

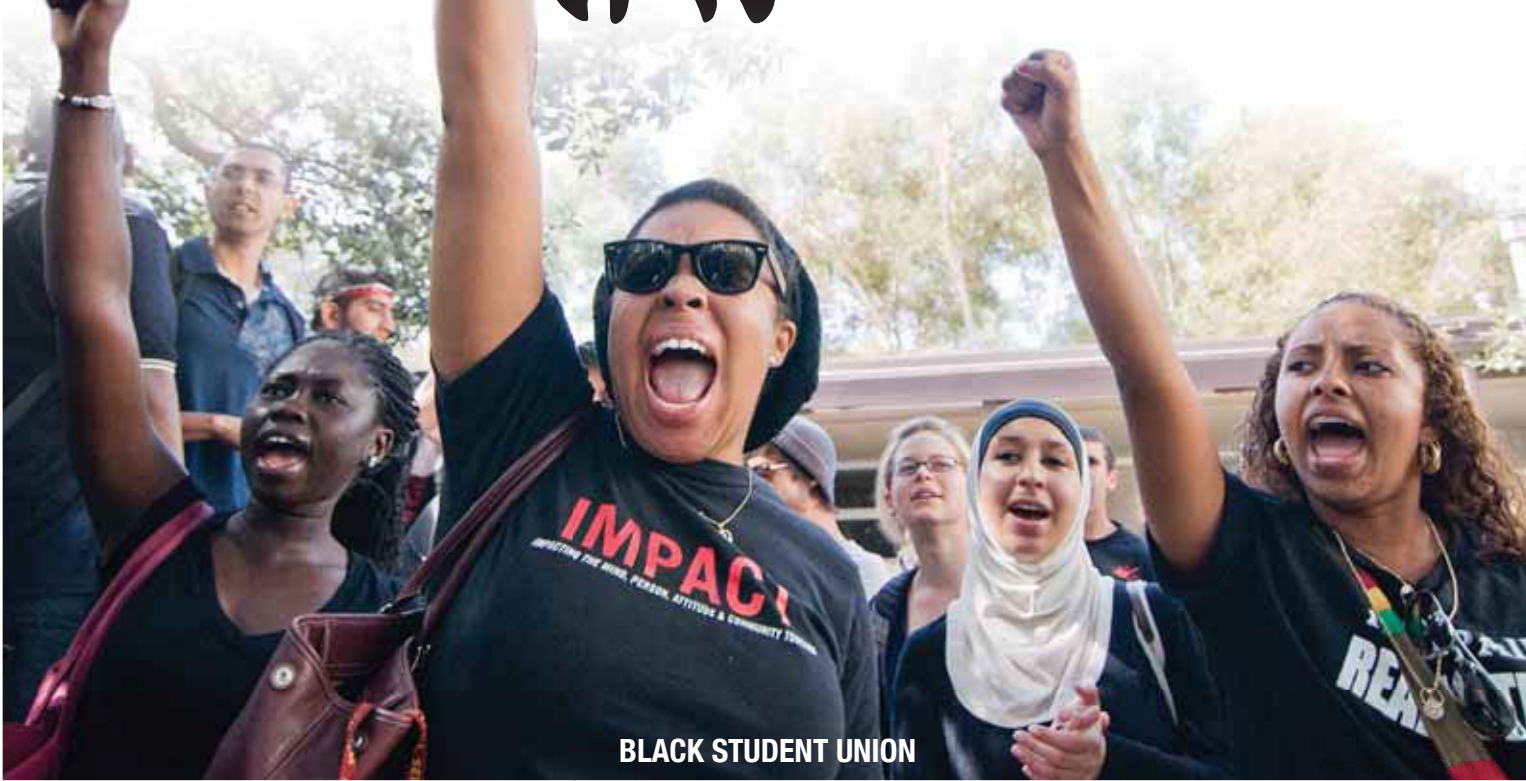
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## UCLA, UCI Offer Support to Protesters

By Hayley Bisceglia-Martin  
NEWS EDITOR

Activists at UC Irvine and UCLA have responded to three race-related incidents at UCSD over the last two weeks, holding demonstrations in support of black students at UCSD.

