist parties and the admissions office accidentally tells every applicant they’re admitted, I’ll be forced to fashion a cozy cardboard abode from recycled Perks cups and Ted Baker shoe boxes. Or, even more appealing, move back home.

When I informed my dad of these suspicions, he suggested that I make use of something called StrengthsFinder. It’s an online survey designed to identify natural talents through a comprehensive self-assessment asking how much you identify

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PRISON HEALTH CARE

An Unwelcome Dispatch



ZACHARY WATSON/GUARDIAN

By Cheryl Hori • ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

In his latest plan to stop the state from sinking, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger suggested shoving prisoner health care onto the UC medical centers. But even if the proposal cuts state costs, the half-sunk UC system is in no shape to take on more passengers.

STATE NEWS — California’s budget crisis is forcing all sectors of our state to strap on their thinking caps and look for something — anything — to remedy the surmounting debt.

One recent money-saving suggestion came from the University of California’s very own Senior Vice President for Health Sciences and Services, John Stobo. Stobo argued that contracting state-prison health care to the UC system will save the state billions. But even if our university wasn’t already burdened with fewer staff and stretched resources, the proposal isn’t the surefire path to efficiency Stobo has made it out to be.

After the 2001 court case *Plata v. Schwarzenegger*, a federal judge ruled that state inmates were entitled to better health care, then issued a federal receiver to oversee the progress. While the receiver is supposed to monitor the state’s progress, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

feels that Kelso had overstepped his authority. In March 2009, a federal judge denied Schwarzenegger’s request to terminate Kelso on the grounds that he overstepped his duties by demanding \$8 billion to construct new prison hospitals — something the state obviously could not afford. Since then, prison health-care costs skyrocketed from \$475 million to \$2.4 billion annually.

Stobo’s plan would turn over all prison health-care responsibilities to the UC system and the telemedical company NuPhysicia, which sends a live stream from multiple examination rooms back to one doctor’s webcam headquarters. While it is certainly tempting to trained doctors without ever having to set foot in a hospital, the virtual network would eliminate hundreds of jobs in the process. Instead of having real doctors take inmates’ heartbeats, UC physicians would diagnose them

through a sort of advanced Skype for doctors. (YouTube “NuPhysicia” for a better idea of how it works. Pretty weird.)

When NuPhysicia first took off in 2007, Stobo served as a founding chairman of its board of directors. After several allegations that Stobo is in it for personal gain, both the CEO and accountant of NuPhysicia have issued statements assuring the public that Stobo is “not a direct equity holder” of the company. But regardless of whether Stobo will benefit financially from employing NuPhysicia to streamline inmate care, it is undeniable that there is an enormous conflict of interest. NuPhysicia is Stobo’s brainchild — it’s only human to want one’s own brainchild to succeed at every possible turn.

When Schwarzenegger approached the regents about herding prisoners through the UC medical

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First Amendment Rights Cannot Be Written off

Dear Editor,

That was a very nice article you published on March 11, “The Melt is On — Don’t Stop the Heat.” Personally, I will take slightly cynical over super-serious news any day!

In regard to breaking free of the “free speech circle jerk”: as long as the A.S. Council and other students on campus go after student media organizations based on their content, media organizations are going to keep using the First Amendment to defend themselves. I hope we can all accept that and move on. Instead, UCSD students should take our suggestions to heart and start their own publications against *The Koala* and whatever else they may find offensive. Seriously, UCSD would be a much better place if we all called each other out on our ignorance, bullshit and uptightness.

Also, you cannot judge us too

harshly for having “wine garden(s)” instead of meetings because: 1) We had to listen to the VP of Finance and Resources explain his government speech model and give horrible analogies, 2) He ignored us when we pointed out the obvious flaws to his plans and 3) We trusted our lawyers and First Amendment rights.

— Brenda Madriz Montes
Editor in Chief, Left Coast Post

Compton Stereotypes Unjustified, Ignorant

Dear Editor,

“To go to bed with satisfaction, one must wake up with determination” — Anonymous.

I found this quote to be living true with the students of Compton High School. In light of the “Compton Cookout,” I felt it imperative to meet and understand the students who were the center of so much

controversy. As a Black Student Union member at Westview High School, I knew there was more to the African-American culture than the ignorance that was being portrayed.

On March 13, I was fortunate enough to travel to Compton High. I met some of Compton High’s best, those with a very bright future. As I spoke to the students, they told me of how Compton High has been stereotyped as only having gang members and drug dealers. They did acknowledge that the influence was there; however, it was a small minority of the students. Most of them want to get a good education to further themselves and the community. One of the students said he wanted to go to UCLA to study neurology to become a brain surgeon. His counselors helped him by arranging field trips for him to see the campus and showing him what he is working toward.

These are some of the things that counselors have done at Compton High that go beyond the call of duty.

They have pride and believe in their students.

All the students had big dreams, from becoming neurologists to engineers to pediatricians. The one thing that intrigued me was that all of them wanted to give back to their community in one shape or form. They felt very connected and committed to Compton. Although so many people stereotyped the Compton students and residents, these students work hard daily in the community and in school, giving back to the community by being role models for the younger generation. They are living daily to break through the labels and stereotypes while educating the real ignorance that exists.

“We must try to help people to look beyond the smoke screen of ignorance to the essence of Compton [High] and the students attending it,” said Robert, the president of the Compton High Black Student Union. This statement was the most

compelling of all to me. We are not — nor will we ever be — the labels that we have been given. Though some of the students at UCSD, labeled a prestigious university, try to portray these students and the community in which they live as unintelligent, that could not be further from the truth. These students have a vision for a brighter tomorrow while working hard every day to better themselves and the community that has nurtured them.

