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Scripps Pier will Undergo \$25 Million Renovation



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SHIP SHAPE

The UC system announced this week that it will contribute half of the estimated \$25 million needed to update the Nimitz Marine Facility in Point Loma. Above, ships dock at the pier, which is reportedly damaged and deteriorating.

BY ANDREW HUANG STAFF WRITER

UCSD and the UC Board of Regents have finalized plans to replace the Nimitz Marine Facility wharf at the Point Loma peninsula, a project set to cost \$25 million.

The UCSD Scripps Institution of Oceanography uses the nearly six-acre compound as the home base for four of its research vessels, capable of performing a wide range of administrative, technical and maintenance tasks. The Nimitz Marine Facility also hosts visiting ships from science institutions around the country as time and space permits, as well as the U.S. Navy’s Floating Instrument Platform, a manned spar buoy designed for oceanographic research. According to Scripps, the finger pier is 110 meters long while the quay

wall is 85 meters long and can service up to seven vessels at a time.

However, the pier has seriously deteriorated with age. At the current rate, heavy machinery and trucks will no longer be able to safely operate on the structure, as it can only support 20 percent of its original weight capacity. The Nimitz Marine Facility must resort to hiring shore-based cranes with a longer reach to load equipment and supplies onto the ocean-going vessels.

“I was on the job for maybe six months at the time, and I decided to take a walk underneath the pier [...] and I was shocked,” Scripps Associate Director Bruce Appelgate said. “The facility was

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

UCSD Pioneers New Surgery Method

New computer-assisted techniques will make knee operations more accurate.

BY JUSTINE LIANG STAFF WRITER

UCSD Health System became the first in the nation to use a device that improves surgical precision and accuracy. This FDA-approved iASSIST device, designed by Zimmer Holdings, Inc., enables the surgeon to verify each surgical step, reducing mechanical errors during complete knee replacements.

Approximately 600,000 total knee replacement procedures are performed in the United States every year. Knee surgeries require precise alignment in the knee, and the iASSIST computer navigation system is meant to improve surgical precision and accuracy, which will also effectively reduce the need for

revision surgery.

Dr. Francis Gonzalez, a member of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery, believes the new surgery will benefit patients.

“This device enables orthopedic surgeons to restore a patient’s normal alignment with precision in a reproducible fashion, decreasing revision surgery and providing a more natural feel of the implant for the patient,” Gonzalez said to UCSD News.

Total knee replacement surgery has a higher failure rate when the knee is misaligned, according to Gonzalez. The iASSIST program will decrease the failure rate and improve efficiency, as aging population may require more surgeries.

Current robotic and computer-assisted systems are far less efficient and require a large computer monitor in the operating room. However, this new device is only two inches wide and is the only thing needed to aid surgeons during knee replacement surgery.

“The iASSIST system allows us to bypass additional imaging and still get a patient-specific knee,” Gonzalez said. “This technology is quite intuitive and adds accuracy and precision to our instruments, giving us the ability to restore mechanical alignment with all patients regardless of their deformity.”

Diana Mertrude, a retired nurse,

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UC SYSTEM

Calif. Students Applying for Financial Aid Set Record

Nearly 74 percent more students across the state applied for federal financial aid this year.

BY KAREN TO
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According to the U.S. Department of Education, 74 percent more California students are filing for federal financial aid this year through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

For the 2013–14 school year, around 60 percent of undergraduates at UCSD receive need-based financial aid. Another 45 percent receive Federal Pell Grants for low-income families.

Many four-year colleges are offering more grants and scholarships to students to help offset the costs of rising tuition fees for higher education.

UC Davis established the Aggie Grant Plan that is geared towards helping families with incomes within \$80,000 to \$120,000. At UC Berkeley, families with earnings of up to \$140,000 are now eligible for financial aid. Multiple scholarships are also offered to entering freshmen and continuing undergraduates at UCSD as well, that include the William Stout scholarship and the Alumni Leadership scholarship.

Another initiative known as the Middle Class scholarship was proposed by Assembly Speaker John A. Perez (D-Los Angeles) of California and was signed into effect by Gov. Jerry Brown on July 1, 2013.

The program is going to be phased in over the course of the next four years, beginning with the 2014–15 school year.

UCSD Financial Aid Director Ann Klein said she encourages students to take advantage of the Middle Class Scholarship that is devoting \$170 million to help students with tuition fees.

“It’s good news for students and families who can now qualify for this new scholarship to help pay a portion of their UC system wide tuition fees,” Klein said. “We anticipate this new program will help about 3,000 UCSD undergraduate students, bringing in approximately \$3.5 million in financial support next year, and it will continue to grow while the program is being phased in.”

The Middle Class scholarship was established in the hopes of making higher education more affordable for families with incomes within \$80,000 to \$150,000.

The amount of aid that each student will receive from this program is determined by the California Student Aid Commission. The award will be based on a sliding scale, covering from 10 to 39 of a student’s tuition fees. It will also consider any other publicly funded

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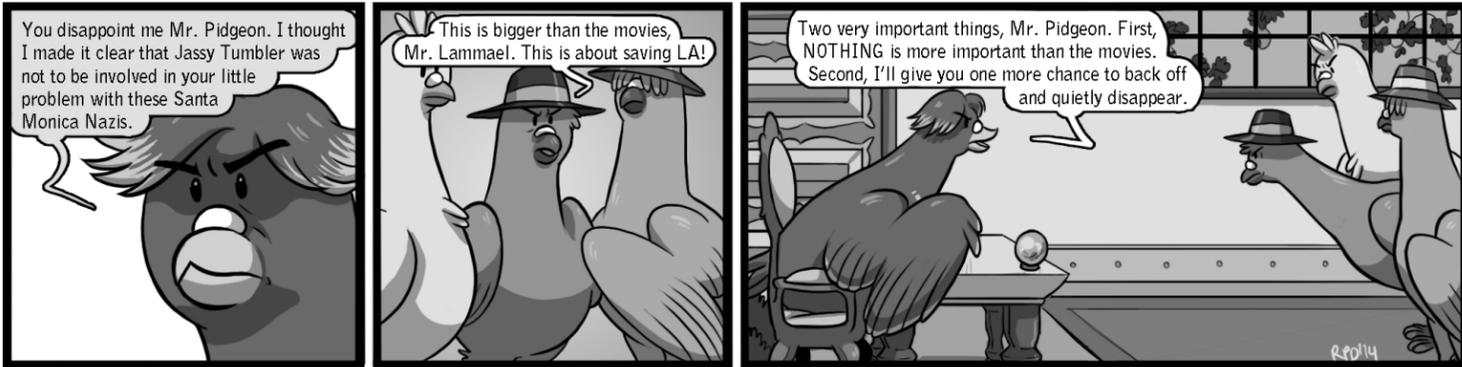
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BRIEFS

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SDPD Officer Resigns Amid Felony Charges

San Diego police officer Christopher Hays resigned from his job at the city department last Wednesday after being accused and charged with multiple felony and misdemeanor counts involving false imprisonment and sexual battery against five women.

According to Hays's attorney, Kerry Armstrong, the former officer continues to plead not guilty on all counts and is expressing disappointment in the police department's methods of investigation into the matter.

"He's not going to resign because he did anything wrong," Armstrong said in an interview with NBC San Diego. "He's extremely upset with the police department for not backing him in this case. It's really hurt him."

