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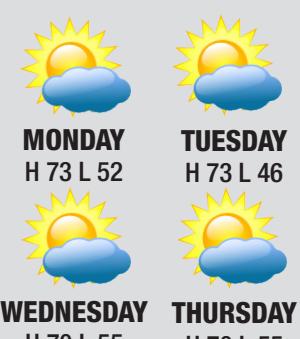
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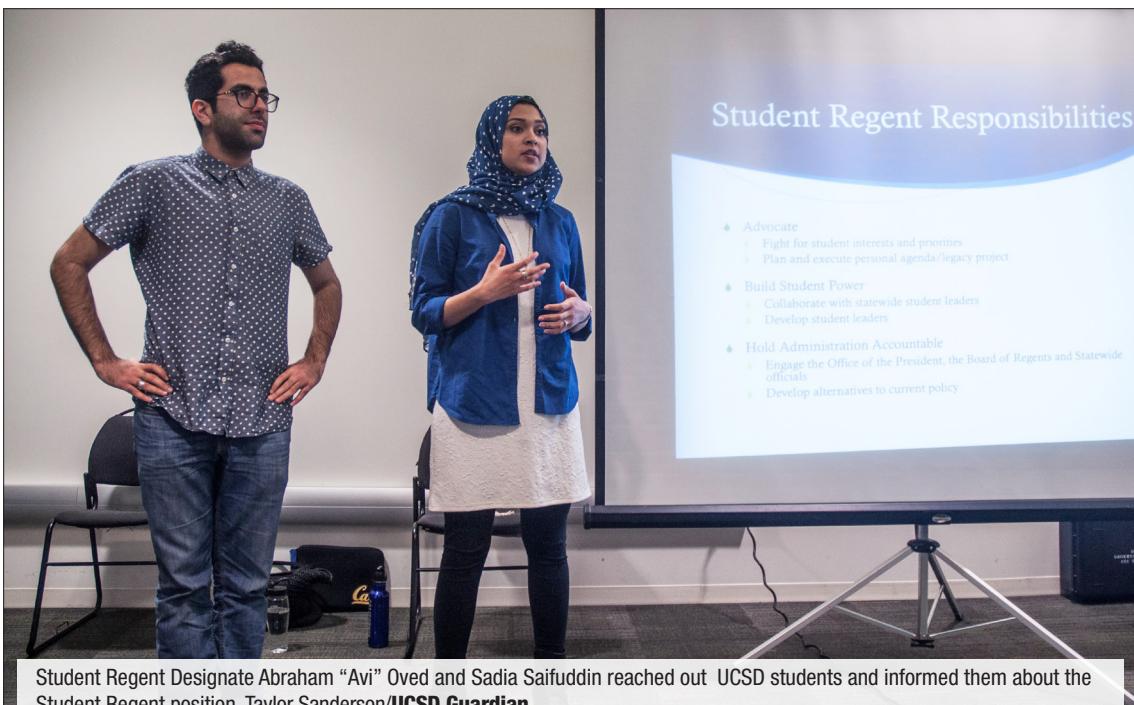
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Triton Spirit Night Events Unite Six Colleges

A panel of judges named John Muir College the victor of the intercollegiate spirit night competition.

BY JACKY TO STAFF WRITER

UCSD hosted its annual Spirit Night basketball games, reception and dance on Friday, Jan. 30. Students from all six of UCSD's residential colleges attended the game and competed to win the Spirit Night Trophy, which Muir College took home at the end of the night.

The Tritons won both their women's and men's basketball games against Cal State East Bay at RIMAC Arena with scores of 64-60 and 65-54, respectively. UCSD's Cheer Team and Pep Band, along with the student body, were present to rally the teams.

For the spirit competition, a panel of judges evaluated each college based on its student attendance, the decoration of its designated seating area, its "King Triton Sidekick," its college banner and the results of the two halftime "basketball musical chairs" contests.

The first place recipient in each category received six points while second place received five points, and so on, except in the category of attendance in which colleges earned double the points.

In addition to Muir receiving the top prize, Eleanor Roosevelt College took home second place while Revelle College came in third.

Sixth College junior Tiffany Lee told the UCSD Guardian that, after her enjoyable experience at Spirit Night, she thinks there should be more spirit-oriented events on campus throughout the year.

"It was really awesome seeing everyone come together to support our school," Lee said. "We should definitely do these types of events more often."

ERC freshman Joann Cai told the Guardian that her first experience with Spirit Night was extremely memorable.

"The ERC Spirit Rally was a very fun and exciting experience," Cai said. "The event helped pump me up for the basketball game, which was also a nice break from midterms."

UCSD not only allowed its current students to attend both basketball games for free but also offered two free tickets to any alumni. Additionally, during the break between the two basketball games, the university hosted a reception at Home Plate Sports Cafe next to RIMAC to give alumni the opportunity to socialize and network with each other.

After the basketball game, students traveled to the third-floor patio of Geisel Library to attend the annual Spirit Night Dance. UCSD's own DVC: The Deejays and Vinylphiles Club provided entertainment and music for the dance, which began at 9 p.m. and ended at midnight.

BY TINA BUTOIU NEWS EDITOR

University of California Student Regent Sadia Saifuddin and UC Student Regent Designate Abraham "Avi" Oved held an Open Forum in the Governance Chambers of Price Center on Jan. 28 to recruit students for the Student Regent position.

The UC Student Regent is one of the 26 voting members on the UC Board of Regents, representing the over 240,000 undergraduate, graduate and professional students attending the University of California and whose purpose is to advocate access for diversity and quality of education.

Saifuddin explained how the recruitment for the position was more targeted in previous years.

"It's [the Student Regent position] been kind of a mystical position for many years and not a lot of students know about it, and usually that's just because recruitment efforts are either targeted or a little vague," Saifuddin said. "This year we really want to increase our application numbers so we've been meeting with students all day as well as trying to do more recruitment through an open forum so we can have students come out, learn about the position and potentially apply or take this back to their communities."

Applying to be a Student Regent is a process that takes four to five months and which requires a personal statement five to six pages long, an information form and three references. The completed application must be submitted by Feb.

22 and is followed by series of interviews.

Oved stated that anyone who is enrolled in the UC system and will be attending the University of California for the next two years is eligible to apply for the position, regardless of the student's GPA or immigration status. In an interview with the UCSD Guardian, Oved discussed how there is no particular set of skills required to become a Student Regent.

"I know that when I was applying I was told that I didn't have the right experience — or enough of it — and that I wouldn't have a good chance at becoming a Student Regent because I was an undergrad. At the end of the day, there is no prescription; there is no cookie-cutter trajectory to become Student Regent," Oved said. "At the end of the day, you only need to have passion, a vision and the skills to enact that vision. If you have that, then you are more than qualified to become a Student Regent, and that really is all you need. If you have that inkling, apply. It's an incredibly rewarding experience, and I think Sadia can speak to that."

For a year following the appointment in July, the Student Regent Designate shadows and is mentored by the current Student Regent. During the second of year of his or her term, he or she attains voting privileges and becomes the mentor for the incoming Student Regent Designate.