At around 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 24, a group of about 20 UCI students and employees barricaded themselves into the UCI administration building. One hour later, they issued a list of 15 demands including increased funding for the ethnic studies department — a request motivated by the recent events at UCSD.

“As evidenced so blatantly at UCSD this past week, black subjects are in an antagonistic position against the institution; this sentiment is reinforced by administration, and creates a safe space for anti-blackness,” they stated in the document.

Seventeen students and university employees were cited for unlawful assembly and refusal to disperse, leading to the protest’s breakup at 2:40 p.m.

Students at UCLA held their own sit-in on Feb. 26. Led by the Afrikan Student Union of UCLA, about 100 protesters occupied the office of UCLA Chancellor Gene Block and demanded that he pressure Fox into taking decisive action against racism at UCSD.

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# ‘SHUT IT DOWN’

Angry students take over the Chancellor’s Complex, awaiting a response to their demand that the university cease operations.

By Angela Chen  
NEWS EDITOR

Student protesters occupied the Chancellor’s Complex for over six hours on Friday, calling for administrators to shut down the university and respond to a list of demands issued one week before by the Black Student Union.

### OPINION

It’s not just their problem — it’s all of ours.

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The BSU altered their requests from the original 32 demands to a consolidated list. For example, the BSU no longer calls for a change to a holistic admissions system, but instead wants the current comprehensive review system to include additional points for first-generation students and those who attended schools in the fourth or fifth quintile.

The sit-in was in response to the discovery of a noose hanging from a light fixture on the seventh floor of Geisel Library on Feb. 25 — the latest in a string of racially charged events, including a “Compton Cookout” party held Feb. 15 and slurs aired on Student-Run Television Feb. 18.

According to a police bulletin e-mailed to all students and faculty Thursday night, the UCSD police received reports of a noose — historically used in black lynchings — at approximately 10:30 p.m. on Feb. 25. The incident is being treated as a crime with “intent to terrorize.”

Leaders of the BSU immediately planned a protest for the following morning at 8 a.m. The Library Walk rally drew approximately 300 participants, including speakers from BSU, the LGBT community and faculty.

Sociology professor Ivan Evans spoke heavily about the “special horror of lynching” and called for the students to take direct action.

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### ► GUEST COMMENTARY

## Noose in Geisel Was Not Intended As a Threat

By Anonymous  
UCSD STUDENT

I have a story that needs to be heard. I am the girl you’ve read about, the one who hung the noose in Geisel Library.

Firstly, I’m writing to apologize. I don’t have an excuse for what I did, and I deeply regret it.

Secondly, I’m writing to hopefully put a little bit of faith back into the UCSD campus by clarifying that it was not an act of racism. This is what happened.

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JOHN HANACEK/GUARDIAN

Students circled the chancellor’s office Friday morning to protest a noose found in Geisel Library, the latest in a string of racially charged events at UCSD.

## Under-21 Face New Credit-Card Restrictions

By Ayelet Bitton  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Students looking to add a shiny new card to their wallets will have to start buttering up their parents. The Credit Card Responsibility and Disclosure Act, effective Feb. 21, has placed new restrictions on credit-card companies, including a provision that requires all those under 21 to have a co-signer when opening a new line of credit.

The federal legislation aims to prevent credit-card companies from exploiting consumers. According to Gregory Cendana, president of the United States Students Association,