Hays faces a preliminary trial on April 22; he has current court orders to stay away from the four women alleging his sexual misconduct.

RAZA Resource Centro Appoints Director

UCSD Alumnus Dr. Gerardo Arellano was appointed as the first director of the campus Raza Resource Centro, a newly created community and support center for UCSD Chicano and Latino students, on Feb. 11.

Arellano previously served as a department member of American and Chicano studies at Cal State Fullerton and helped manage the Enhancing Postbaccalaureate Opportunities for Hispanic Students grant.

Interim Vice Chancellor for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Carol Padden announced the decision in a campus-wide release on Tuesday.

"Gerardo has extensive experience advising and collaborating with graduate and undergraduate student organizations," Padden said.

Swine Flu Cases Decrease

After a flu season that resulted in 43 deaths due to the pandemic swine flu strain this past year in San Diego, the

influenza activity is decreasing. The cases reported per week have lessened from 297 to 196, with the percentage of emergency room patients due to the flu also dwindling. The flu season typically ends in April, but vaccines are still offered for the H1N1 strain, a H3N1 strain and the influenza B strain. Positive means of flu prevention include getting vaccinated and simple hygiene, such as thorough hand washing and the use of hand sanitizer.

UCSD to Host James Avery Memorial

UCSD will host a memorial tribute for James Avery, a UCSD alumnus and an actor best known for his portrayal as Uncle Phil Banks in the television show "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air." Avery died on Dec. 31, 2013 due to complications from heart surgery. Avery was a Thurgood Marshall College student who graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in theater and literature. He and his wife Barbara Avery, also a UCSD alumna, devel-

oped the James Avery Scholarship to support black students studying performing arts at UCSD. The memorial will take place on March 1 at 2 p.m. at the Mandell Weiss Forum and will feature friends of Avery and performers, including Daphne Maxwell Reid, who played Avery's television wife Vivian Banks on "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air."

CORRECTION

An article in the Feb. 20 issue of the Guardian about college councils failing amendments to the A.S. constitution incorrectly stated that Sixth College Student Council failed half of the amendments. They actually failed three out of seven amendments.

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

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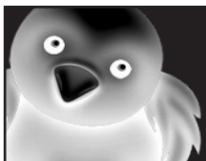
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LIGHTS & SIRENS

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

Friday, Feb. 14

3:54 p.m.: Disturbance, Psych Subject
A subject walking towards VA San Diego Hospital was talking to himself and making threats. Referred to other agency — VA Police.

5:25 p.m.: Welfare Check

Subjects were concerned about a roommate that was punching a wall in Brennan Hall.

Transported to hospital for evaluation.

6:57 p.m.: Medical Aid

The subject fell off a skateboard, possibly dislocating a knee.

Transported to hospital.

7:40 p.m.: Information

A suspicious sign claimed there was a bomb inside the John Hopkins Research Facility. Reported by San Diego Police — Checks OK.

Saturday, Feb. 15

12:24 a.m.: Citizen Contact

An assistant resident advisor smelled marijuana around Argo Hall. Unable to locate.

2:02 a.m.: Citizen Flagdown

An officer heard someone say that a female subject had fallen down a cliff at the Torrey Pines Gliderport.

Checks OK.

2:36 p.m.: Welfare Check

A subject in the Moores Cancer Center's lobby appeared depressed and disoriented and had possibly been drinking. Transported to hospital for evaluation.

Sunday, Feb. 16

2:51 a.m.: Reckless Driving: No Injuries

The driver was not drunk driving but was cited for traffic violations, and the passengers were cited for liquor law violations.

Closed by adult citation.

8:18 p.m.: Medical Aid

The subject experienced fatigue and vomiting in the Village East 2. Transported to hospital.

Monday, Feb. 17

2:23 a.m.: Quiet Hours Contact

Five students were cited for consuming alcohol in Harlan Hall. Closed by adult citation.

10:41 p.m.: Disturbance

Per San Diego Police, there was a report of a verbal argument between motorists with a possible gun involved. Unable to locate.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

12:05 a.m.: Noise Disturbance

Loud music was playing at the Village West Building 8. Will cooperate.

9:47 p.m.: Fire

A subject reportedly lit an unknown object on fire near the Sixth College Apartments. Student conduct referral given.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

10:01 p.m.: Lost Property

The subject noticed belongings left by a vehicle at Miramar Parking. Unable to locate.

Thursday, Feb. 20

9 a.m.: Disturbance

A disturbance between a construction worker and a bicyclist was reported near La Jolla Shores Drive. Information only.

12:08 p.m.: Information

Subjects complained of a UCSD student causing a continual disturbance at a campus office. Informational report taken.

4:20 p.m.: Information

Scripps security officials claimed there was a large gas leak at the Ximed Building, prompting an evacuation. Referred to other agency — San Diego Fire Department.

11:40 p.m.: Petty Theft

Suspicious persons were seen carrying a bag out of a construction site near Thornton Hospital. Unable to locate.

— ANDREW HUANG
Staff Writer

New Pier Will Be Built Taller to Account For Rising Sea Levels

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designed to last 40 to 50 years, and we had reached the engineering lifespan of the structure. There was exposed rebar and cracks in some of the support members. Ever since then, I've been trying to figure out the extent of the damage and what the cheapest way to keep operating was."

Bids from construction firms will be selected within the next month, with the project expected to proceed on April 1. According to a Feb. 16 Los Angeles Times article, the docks will be demolished and rebuilt close

to its current dimensions — albeit slightly higher to account for rising sea levels — in about 18 months. In the meantime, Scripps will likely use other wharves around San Diego to temporarily service its fleet.

The money for the project comes from a variety of sources. About half is funded by the UC system and a state waterways grant, while the rest comes from private agencies, like the Office of Naval Research.

"Our mission is to make it possible for scientists to have unencumbered access to the sea and to do it safely," Appelgate said. "The [renovations] will

restore our ability to do what we do best. It's critical that we do this now and have a new pier that will last us another 50 years."

The Nimitz Marine Facility assists with continual experiments in underwater acoustics, radar and environmental observation. Since 1905, Scripps itself has also hosted a wide range of investigative and educational programs focused not only on San Diego but at research centers around the world.

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Students Have Access to Middle Class and DREAM Act Aid

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grants in the student's aid package, as well.

Following the approval of Proposition 30, which raised sales and incomes taxes in 2012, tuition fees at the CSU and UC systems have remained at a flat rate for two years. Gov. Brown has asked institutions to continue the trend for a third year.

In addition, the state approved of another financial aid application

known as the Dream Act application in 2011 that was implemented last year to help undocumented students gain access to federal financial aid.

Officials are pushing to have students file for federal financial aid this year with the expansion of eligibility being made through the Middle Class scholarship and the Dream Act application.

The California Student Opportunity and Access Program Consortium is one of many organizations across the state that is

hosting "Cash for College" workshops to aid families in filling out the FAFSA. Cal-SOAP Consortium Director Monica Roberts urges the importance of filing for federal aid this year.

"More people should apply because more students potentially are going to be eligible this year than in the past," Roberts said in a Sacramento Bee article on Feb. 20.

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Patients Benefit From Decrease in Revision Surgery with iAssist

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who was one of the first patients at UCSD Health System, is an example of a successful surgery using this new device.

Arthritis is one of the leading causes for joint replacement surgeries, and the procedure involves replacing the damaged joint surfaces

with metal and plastic implants.