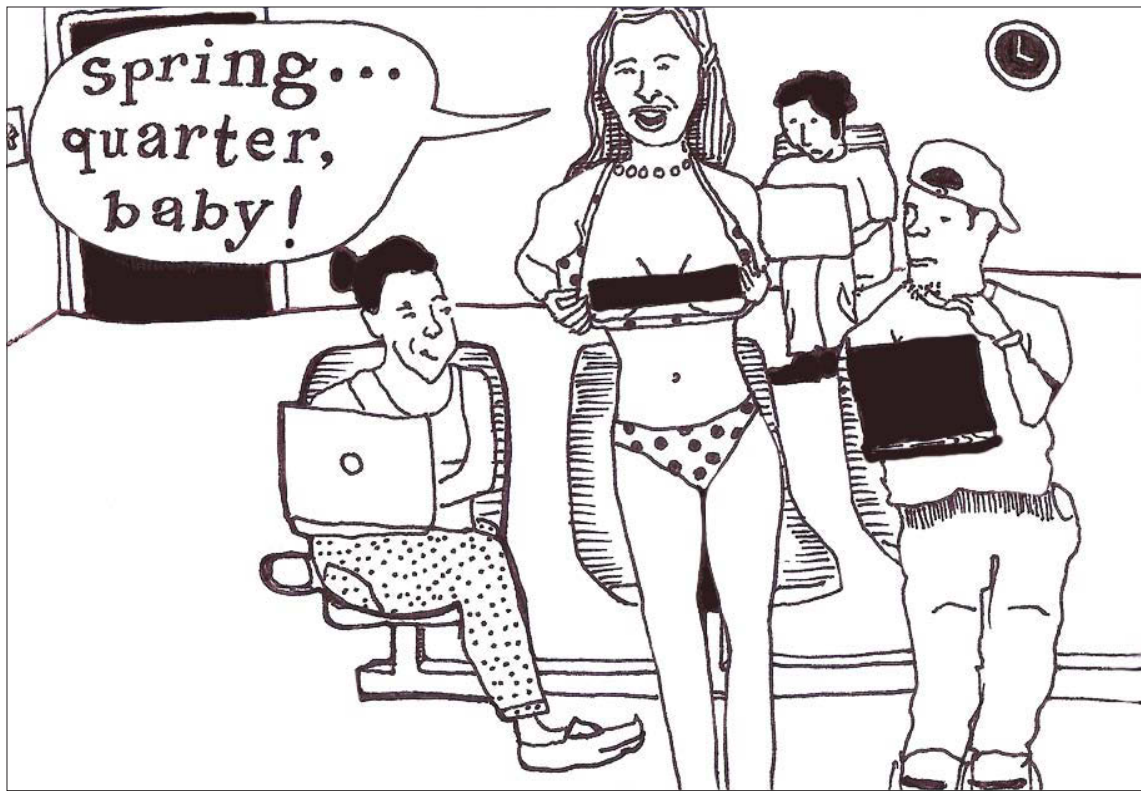
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A DROP FROM THE INKWELL By Priscilla Lázaro



Who Says a Grilled-Cheese Binge Won't Set Me Ahead?

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with statements like "I relax easily" ("Strongly disagree").
Of course, the fact that the survey is only available after you've already paid \$30 for a corporate self-help book (aptly titled "Now, Discover Your Strengths") might have been cause for skepticism in some. But in a state of such certainty of my imminent failure, I read on.
The book's chief message is a simple one: Rather than wasting a lifetime trying to improve our weaknesses, we all should focus on bettering our natural talents — the most prevalent of which, in my case, is apparently consistency.
It's true: Not only am I unfailingly

late for everything, I also always order the same Subway foot-long. No matter how many sacrificed attendance points and undercooked chicken breasts it yields, this kind of predictable nature, StrengthsFinder asserts, is a virtue. I value "predictability and even-handedness," and I should apply those to whatever profession in which I may find myself.
Whether as a barista or burger-flipper, applying my aptitude for consistency, the book insists, will be the key to affording higher rent than I'd pay for my shoebox — not trying to improve my weaknesses in the hopeless pursuit of well-roundedness. This line of thinking might be a tough sell to the higher-ups responsible for

making me take science, math and six quarters of world history, but it makes a whole lot of sense to me. Certain things I've never had much natural talent at — but stomaching the same sandwich thrice weekly while regularly churning out halfway decent papers at the 11th hour? That, thank you very much, I'm more than capable of.
I, like everyone else, now have another quarter's worth of distracting schoolwork to be grateful for, lest I worry about a post-grad world that won't let me charge everything to my student account. One thing both my dad and the survey are quick to remind me, though, is that if I play to my strengths, I just might shock myself by turning out okay.

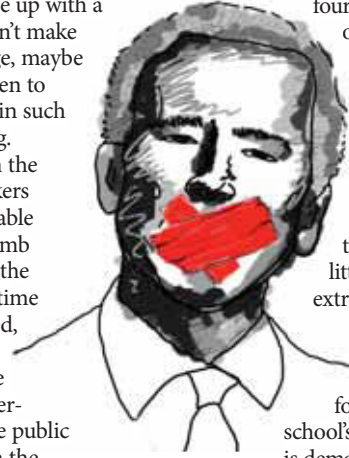
QUICKTAKES Joe Biden's F-Bomb

We Should Clean Biden's Mouth out With Soap

Vice President Joe Biden's recent unfiltered dialogue at the health-care signing ceremony is nothing short of humiliating. Sure, this reform is indeed a "big fucking deal," but as a leader of our nation, he could have chosen more euphemistic language to convey that message.
Even though his words were intended for President Barack Obama's ears only, it's unsettling for the involuntary eavesdroppers (aka, all of America) to realize that one of the government's top dogs is loosened up enough to behave like a Jerry Springer contestant. If our nation's second-in-command can't come up with a response that wouldn't make half the nation cringe, maybe he should have chosen to remain tight-lipped in such a professional setting.
It's true that even the most eloquent speakers are still humans capable of dropping an F-bomb here or there, but at the same time, there's a time and place for elevated, eloquent language and a time and place for uncensored locker-room talk — and the public visibility of rooms in the White House should never start to feel like the latter.
So for the sake of our nation and all who look up to government officials as emblems of professionalism, Biden should give his mouth the old soap-and-water scrub-down. Maybe next time he'll remember what shouldn't come out — making everyone a little more proud to be an American.
— **Kelsey Marrujo**
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Vice President's Statement Not a 'Big Fucking Deal'