Saifuddin described how one of the roles of the Student Regent is to provide students with information that they

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Protein Mutation and Parkinson's Link Examined

The study's theoretical research was conducted at the San Diego Supercomputer Center.

BY BRYNNABOLT STAFF WRITER

Recent findings made by researchers at UCSD have demonstrated that the molecular mechanisms by which the mutations in the alpha synuclein protein, a protein abundant in the brain, are connected to the familial form of Parkinson's disease. The findings of the study were published in the online journal ACS Chemical Neuroscience on Jan. 5.

The lead author of the study was Dr. Igor Tsigely, a research scientist with the San Diego Supercomputer Center, the UCSD Moores Cancer Center and the Department of

Neurosciences.

Parkinson's disease is a degenerative disorder of the nervous system characterized by impairment or destruction of neurons that release dopamine in the substantia nigra, which is located in the midbrain and plays an important role in motor-planning. In its familial form, Parkinson's has been found to be linked to mutations of the asyn protein and its ability to penetrate the cell membrane. The asyn protein itself lacks a stable configuration and has a tendency to constantly change its shape.

While it has been known for many years that asyn proteins make up the Lewy bodies, or protein clumps, found in the brains of those with

Parkinson's, the purpose of the study at UCSD was to observe by which molecular mechanisms these mutations were linked to Parkinson's.

The experimental portions of the study were conducted in the laboratory of Dr. Eliezer Masliah in the Department of Neurosciences, while modeling was done at the SDSC.

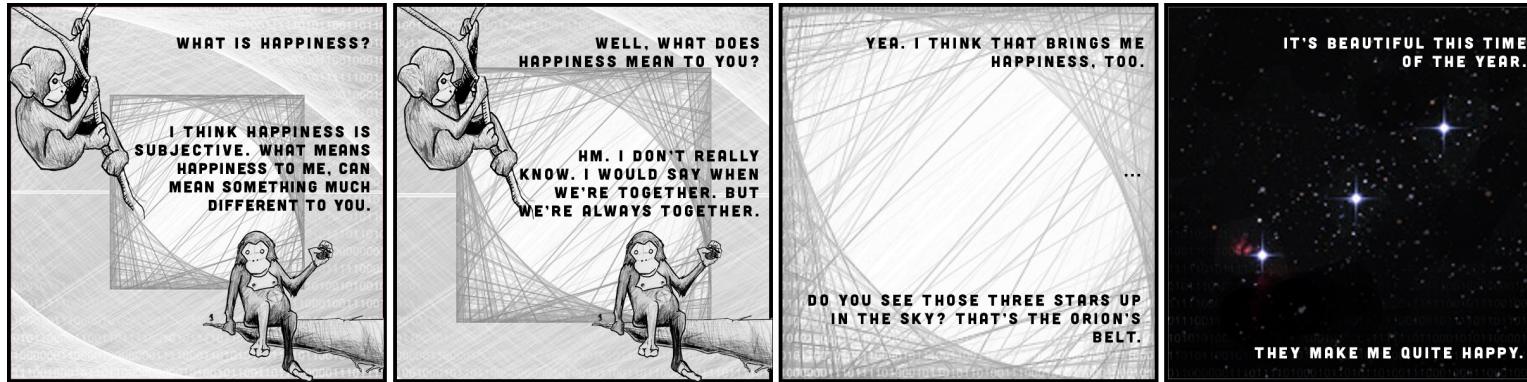
Using a theoretical simulation called molecular dynamics on the supercomputer Gordon, Tsigely and his team were able to generate the structural conformations, or alterations in the shape, of asyn mutations related to Parkinson's and elucidate the four main regions of the protein where these conformers can bind

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A COUPLE OF DERPS

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Student Regents Will Collaborate With UCSA To Revise Tuition Lobbying Efforts

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might not otherwise have access to.

"That's another really good part of this position. You have access to any kind of information you would like on the board that maybe the average student might not have access to," Saifuddin said. "Our job is to get that information and provide that to students so that they can better organize on issues that they care about."

Furthermore, the Student Regent ensures that students have a voice when policies concerning the University of California are being made. Students are a part of the entire screening process with the Regent Committee, interviewing the three candidates which student leaders across the UC system have selected during the application process and first two rounds of interviews. Also, Saifuddin stated that the regents are looking for someone who they can work with.

"I will say the regents are not looking for someone that agrees with them," Saifuddin said. "I disagree with them on almost every single issue but it's still important for them to be able

to know that they can have a very positive working relationship with me, so that's kind of what that last interview gauges."

In addition to the application process, Saifuddin and Oved discussed how they are working to stop the tuition hike.

"Sadia and I reached out to the State Government Relations Office of the Office of the President to really see how they're gonna move forward in the next five months in terms of our lobbying efforts, making sure that we're on an effective trajectory and making sure that we are getting an investment," Oved said. "To be honest, we were very disappointed with the work that they forwarded to us. So we're gonna go and revamp the trajectory of the lobbying efforts, working with [UC Student Association], the Council of Presidents and the different student leadership across all 10 UC campuses to make sure that we do have a unified movement moving forward and that we are going to get the state investment."

Saifuddin also talked about how a policy that is fair to out-of-state stu-

dents is being developed.

"This [out-of-state tuition] is something that comes up really often about how we're developing a policy that can be very equitable on out-of-state students while recognizing that the University of California was founded predominantly to serve the needs of Californians," Saifuddin said. "Then again it's not fair that, every time we have some kind of financial issue, to just rack up the fees on out-of-state students as if it's a solution. So we're kind of moving towards a policy that is equitable for both sides."

Additionally, the Student Regent position enables students to complete a UC-wide project by the end of their terms. Saifuddin commented on how Student Regent initiatives have not been emphasized in recent years.

"In past years this hasn't been talked about as often because, what has happened is, we've been dealing with crises one after the other so we've been more on the defensive than the offensive," Saifuddin said. "But we're hoping to really bring this back as a part of the culture of being a Student Regent. Of adopting some kind of project that

you care about and really pursuing that initiative until the end."

Student Regents are compensated in a variety of ways, including free tuition for the two years they serve, a parking pass that enables them to park anywhere on the ten UC campuses except the Chancellor and Nobel Laureate parking spaces, a travel budget, an office on their home campus and a stipend for a student staff.

However, Saifuddin told the Guardian that there are simpler ways to obtain the benefits of being a Student Regent.

"The position is hard, and if you're looking for a line on the resume, there are easier ways," Saifuddin said. "It's a challenge, and the best kinds of candidates are the ones that care about the work they do. They renew their commitment and they renew their intentions for doing this work every single day."

Following the presentation, Saifuddin and Oved had a question and answer session.