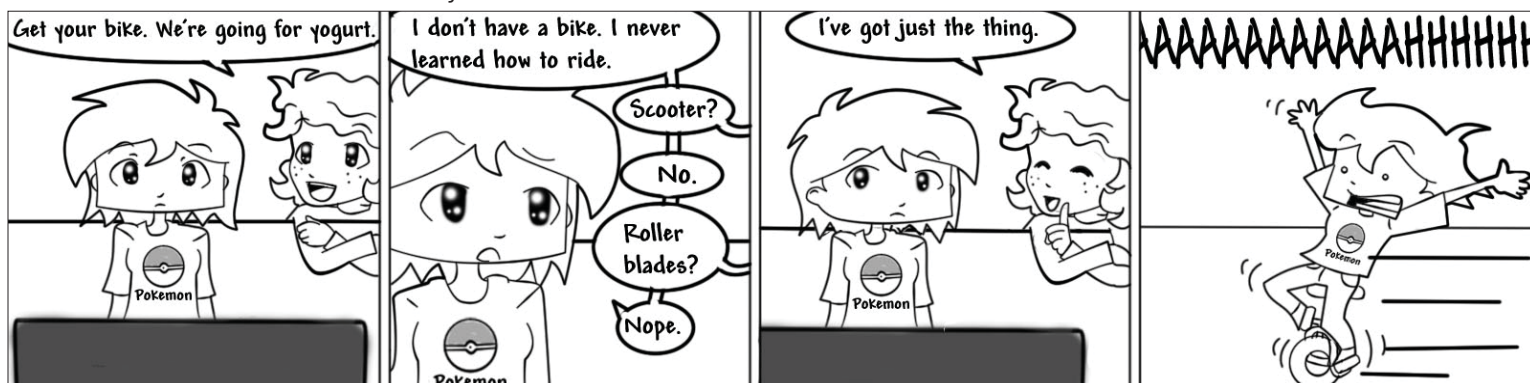
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# AS PER USUAL By Dami Lee



# TWO COKES SHORT By Sam Pelle



# Fox Meets With BSU, Refuses to Shut Down UCSD

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 “They have gone where they should not have gone, and I believe we should respond appropriately,” he said. “I don’t believe it is the chancellor’s role to shut the university down, and I believe it would be difficult for her to do so. I believe it is our role to do that.”  
 Campuswide Senator Desiree Prevo referenced the recent reaction from members of student media organizations to A.S. President Utsav Gupta’s funding freeze last Friday, a reaction to BSU requests to shut down controversial humor newspaper the *Koala*. Prevo said this was not a free-speech issue.  
 “The Bill of Rights, in which the free-speech document came from, was never meant to include my people — our people — so how do you expect me to respect free speech, when I was never supposed to have free speech?” Prevo asked.  
 Chancellor Marye Anne Fox emerged from the Chancellor’s Complex to speak to the crowd. She said all criminal violators would be punished.  
 Vice Chancellor of Resource and

Management Gary Matthews then came forward, revealing that a female student had confessed to hanging the noose around 9:30 a.m., and had turned in her two accomplices.  
 According to a letter to the *Guardian* from the student who hung the noose, the incident was “a mindless act and stupid mistake.” The student, whose identity has not been released, has been suspended for an indefinite period of time.  
 California Law AB 412, passed in August 2009, states that hanging a noose in a public area is a misdemeanor punishable up to a year in jail and a \$5,000 fine. However, the suspended student has not yet been taken into custody.  
 Protesters expressed their unhappiness with the administration reaction, and marched to the Chancellor’s Complex at noon.  
 Fox emerged once more to assure protesters that the university was taking action against hate on campus.  
 “I strongly condemn the offensive acts of hate and bias that have occurred over the past days,” Fox said. Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

Penny Rue echoed Fox’s sentiments. “You can’t imagine how pained we are over this,” she said. “We are heartsick.”  
 However, Fox made no mention of a campus shutdown, prompting protesters to pressure her to meet with the Academic Senate to determine if one was feasible. Meanwhile, demonstrators moved into Fox’s office to host an impromptu sit-in.  
 At approximately 2 p.m., the chancellor said she saw no reason for a shutdown, causing protesters to occupy her office until 5 p.m.  
 At 5:30 p.m., members of the BSU emerged from their meeting with Fox to announce that she had not adequately met their demands.  
 “They handed us over a bullshit-ass document,” BSU Vice Chair Fnnann Keflezighi said to the crowd after the meeting. “Basically, it said everything that we already knew, no concrete things on how they’re going to implement anything. They’re dumber than we thought they were — dumber than I thought they were.”