We can all agree that it was a bad judgment call for Biden to curse into Obama's ear last Tuesday. But in front of a generation so desensitized to overt sexuality and profanity in the media, dropping a private F-bomb on air just isn't a very big fucking deal.
Biden wasn't exaggerating. Passing a health-insurance overhaul in a country where 45 million people don't even have basic coverage is indeed a huge deal.
He didn't say anything very offensive, either. At one time or another, everyone's dropped a good ol' four-letter word — just not on national television.
Biden's slip-up is less a cause for international concern than evidence that he's only human — and therefore just as likely as anyone to take his enthusiasm a little too far in times of extreme awesomeness.
As a response, the infamous 17-year-old McKay Hatch, founder of his high school's "No Cussing Club," is demanding an apology from his vice president and sent him a "No Cussing" care package — including a jar for Biden to place a coin in every time he swears. While all that's well and good for Hatchy and his crew of do-gooders, the overblown media coverage of Biden's mistake takes the focus — once again — off this historic news to shine a spotlight on the trivial.
— **Cheryl Hori**
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University Shouldn't Risk Getting Thrown in the Slammer to Take on State Inmates' Health Care

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 centers, his proposal claimed it could save the state approximately \$12 billion over the next decade. But UC Board of Regents Chairman Russell S. Gould is hesitant about jumping into bed with the prison system: "We are going to have to spend a great deal of time to determine how and if the university is going to get involved."

He's right to have cold feet. Joining hands with the California prison system will only do harm to the university. Even though Texas's joint university-prison health-care system boasts one of the lowest costs for prison health care nationally, the University of Texas and Texas Tech University lost \$122.1 million to prison health care from 2006 to 2007. Last time we checked (and saw our student fees rise 32 percent), the UC system didn't have an extra \$122.1 million laying around.

Aside from absorbing the costs of 33 state prisons' health-care needs, the UC system will also pick up the tab for the countless lawsuits filed by dissatisfied inmates, according to Andrew Kahn — an attorney representing the Union of American Physicians and Dentists.

According to California Citizens Against Lawsuit Abuse, a statewide grassroots movement, on average, state prisoners file more than two lawsuits every business day — an expense of over \$191 million between 2002 and 2008. It doesn't take an economics degree to realize that now is not the time for the UC system to be taking on any additional respon-

sibilities.

Stobo claims that "a portion of [the state's] savings could be used for higher education in California" and unless the simple majority thing passes, that's not likely. At this point, the UC can't afford to gamble with "coulds" and "maybes." If we are going to see this plan through, the UC system will need to see legislative affirmation that some of those "savings" will go to us.

While California's prison system costs \$2.4 billion per year — exponentially more than other states — turning any duties over to an endangered public education system and a gamble like NuPhysicia is

a lose-lose situation.

It's important to remember that even if UC system does decide to work with NuPhysicia, the prison system would still be under federal receivership, and the receiver is the one who racked up California's prisoner health-care bill in the first place. NuPhysicia even noted that the plan would only be effective if the courts amend the demands of *Plata v. Schwarzenegger* to permit virtual health care. Before tasking the UC system with additional responsibilities, Schwarzenegger first needs to either work with the federal receiver

or work with the courts to relieve the receiver of his duties. While there is a mandated receivership, the federal government will continue to make decisions that should be left up to the state — therefore continuing to increase the cost of prisoner health care.

Second, increase the efficiency of the outdated pharmaceutical system to save money. According to U.S. Inspector General David R. Shaw, the current prescription tracking system employed by state prisons is so inefficient that inmates' prescriptions are sometimes still filled for the eight months after they've been discharged, pushing expenditures by \$3.6 billion past the budget. Although updating the current system won't be an end-all solution to the prison health-care crisis, a snip here and a trim there will bring us one step closer to resolving our problem.

Health-care employees could also be given a cap for the onetime hours. It's not uncommon for employees to log 12- to 18-hour shifts a day. While the additional time is great for underpaid state employees, it's dangerous for health-care workers to be manning shifts for so long, not to mention, and costs the state an additional \$60 million a year.

Seeing prison health care, the UC system and NuPhysicia together on a MacBook screen is definitely one virtual house call we don't want the doctor to be making.

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ACLU: Hate Speech Protected Under First Amendment

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focus on banning both hate speech — such as [student newspaper] the *Koala* — and hate acts such as the hateful historical use of objects, like hanging a noose,” Sanchez said.

Sanchez has been working with A.S. Vice President of External Affairs Gracelyne West and BSU co-chairs David Ritcherson and Fnnan Keflezighi to draft the legislation language.

“We looked at the existing law and began writing the essential components in a way that we hope won’t mess with the First Amendment,” Sanchez said.

According to West, the legislation would ensure hate speech or terrorizing acts not be protected by the First Amendment, and be instead punishable under state law.

San Diego American Civil Liberties Union David Blair-Loy said such a bill would be unconstitutional unless it dealt with true threats, or threats that a reasonable person would interpret as meant to inflict harm.

For example, California Law AB 412 classifies hanging a noose in a public area as a misdemeanor punishable up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine

However, Blair-Loy said hate speech is not a true threat, and is protected by the First Amendment.

“Racial slurs and epithets and hate speech don’t qualify as true threats,” he said. “It’s offensive, it’s degrading, but it is unconstitutional to make it illegal.”

He added that the university cannot define which speech is protected.

“Every time the university establishes speech codes to try to end hate speech, it’s always been struck down by the courts,” he said.

Alec Weisman, editor in chief of the student Republican newspaper the *California Review* said that such legislation would create a slippery

slope for the definition of hate speech.

“One person’s hate speech is another person’s freedom of speech,” Weisman said. “I don’t want to see someone’s morals being used to define what is and what isn’t hate speech. If they want to speak against hate speech, they should, instead of shutting everyone down.”