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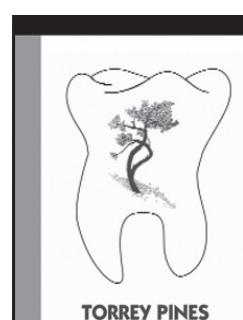
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LIGHTS & SIRENS

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

Friday, Jan. 23

12:01 a.m.: Fraud

Victim had advertised her room for rent and received a false check in response. Money was forwarded to perpetrator(s), with a total loss of \$1,500. *Report taken.*

4 p.m. to 9:21 p.m.: Welfare check

An elderly woman was found inside a vehicle at RIMAC with the engine running and loud music playing. *Checks OK.*

Saturday, Jan. 24

10:33 a.m.: Information

Report received of an injured coyote at North Mesa Apartments. *Unable to locate.*

6:04 p.m.: Suicide Attempt

An adult man was found lying in the middle of the road on Voigt drive, near Lot 702. His stated intention was to commit suicide. *Transported to County Mental Health.*

Sunday, Jan. 25

12:11 a.m.: Fire

San Diego Fire Department extinguished a small brush fire by the VA Embankment. *Report Taken.*

Monday, Jan. 26

5:42 a.m.: Petty Theft

A person was found going through the dumpsters at the South Mesa Apartments. *Information Only.*

Tuesday, Jan. 27

1:34 a.m.: Noise Disturbance

Report sent of loud music and people talking at Tenaya Hall in Muir College. *Will Cooperate.*

9:10 a.m.: Assist Other Agency

A subject on the phone with a

dispatcher threatened suicide inside a store in the UTC mall area. *Information only.*

11:01 a.m.: Under Influence of Drugs

An adult female under the influence of drugs was refusing to cooperate with hospital security. *Closed by Adult Arrest/Stay Away Order Issued.*

Wednesday, Jan. 28

5 p.m.: Stalking

A report was received of an ex-girlfriend refusing to cut contact after the reporting party had asked her to. *Report Taken.*

3:17 p.m.: Disturbance

An adult male was found kicking a tree at Warren Mall. *Field Interview Administered.*

4:28 p.m.: Welfare Check

A couple had a disagreement and the girlfriend threatened suicide, after which the boyfriend reported the incident. *Checks OK.*

Thursday, Jan. 29

1:40 p.m.: Shoplifting

Suspect attempted to steal over \$100 worth of merchandise from the UCSD Bookstore. *Report Taken.*

2:18 p.m.: Information

A parked vehicle was found in 1 Miramar Parking Structure with a window broken out. The owner of the vehicle was not available. *Information only.*

11:57 a.m.: Disturbance

Report received of person tossing eggs from the ninth floor of Tioga Hall. *Information Only.*

— SIDDHARTH ATRE
Photography Editor

Findings Will Facilitate Development Of Zone-Specific Treatments

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with the neuron membrane.

According to Dr. Tsigelny, the study required long simulations of molecular dynamics, and the use of the supercomputers was necessary to show each conformation of the asyn protein possible in a relatively shorter amount of time.

"The supercomputer was especially helpful in shortening the amount of time to enumerate all the possible conformations of asyn," Tsigelny told the UCSD Guardian.

Tsigelny and his team were then able to find hidden patterns within the conformational changes of asyn as it interacted with these zones.

While asyn binding was found to be limited within Zones 1-4, pen-

etration with Zone 2 occurred more frequently with the mutations of the protein. It seemed that most of the mutations of asyn changed the shape of the protein so that its binding to the neuron membrane at this site was increased.

The study showed that asyn contacting the neuron membrane in this particular site immediately and deeply penetrated it. The binding does not become toxic to the cell until more asyn bind, which then leads to the polymerization of a ring structures, like pores, in the membrane that allows for an unmediated influx of ions that ultimately destroy the cell.

Tsigelny added that the findings of the study are significant in that they will likely help future research-

ers target these zones, particularly Zone 2, when developing treatments for Parkinson's.

"Our study points to the asyn protein's specific use of zones, and that needs to be addressed," Tsigelny said. "We can help treat Parkinson's by focusing on the zones that were found to be binding most frequently."

Tsigelny and his fellow researchers are now focusing on how smaller monomers of asyn stick together, and their search for possible treatments will include looking for molecules that create different conformations of asyn that are less inclined to stick together and form larger structures.

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EDITORIALS

Quality Over Quantity

New plans for healthcare focus on long-term positive outcomes for each individual patient, but which methods will be used to assess health remains unclear.

BY CHARU MEHRA OPINION EDITOR // ILLUSTRATION BY IRENE LUU



Last week, the Obama administration announced that it was planning to overhaul the way doctors are paid in America — specifically, to focus payment based on the quality of care given rather than the volume of patients seen and procedures performed. While there are some causes for concern, this proposed policy represents an important, positive shift in the way the American healthcare system works.

Changes in how doctors are paid have been in the works for a while, according to the Washington Post. Before the Affordable Care Act was implemented, insurance networks such as Blue Cross and Aetna were already trying to raise the numbers of payments to healthcare providers that place quality of care above volume in their work. There is no doubt that the trend will continue, with Aetna forecasting its proportion of value-based contracts to jump from 28 percent currently to 75 percent by 2020.

The biggest plus of this system will be a change in the way doctors are rewarded for hollow care. Vox reports that "most American doctors aren't paid on whether

they deliver ... improved health." Under the current system, a doctor's income is primarily dependent on performing a procedure or prescribing a test or scan. There isn't merit-based pay: The doctor will be paid regardless of the success of the procedure or whether it actually improves the patient's health. Obviously, there is a huge incentive to over-prescribe. This plan seeks to change that, especially because doing so will cut down on the approximately \$210 billion of wasteful healthcare spending that occurs in this country annually.

These are all good things. But the big question remains to be answered: How does one quantify improved health? A 2014 study conducted by the Rand Corporation and funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services asked exactly that and came up with an unsatisfactory answer. As the study says, "We still know very little about how best to design and implement [value-based payment] programs to achieve stated goals and what constitutes a successful program." The Washington Post also reported that the study, "which reviewed pay-for-performance models

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QUICK TAKES

AFTER THE PREVENTABLE OUTBREAK OF THE HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS VIRAL INFECTION MEASLES AT DISNEYLAND, PUBLIC AWARENESS FOCUSES ON THE PROBLEMATIC RATIONALE SURROUNDING ANTI-VACCINATION MOVEMENTS.

Irresponsible Movement of Anti-Vaxers Puts Children and Other Vulnerable Individuals At Risk

Anti-vaxers are like a cancer to American society, and they are responsible for putting hundreds of children at risk for measles. In 2014, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the United States experienced a record 644 cases of the measles in 27 states.

The recent Disneyland outbreak has put California on the spot and for good reason: This state is an embarrassment compared to the rest of the nation. Bloomberg.com ranked the state 39th in overall vaccination rates. Only 65.3 percent of California children get all shots recommended by the CDC. Much of the problem in Southern California is concentrated in middle-class and wealthy enclaves in Orange County, coastal San Diego County and on the coastal areas between San Luis Obispo and Malibu.

In contrast, Mississippi has the best vaccination rates in the country. At least 76 percent of children there receive every shot recommended by the CDC, likely due to a strict state law that makes it almost impossible for parents to exempt their children from vaccination.

The measles vaccine relies on a concept called "herd immunity." If a significant part of a population has been vaccinated, the vaccine will be able to protect those most at risk for the disease. However, vaccination rates must be high to achieve this. Even just 5 percent of the community forgoing vaccination can compromise this.

In 2013, measles accounted for 145,700 deaths worldwide, according to the World Health Organization. The CDC believes the recent outbreak in Disneyland originated overseas. In an increasingly globalized world, citizens should err on the side of caution and responsibly vaccinate their children.