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# UCLA Protest Ends Peacefully

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 Block responded by reading a letter signed by UC President Mark Yudof and the other nine UC chancellors — including Fox — that condemned the acts of intolerance at UCSD.  
 “We will not allow the actions of a few to speak for this University,” the statement read. “We denounce them. We have a responsibility to speak out against activities that promote intolerance or undermine civil dialogue. As always, the remedy for bad speech is good speech.”  
 The ASU was moved to act when the BSU sent a letter to organizations at various UC campuses on Feb. 19, declaring a “state of emergency” at UCSD.  
 “Please stand on solidarity with our Brothers and Sisters from UCSD ... Our students at UCSD are being silenced and made uncomfortable,” the ASU said in a statement posted on their Web site.  
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### CRITICAL MASS

**Top Left:** A week of protests began with students from the UCSD School of Medicine supporting the BSU in the wake of the Feb. 15 "Compton Cookout."

**Left:** On Wednesday, over 500 students abandoned a teach-in hosted by administrators in favor of a student-organized "counter teach-in."

**Bottom:** The discovery of a noose in Geisel Library mobilized the BSU to hold an 8 a.m. protest on Friday morning. Students occupied the chancellor's office as BSU leaders waited for her to address their list of 32 demands.



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## BSU: Admin. Is Avoiding 'Real Action'

► **SIT-IN**, from page 2

According to the 11-page document responding to the BSU's original demands, the university will begin taking steps to create a permanent task force to increase diversity awareness on campus and fill the vacant program-coordinator position for the African-American Studies Minor. (The full text of this document can be found online at [www.battlehate.ucsd.edu/docs/implementation\\_of\\_demands.pdf](http://www.battlehate.ucsd.edu/docs/implementation_of_demands.pdf).)

Despite escalating racial tensions on campus, many demonstrators expressed the belief that the incident has created greater solidarity within the UCSD community.

"I came to the protest because I'm part of this community and this coalition," Muir College senior Indiana Rogers said. "These are people

that I know, and people that are being disgraced."

In addition, members of the Newman Center Catholic Community at UCSD planned to spread roses in Geisel Library at the site where the noose had been hung to show support for the BSU.

"We wanted to put something loving there instead of something so hateful," said Anita Bradford, a graduate student in the history department. "We wanted to show our support."

The BSU plans to mobilize again on March 1 at 10 a.m. on Library Walk, where they will continue to pressure the administration to adhere to their demands.

*Additional reporting by Regina Ip.*

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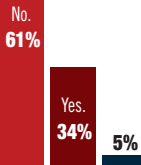


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# OPINION

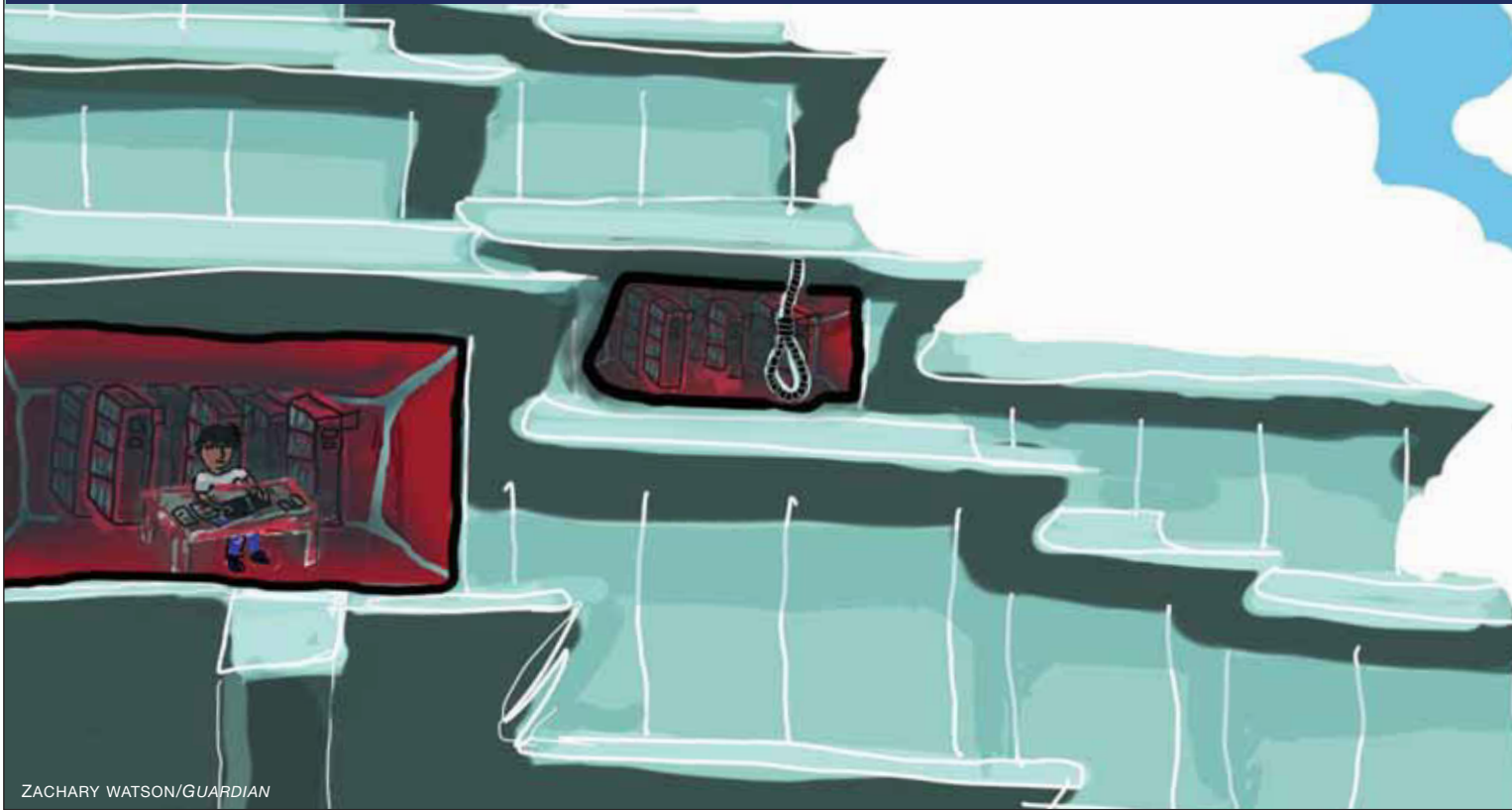
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## OUT OF CONTEXT