Sanchez said he is confident the bill would not violate the First Amendment, and said he disagrees that it would create a slippery slope.

West, Sanchez, Keflezighi and Ritcherson met with UC President Mark G. Yudof and the UC Board of Regents for preliminary discussion of the legislation following the UC Commission on the Future meeting, which was held from March 23 to March 25 at UC San Francisco Mission Bay.

West said Yudof and the regents were supportive of the legislation, but stressed that the language needed to be revised to prevent it from breaching the First Amendment.

“We’ve been told that the way it’s worded now, it’s not going to pass, and the way we worded it, it can’t be pushed through,” she said. “We’re working on editing and strengthening the legislation.”

Sanchez said he is hopeful the regents will pass the legislation on a statewide level — which would impact the University of California, California State Universities and the California Community College systems.

“The regents are finally beginning to feel the heat to act on this,” he said. “We’re applying pressure, and we’re hopeful that it’ll go through.”

Sanchez said he wants to have a finalized draft ready in time for the next regents meeting in May, so the bill could go to vote in the state legislature shortly thereafter.

West said she plans to arrange a conference call with Sanchez, the BSU leaders and UCOP Vice President and

General Counsel for Legal Affairs Chris Robinson to strengthen the bill’s language. She said that if the legislation is passed in California, she will push for it to be implemented nationwide.

OPINION
Prison merger is a lose-lose for university.
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During the Commission on the Future meeting — attended by West and members of the BSU — the regents were also scheduled to discuss Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger’s proposal that the university manage prison health care with a company called NuPhysicia. However, the regents cancelled the briefing and instead created a committee to research the matter further.

“The committee hasn’t even been created yet,” UC spokesman Peter King said. “We’re acting as the intermediaries, and there’s a lot of different players and different things that need to be worked through.”

Sue Wilson, a spokeswoman for the Union of American Physicians and Dentists, said the system would create conflicts of interest.

According to Wilson, senior vice president for health sciences John Stobo — a supporter of the prison health care idea — was affiliated with NuPhysicia in his previous post as president of the University of Texas medical branch, and could stand to gain if the system adopted the prison health-care proposal.

However, King said these allegations were unfounded.

“These are terribly phony concerns,” said King. “It’s union reps making ill-advised innuendo about Dr. John Stobo, who has no financial stake and connection to the business now.”

King said the regents will revisit all options at their next meeting from May 18 to May 20 at UCSEF.

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Guilty Ruling Based on Precedent of Similar 2007 Fee-Increase Case

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the time it took to obtain their professional degrees. For example, fees for the Berkeley and UCLA law schools were increased by \$5,000 from the 2003-04 academic year to 2004-05.

“The total damages are the overpayment of fees that all the student class members paid,” Leonard said. “If you add up what each student paid in what the court deemed unlawful increases, that adds up to the total amount for the entire class.”

UC attorney Christopher Patti said the university plans to appeal the ruling. He said he believes the online materials did not constitute a contract.

“It’s our belief that the university never made any promise to the students in this group of plaintiffs that their fees would be held constant during their period of enrollment,” Patti said.

Patti said the university did not raise fees illegally.

“There is an annual fee guide that sets out what the fees are for each academic year, and the fee guide that applied to the year these students enrolled never had the language about the fee being maintained constant,” Patti said. “We think that there was no representation to these students that that would be the case.”

According to the *San Francisco Chronicle*, on Aug. 25, 2003, the university deleted a statement that

promised no fee increases would occur.

In his ruling, Munter followed a precedent set by the 2007 case *Kashmiri v. Regents of the University of California*. That case was won by students who claimed the university had breached a similar contract by raising its fees.

Following the *Kashmiri* ruling, the university failed to revise the contract’s wording for new students.

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The university never made any promise to the students in this group of plaintiffs that their fees would be held constant.”

CHRISTOPHER PATTI
UC ATTORNEY

“Students [in both cases] were concerned that the fee increases violated their rights,” Leonard said.

After the *Kashmiri* case, the UC system was required to pay \$42 million to students who had enrolled in professional degree programs in 2002.

To pay off this expense, the university has been charging students in these programs a fee of \$60 per year, and may have to instate another fee depending on the March 10 appeal ruling, Patti said.

Despite the precedent, Patti is confident the university will be able to reverse the ruling.

“There won’t be any refunds that go out until the appeal has been decided and only if we do not prevail in the appeal,” Patti said.

UC professional degree students, both resident and nonresident, often pay over \$40,000 a year in fees, depending on their program.

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SUITING UP

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As the competition stiffens, job seekers are using academic internships more than ever to gain work experience and rub some credibility into their resumes.

By Kelly Kim • Staff Writer

With the economy still in a slump and not looking up, many students — worried their UCSD diploma may not be the prestigious piece of parchment it was cracked up to be — are pursuing an academic internship to iron neatly onto their resume.

As the job market becomes increasingly competitive, being a GPA superstar isn't enough to edge out the other candidates. Landing an internship while in college can be just as clutch as keeping up the Provost's Honors we've guarded since freshman year.

Here at UCSD, the Academic Internship Program is seeing a spike in participants. During the 2008-09 academic year, the AIP enrolled just over 550 students; however, program officials estimate that the numbers for the 2009-10 academic year will reach well over 600. And according to the 2006 Graduating Student Survey, 44 percent of students who were involved in academic or co-curricular activities while attending UCSD participated in an internship, compared to 23 percent who participated in study-abroad programs or the 25 percent who enrolled in honors or advanced courses.

Of course, not every internship guarantees a stellar experience and post-graduate employment — they can also be a keen strategy for companies to extract cheap labor from wide-eyed, Xerox-savvy undergrads.

The AIP was established in 1976 to give students an opportunity to bridge the gap between their studies and professional career goals. Unlike internships discovered through independent research, academic internships also allow students to earn credit toward upper-division general electives with a 'Pass'/'No Pass' grade. And since many participating companies require that their unpaid interns receive verifiable credit that students must pay for to receive, enrollment in the AIP isn't always optional.