Due to arthritis, Mertrude felt pain in her left knee and sought a knee replacement. The surgery was a success — just three days after surgery, she was discharged and walked out of the hospital unaided.

Three months later, according to Mertrude, she was able to continue her passion for tennis.

She went on to have her right knee replaced and is looking forward to cross-country motorcycle riding with her friends and family this spring.

"The surgery truly improved my quality of life," said Mertrude.

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REAPPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID 2014-15

Priority Deadline for filing the FAFSA or
CAL Dream Act Application is:

MARCH 2, 2014

Students who are U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents can submit the FAFSA online at:

www.fafsa.gov

Use UCSD school code 001317.

OR Students who are AB540 eligible and who are not eligible to submit a FAFSA, can submit the California Dream Act Application at:

www.CalDreamAct.org

Use UCSD school code 001317.

If you have not yet completed your 2013 tax return, estimate the amounts and then update your estimates once your tax returns are filed. FAFSA filers can update using the IRS Data Retrieval tool via www.fafsa.gov. California Dream Act Application can update your estimates at www.CalDreamAct.org.

If you need assistance, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (858) 534-4480. UCSanDiego

OPINION

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Money Matters

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Minimum wage increases may compensate for inflation rates, but in order to effectively reduce poverty, government subsidies must also be implemented.



Poor college students desperately seek employment and usually have to depend on a notoriously low \$8-per-hour minimum wage that can't even pay for a movie ticket. Fortunately, they can breathe a little easier now, as President Obama finally delivered his promise on raising the minimum wage earlier this month. Obama signed an executive order increasing the minimum wage for federal employees from \$7.25 per hour to \$10.10 per hour in adjustment for inflation by 2015; Democrats are also proposing an ambitious \$12 wage by 2017. In the meantime, states are taking action on the same front. California plans to increase its state minimum wage from \$8 per hour to \$9 by July 1, 2014 and eventually up to \$10 by 2016. Ultimately, this will help the millions of employed Americans who still struggle to pay their bills

despite their hard work in minimum wage jobs.

The last federal minimum wage increase was in 2009 and was based on a reform bill passed in 2007; it has been seven years since Congress has touched the issue. Though a wage increase was long overdue at the time, excessive adjustment could have had a negative impact on economic growth. With the cost of living and inflation in the U.S. now on the rise, however, raising the minimum wage is crucial for people to be able to afford basic necessities.

While San Diego calls itself "America's Finest City," its cost of living is also one of the highest. The cost of living is 7 percent above the national average income with an average annual household expenditure of \$52,012. It

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Lack of Vaccination a Threat to Population

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With the flu season still going strong in the Northern Hemisphere, it's necessary for people to understand the paramount importance of vaccinations and immunization campaigns. Winter officially ends mid-March, but that does not mean the flu season is also nearing completion. According to a 31-year study by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 45 percent of flu seasons peaked in February, and 16 percent peaked in March. This means it's still prime time to contract and spread the flu.

We never think we're the one who's going to get sick, and on a national scale this mentality may lead to larger problems. According to a review from the non-profit groups Trust for America's Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, most American states receive a failing grade in their public health emergency plans. As a nation, we're completely unprepared for an infectious disease disaster — partly due to ignorance, sequestration and anti-vaccination campaigns.

Last week, the Obama administration announced a plan to improve the surveillance and treatment of infectious diseases over the next five years. Disease knows no borders, and it's important to take infectious disease seriously, as an outbreak in one community can have devastating consequences for its neighbors and across the globe. The 2003 SARS outbreak began in China and was covered up by federal authorities there, allowing infected airline passengers to carry the disease to dozens of other countries. The virus is reported to have killed 770 people and had devastating economic impacts in Asia and Canada. Infectious diseases cause widespread social disruption, affecting schools, hospitals, tourism and the workplace.

Despite the dangers of infectious disease, vaccine denial is still a huge problem — a study in pediatrics claimed vaccine denial contributed significantly to California's record-breaking whooping cough outbreak in 2010. Measles was thought to be eradicated but has made a comeback in recent years, likely because of pervasive anti-vaccine beliefs, says the CDC. During the 2008 San Diego measles outbreak, 60 percent of families chose to stay quarantined rather than have their children immunized and return to school. California parents can easily get immunization exemption for their kids if the vaccines go against their personal beliefs. This exemption and the ease at which it can be accessed gives anti-immunization campaigns more power and endangers the population.

Vaccines are not dangerous — they will not give you the flu, and the side effects are mild, if present at all. The Wakefield study correlating vaccines with autism was retracted and found to be an elaborate fraud. Some people aren't vaccinated simply because they can't bother. Only 12 states vaccinated at least half of their population for the seasonal flu in 2012 — the goal is 80 percent immunization to prevent the spread of infectious disease and protect vulnerable populations.

It's all of our responsibility to do our part in immunization campaigns, not just for our own health, but also for that of our neighbors. It's never too late to get a vaccination.

QUICK TAKES

HASBRO INC., A GLOBALLY BRANDED TOY COMPANY, HAS ANNOUNCED A PARTNERSHIP WITH TECH FIRM 3-D SYSTEMS, AIMED AT CREATING 3-D PLAY PRINTERS FOR CHILDREN EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED IN 2014.

3-D Printing Revolutionizes Medicine and Can Improve Personal Health

Critics of the Hasbro and 3-D Systems partnership fail to account for the production efficacy of such merchandise, the creativity that it promotes and, lastly, its unprecedented potential to redefine recreation. 3-D printing extends beyond leisure-based product development; its wide range of useful and progressive applications has made it a pivotal tool, specifically in the biomedical field.

Prototypes have already been employed in the creation of windpipes, hearing aids and low-cost prosthetics — and by the end of 2014, biotechnology firm Organovo plans to release the first 3-D printed liver. Accessibility to manufactured organs is a matter of serious public interest, as approximately 18 people die every day in the United States waiting for an organ transplant, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. About 120,000 Americans are on the organ waiting list and face the risk of incompatibility even in the case of a donation. With 3-D printing, however, organs are regenerated with a sample of the patient's own stem cells, eliminating any possibility of rejection. These products demonstrate their potential to save lives and improve global health.

Whether it's with toy parts or body parts, the new prototypical platform has broken barriers that manual production has long sustained. 3-D printing seeks to actively engage the consumer and should be supported for its potential to reinvent the current merchandising experience. Despite speculative negative responses, this new technology has revolutionized medicine, enhanced product development and given way to a world of innovative possibility.

— **MORGAN JONG**
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Printing Technology Marks a Move Toward Self-Sustainability

The experience of excitedly rushing home to assemble a new piece of furniture only to find out that one piece is missing is inconvenient and frustrating. Fortunately, this inconvenience now has a solution — 3-D printing. Not only does 3-D printing cater to individuals for personal use, it also has the potential to benefit entrepreneurs.

3-D printing has great potential to expand DIY technology. According to the Huffington Post, 3-D printers are capable of making things like chocolate, guitars and shoes — all can potentially be easily manufactured by small businesses or individuals.

3-D printing can also make production processes more viable and efficient by streamlining the process of prototype-making. According to Forbes, 3-D printers' efficiency saves time and money by allowing entrepreneurs to first print their prototypes at home and then send the information to manufacturing offices for a finished product. This process would significantly decrease the time that materials spend in transit, minimize labor expenditures and reduce environmental impact. This would allow relative independence from manufacturers in the initial design process. 3-D printing could thereby eliminate common problems that arise due to a lack of communication between designers and manufacturers, giving designers more freedom.