— JORDAN UTLEY-THOMPSON
Staff Writer

Although Vaccinations Are Necessary and Important, The Process Deserves Critical Examination

The anti-vaccination movement is a clear example of how a legitimate concern turns into an irrational fear and an endangerment to society. There is no excuse for individuals not to vaccinate their children and protect them from the very diseases that vaccines have helped eradicate.

But believe it or not, there is a bright side to the germination of this fear. It forces people to scrutinize the facts presented to them. Although no significant scientific evidence has demonstrated that vaccines cause autism, it doesn't mean the vaccination process should not be examined more closely.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, by the time a baby reaches 15 months of age, she/he is recommended to have over 20 vaccines, sometimes receiving five within the same month. While some babies aren't affected by the number of vaccines they are given, injecting up to five forms of disease can be too much for a body weighing less than 25 pounds. Although, the CDC advises following the recommended schedule, parents do have the option of spreading out vaccinations over a longer period of time.

In addition, the Food and Drug Administration's regulations do not deter the pharmaceutical companies producing the medications and vaccines prescribed from seeking to maximize their profits. Therefore, it is important to recognize that the cost-saving measures these companies employ may not always be in the best interests of patients.

Even though it is safe to assume that medical professionals are not out to get us, it never hurts to have a more informed, balanced understanding of the treatments being conducted. Ultimately, individuals are responsible for their own health and the health of their children and, therefore, should not simply swallow what they are told by anyone, regardless of the letters at the end of their name or celebrity status.

— TINA BUTOIU
News Editor

Aftenposten TV Captures Injustice of Sweatshops

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Perhaps one of the saddest results of the new global economy is the human rights atrocities that are happening in the garment industry. We're talking about sweatshops, and they are very much a global issue. Although many consumers are already aware of the conditions that workers endure to make our clothes, it is not common for first-world citizens to take action. For one, the scale of the issue can be difficult to fully grasp without any real exposure.

However, one Norwegian media network, Aftenposten TV, decided to address the issue of comprehension head-on. They invited three teenage fashion bloggers from Norway to participate in a reality show that goes to Cambodia to visit the sweatshops where some of their garments are made. The series was called *Sweatshop, Deadly Fashion* and all five episodes can be watched online in their full form. We personally applaud the show for really making the three visitors live the same lives the workers do. During their short stay, the three bloggers shared a house — or shall we say a room — with one of the workers, and worked in the factory for a full day receiving a worker's pay, only to have to feed the entire cast of 9 people with the wages they earned.

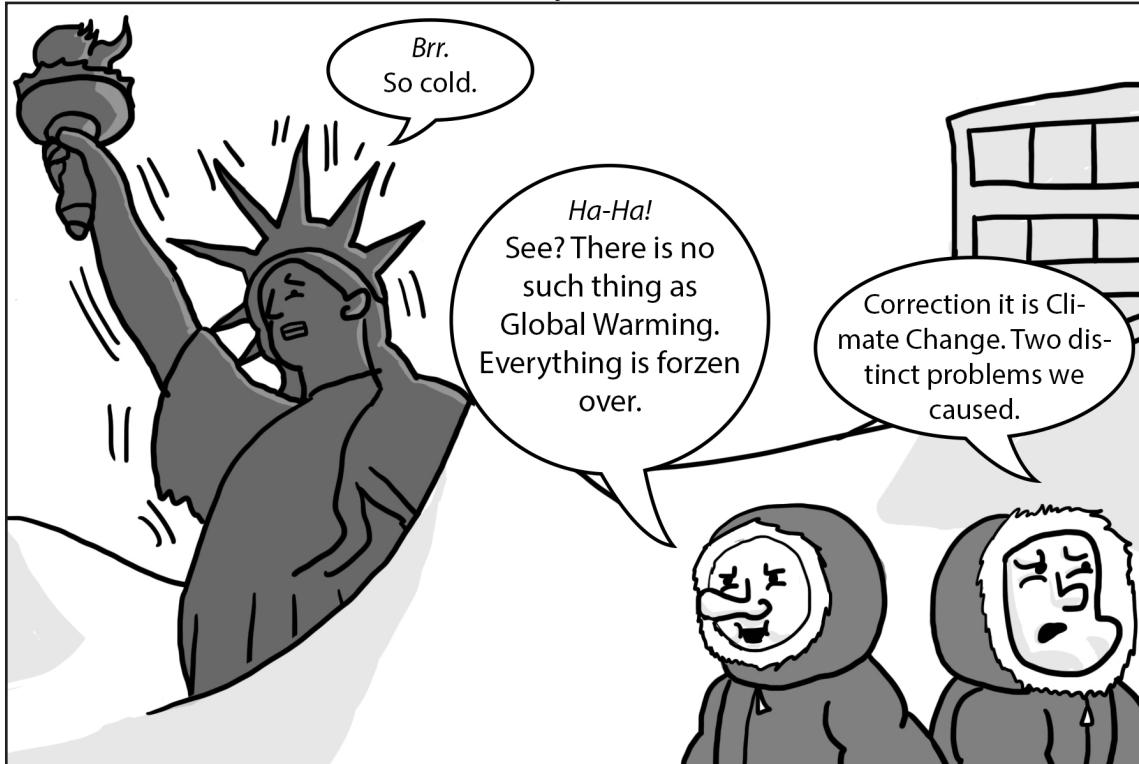
The show should really be praised for providing exposure to the issue of sweatshops. For one, it's a reality TV show on one of Norway's biggest media channels about a relatively taboo topic. Even in the show, they state the conditions seen were from the only factory that let them in and that the conditions in the off-limits factories were probably much worse. This commitment from Aftenposten to create such a show reflects a rare commitment from a developed country to try to give exposure to the struggles that garment workers go through. This exposure is continued further since all the participants were fashion bloggers, with one girl getting 10,000 hits on her blog daily. These young bloggers, through their many followers, have an unofficial voice that carries weight with it but are also not bound by contracts to corporations. Thus, they can very publicly call out huge brand names, like one participant of the show did with H&M, without major repercussions.

Exposure to the problem helps to bring consumers together to put pressure on brands. For example, take the United Students Against Sweatshops, a coalition of university students across the U.S. which demanded universities use brands that respect workers' rights. According to its website, the pressure succeeded, and several universities agreed to the Worker Rights Consortium, which is an independent organization that holds corporations accountable for violating workers' rights. USAS has also actively helped build several living wage factories.

What comes out of USAS is real action, but before reaching such a stage, a deeper and more passionate level of understanding was needed. This is why we are so glad the *Sweatshop* series was created. We can only hope that the outraged atmosphere resulting from the show inspires more consumer pressure so that more change-initiating communities like USAS are created. It's building those organizations that makes a difference. Until then, *Sweatshop* was a great but small first step.

WORLDFRONT WINDOW

By David Juarez

*Healthcare Changes May Hinder Smaller Businesses and Private Practices*

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implemented over the past decade, said improvements were 'typically modest' and often hard to evaluate."