According to AIP Assistant Director and Internship Counselor Tricia Taylor-Oliveira, the AIP's staff is available to provide referrals and advice during the

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INFOCUS DE-STRESS FEST: THERAPY FLUFFIES



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It's a well-established, indestructible law of nature that adorable things are the perfect panacea for finals. And every year at UCSD man's best friend never fails to make an appearance when you least expect it — walking back from Center Hall, drugged up, pen down and brain drained of all comprehension.

As part of the De-Stress Fest — the University Centers' annual week-long giveaway — PC Ballroom was transformed into a geriatrics ward on Tuesday, March 16 from 10 a.m. — 2 p.m., speckled with Irish Setters, Cocker Spaniels, Pomeranians and Dachshunds. All in the name of surviving the week-long tumult of scantrons, free responses, essays and short answers.

Also included in the week's festivities was "Massage Mania" (Monday), "Cupcakes and Cocoa" (Tuesday), "Bagels and Bluebooks" (Wednesday) and "Kiss Winter Quarter Goodbye" (Thursday) — at which students handed out Hershey's kisses and tubes of chapstick as a final send off.

Needless to say, the string of de-stressers provided enough distraction to get students through one Tuesday's worth of tests and a hearty lack of sleep.

— EDWIN GONZALEZ
FOCUS EDITOR

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It's not hard to know a party bus when you spot one. Chances are, it's tinted, oversized and emanating some shade of indigo. And while all the blacklighting and neon sparks can be a bit much for non-seasoned riders, chances are, you're not enjoying yourself enough if you're taking note of them, and not because the ambiance around you is lacking.

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But with busses wagoning anywhere from 15 to 45 passengers, your amenities depend on the kind of ride you choose. Sadly, the "dance" poles only come with the 45-passenger models.

However, no matter their size, every beast in the Cali Party Bus fleet comes decked with some extra cup holders or a wet bar to chill whatever bottles you bring inside. Musical comforts include an iPod connect, if you've planned that far in advance — an FM radio, if you can't even remember what you were doing two minutes ago.

If you want to go big with a trip to Vegas there's a service for that, and if you want to go wine tasting, Cali's got you covered. But remember, to step out

of a party bus at a vineyard without feeling embarrassed,



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you're going to have to down a few beforehand.

If you're not feeling creative, the company offers plenty of ideas online such as wine tours to Callaway and Leonese Cellars or nightclubs like the Ivy and Stingaree as well as discounted rates for tailgate parties and Homecoming.

— Edwin Gonzalez
Focus Editor

Students Struggle to Balance Office and Classroom

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application process — helping students edit cover letters and resumes, discussing their career goals and even aiding in the selection process.

According to Taylor-Oliveira, the AIP office is not only a great resource for landing a job, but also expanding students' awareness and knowledge about any field they may plan on going into.

"I tell students to think actively and seek out every opportunity to get more out of the experience," Taylor-Oliveira said. "You know if it's a good time to talk, they might really sit down and chat with you about how they got there and what steps they needed to take."

She said the intern's experience is always valuable — even if it doesn't guarantee you a job.

"If the internship doesn't lead to a job, you network and meet people, get contacts of people who can be useful to connect to other opportunities," Taylor-Oliveira said.

2009 Revelle College alumnus Craig Hill currently works at Doan Law Firm as a legal assistant, where he first began as an academic intern. With the help of the AIP internship database, Hill said he was able to apply to a law firm that fit his learning expectations based on the comments that previous interns had left in the AIP's database.

"While I could have applied on my own, I wouldn't have known what to look for," Hill said. "Just the fact that they gave me contacts to call and [told me] what to have prepared streamlined the whole process for me."

Though some students have expressed complaints about the expenses and workload required to earn academic credit through AIP, Hill remains a proponent of the program.

"As an out-of-state student, I paid \$40,000 to go school, and it is really nice to know that my tuition paid for programs like AIP that give you opportunities like this," Hill said. "Having these resources are great, because you can't find things like this once you are out of college."

At Doan Law Firm, Hill learned about consumer litigation by working alongside lawyers — assisting them in analyzing legal material, conducting research and talking to clients.

"I was actually in the field, and you kind of just have to go with the flow," Hill said. "You pick up jargon and learn to apply the concepts you just read in books."

Needless to say, Hill was a success story for the AIP. He said he was simply fortunate that Doan Law Firm was hiring legal assistants around the time his internship ended.

For the majority of students, internships offer academic credit for the time they devote and their training. Some manage to score a paid internship, if they're lucky. In many cases, students devote 30 hours of work per week they're not getting paid for, on top of jobs they may already have, as well as class work. While many students like Hill eagerly accept credits as pay, Warren College senior Dara Bu sees it as a loophole for companies to extort free labor from a generation of potential employees struggling to secure an advantage in an evolving job market.

Bu said it was a difficult decision to invest hefty hours into unpaid office work in lieu of an actual job. In addition, paying standard academic fees for the units seemed an unfair burden.

"At one point, I had two internships, both unpaid, while working a part-time job," Bu said. "I knew it was a good experience, but it just sucked putting in so much time to something when I knew I could have been making money doing something else."

Though some companies offer paid internships, others get away with hawking academic credit as long as their criteria meet the standards of the Fair Labor Standards Act. According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the FLSA states that students can be regarded as "trainees" as long as they meet criteria stipulating that both parties understand that the trainees are not entitled to wages for time spent in training. Students must work under close supervision, and the employer that provides the training must receive no immediate advantage from the activities — the training must strictly benefit the student.

To ensure that students are indeed applying for legitimate internships that meet UCSD's specific educational standards, Taylor-Oliveira says that the AIP office acts as a kind of filter — screening out any potentially shady companies while maintaining a database for the ones that students have enjoyed.

However, Warren College senior Lisa Tat said she found it to be a disadvantage that students are forced to work a minimum number of hours in order to meet the academic-credit requirements,

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New Bill Would Benefit Low-Income Interns

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as opposed to adapting to a more natural workplace schedule.