Commodities like instruments, prosthetics and clothing are only a few of the many possibilities that 3-D printing will be able to provide. With further development and accessibility, 3-D printing has the potential to bridge the gap between DIY and professional manufacturing.

— **SHANNON KANG**
 Staff Writer

Unconventional Manufacturing Threatens Quality and Product Safety

The concept of 3-D printing is undoubtedly interesting, but the developing technology has introduced a whole new set of societal health and safety risks. The open, do-it-yourself nature of 3-D printing holds no one responsible for product regulations, but dangerously gives users the opportunity to create virtually anything with downloaded blueprints from the Internet.

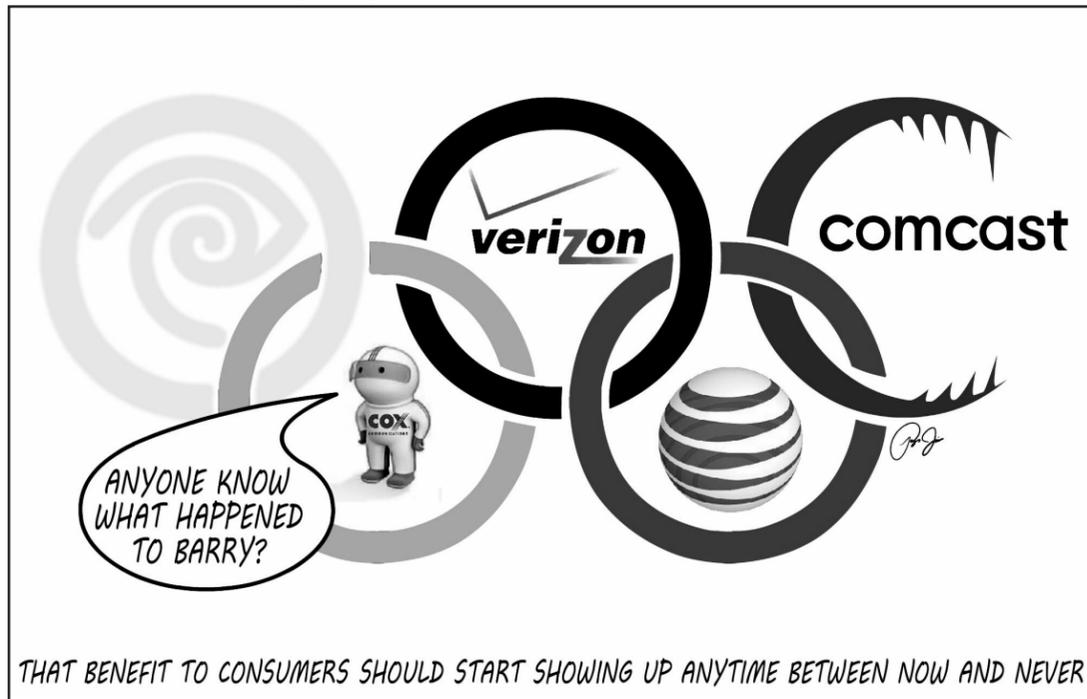
Hasbro may be willing to introduce 3-D printing technology in its line of children's toys, but for justifiable reasons, not everyone is on board. According to The Guardian, Mattel and Lego have both released statements against allowing consumers to print their own versions of Hot Wheels racecars and Lego bricks at home. Because these toys are intended to be used by children, safety and durability tests are held at utmost importance; printed toys are just not viable replacements for the manufactured toys that require quality and performance tests before hitting store shelves.

3-D printers will also allow owners to create lethal weapons overnight. In May 2013, Defense Distributed founder Cody Wilson released prints for the Liberator, the world's first 3-D-printed gun, which is made of plastic and can go undetected by any metal security detector. Recognizing the risk, the U.S. Department of State pulled the prints from Wilson's website two days after their release. But according to Forbes, the Liberator already had well over 100,000 downloads before it was removed.

3-D printing has offered positive contributions but at a hefty price. At the end of the day, maintaining public safety must be prioritized before 3-D printers become commonplace in every home.

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SOLVE FOR X By Philip Jia



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Minimum Wage Increase Should Be Accompanied by Federal Initiatives to Reduce Burden on Businesses

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would take an hourly wage of \$27 per hour for a family of four to make ends meet. The White House also admitted that even a minimum wage of \$9 is far from meeting the present cost of living, since this only restores America's inflation-adjusted value to where it was in 1981. The current minimum wage laws are insufficient to meet the basic needs of the people, and it is imperative to adjust wage according to inflation rates.

Raising the federal minimum wage is not only beneficial to college students' and low-income families' short-term finances, but will also help stimulate the economy on a broader scale. A 2011 Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago study

showed that a \$1-increase in minimum wage would stimulate consumer spending by \$2,800 a year in households with minimum wage earners. In addition, the Economic Policy Institute estimated that a minimum wage hike would pump \$21 billion into the economy. With more money in their pockets, low-income families would be more likely to make additional discretionary purchases alongside daily necessities like food, clothing and shelter. The capital used to increase minimum wage would eventually cycle back to businesses in the form of consumer spending and help boost the economy.

However, caution should be exercised. Dramatically adjusting or rapidly increasing the minimum wage might curb job growth

and be impractical to enforce. The Congressional Budget Office projected that a wage of \$10 per hour would reduce total employment by about 500,000 workers, as businesses seek to avoid the costs associated with higher-wage workers. Additionally, economist Milton Friedman called raising the minimum wage a form of discrimination against low-skilled workers. In a competitive market, any increase in labor cost would require budget cuts to compensate, and often, the first to lose jobs would be the least skilled. If the private sector cannot keep up with the increasing labor cost demanded by law, a minimum wage increase could become counterproductive to its original intent.

Essentially, the key to relieving poverty and increasing the standard

of living lies with both the public and private sectors. Government-financed solutions, such as tax credits or wage subsidies, could succeed as complementary programs to take the full burden off businesses. In a 2011 study conducted by economists David Neumark and William Wascher, a higher minimum wage, along with federal Earned Income Tax Credit, would increase both employment and earnings for single women with children. However, Congress rejected such suggestions because it would put a strain on the federal budget. This decision is troubling, as federally mandating higher wages and placing the burden of financing on private business owners is somewhat hypocritical. Efforts from both sectors are needed to produce a comprehensive

solution through a combination of sensible minimum wage increases and federal subsidization.

As the movement for a higher minimum wage grows in scale, the magnitude of wage raise must ultimately only be determined after careful scrutiny. A sensible minimum wage to compensate for inflation will benefit both Americans and the national economy, but overly increasing or rapidly adjusting minimum wage level could have negative repercussions on job growth. Both the public and private sectors must share the burden of relieving poverty and take accountability for their role in society.

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UCSD *IN A SNAP*

BY SOUMYA KURNOOL // EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

The creator of UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions talks about his newest Facebook page, UCSD Snaps, which shares students' snapchats with the campus community.

A bra hanging on a tree and a penis drawn in the sand — these are just two of the many images posted on the UCSD Snaps Facebook page, which was launched on Feb. 6 by an anonymous UCSD senior, who, for the purposes of this article, will be referred to as “John Smith.” Smith also founded the popular UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions pages. In fact, Smith started UCSD Snaps at the suggestion of a girl on the Confessions page.