When the Affordable Care Act was first introduced, the Obama administration was urged to push for merit-based pay. It didn't do so and instead put into place many smaller experimental rules, such as penalties for doctors if patients returned to the hospital after a procedure was done incorrectly the first time. It also created Accountable Care Organizations, "larger groups of doctors that band together and take a lump sum of money to care for a specific group of patients, much like what

the White House wants lots of providers to do under this new plan." At Vox's last count, there were 366 ACOs in various locations across the United States.

However, these experiments favored large healthcare systems and hospitals with many doctors under their wing. Smaller businesses and doctors with private practices could have a much harder time adapting to the system. There is also the issue of patients with chronic conditions and how doctors will be charged for the care afforded to those patients, some of whom might not show measurable improvements in health, if any.

These concerns, added to the fact that the Obama administration wants to institute

most of the changes by 2018, could lead to major difficulties in implementation, especially if there is a switch to a Republican-controlled White House in 2016. After the Affordable Care Act deployment debacle, this administration and the Democratic Party don't have the political capital to go through a similar spectacle yet again.

There is most certainly a need for the systemic changes that were outlined in last week's proposal. But perhaps it would be better for the country and the healthcare system as a whole if, this time, the major kinks are thoroughly ironed out and not brushed to the side in favor of an earlier rollout date.

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A Conversation with the UC Student Regents



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 - ◆ Collaborate with statewide student organizations
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 - ◆ Develop alternatives to current policies

Compiled by Tina Butoiu **News Editor** // Teiko Yakobson **Features Editor**
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The UCSD Guardian had a chance to catch up with current student Regent **Sadia Saifuddin**, a social welfare major from UC Berkeley, and student Regent-Designate **Abraham "Avi" Oved**, an economics major from UCLA. The two youngest members of the UC Board of Regents discussed their thoughts on current events at the UC system and finding ways to get more involved through their positions.

G

What do you think of the state becoming more involved in the affairs of the UC system?

SS

I think it is a political ploy to distract from the fact that the state has been disinvested from the University of California [system] over the past 20 years. I don't think it's very genuine, and I think it's just coming from a place of "Let's show that we care about the UC [system] by creating more issues from it" instead of thinking about how the state has been investing in the system historically and how [it] could be doing a better job.

G

How do you think Brown and Napolitano working together will impact students, particularly in terms of tuition for in-state and out-of-state students?

SS

It's hard to say because it hasn't happened yet. I think we'll have a better idea by the next regents meeting about what process they're going through, but they've been quite vague as to what their procedure is going to be, so we don't know at this point.

G

What are your thoughts on the recent tuition protests?

SS

I say, "Go for it." We need student power. We need student muscle to flex this time. There needs to be pressure both within and outside of the system, so students should make sure that they maintain that energy.

G

How do you plan on addressing students' concerns about tuition?

AO

We have a couple of different plans ahead. Saudi and I requested information from the state government relations office about what [its] trajectory in terms of advocacy is going to look like, and the information that they forwarded us was very underwhelming. We were very disappointed. So Saudi and I are going to go in, clean it up and really re-shape the trajectory of their advocacy efforts that they're going to have in the next five months, whether that's the talking points or working with different satellite campuses to make sure that we're not only doing district lobbying efforts but also statewide lobbying efforts, as well, and making sure that those efforts are going to be complementing the student efforts that have already been happening for months and months. That includes students, student groups and student group leaders from all 10 UC campuses. So we also want to shape that and make sure that it's a cohesive student movement going forward.

G

What do you think of the regents' decision to postpone the vote?

I think it's a bit performative. I don't think it's very genuine, and I don't think it's going to pass because it seems like an overwhelming number of regents on the board are in support of the tuition increase. So I'm not sure what rehashing that conversation is going to look like, whereas I think we should be focusing all of our efforts on the state.

SS

AO

This is a sentiment that we've shared in our presentations in terms of why we are in the situation that we're in, and I think that it's really important to recognize that there's a fundamental difference between the UC [system]'s vision for the UC [system] and the governor's vision for the UC [system], and that's why there's this huge funding discrepancy that we're seeing in the budget. With Gov. Brown's [funding proposals] it's obvious to all of us that he doesn't want to maintain the quality of education nor expand it or make it an affordable education for that matter either. So it's also making sure that people are starting to talk to each other rather than past each other.

G

What are your thoughts on UC Ventures? Can you tell us more on what's going on with that and how outside investors will affect UC policies?

SS

OK, so to clarify, outside investors are not affecting the UC [system]. UC Ventures is a \$250 million pool, and that pool is going to be going to any kind of UC-related venture project. So any kind of UC affiliate — it could be students or staff or faculty or researchers, any UC affiliate — can apply for that pool and that application will then be evaluated by an external committee that the UC [system] is hiring to look at how profitable some of those ventures are going to be, and then that will be funded. That pool of \$250 million is coming out of the endowment of the university and out of our portfolio because it's been identified that, even in the past year or two, there have been a number of very profitable companies that have been started by UC affiliates, and we missed that train in being able to make money off of them or encourage them and buy stocks off of those. So the investment committee's job is to make money for the UC [system], so it's not outside investors who are influencing UC policy. I think that may be a misunderstanding. It's more about creating a venture capital pool for students, staff or faculty or whoever is working on that specific project to be able to get funding from if they qualify.

G

What are some ways for student organizations to work with each other across campuses to accomplish their goals?

SS

Network. Reach out to people on other campuses that are doing similar work as yourself. Get involved in systemwide communities like [the UC Students Association]. Take advantage of systemwide opportunities because then you will get more exposure to those organizations and be able to network and strategize to do something bigger.

G

In regard to your presentation, what do you want students to know about being a regent? What kinds of qualities or experiences make students good candidates for the job?

AO

I think that the biggest takeaway for the both of us is that there is no prescription to becoming a student regent. I know that when I was applying, I was told that I didn't have the right experience — or enough of it — and that I wouldn't have a good chance at becoming a student regent because I was an undergrad. At the end of the day, there is no prescription; there is no cookie-cutter trajectory to become a student regent. At the end of the day, you only need to have passion, a vision and the skills to enact that vision. If you have that, then you are more than qualified to become a student regent, and that really is all you need. If you have that inkling, apply. It's an incredibly rewarding experience, and I think Saudi can speak to that.

SS

It has been a very steep learning curve the first year but definitely one of the most exhilarating rides of my life. I would say that, along with everything that Avi just said, having sincerity and a deep understanding of where you come from and why you want to do this work [is important for becoming a student regent] because that will drive you on the most difficult of days, when you have to wake up early and go to sleep late and get up and catch a flight in the morning at 6 a.m. The position is hard, and if you're looking for a line on the resume, there are easier ways. It's a challenge, and the best kinds of candidates are the ones that care about the work they do. They renew their commitment, and they renew their intentions for doing this work every single day.

HOW YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD

COMPETITION GIVES STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO TURN THEIR IDEAS INTO REALITY

Written by Sam Shapiro // Staff Writer

It's common for college students to want to change the world. Thanks to the University of San Diego Social Innovation Challenge, some lucky students in the San Diego area will actually get a chance to.

The Center of Peace and Commerce at USD is offering students the chance to submit their idea for a social enterprise into a competition among college-level students in San Diego. The prize? Up to \$75,000 in funding for their idea.

The project aims to help students "generate ideas for innovative ventures that respond to a social or environmental issue of their choice and compete for seed funding to launch or expand their ventures," their website explains.