“I’m most touched by the fact that students who personally felt stereotyped are hurting.”

**PENNY RUE**  
Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs

## EDITORIAL



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## Look Up: You’re Part of the Problem

It’s hard to believe the “Compton Cookout” was only two weeks ago today. Two emotionally charged rallies and teach-ins later — snowballed by idiot moves from the *Koala* and an anonymous girl with a rope — racial tensions on campus have reached epic proportions.

When you Google “UCSD” and the first predictive text that comes up is “UCSD noose,” you know you’ve got a problem.

Interestingly enough, if each of the three racist incidents is considered in isolation, it becomes clear that a couple ignorant/unfeeling individuals with too much time on their hands have managed to set our campus up in flames.

Elliot Van Nostrand and his bros copied some Urban Dictionary definitions and tied them to Black History Month — a bad joke that was not theirs to make, of course, but one they somehow had little idea would appall the students it targeted. *Koala* Editor in Chief Kris Gregorian was undoubtedly more aware of the dagger he was throwing on Student-Run Television, but his clan has a long history of exploiting the right to hate speech, and it was only timing that gave one self-important ideologue this power to do real harm. (In addition, the cardboard scrap reading “Compton lynching” later found in

the studio is known to have been written as a joke prompt by a nonstudent standerby. Stupid.) Most recently, the female student who came forward for leaving a noose in Geisel Library claims it was out of clueless negligence; so whether or not she’s just playing dumb, the girl doesn’t seem to be out to get anybody.

Unfortunately, intent does not change the severity of effect — especially when the face ratio of non-black aggressors to the victims of their “joke” (who lack the luxury of finding it funny, or access to anything near as hurtful in the weapon cabinet of history with which to fight back) is 100 to one. Add a followup shitstorm of Internet commentary and gleeful side-picking, and it’s apparent why the “toxic environment” at UCSD has become so slimy.

As we can see, the danger is much larger than this motley crew of fire-starters. There may not be visible protests against the campus-diversifying demands of the Black Student Union, but a thunderous sentiment can be heard across Facebook threads and cafeteria whispers: The 20,000 students *not* marching in solidarity with the BSU are jumping to the defensive conclusion that black students’ demands are too dramatic, or that this is a simple issue of free speech, and all those hurt by racial

comments don’t have the right to not be offended.