Sophomore Isabel D’Elia posted a link to the NYU Snaps page on Feb. 5, saying, “UCSD desperately needs this!!!!”

Smith responded through the UCSD Confessions account a day later and said, “you mean this?” Below was the link to the newly created UCSD Snaps.

“I started UCSD Snaps [to foster] unity and social collaboration [at UCSD],” Smith said. “Collaboration leads to perspective, which leads to innovation. Some of the biggest inventions and platforms, such as Facebook and Snapchat, were based on collaboration.”

Unlike UCSD Memes, where Smith primarily generates the majority of the memes himself, UCSD Snaps is fueled by student submissions. Students either send photos through Facebook messages to the page or send them over through Snapchat to the username UCSDSNAPS.

Most pictures received are posted, except for those that Smith deems as showing illicit activities or those which people message him about with legitimate concerns. Smith also tries to avoid pictures that are too personal, usually those which show people’s faces. He makes certain exceptions, though.

“Sleeping in class is fair game,” Smith said.

Common themes in the received snaps include Geisel, numerous references to weed, though Smith does not post these, food and scenic views. Some of the most popular snaps include one snap of a student with an orange peel in his mouth, saying, “This is more fun than hum reading.” Another is a picture of a Peet’s Coffee & Tea sign which says, “You haven’t had enough coffee until you can thread

a sewing machine while it’s running.” Another snap showed black birds, possibly vultures, circling in the cloudy sky. The caption reads, “Something died. My GPA.”

The page, which has almost 2,000 likes and 250 posted snaps at the moment, is still ramping up; Smith receives about 30 snaps through the Snapchat account a day. At this point, UCSD has a long way to go before it achieves the success of UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions, which have nearly 9,000 and 10,000 likes, respectively.

“One thing I really like [about UCSD Snaps] is that it’s like a ticker,” Smith said. “It’s like the news; I have updates. One morning, I got like seven snaps talking about how foggy it was. By the time I got to campus, it wasn’t foggy, but without [UCSD Snaps], I wouldn’t have known it was foggy. It’s like having a lot of eyes watching out for things.”

The snaps that he’s received so far, along with the posts he has overseen on the UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions pages, have helped Smith to gain a better understanding of the UCSD campus.

“Our campus is very diverse,” he said. “I get snaps that represent all sorts of people. I get snapshots of people that I wouldn’t get otherwise without being their friend. I get to peek inside their lives.”

As Smith is graduating this year, he hopes to maintain the pages he started from a distance with help from a team of students that is already helping him to run UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions. However, in taking a more backseat position in the management of the pages, Smith feels he will lose his unique connection with UCSD.

“If I don’t run the pages, I won’t be as in tune with UCSD,” Smith said. “Sure, I can read The Guardian. Sure, I can go on [UCSD Snaps, UCSD Memes and UCSD Confessions] later, but I’m not getting the raw version. I’m getting the filtered version, because usually only half the snaps get posted. I wouldn’t be able to see UCSD in its ‘rawness’ — stripped down.”

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Breaking into the Business

UCSD alumnus Brian Grassadonia speaks about how his experiences at UCSD led him to his current executive position at mobile payments company Square, Inc.

BY SYDNEY RECK
ASSOCIATE FEATURES EDITOR

When he first came to college, UCSD alumnus Brian Grassadonia thought he wanted to be a mechanical engineer. But after discovering his passion for business three years into his undergraduate career, Grassadonia began pursuing a degree in Management Science and is now Director of Product at Square, Inc. Square, named for the company's small square device that plugs into phones and tablets to enable electronic exchanges of money, is a financial service built on the idea that monetary transactions should be as easy as possible.



BRIAN GRASSADONIA

Grassadonia, who graduated from Revelle College in 2006, describes his experience at UCSD as an opportunity to hone in on the exact kind of "thinking outside the box" that he uses at Square today.

"Back when I was in school, I was always really interested in the internet space and startup technology companies," Grassadonia said.

According to him, UCSD didn't offer many opportunities for students interested in business finance, so Grassadonia had to seek alternative options in order to break into the industry. He applies many of the same principles in his job now, creating new innovations such as Square Cash.

Grassadonia is the co-creator and current head of Square Cash, an app which allows for person-to-person money transfers through email. The app acts as a free intermediary to which people link their accounts after carbon copying cash@square.com and allows users to transfer up

to \$2,500 a month. It has received generally positive feedback from the public since its launch in October 2013. A review by www.cnet.com editors gave the app four out of five stars, claiming, "There's no better way to send cash to someone."

Surrounding himself with co-workers who embody success, Grassadonia says, is a key way to stimulate his own advancement in projects like Square Cash.

"The amazing thing about [my job] is that, for me, it's a platform to do my best work," he said. "We have world-class engineers, designers, product managers — world-class people across the board. I've found that putting myself in situations where there are people who are going to push the boundaries [...] is really going to help me."

The most important aspect of a successful career to Grassadonia, however, is a lesson he learned in following his true passion. He believes that choosing the career path you love is the most important way to be successful.

"Don't settle," he said. "It can be scary when you're in college, and you're at the end of your fourth year, and you know you have to get a job out of school, and you're worried about the trajectory you're going to be on. I saw a lot of people settle for that first job. Career progression has compounding effects ... Make sure you're focused on doing the things that make you happy, not just [choosing] the major that's going to make your parents happy."

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Building Blocks for Student Housing

A UCSD campus founder of OnMyBlock, a website and app that aims to improve the search for off-campus housing, discusses the company's social referral process and upcoming launch.

BY RAQUEL CALDERON
STAFF WRITER

As spring quarter approaches, a fraction of Tritons will begin searching for off-campus housing. They will likely turn to UCSD's off-campus housing directory, Craigslist or random housing ads. However, Corey Breier, UCSD's lead campus founder of OnMyBlock — an online service and mobile app designed to ease the process of moving off campus — believes there's a better avenue to finding college housing.

"The social referral process works if you get lucky and put a lot of work into it [or] are well-connected," he said. "But there's no reason there should not be a platform for it."

OMB, which will launch tomorrow, Feb. 25, aims to become the one-stop shop for off-campus housing for students. Students can use the iOS app or website to search for housing and read past tenant reviews.

OMB was founded by USD alumnus Morgan Schwanke, who used to sublease the homes of friends that were studying abroad to other students. He saw that students were constantly on the move and wanted to address this issue through his platform, which allows users to tailor their housing searches to find leases as short as three months.

"A lot of apartment leases are for one year [even if] you [only] want it for nine months because you don't need it for the summer," Brier said.

With OMB, users can start by choosing the college they attend and then adjust their search based on neighborhood, number of bathrooms and bedrooms and availability. But OMB is more than just a search tool; it allows users to write reviews of the places they've lived at, bringing the social aspect of college housing online.

"You as a student are looking for a place that is friendly towards students ... Maybe you're looking for a quieter place or [maybe] a louder place where you can host parties ... The reviews from past students who have lived there will help you make a more informed choice towards your next house."

Students repelled by the faceless nature of Craigslist may find more confidence in OMB's tenant feedback and a feature called a "fact sheet" that summarizes a listings' perks.

"Craigslist is just a name and a number, whereas, with [OMB], you will definitely have a rough picture of that person you are going to live with... and you will have students [giving feedback]," Breier said.