During Winter Quarter, Tat interned for San Diego County Speech Pathology as an office assistant and “Reading Stars” tutor. She taught preschool and kindergarten students about phonetics for roughly 65 minutes twice a week, and — for the remaining hours — made cutouts, pamphlets and games for the children’s activities.

“I struggled to find work to do after teaching the children how to read,” Tat said. “Because the point of an internship is to gain experience and learn as much as you can in the field, there is no point of filling up the hours just to do so.”

The program requires at least 10 hours a week of labor, a 10-page research paper, an exit evaluation and three online workshops — which equate to a four-unit course. Tat said she felt she was putting in more hours than necessary for an ideal experience.

“It should be up to the discretion of the supervisor at the internship site to assign the kind of work and determine how many hours you work,” said Tat.

York. She says that it was likely because of her experience at MTV Tres that she got the internship with Elle.

“I realized how much I loved working in this field, dealing with clients and doing things like designing window sets,” Bu said. “PR and marketing is much more interactive and fun for me.”

Experts at the Economic Policy Institute have even proposed legislation that would force the federal government to appropriate \$500 million annually to support up to 100,000 low-income college students’ internships. According to co-author of the legislation Alexander Hertel-Hernandez, most low-income college students are not full-time, so they can’t receive financial aid for the cost of an unpaid internship which includes transportation, food and temporary housing. By subsidizing unpaid internships for lower-income students, Hertel-Hernandez said, the federal government would be opening up opportunities for a more diverse array of students to participate in internships that are usually given to middle- and upper-income students.

Incidentally, Hertel-Hernandez got his job at the Economic Policy Institute after interning there during his senior year of college.

According to Taylor-Oliveira, the AIP may not be a perfect fit for students who already have too much on their plate.

“It’s a serious academic endeavor that shouldn’t be taken lightly,” Taylor-Oliveira said. “But for those who do commit, an academic internship helps [them] see the practical side of what they are studying in classrooms.”

As a double major in communications and international history, Bu said her first internship experience at MTV Tres — the popular music channel’s Latin-American sibling — did help her narrow her career scope. Despite the stress of having to intern while holding down a job and taking four classes, Bu said the academic internship helped put her studies into perspective.

“Even though I studied the history of Latin America, I realized I sucked at actually speaking Spanish, and was not even that in-tune with the culture,” Bu said. “I also didn’t like how everything had to appeal to a streamlined audience.”

Following her internship at MTV Tres, Bu scored a higher-level internship at Elle Communications, where she explored fashion and design by selecting outfits for display mannequins and traveling to fashion shows in New

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Accordingly, former Doan Law Firm intern Hill advocated the AIP wholeheartedly, and recommended that students get an internship while in school. Even if it means having to shoulder a little more than they’re used to, he said, it will make their prospects after graduation that much brighter.

“Some people spend all that money for graduate school when they are unsure it is what they want to get into, and plenty of them are still unemployed,” Hill said. “Do an internship — take advantage of the fact that you are there to learn and can [do it] at your own pace. The experience is invaluable.”

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Season Ends Prematurely at the Hands of Hot-Shooting Humboldt

► **W. BASKETBALL**, from page 16 to pull in front. The team did take a 12-point lead midway through the second half — after an 11-0 run during which sophomore guard Chelsea Carlisle scored seven points — but the Lumberjacks soon countered with dominant post play.

Taylor scored 21 of her points in the second half, and the Lumberjacks finally regained the lead with just 2:32 remaining.

When Taylor hit a three on Humboldt's next possession, she secured their lead for the rest of the game.

The Tritons sank only two of seven shots in the final two minutes, allowing the Lumberjacks to hold strong to their lead to seal the win.

While Humboldt stole the show with its accurate shooting, the Tritons only shot 34 percent during the game.

They were hurt by a lackluster night from the CCAA MVP Carlisle, shooting just 6-24 and 2-12 from

beyond the arc.

Carlisle ended with 16 points and five assists, but shot only .25 percent from the field — well below her season average of .42 — while senior forward Erin Noonan scored 10 points in her final game for UCSD.

Senior guard Annette Ilg tallied 25 points and 8 rebounds, while junior forward Tiffany Hunter added seven points and 12 rebounds.

Humboldt moved on to play Chico State — a team they hammered only days before to win the CCAA tournament.

However, Chico State was up to the task and chalked an 86-76 victory.

Despite this year's astounding start, the Tritons were knocked out in the first round of the NCAA tournament for the first time since the 2005-06 season.

They finished the season with an overall record of 25-5.

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ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN
 Lumberjack senior center Brittney Taylor was a decisive force in Humboldt's 76-72 win over the Tritons, scoring 27 points and pulling down nine rebounds. The Tritons squandered a 12-point second-half lead.

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Grid 2: 1 3 6 5 2 4 8 7 9, 9 5 7 8 3 6 2 4 1, 8 4 2 7 9 1 3 6 5, 6 9 5 3 4 2 1 8 7, 7 2 8 1 5 9 4 3 6, 4 1 3 6 8 7 9 5 2, 2 6 9 4 7 3 5 1 8, 3 8 1 9 6 5 7 2 4, 5 7 4 2 1 8 6 9 3

CROSSWORD

Crossword grid with numbers 1-68 indicating starting positions for clues.