No, the malicious gut feeling currently permeating UCSD cannot be blamed on three isolated flareups of ignorance, but on the blank stares they have unveiled and spiteful murmurs they have uncorked. Anyone who still thinks there is no racism at this school, after witnessing the righteous reaction of the general populous to the pain of the targeted few, with no concept of the inequality from birth between races in our country, should indeed be dragged kicking and screaming into the general-education requirements the BSU has proposed.

When a cornerstone of American society like the black population, whose presence at this university means exponentially more than its sparse percentage, feels so threatened as to not be able to enter their own library, it becomes all of our problem.

Let’s prioritize here. Yes, A.S. President Utsav Gupta breached the trust of all student publications on campus — not to mention the content-neutral principles of the First Amendment — by pulling media-org funding in the name of cutting off the *Koala*. And believe us, he will get what’s coming to him. But it’s important to separate that issue from the social justice the BSU is requesting; they are not asking for anyone else to

be silenced, and wouldn’t have that jurisdiction anyway. They are only asking for outreach and retention, so they can exist on campus with the critical strength that would give them a fighting chance to resist — or at least not feel crushed or attacked — when slurs conjuring the violent oppression of their ancestors are thrown around in the name of freedom.

With the exception of a few hundred students willing to trek out in support of the BSU at 8 a.m. — or at least become more educated on

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## Check Yo’ Fears Stateside: A Guide to Couch-Surfing

The prospect of sleeping on a stranger’s floor in a foreign country raises a number of questions: How many sweaty, unclothed travelers past have grazed this blanket? Should I run and find a hostel before it’s too late? Is it cool to borrow toothpaste?

How-to Guru knows firsthand that couch-surfing is a daunting activity.

### How-to Guru



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That’s why, armed with a summer’s worth of cramped necks and awkward breakfasts, the Guru is here to help.

Those first moments on the doorstep before an affirming “*wilkommen*” or “*bienvenidos*” present a huge opportunity for self-doubt. On my first surf, though, before there was any time to reconsider, the door opened and a tall, beaming hipster came out to hug me. Within five minutes, I was offered a joint, a beer and homemade pizza — I was hooked.

It’s hard to resist a strong German ale, but it’s still important to be discriminating. The first rule of cautious travel is this: Do your research. Read through your potential host’s profile on [www.couchsurfing.org](http://www.couchsurfing.org) before contacting him; a section featuring references from people who have either hosted or surfed with the

member will help you decide whose sofa is right for you. Though an online testimonial may not be a 100-percent guarantee that you’ll wake up with all your limbs and sleepwear intact, hardcore couch-surfers take their sport pretty seriously, and won’t vouch for someone for no reason.

Just to be safe, hit up several hosts at once — and never set out without a backup plan. The last thing you want is to find yourself alone in a foreign city with nowhere to crash. So even if all your couch-surfing prospects fall through — which is highly unlikely — it never hurts to have a hostel in mind.

Once you’ve finally taken the plunge and nestled your jetlagged ass

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### BSU Members Could Have Planted Noose

Dear Editor,

I know you’ve received numerous e-mails and calls about the recent discovery of the noose, and also word on future noose hangings. I know the racial tensions at UCSD are running very high right now, but I refuse to believe that this overt racism exists at UCSD, and I’m challenging the existing thought paradigm that the Black Student Union is being marginalized. Its voice is being heard — and excuse me if I’m wrong — but the noose found in Geisel Library on Thursday night “validates” BSU feelings of being threatened and gives it a bigger voice. So I wouldn’t rule out the intentional planting of the noose to provoke and escalate the issue in BSU’s favor.

This is more than a case of playing

devil’s advocate; I heard (in passing) members of BSU talking about a noose in the library after last night’s A.S. open forum meeting, which ended at 10 p.m. According to news reports, the noose was found midnight of the same night. How did they know about it before it happened, and why didn’t BSU mention this at the meeting if they knew about the noose in advance? I’m not making an unsubstantiated claim here — I even saw the same person in the original noose photo who was talking about it at the meeting.