The true test will come after the platform has cultivated a large enough following for listings to have regular reviews. It is, after all, this aspect that is supposed to set OMB apart from other options.

The OMB team has a lot plans for its future: launching an Android app, integrating student reviews of nearby stores and restaurants, enabling bidding on popular listings and creating "Facebook-style" roommate profiles. To bring the rental experience full circle, OMB also wants to give users the ability to sign their lease right on their phone or laptop.

OMB is flying on Library Walk on March 2 and hopes to increase awareness of their service among students. While OMB doesn't tell students everything they need to know about moving off campus — you need to buy real dishes — it may be an organized start to finding a temporary place to call home.

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Tritons Have Two More Games to Secure Tournament Berth

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"He's been huge for us and he was obviously huge for us tonight," Olen said. "When he's aggressive, and that's the kind of way he's developed throughout the year, you can see him getting more and more comfortable. You can see him starting to be more aggressive and attacking the basket."

Sophomore center Zach McMillan made his return from injury after missing six games, playing five minutes and grabbing a rebound. McMillan leads the team in rebounding at 6.1 per game. "He brings depth to us, especially inside," Olen said. "We're playing some guards inside right now because we've been limited with injuries. Zach brings a toughness, a physicality, a defensive presence."

The following night, UCSD failed to repeat its impressive shooting performance, as Sonoma State bested the Tritons in UCSD's last home game of the season. Senior guards James

McCann, Matt Bailey and MacKenzie McCullough were honored before the game. With McCullough out for the season due to an ACL injury and McMillan still returning to form, the Tritons' biggest weakness against the Seawolves was their lack of size. Sonoma State's senior forwards Steve Lackey, 6 feet 7 inches, and Justin Herold, 6 feet 8 inches, took advantage of the gap down low, allowing the Seawolves to out-rebound the Tritons 37-26 while also outscoring 26-16 in the paint. A barrage of Sonoma State three-pointers in the first half gave the Seawolves a 10-point lead.

The Tritons never led after the 13-minute mark in the first half. McCann and sophomore forward Drew Dyer were the only two Tritons to finish the game in double digits, scoring 20 points and 19 points, respectively. With only two games remaining in the season, the Tritons sit with a 10-10 record, still struggling for that sixth and final spot

for the postseason tournament. The Tritons will play at Cal State Los Angeles (11-9) next Friday and at Cal State Dominguez Hills (4-16) next Saturday, games that will determine the teams that will contend for the CCAA Championship. UCSD won both matchups earlier in the season.

Meanwhile, San Francisco State will host Cal State East Bay (4-16) and Cal State Monterey Bay (7-13). The Gators are 6-3 at home this season.

"Anything can happen once we get into March and that's just the way basketball is," Klie said when asked about the remaining stretch of the season. "We're trying to put ourselves in that position right now and we'll see what happens when we get there. I think this team can go a long way. We're a special team and we know if we bring it every night we can beat anybody, anytime."

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UCSD to End Season Against CSU Los Angeles, Dominguez Hills

► **W. BASKETBALL**, from page 12

"I think [Erin's] a winner," VanDerveer said. "[Erin] competes and battles, and she's capable. You should pencil in a double-double for [her] about every night, and I thought she really set the tone for our team tonight."

The Tritons also found significant help from the bench as freshman forward Cassie MacLeod continued to impress, racking up 16 points as second best for UCSD on Friday night.

UCSD played its final home game of the season against last-place Sonoma State the following day, defeating the Seawolves 62-47. A ceremony honoring the four senior Tritons (Erin Dautremont, Kim Manlangit, Rachel Marty and Megan Perry) preceded the contest, which had 11 different Tritons convert.

VanDerveer spoke highly of her senior group.

"They're the keepers of a championship culture," VanDerveer said. "Workers win and winners work, and I think this group specifically is a testament to that."

Every Triton got playing time on senior night and together, UCSD restricted Sonoma State to just 25 percent (8-32) shooting from the field in the second half and out-rebounded the Seawolves 46 to 21 for the game.

While Sonoma State led early in the game, the Tritons gradually began to pull away midway through the first half, closing out the period with a significant 38-22 edge. For the second straight night, UCSD refused to give up the advantage in the second half and at one point led the Seawolves by as much as 24 points.

After another successful weekend,

UCSD hopes to build off its momentum to secure a spot in the postseason CCAA tournament in Ontario, Calif.

"I think we just take every possession, every game, at a time," VanDerveer said. "I think we're playing very well right now, and as long as we continue to improve every day, I like our chances."

The Tritons will finish off their season on the road, playing their final two games against Cal State Los Angeles on Friday, Feb. 28 and Cal State Dominguez Hills on Saturday, March 1. Both games will be crucial to their standing, as Cal State Los Angeles is third in the standings and the Tritons are tied with Dominguez Hills for fourth. Tip-off for the pair of games is slated for 5:30 p.m.

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball (0-15) Still in Search for First Victory

Cal State Northridge and Long Beach State both swept UCSD, which remains at the bottom of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation conference.

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The UCSD men's volleyball team extended one of the longest losing streaks in program history last week, losing to Cal State Northridge and Cal State Long Beach both in three sets on the road. With last week's losses, UCSD is now 0-14 overall and 0-13 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation series. On Wednesday night, the Tritons took on No. 15 Cal State Northridge in the Matadome, falling in three straight sets with scores of 25-20, 25-21 and 25-21.

Triton head coach Kevin Ring explained to the UCSD athletics department that going down early in the first two sets made it tough for them to get back in the match. The Tritons made runs in each of those first two sets but spotted Cal State Northridge too many early points.

UCSD hit 0.295 for the match but failed to sidestep effectively.

"For us to better challenge our opponents game by game we need to sidestep 68 percent and above," Ring said. "We got great production from Eric Barber as he hit 0.533. After a slow start, Mike Brunsting got going and finished with 12 kills. Mathew Schnitzer was strong in the middle as he hit 0.444. If we can get three to four players all putting up good numbers in the same set, we'll begin to win games and matches."

On Friday night, UCSD fought No. 6 nationally-ranked Cal State

Long Beach, an MPSF conference powerhouse. But the 49ers were too hot to handle for the Tritons who were swept again with scores of 11-25, 15-25 and 16-25.

"When you play a top caliber team you've got to keep your strengths as strengths," Ring said to the UCSD athletics department. "Tonight, I felt like Long Beach was able to pressure us into making uncharacteristic plays. As the season moves forward, we need improved consistency as well as a level of competitive maturity so we can bring out our best against the best."

Redshirt sophomore outside hitter Eric Barber — whose 10 kills against Northridge marked a career-high — continued to put up good, offensive numbers as he hit 0.294 with seven kills. Senior setter Mike Brunsting also hit 0.263 with nine kills, while Redshirt freshman middle blocker Mathew Schnitzer hit an impressive 0.556 with six kills.

The Tritons are back at RIMAC Arena this week to host Grand Canyon University, a non-conference opponent, on Friday, Feb. 28, before resuming MPSF play against UC Santa Barbara the following night.

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UCSD ASTHMA BLOOD DONOR STUDY:

Subjects aged 18-65 with current asthma symptoms to grass pollens needed for study requiring donation of blood, allergy skin testing, pulmonary function testing, and completion of allergy questionnaires. Will be reimbursed \$575 for completion of 5 clinic visit study over a 2 year period.