While it was originally only offered to graduate students in USD's MBA program, SIC was made available to all USD students in subsequent years, and in 2014, for the first time, it is being opened up to students on all the university campuses across San Diego — UCSD included.

Since its start in 2011, the program has led to funding for a number of philanthropic startups. The first ever first-place finisher was USD student Tiffany Owen's project, "Clean California, Clean Haiti," which provided funding for volunteers to go door-to-door in La Jolla and recruit families to contribute their week's recycling to the volunteers who would, in turn, redeem it for cash. The cash proceeds were then put toward installing water purification systems in Haiti. Within a year, three of those systems were installed in Haiti as a result of the program.

Not all projects expand overseas. One of 2013's finalists (and a recipient of \$5,000 in funding) was the G.R.O.W.I.N.G. project, which sought to provide jobs for refugee farmers from Burma that are now living in San Diego. The money was used to provide the otherwise unemployable refugees with fertile land to grow produce native to their

home country which they could then sell at farmers' markets across the county.

This year's SIC has more funding than ever before. Fortunately for entrepreneurial UCSD students, there is now an opportunity for them to get in on the action. Here's how:

The application process consists of four rounds. In the first round, students must respond to a series of online questions (such as, who benefits most from your social innovation?) meant to give judges a detailed outline of the goals and scope of potential projects. If a student's project is chosen to become a semifinalist, then the student must submit a video (around two minutes) detailing the project and a more complete outline of the project. From there, finalists are selected, and they are given six minutes in front of a live panel of judges to pitch their idea. The final round, held on May 1 this year, is the award ceremony. Here, finalists have 90 seconds to pitch their project in front of another live audience.

Although many of the finalists from past years have had well-developed business plans with clearly defined expectations and results, the program is tailored to projects in all phases of development, with four distinct project entry categories. These categories range from define — which is the category for ideas that only exist on a conceptual level with little to no research done yet — to scale, the category for projects that have already succeeded and are looking for more funding to expand their footprint.

Even though the process may sound daunting, the \$75,000 in available funding provides students with a rare opportunity, as proven by last year's 114 submissions. This year promises an even bigger turnout due to the drastic increase in eligible participants.

Interested in joining in on the action? The deadline for submitting the Round 1 questions is Feb. 16 on the website listed below.

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Swim Ends Regular Season

Tritons win 10 of 14 total events on Saturday to defeat University of San Diego 162–93 at Canyonview Pool.



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BY BRANDON YU
SPORTS EDITOR

In its regular season finale, the No. 4 nationally ranked UCSD women's swim team defeated crosstown rival and Division-I opponent University of San Diego 162–93 at Canyonview Aquatic Center this past Saturday. The Tritons close out their 2015 schedule with a 9–3 record and now await conference championships.

Tritons took the top spot in 10 out of 14 events to improve their record against USD to a near flawless 12–1–1 over their last 14 meetings. Diving events were not held as the Toreros are without divers this season. Saturday was also USD's final meet, who closed out its campaign with a winless 0–6 record.

"Overall I thought it was a really solid performance as our last dual meet before conference," UCSD head coach Corrie Falcon said. "It's always good to have a win over a crosstown rival. That meet tends to be close, but this year our women really stepped it up another level and we were able to put a pretty big gap between the teams."

The younger Tritons ruled the day as sophomores Austine Lee and Jamie Bryan, along with freshmen Julia Toronczak and Stephanie Sin each took first-place victories.

"It's really encouraging when you have freshmen and sophomores that are taking a lot of the wins and on relays scoring a lot of points," Falcon told the UCSD Guardian. "It shows that our program is moving in the right direction, and we're not graduating a lot of our talent."

Lee finished the fastest in the 100 breaststroke with a time of 1:04.39 before recording a season best time of 23.95 in another win in the 50-freestyle race. Both of Lee's victories headed a full podium sweep for the Tritons. Toronczak also took home a pair of individual top finishes in both the 100 breaststroke (57.06) and 200 backstroke (2:05.19).

Sin won the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:53.03 while Bryan was first to touch the wall in the 200 breaststroke at 2:20.86. Toronczak and Bryan also earned a group victory with senior Jaclyn Amog and junior Colleen Daley in the 200 medley relay, turning in the fastest time at 1:45.36. Finishing behind in second was another UCSD group of Sin, Lee, freshman Jayna Wittenbrink and senior Eva Chen, who together turned in a time of 1:47.96.

Junior Maddy Huttner was also a winner, finishing first in the 200 individual medley at 2:06.44, over a full second faster than her previous season best.

In total, the Tritons turned in 14 NCAA consideration qualifying times in their domination of the struggling Toreros.

As Saturday's races served as the last meet at home, six Triton seniors took their final laps in Canyonview Pool, including five-time All-American Amog and co-captain Summer Bennett.

With an impressive regular season now in the books, the Triton women will join the men, who finished their last meet two weeks prior, in preparing for the postseason.

UCSD will first travel to La Mirada for the Pacific Collegiate Swimming and Diving Conference Championships held from Wednesday, Feb. 18 to Saturday, Feb. 21. The Tritons expect to take home their seventh straight league title before preparing for nationals, which will be held in mid-March in Indiana.

"We are really focusing 100 percent on conference [championships] because that is our opportunity to qualify for nationals," Falcon said. "So for the next couple of weeks we'll be building some rest into our workouts and really fine-tuning the details and making sure we're totally prepared physically and mentally."

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Women Will Return to Road This Friday

► W. BASKETBALL, from page 12 and a terrific 50 percent (9–18) from downtown. In an impressive defensive effort, the Tritons held their opponents to just 36.4 percent (24–66) shooting from the field.

"We've had a lot of new additions to the team, so it's pretty much just working with each other, seeing what works and helping each other out if someone is not having a great day," Bertsch said. "It's definitely a 100 percent team effort. We don't have a single superstar; we don't have somebody who is standing above the others and I think it's

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Men Are Tied for Second In CCAA Standings

► M. BASKETBALL, from page 12 With the two wins, the Tritons have won eight out of their last 10 games and are now tied with Cal State Stanislaus for second in the CCAA standings. However, UCSD faces a tough schedule ahead as six of the final eight games will be played on the road.