—Mindy Kim  
UCSD alumna, 2008

### Before Getting Defensive, Try Some Empathy

Dear Editor,

We are mad at the system that

we feel has repressed us. We want to be free; we want to overcome; we want to win. But we cannot fight for freedom and peace, because the very nature of a fight precludes both freedom and peace — in fact, it perpetuates the cycle of oppression. It necessitates that one party prevails over another, and in that scenario, both sides feel threatened and react accordingly. Fighting against something merely serves to reinforce it. What is called for, then, what pounds in our hearts and brings us flocking together, is a yearning for awareness; a shift in consciousness.

Suss it out. On what level does the issue exist? Is it a matter of human emotion and how we choose to express our feelings? Is this warfare, or welfare?

Discrimination is supposed to be illegal, but how can we prosecute perception? We have arrived at the

reality of how people treat each other. This is about human rights and it’s inextricable from any other inconsideration committed by one person against another. Repression, crime and war are all symbolic of the isolation of the psyche, just as coming together to create a movement for positive change is symbolic of the connection of the soul.

Over the course of history we have won many battles — only to keep fighting. This is the human condition. We are all hurt. We’ve got to stop fighting and start feeling. To truly succeed in making a change, we must first cultivate a deeper awareness of the atmosphere we are creating ... We must infuse ourselves with compassion, understanding and acceptance. (This is the only state of mind in which we can actually LIVE, not just visit on the weekends.) Secret to destroying the enemy?

Love it to death. In the light of love, the enemy disappears. It is only our own shadows that prevents us from seeing each other and treating each other as equals. It’s a collective effort that must be taken personally; we can only be responsible for our own emotions and emissions. Keep an open heart.

—Gina Tang  
Student writer,  
Office of Student Wellness

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# A DROP FROM THE INKWELL By Priscilla Lázaro



## GUEST COMMENTARY

### 'This Was Not an Act of Racism'

► **NOOSE**, from page 1

I found a small piece of rope on the ground earlier in the day. While I was hanging out with my friends a bit later, we tried jump-roping with it and making it into a lasso. My friend then took the rope and tied it into a noose. I innocently marveled at his ability to tie a noose, without thinking of any of its connotations or the current racial climate at UCSD. I left soon after with one of my friends for Geisel to study, still carrying the rope. After a bit of studying I picked up the rope to play with, and ended up hanging it by my desk. It was a mindless act and stupid mistake. When I got up to leave, a couple hours later, I simply forgot about it. This was Tuesday night. Three days later, on Friday morning, I found out that the noose had been found and construed as another racist act

on campus. I felt so ashamed and embarrassed, and the first thing I did was call the campus police and confess. I was hoping to clarify that this was not an act of racism before the incident got a full reaction from the campus. I gave my statement around 9 a.m. They thanked me for coming forward and for trying to clear up the issue. Later, I received a campuswide e-mail saying that I confessed and had been taken into custody, which simply wasn't true. One thing that is true is that I have been suspended. I know what I did was offensive — regardless of my intentions — I am just trying to say I'm sorry. As a minority student who sympathizes with the students that have been affected by the recent issues on campus, I am distraught to know that I have unintentionally added to their pain.

*Editor's note: the Guardian has verified the author's authenticity.*

### A Cramped Neck to Remember

► **GURU**, from page 4

into a stranger's digs, the real fun begins. Couch-surfing is way more than a way to score free shelter — it's a way of life. Your hosts will generally be a young, open-minded crowd. Play your cards right, and they'll be eager to show you a night on the town.

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Always follow house rules. Don't overstay your welcome, and don't be that annoying little sister begging

your hosts to take you out every night — remember, these are people who, not unlike your freewheeling self, go to school and have jobs. And upon your departure, don't forget to give back in some way. This can mean cooking a meal, doing the dishes, fixing their bike or (if you really want to be invited back) buying them a bottle of wine. Hosts that can vouch for you make it much easier to earn invitations from all over the world.

Don't knock sleeping on borrowed ground 'til you've tried it. Your pillow might predate the Berlin Wall, but it'll be a more memorable night than you'd get at the Marriott.