Contact Brianna, UCSD Airway Research Center
619-471-0822



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CAMPUS CALENDAR

2.24 - 3.02



WED 2.26 • 8pm
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Upcoming at 



BRAIN TWEET
Tuesday, Feb. 25
Doors: 7:30pm · Show: 8pm
The Loft · FREE



KEN ANDERSON & THE UCSD GOSPEL CHOIR
Thursday, Feb. 27
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JOE GARISON & NIGHT PEOPLE
Friday, Feb. 28
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LOCALS @ THE LOFT
Saturday, Mar. 01
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MON 2.24

2pm
ART & SOUL: DREAM CATCHERS – THE ZONE, PRICE CENTER PLAZA

Love dream catchers but don't know how to make them? Get crafty & learn how! Workshops are free; all supplies and materials provided. Space is limited and is first come, first served.

3pm
DISCOVER THE LAW: LEGALESE MADE EASY – PRICE CENTER, WARREN ROOM

Learning legal terms can be all fun and games in this playful workshop. Add a little legal jargon to your vocabulary and have a good time doing it. Prizes included! This workshop is part of the Student Legal Services 'Discover the Law' series. Attend a total of four eligible workshops to receive your Certificate of Achievement! Visit the Student Legal Services website for more information. Questions? Contact Student Legal Services

7pm
RADICAL, RELIGIOUS AND VIOLENT – BOOK TALK – GREAT HALL, I-HOUSE

How do radical religious sects run such deadly terrorist organizations? Hezbollah, Hamas, Lashkar-e-Taiba, and the Taliban all began as religious groups dedicated to piety and charity. Yet once they turned to violence, they became horribly potent, executing campaigns of terrorism deadlier than those of their secular rivals. Join IAG as we hear from Professor Eli Berman's approaches the question using the economics of organizations. Contact: iag.ucsd@gmail.com

TUE 2.25

10am
THE FITNESS ZONE: ZUMBA – THE ZONE, PRICE CENTER PLAZA

Experience the dance craze that's taking the fitness industry by storm! Zumba combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to put the FUN back in your workout. Fast and slow rhythms are combined for an aerobic and toning workout that confers the benefits of interval training. Lead by FitLife instructor Abby Villanueva. Contact: zone@ucsd.edu

3:30pm
TASTER TUESDAY – BEST RESTAURANTS IN SD – STUDENT SERVICES CENTER, ROOM 554

Are you a foodie? Looking for great restaurants to try around campus and within San Diego? Join the conversation and give us your input on San Diego's best places to eat! Food provided to all students that participate! Next week's topic: Best Restaurants in San Diego. Questions? Contact Shawn Fore, Outreach Coordinator, 858-822-6978. Contact: sfore@ucsd.edu

5:30pm
OPHD PRESENTS: THE BUTLER MOVIE SCREENING

In honor of Black History Month, OPHD will be hosting a movie screening of *The Butler* at Price Center Theater on Tuesday, February 25. OPHD's mission is to educate the entire UC San Diego community about issues of discrimination and harassment, and to assist with the prevention and resolution of these issues in a fair and responsible manner. The movie tells a story about a butler who worked in the White House and served eight American presidents over three decades. The film won a Hollywood Film Festival Award for best director of the year, Lee Daniel. This event is FREE for all UCSD Students. Contact: ucenmarketing@ucsd.edu

7pm
J STREET U PRESENTS: FORMER ISRAELI MOSSAD DIRECTOR, DANNY YATOM – INSTITUTE OF THE AMERICAS, MALAMUD ROOM

Join the former head of the Mossad, Israel's top security agency to learn why Israel's future and security is dependent on a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and why our voice is vital to the success of current peace negotiations. J Street U is a pro-Israeli, pro-Palestinian and pro-peace student organization that promotes US leadership in achieving a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

WED 2.26

1pm
DISCOVER THE LAW: SOCIAL MEDIA & THE LAW – PRICE CENTER WARREN ROOM

Social Media is a popular and rapidly expanding presence in our lives. Come learn about how decades-old laws are now applying to our use of social media, as well as brand new laws being legislated to address issues that arise from social media use. This workshop is part of the Student Legal Services 'Discover the Law' series. Attend a total of four eligible workshops to receive your Certificate of Achievement! Visit the Student Legal Services website for more information.

1pm
LGBT HEALTH DAY – LGBT RESOURCE CENTER

Stop by LGBT Health Day where you can experience a variety of fun and interactive stations such as free massage, Ask a Sexpert, Ask a Dietitian, and much more! Don't miss out on this FREE event. Questions? Contact Erica Okamura. Contact: eokamura@ucsd.edu

2pm
MISSION POSSIBLE – CELEBRATING WELLNESS – INTERNATIONAL CENTER LOUNGE

Coming to college involves learning new customs, systems, expectations, and sometimes a new language. Join the MISSION POSSIBLE SERIES to learn about campus wellness resources that promote social and physical well-being and relieve stress. This week we will be talking about healthy eating habits and taking a HIKE TO TORREY PINES. Sponsored by International Center, International House, and the Out of State & International Student Outreach Coordinators. FOOD, RESOURCES, AND RAFFLE PRIZES! Questions? Contact Shawn Fore, Outreach Coordinator, 858-822-6978. Contact: sfore@ucsd.edu. Website: <http://tinyurl.com/tpbtg6>

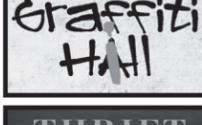
8pm
ARTPOWER! PRESENTS: FATOUMATA DIAWARA – PC EAST BALLROOM

Fatoumata Diawara is one of the latest breakout talents from a nation of star-studded musicians. Spinning elements of jazz and funk into a spare yet sensual folk-rock sound, she's been described as the next female African songwriter of significance. Between recording sessions, she's found time to perform onstage with Paul McCartney, the Roots, and collaborate on the Africa Express project. Student tickets only \$12 at the UCSD Box Office. Purchase online at boxoffice.ucsd.edu or call 858-523-8497. Website: <http://bit.ly/1aSRyfe>. Contact: moelark@ucsd.edu

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Wednesday, Feb. 26
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THU 2.27

5pm
DECONSTRUCTING THE WORLD OF COMICS – CCC, COMUNIDAD ROOM

Do you love comics, superheroes, and social justice? Perhaps you don't know much about any of these, but would like to learn. Well, you are in luck! Join us at the Cross Cultural Center as we deconstruct notions of gender, class, and race in the world of comic books. Explore the identities of your favorite characters through a social justice lens and share your own perspectives. Contact: smg006@ucsd.edu. Website: <http://tinyurl.com/lzyga9y>

6pm
EMPOWERED VOICES OPEN MIC NIGHT – WOMEN'S CENTER

Break the silence. Be heard. Be in community. Join us for a night of poetry, music, and other forms of expression. Share an original piece or something created by someone who inspires you. Everyone is welcome! Contact: women@ucsd.edu. Website: <http://women.ucsd.edu/vvvv>

8pm
PAUL DRESHER ENSEMBLE: SCHICK MACHINE – MANDEVILLE AUDITORIUM

In Schick Machine, UC San Diego faculty member and percussionist Steve Schick explores a magical stage filled with huge, invented instruments made by composer/instrument builder Paul Drescher—including the Hurdy Grande, the Tumbler, the Peacock, the Field of Flowers, and a deconstructed pipe organ. Weaving whimsical stories about his childhood in Iowa together with unexpected encounters with noise-making objects, Steve draws audiences into a whimsical evening of instrumental exploration.