"Our approach is going to stay the same as it always is, which is just to get after it during the week, have a great

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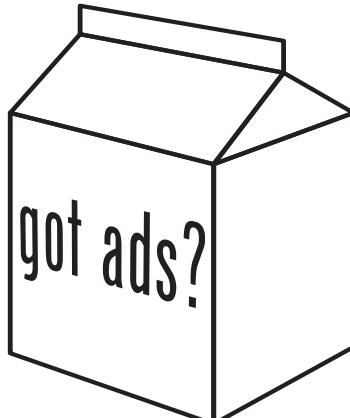
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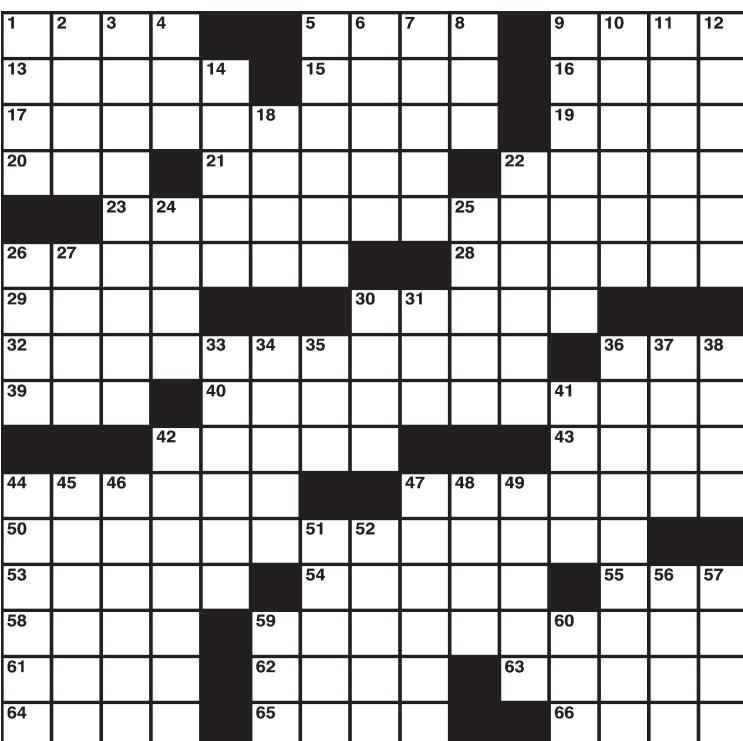
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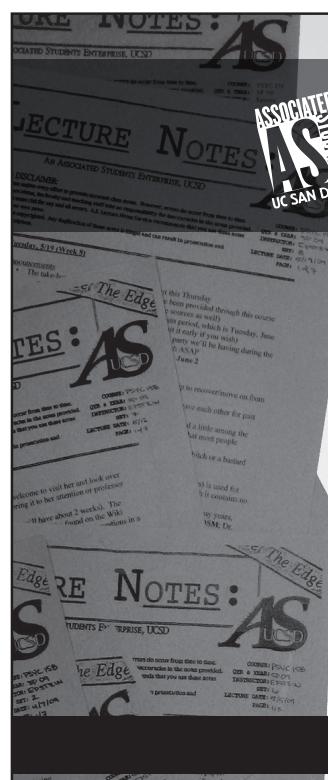
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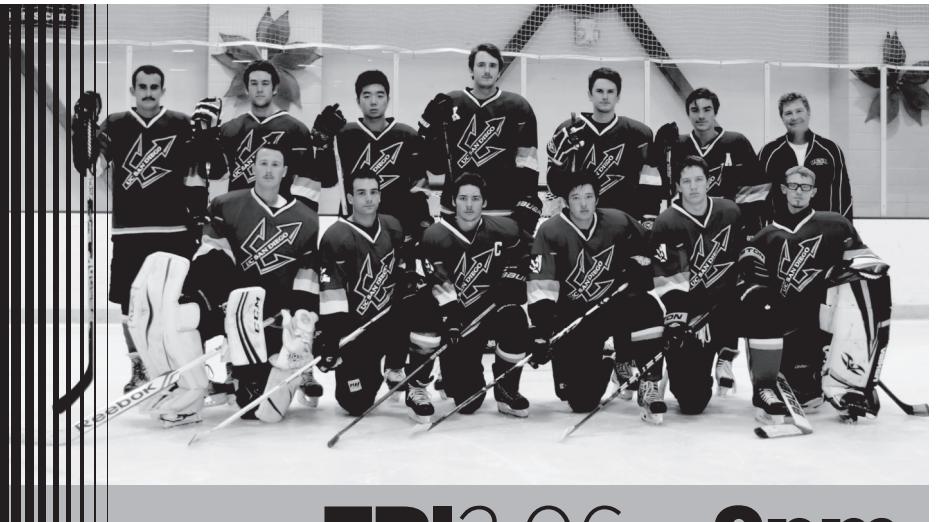
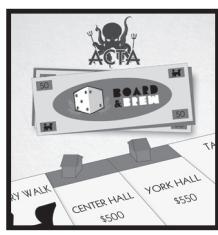
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MON 2.02
12pm
BLACK HISTORY MONTH OPENER - PRICE CENTER PLAZA

Black Student Union will be hosting the annual Black History Month Opener; welcoming UC students, faculty, staff and members of the community to gather together in celebrating the achievements, struggles and persistence of people of African descent through spoken-word poetry and musical performances.

7pm
MANDELA: LONG WALK TO FREEDOM - THE GREAT HALL AT I-HOUSE

The Global Forum at I-House will be having a free showing of the movie Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom. Starring Idris Elba and Naomie Harris, Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom is a chronicle of Nelson Mandela's life journey from his childhood in a rural village all the way through to his inauguration as the first democratically elected president of South Africa. We will also be serving free popcorn and drinks at this event.

THU 2.05
11am
MIDTERM MOVIE MARATHON - BLACK RESOURCE CENTER

Come relax, de-stress, unwind and have a laugh during midterms. Old school Black movies (from 80's-90's) will be on continuous play.

1pm
FREE SEXUAL HEALTH INFO SESSIONS - STUDENTS HEALTH SERVICES, RM 207

These FREE 50-minute sessions cover topics including birth control, sexually transmitted infections, safer sex, and more. Receive a free safer sex packet just for attending. No appointment necessary.

6pm
TRANSFER MIXER - CROSS-CULTURAL CENTER, COMUNIDAD

Join us for food and networking. Relax with other transfer students and destress from classes.

TUE 2.03
10am
STUDENT HEALTH ADVOCATES RECRUITMENT 2015 - STUDENTS HEALTH CONFERENCES, MURRAY'S CONF RM

Are you interested in providing health education to your peers? Do you want to develop your leadership skills? If so, then apply to the Student Health Advocate Program (SHA)! Applications will be distributed at the Information Sessions.

4pm
RAZA SI, GUERRA NO: MEMORIES OF CHICANO MORATORIUM - INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS, MALAMUD RM

Come meet and listen to Chicana & Chicano leaders that played instrumental roles in the creation of the National Chicano Moratorium Committee. The Moratorium was a coalition of several community organizations in East Los Angeles that addressed the impact of the military draft and the American war in Viet Nam. Our special guests will be Soledad "Chole" Alatorre, Gloria Arellanes, Katarina Davis, Irene Tovar and Rosario Munoz. Light refreshments will be provided.

FRI 2.06
11am
AN "EDUCATION" EDUCATION- SSC RM 400

Stop by SSC 400, grab some free popcorn, and learn more about the communities we serve. Education access and quality in the San Diego community varies radically based on many factors. In order to empower and support the students with whom we work, we must better understand the barriers placed in front of them and their schools. To that end, we'll be showing documentaries on education in the United States with emphasis on its relation to poverty and institutionalized classism and racism.

9pm
UCSD VS. SDSU ICE HOCKEY GAME - SAN DIEGO STATE

Undefeated UCSD ice hockey team will take on their local rivals for the first time in 5 years. Come to support your favorite team while jamming to the tunes of UCSD Pepband. Sitting is limited due to the large number of UCSD and SDSU fans attending. So make sure to grab your friends and come early.