Across

- 1 Precious stones
5 Burn a bit
9 Roe source
13 Most eligible for the draft
14 Like a snowy landscape
15 "Royal" nuisance
16 Put in pigeonholes
17 Duncan __: cake mix brand
18 Reformer for whom a Bible book is named
19 What little girls are made of, so it's said
22 "That makes sense"
23 The Blue Jays, on scoreboards
24 Place for a napkin
27 Prof's degree
28 Spat
31 C.S. Lewis's "The Chronicles of __"
33 Out of harm's way
35 Border
38 Prior to, poetically
39 Courtroom figs.
40 Light lunch
45 "Queen of Soul" Franklin
46 Supermarket checkout unit
47 Rainbow shape
50 Hesitant sounds
51 Mexican Mrs.
53 "Beats me"
55 Pleasantly concise
59 Fuzzy fruit
61 "Shucks!"
62 Castaway's spot
63 Post-workout woe
64 Spud
65 Use a swizzle stick
66 Modernists
67 Previously, old-style
68 Coop residents

Down

- 1 Grapevine news
2 Sufficient
3 Combined two companies into one
4 Occupied, as a desk
5 Goatee's location
6 __ legs: rear extremities
7 '50s nuclear experiment
8 Answer
9 Designer's detail, briefly
10 Coffee flavoring
11 What we breathe
12 Genetic initials
14 "Just suppose ..."
20 Beatles meter maid
21 Some savings plans, for short
25 __ That a Shame!: Domino hit
26 Writing tablets
29 Supply meals for
30 Iran's official language
32 Thoroughfare
33 Labor Day mo.
34 Tidy
35 Jacob's twin
36 College housing
37 Phone caller's "Bet you don't recognize my voice!"
41 Facetious "Of course"
42 Tell a story
43 Mortgage bank, e.g.
44 Andy's old radio partner
47 __ Fideles!: Christmas carol
48 Land, as a fish
49 Supplies food for, as an affair
52 Engaged in battle
54 Start of a request to a genie
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59 Wichita's state: Abbr.
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Fresh Faces Aside, West Remains Wild and Phillies Still the NL Beast of the East

► BLEACHERS, from page 16

letic abilities of Justin Upton, you can never fully brush off the Babybacks.

My predictions

Division champ: Colorado Rockies
In the hunt: San Francisco Giants
Fantasy sleeper: Carlos González, Colorado rightfielder
Story to follow: If/when the Padres trade first baseman Adrian Gonzalez.

2) National League Central

Albert Pujols and Matt Holliday in the same lineup for a whole season is a dangerous combination that makes the St. Louis Cardinals the odds-on favorites to win the Central. Surrounding the dynamic duo is a young offense headed by an emerging Ryan Ludwick and Brendan "I Have the Grossest Mustache on the Planet" Ryan. They'll provide Chris Carpenter and Adam Wainwright with more than enough runs to top the table in the division all year. As the Chicago Cubs enter the 237th year of their World Series draught, the only serious competition the Cardinals will face all year will be from the Milwaukee Brewers.

The Brew Crew boast Prince Fielder and Ryan Braun as a middle-of-the-order threat to match Pujols and Holliday, but even if they've got Randy Wolf from the Dodgers to help their pitching staff, the Brewers will struggle to keep pace in the six-team division.

The Cincinnati Reds are still a few years away from making a legitimate run at the top, and we can expect plenty more banality from the Pirates and Astros.

My predictions

Division champ: St. Louis Cardinals
In the hunt: Milwaukee Brewers
Fantasy sleeper: Wandy Rodríguez, Houston Astros starting pitcher
Story to follow: Will the Pirates have their 18th straight losing season?

National League East

After riding Cliff Lee's coattails all the way to a second straight World Series

appearance, the Philadelphia Phillies thanked their left-handed ace by shipping him off to the Seattle Mariners. Why on Earth would the Phil's front office do such a thing? To make room for one of the few pitchers alive who might actually be better than Lee: Roy Halladay, of course. The health and sustainability of lefty starter Cole Hamels and closer Brad Lidge are the Phillies' only question marks.

Even after throwing a New York-sized fist of cash at free-agent outfielder Jason Bay, the Mets will still find a way to choke with their A-List roster, so let's not even worry about them.

And aside from the eventual promotion of rookie flame-thrower and San Diego State alum Stephen Strausburg from their AA affiliate this summer, the Washington Nationals will continue to be, well, the Washington Nationals.

That leaves the Atlanta Braves and the Florida Marlins as two young, intriguing teams in the bubble that just might have enough to make things interesting in the East. Rookie rightfielder Jason Heyward and new closer Billy Wagner will help keep manager Bobby Cox's face flushed red with excitement throughout his final season in Atlanta.

My predictions

Division champ: Philadelphia Phillies
In the hunt: Atlanta Braves
Fantasy sleeper: Chris Coghlan, Florida Marlins Outfielder
Story to follow: The battle for Rookie of the Year between Heyward and Strausburg.

So there you have them: my foolproof picks for the upcoming 2010 MLB season. Go ahead, take your part-time coffee shop earnings to Vegas this weekend and bet it all on my predictions. And feel free to come talk to the *Guardian* if they don't end up panning out.

This two-part column will continue Thursday with the Beerleague Softball Division (better known as the American League).

Tritons Struggle Through Opening Days of Nationals, Turn in String of Top-Ten Finishes

► SWIVE, from page 16

two days were not standout days. But we all got together and finished outstandingly."

The competition began on the morning of Wednesday, Mar. 10 with a gambit of preliminary races to determine racing seeds.

Cunningham said UCSD struggled through the first few days of the competition — and their seedings heading into the races reflected their troubles.

"It was pretty tough competition," Cunningham said. "We were down the first two days, so we had to swim a lot harder in the next two days to place higher."

On the women's side, sophomore Alex Henley set a UCSD record in the 200-yard backstroke, posting a time of 1:58.79 for a second-place finish. She also posted a record time of 2:00.30 to win the 200-yard butterfly, then recorded the national championship winning time in the 400-yard individual medley: 4:18.71.

Henley also took second place in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:02.04, just short of her personal best.

On the men's side, senior Daniel Perdew continued to elbow out the nation's best D-II swimmers, winning the 50-yard freestyle for the third time as a Triton. He finished the finals heat with a time of 20.07 — barely edging out the second-place finisher by .03 seconds.

On the last day of the tournament — and Perdew's last night as a collegiate swimmer — he finished with a glistening performance in the 100 freestyle, turning a time of 44.10 seconds. Perdew sealed his place among tournament greats by winning his fifth overall career NCAA championship.

"It's gratifying to see them swim," McGihon said. "It's a great example of what happens when you put so much work and effort into training, and what you can get back from that much work."