FRI 2.28

10am
THE FITNESS ZONE: BODYWEIGHT BOOTCAMP – THE ZONE, PRICE CENTER PLAZA

A quick circuit training class utilizing your best training tool - your own body weight! This class is packed with weight training techniques and cardio intervals used by MMA trainers, P90X, and Insanity. Get your ultimate workout completed in 45 minutes or less! All levels welcome. Lead by FitLife instructor Stephanie Asiddao. Contact: zone@ucsd.edu. Website: <http://zone.ucsd.edu>

7:30pm
ICE SKATING EXTRAVAGANZA – SAN DIEGO ICE ARENA

Need a break from a stressful week? Want to have fun and meet new people while supporting a great cause? Join the Warren College Out-of-State and International Students and skate in collaboration with Alternative Breaks Motown! TICKETS: \$10 (includes renting ice skates). **Warren Students can purchase tickets at the Warren Student Affairs office in EBU3. Limited Transportation is available for \$5** All other tickets may be purchased through any AB Motown member! P.S. Did we mention there will be a SNOWBALL FIGHT at 9pm?? Be there and show us some of your moves on ice! San Diego Ice Arena: 11048 Ice Skate Place, San Diego, California 92126. Questions? Contact Denali Dahl. Contact: ddahl@ucsd.edu. Website: <http://tinyurl.com/m3mfr2h>

SAT 3.01

8am
APAMSA MEDICAL CONFERENCE – MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TELEMEDICINE

The School of Medicine will be hosting the APAMSA (Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association) Western Regional Conference for APAMSA members. This one day event will include special speakers, workshops, and information sessions. Any available admissions will be given on a first come first serve basis.

1pm
KSDT WINTER CONCERT – KSDT RADIO, ORIGINAL STUDENT CENTER

Come join KSDT staff and DJs for a night of free music, free games, and free pizza. Featuring students bands We Care and Uncle Jesse as well as local hype The Frights.

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SUN 3.02

5:30pm
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SPORTS

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UPCOMING UCSD GAMES

Women's Tennis 2/24 VS Cal State L.A.
 Men's Golf 2/25 AT Coyote Classic
 Softball 2/28 VS CSU Monterey Bay
 Baseball 2/28 VS Sonoma State
 Men's Volleyball 2/28 VS Grand Canyon



BASKETBALL

Senior Send-off

Eight senior Tritons played their final career home games at RIMAC Arena this past weekend.

Men's Basketball
 BY DANIEL SUNG
 EDITORIAL ASSISTANT

Women's Basketball
 BY BRANDON YU
 ASSOCIATE SPORTS EDITOR

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Men's Basketball Fights for Postseason Berth

The UCSD men's basketball team took one step closer to solidifying its position in the California Collegiate Athletic Association tournament after blowing out San Francisco State (10-10), scoring 76-51 on Friday before taking one step back, losing the following day to Sonoma State (5-15) by 76-58 in its final home game of the season.

UCSD is now tied with San Francisco State for the sixth and final CCAA tournament berth.

The Tritons' first basket against San Francisco State — a corner three sunk by freshman redshirt guard Aleks Lipovic — opened the floodgates for UCSD's perimeter shooters. The Tritons hit 17 three-pointers on 52 percent shooting from beyond the arc, seven of which came from Lipovic.

"It's a big part of our offense," UCSD head coach Eric Olen said when asked about their perimeter offense. "We have some guys that can shoot the ball and we have a point guard that can find them.

We really got it going tonight and sometimes that stuff is contagious."

The first half was close, as the Tritons struggled to stop the Gators, who shot 57 percent from the field. However, the Tritons' seven threes in the first half kept the game tight with the score 34-33 at intermission.

UCSD dominated the second half, as the Tritons stepped up defensively to shut down any offensive spark from the Gators. San Francisco was limited to just 13 percent shooting from the field in the second period and made only three field goals. UCSD also forced San Francisco to make 18 turnovers, which the Tritons converted for 15 points. The Tritons continued to shoot well, outscoring San Francisco State 43-17 in the second half and, at one point, hit three consecutive three-pointers to blow the game out.

Freshman guard Adam Klie scored a career-high 24 points. He also added five rebounds and two steals.

UCSD bid farewell to its senior Tritons with a pre-game ceremony on Saturday night.



Mackenzie McCullough
Forward



Rachel Marty
Guard



James McCann
Guard



Kim Manlangit
Guard



Matt Bailey
Guard



Stephanie Yano
Guard



Erin Dautremont
Forward



Megan Perry
Guard

Women's Basketball Sees Four Straight Wins

After a pair of road victories last week, the UCSD women's basketball returned to its home turf this weekend, winning against San Francisco State 74-69 on Friday and 62-47 against Sonoma State. With their four-game winning streak, the Tritons, now 12-8 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association, have freed themselves from a three-way tie for fifth and are now fighting for third place against Cal State Dominguez Hills and Cal State Los Angeles.

Only the top six teams will qualify for the postseason, but with only one game separating third place — UCSD, Cal State L.A. and Dominguez Hills — from sixth place Cal State East Bay, the Tritons will still need to finish out their regular season schedule strong.

On Friday evening, UCSD and San Francisco State — one of the teams previously tied with UCSD for fifth place — both shot well, going 46 percent (27-59) and 40 percent (24-60) from the

field respectively. The Tritons also drained 10 of 23 attempts from beyond the arc.

During the first half, both the Tritons and the Gators traded leads throughout, but UCSD closed out the period on top with a 38-34 advantage.

In the second half, the Tritons expanded their lead. Though the Gators put up a strong fight, the Tritons held on to their lead for the entire second period to ultimately pick up the win.

"It was a huge win," UCSD head coach Heidi VanDerveer said. "I think our team battled. We came in very prepared, and we know that every game is really important. They stepped up to a challenge and got a great win for our team."

Senior forward Erin Dautremont was UCSD's leading scorer for the second consecutive weekend. Dautremont has been red-hot as of late as she recorded her fifth double-double of the season (22 points, 10 rebounds), her second in only three games.

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2013-14 Men's Basketball Standings

| Team | Record |
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| 1. Cal State San Bernardino | 18-2 |
| 2. Cal Poly Pomona | 18-2 |
| 3. Chico State | 15-5 |
| 4. Cal State Stanislaus | 12-8 |
| 5. Cal State Los Angeles | 11-9 |
| 6. UC San Diego | 10-10 |
| 7. San Francisco State | 10-10 |
| 8. Cal State Monterey Bay | 7-13 |
| 9. Humboldt State | 6-14 |
| 10. Sonoma State | 5-15 |
| 11. Cal State East Bay | 4-16 |
| 12. Cal State Dominguez Hills | 4-16 |

2013-14 Women's Basketball Standings

| Team | Record |
|------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Cal Poly Pomona | 17-3 |
| 2. Chico State | 13-7 |
| 3. Cal State Dominguez Hills | 12-8 |
| 4. Cal State Los Angeles | 12-8 |
| 5. UC San Diego | 12-8 |
| 6. Cal State East Bay | 11-9 |
| 7. Cal State Stanislaus | 10-10 |
| 8. Humboldt State | 10-10 |
| 9. San Francisco State | 10-10 |
| 10. Cal State San Bernardino | 7-13 |
| 11. Cal State Monterey Bay | 3-17 |
| 12. Sonoma State | 3-17 |