WED 2.04
11am
ART AND SOUL: DIY VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS - THE ZONE

It's that time of year again, love is in the air! Celebrate Valentine's Day by making cards for your special someone at the Zone. Workshops are free; all supplies and materials are provided. Space is limited and first come, first served!

12pm
UCDC INFO SESSION: SOCIAL JUSTICE CAREERS IN WASHINGTON - WOMEN'S CENTER

Part of the event series "The Real World Career Series: Building Skills for a Diverse Interconnected Community," presented by the Career Services Center, the Cross-Cultural Center, the Ethnic Studies Department, the UCSD Women's Center, the UCSD Black Resource Center, the UCSD Raza Resource Center, and the LGBT Resource Center.

5pm
JAZZ IN PARIS GLOBAL SEMINAR - INTERNATIONAL CENTER OCEANIDS PAVILION

Interested in spending 5 weeks in Paris, France this summer? Come to our info session to learn more about program's courses and steps to apply!

SAT 2.07
11am
APSA'S 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT TALENT SHOW - PRICE CENTER WEST

This year, APSA is presenting the 20th Annual Benefit Talent Show! If you have talent that you wish to show off, come join our auditions to compete against other students on campus and throughout the San Diego area! APSA's Talent Show provides you with opportunities to perform alongside well-known artists ranging from David Choi to Wong Fu Productions etc.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

64-60



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Triton women escape with a 64–60 win over Cal State East Bay on Spirit Night before dominating Cal State Monterey Bay 73–56 on Saturday.

BY MARCUS THUILLIER // EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

A staggering attendance for Spirit Night at RIMAC Arena this past Friday witnessed the UCSD women's basketball team coming up on top 64–60 against fellow postseason contender Cal State East Bay (12–8 overall and 7–7 in the California Collegiate Athletics Association). The following night, the Tritons dominated from end to end and handed a 73–56 loss to Cal State Monterey Bay (4–15, 2–12 in CCAA standings).

The Tritons now hold an 11–8 overall record and a 9–5 record in CCAA play, possessing the fifth spot in the conference.

UCSD suffered a slow start on Friday evening and quickly trailed by seven after giving up two layups and a three pointer. The Tritons responded immediately, coming back to tie the score at 11 all with a little less than 10 minutes to play in the half. From then on, it was all Tritons for the rest of the half, as the home team outscored its opponent 26–10 and went into intermission holding a comfortable 40–23 advantage.

"After the first three or four minutes, I thought we were passive but we came out we had great energy," UCSD head coach Heidi VanDerveer said. "I think we did a great job to stay right with things for 40 minutes."

However, the second frame was a reminder that no game is won halfway through. East Bay came back and cut the deficit to make it a single-digit game, 55–47 with a little more than four minutes and 39 seconds to play. The Pioneers continued to inch closer through the half; the Tritons were barely clinging to a 60–57 lead with 22 seconds left in the game.

Junior guard Jamie Katuna then came up in the clutch, hitting the four free throws that

would eventually secure the UCSD victory, despite East Bay's efforts that cut the lead to 62–60 with only eight seconds remaining.

"I think the energy from the crowd was very helpful, especially towards the end when we were kind of losing our composure and they were making crazy shots," senior guard Miranda Seto said. "The crowd was just right there with us."

It was a tale of two halves for the Tritons, who shot an impressive 57.1 percent (16–28) from the field in the first period but fell to 23.1 percent (6–26) from the floor in the second half.

Hoever, Seto had a stellar night, finishing with 20 points on 55 percent (5–9) shooting while going 4–5 from three-point range. Junior forward Farrah Shokooh contributed with a team-best eight rebounds and also had 11 points. Katuna added 15 points off the bench in one of her best games of the season.

The Tritons only picked up their pace Saturday, pummeling Cal State Monterey Bay 73–56 in another CCAA contest.

UCSD started the game off well this time, jumping to an early 8–2 lead. However, the Tritons were not done, as three consecutive three-pointers gave them a dominant 24–6 advantage. Although the Otters cut the deficit to 12 points with nine minutes and 33 seconds remaining in the first half, UCSD still took an overwhelming 47–23 lead at the intermission after a senior forward McKennan Bertsch tip-in.

After halftime, the lead went up to 25 points after another three-pointer from the Tritons. Monterey Bay could never close the gap to under 18 points and UCSD cruised to a second straight win.

UCSD shot 50 percent (27–54) from the field

Strong second half propels UCSD to victory in front of jam-packed RIMAC Arena on Friday night, and Tritons dominate following day.

BY DANIEL SUNG // SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Despite having its six-game win streak snapped last week, the UCSD men's basketball team returned to the court this past Friday and Saturday without any sign of a setback, securing two home victories against Cal State East Bay (2–12) and Cal State Monterey Bay (1–13).

In front of a near-4,000 strong RIMAC Arena crowd in Friday's annual Spirit Night game, the Tritons were able to overcome their early shooting woes to run away with a 65–54 win against Cal State East Bay.

"Any time you get a full building and there's a ton of energy when you make a play, you can just feed off that and guys can get things going on a little run," UCSD head coach Eric Olen told the UCSD Athletics Department. "We were able to create a little separation, and the crowd was a big part of that."

Both teams struggled shooting early on. The Tritons converted on only three of 16 from three point land in the first half. East Bay put up similar numbers, shooting only 35 percent from the field on 5–12 from deep. However, it was UCSD who held a slight 22–21 edge going into intermission.

The Tritons wasted no time in the second half to make up for their earlier subpar shooting. The team's combination of defense and three-point baskets gave them a 16-point cushion with six minutes remaining in the game. UCSD shot significantly better in the second half, making 44 percent of its threes, while holding East Bay to only 9–26 from the field.

"We were a little more aggressive [in the second half]," Olen said. "We got a lot of the same looks. We felt like if we continued to get the same shots we did in the first half that we would certainly score enough points and that was the

case." Sophomore guard Adam Klie notched his first double-double as a Triton, scoring 12 points — nine of which came in the second period — and bringing down a career-best 11 rebounds.

Junior forward Hunter Walker finished with a game-high 17 points and also added four rebounds and a pair of assists to his statline. It was Walker's second straight game with 17 points and he now leads the team in scoring, averaging 12.6 points per game.

UCSD continued its hot shooting the following night, coasting by Cal State Monterey Bay in an 84–61 victory.

The home team started the first seven minutes of the game on a 10–0 run. The Tritons never trailed in the entire game, outscoring the Otters 43–21 in a dominant first half. Sophomore guard Jeff Van Dyke seemed to have found his stroke from the three point line, as the Carlsbad native scored all of his 15 points from deep.

Klie continued to perform on the offensive end. The reigning California Collegiate Athletics Association Freshman of the Year finished the game with 17 points on 72 percent shooting from the field.

Again, the team's ability to convert turnovers into three pointers was incredibly effective throughout the entire game. UCSD had eight steals and forced 11 Otter turnovers while only losing the ball themselves five times. At one point, the lead grew to as large as 30 in the second half.

"We talk about it every day in practice; what it comes down to is really just competing on the defensive end — getting down, getting stops and getting the rebounds," Klie said. "Then we can go out and do our thing on offense. When we do that, we have a lot of success."