Henley and Perdew were not the only Triton winners. The meet ended with an inspired performance from the 400-yard freestyle relay teams on both the men's and women's sides.

The men's team — Perdew, sophomore Sam Stromberg, sophomore Blake Langland and senior Todd Langland — capped off the meet

with a second-place finish in the last race, falling behind first-place Wingate University by .22 seconds.

The women then saw their 400-yard freestyle team — Henley, freshman Amber Tan, junior Anju Shimura and junior Jessica Ferguson — score just enough points to edge out West Chester for third place overall at the meet.

"It was exciting, but [we were] also anxious," Cunningham said. "It was a really close race, and it really came down to the last lap. We were just trying to get our swimmers pumped up to swim and do their best."

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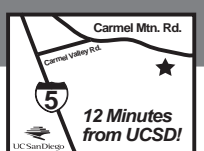
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HOT CORNER

DANIEL ANDERSON | TRACK

The senior recorded a new record for UCSD in the men's 800-meter race on Saturday, Mar. 27 at the Cal/Nevada Championships. Anderson's time of 1:51.12 topped the previous school best of 1:51.26, set in 1993.

View From the Bleachers: 2010 National League Preview

The Opening Day of the 2010 Major League Baseball season is finally here. This Sunday signals the start of the most glorious, nerve-wracking and exhausting six months of the year.

To help you prepare for the beautiful 162-game streak of men in tights just around the corner, here are my annual preseason predictions for each division, with some accessory categories for the hell of it.

1) National League West

With all apologies to local San Diegans, this is anybody's division. Arguably the toughest group from

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which to choose a winner this season, the NL West is packing four different teams that could easily take first place — even if they don't necessarily have what it takes to make a run at the World Series this year. Last year's champs — the LA Dodgers — had a flop of an offseason: Team owners Frank and Jamie McCourt got divorced, overshadowing a starting rotation deficiency evidenced by the fact that Vicente Padilla is their Opening Day starter.

Coming off a successful 2009 Wild Card run, the Colorado Rockies are a young, fast and defensively sound team that could run away with the division if ace starting pitcher Jeff Francis rebounds well after missing all of last year due to Tommy John surgery.

The San Francisco Giants have the best pitching staff in the National League — and maybe even the majors — but will have to eek out enough offense from newly added hitters Aubrey Huff and Mark DeRosa. Still, with a rotation anchored by Tim Lincecum and Matt Cain — whose fourth starter threw a no-hitter last year — you can bet on the Giants to take the NL Wild Card.

Even the Arizona Diamondbacks have the firepower and youth to stay competitive. With a rotation anchored by Dan Haren and the unworldly ath-

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NCAA DIVISION-II SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNCHARTED WATERS



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Women place third, men finish seventh at nationals in Canton, Ohio, where senior Dan Perdew and sophomore Alex Henley turn in record times.

By Tyler Nelson • Senior Staff Writer

SWIMMING & DIVING — The UCSD men and women finished their seasons with a splash, competing admirably against top teams from across the nation at the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship meets from Mar. 10 through Mar. 13. The women claimed a third-place finish, while the men finished seventh in the final team standings.

The swimmers arrived in Canton, Ohio with little indication of how they'd fare in the most difficult field of competition all season — and, of course the imposing set of final exams that awaited them after the tournament.

In preparation, the team dedicated the entirety of week 10 to tackling potential challenges at the NCCA tournament. However, many members could not help but be dis-

tracted by their schoolwork.

"We knew we would miss a whole week, so we had a couple of days where we had to practice in the morning and then study when we got back to the hotel," said senior captain Cari Cunningham. "When we were flying back, we were all studying pretty hard."

Amid the added pressure of academic obligations, head coach Scott McGihon said he was proud of the swimmers' strong season finish, though they had the potential to finish higher.

"We were somewhat happy with the results," McGihon said. "We felt like we should have done better — the first

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Familiar Foe Hands UCSD Early Exit at Nationals

The Tritons were knocked out of a postseason competition by rival Humboldt State for the second time in as many weeks.

By Liam Rose
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL — At the NCAA Division-II Tournament on March 12, the Tritons were given another shot at redemption against age-old rivals Humboldt State — only to leave the tournament early in frustrated defeat.

No. 2 UCSD faced No. 7 Humboldt for a third straight week, quickly eliminated from the tournament after a tough 76-72 opening-round loss.

Senior guard Annette Ilg scored 25 points and eight rebounds in her outstanding final game as a Triton, but it was not enough to overcome another night of on-

fire shooting from Humboldt.

In the end, Humboldt pulled off the upset win, carried by senior center Britteny Taylor's 27 points and nine rebounds, along with a whopping total of 10 three-pointers.

Humboldt had knocked UCSD out of the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament a week earlier, hitting eight second-half three-pointers to earn a 82-78 semifinal victory on March 5.

"We're obviously very disappointed that we didn't get it done and that our season's over," head coach Charity Elliott said. "We were playing very well early in the second half, but Humboldt just made the plays they needed to get back in it, and we didn't do a very good job of responding."

The Tritons and the Lumberjacks have written a contentious history this season: Humboldt accounted for three of the Triton's mere five season losses.

After a record-breaking 14-0 start to the Triton season, the Lumberjacks handed UCSD its first loss with an 84-80 game on

Jan. 21 in Arcata.

When it was the Tritons' turn to host, they demolished the Lumberjacks on Feb. 26, winning an 86-51 game that was never even close.

However, the Lumberjacks somehow rebounded from that loss to knock the Tritons out of two different post-season tournaments twice in one week.

"This is the biggest win of the season and a tremendous victory for our program," Humboldt coach Joddie Gleason said. "Knocking off a ranked team like UCSD is huge."

As the best team for three-pointers in the conference, Humboldt accuracy from beyond the arc posed problems for the Tritons.

The teams traded buckets throughout the first half, and the Tritons went into halftime with a 34-33 lead.

UCSD returned from halftime hoping



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UCSD dropped out of the NCAA D-II Tournament on Mar. 12, losing to Humboldt State 76-72 in the opening round.

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