*Special how-to requests? Contact the Guru at guru@ucsdguardian.org.*

### Timid Demands Never Got Anybody Anywhere

► **RACISM**, from page 4

the topic — the student body has responded with apathy. The noose was in the library for two days without anybody reporting it. And in many cases, apathy has even grown fangs. How is it necessary to start a group called "UCSD Students Outraged That People Are Outraged About the Compton Cookout" or "UCSD Students Against the Demands of the UCSD BSU"? Just because someone got it together before you to demand what they deserve from the university, you don't have to degrade one of the most necessary fights in our history — the civil-rights movement, which is not over by any means — by rattling off some uninformed babble about

basing treatment on academic merits, not the color of one's skin. If we existed in isolation of history, if we had all started in wigs with feather pens, there might be less of a need for this moment of solidarity. Just because our ancestors messed up the possibility of self-sustaining social justice doesn't mean we're free from the responsibility to recognize their shortcomings and do all we can to right that wrong.

Predictably, Chancellor Marye Anne Fox mostly avoided solid fiscal solutions to the BSU's bold list of demands in her Friday-afternoon address. But if the amount of drive they have shown so far is any indication, they will not stop until every proposed task force has made at least

one step toward strengthening their chances of survival on this campus. It may seem dramatic, but without the most extreme and comprehensive request to stabilize the black population on campus and educate the rest, toxic environments like this will remain possible, and extremists like the *Koala* will exist as a tool of marginalization instead of ridiculousness.

I know you didn't personally limit black opportunity in this country, but when you fail to recognize there is a problem, you become a part of it. So instead of wasting your time cutting down a people who have never received anything but the short end of the stick, let's show a little love and admiration.

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## QUICKTAKES

## Central Falls High School

### Mass Firing Won't Attract Fresh Talent

A Rhode Island school was the recent picture of upheaval, as 74 teachers and 19 staff members were fired due to the school's pitiful academic performance (its graduation rate is a meager 48 percent). The mass firing was a response to a failed reform attempt at Central Falls High School, ironically titled "The Turnaround Plan."

But with a sizable chunk of students siding with the teachers, it's doubtful any of them will react well to being taught by a whole new crop of vulnerable hires. The negative media attention can't be sending a good rallying message to potential applicants, either: "Want job security? Keep looking." The school's frigid location, massive dropout rate and dwindling resources make it a less-than-stellar place to work to say the least.

Punishing and rewarding teachers on a merit basis may seem a novel idea, but when it translates into huge firings, it discourages others from entering the field of education altogether — or, at the very least, to not bother sending an application to Central Falls High School. Applicants might as well save their time and apply to a school on the other side of town, where the graduation and turnover rates aren't so dismal and conflict is relegated to the football field.

—Neda Salamat  
STAFF WRITER

### Full Scale Firing is Counter Productive

The alarming Central High Falls School dropout statistics speak for themselves. But firing all 93 staff members isn't the solution to rectifying this educational nightmare.

The school's problem runs deeper than its faculty. With 63 percent of students qualifying for free lunches and 41 percent living in poverty, students are dropping out work full time.

The district is placing undue blame on the easiest scapegoat: teachers. Because when teens are dropping out of school to work full time, even the most inspiring educators can't keep them in their seats.

New employees will likely have less experience in the classroom, and even less experience in a classroom in which one in two students don't have hopes of crossing the stage.

Instead of skimming the surface of the issue, the district should be working toward a more comprehensive solution that takes into account the difficult lifestyle of the school's students. The district must make greater efforts to encourage and stress the importance of an education — not remove those who may have been the only positive role models in students' lives.

—Cheryl Hori  
ASSOCIATE OPINION EDITOR

### School District Forced to Desperate Measures

The recent firing of Central Falls High School's 74 teachers was obviously a risky move — but the school's abysmal graduation rate proves it was also a necessary one. When less than half the class is even graduating, it's a surefire indicator that a school must be reformed. In this case, the faculty dismissals were, in fact, the final option after multiple failed attempts at reform, including a request from the state to increase the faculty's workload (which the teachers' union vehemently denied). If one's job calls for overtime but the worker fails to perform, someone else who values the position more deserves to come in — and that's exactly the case for Central Falls High School.

In light of today's economy, when — regardless of lousy pay or demanding hours — it's more necessary than ever to cling to a job, there's sure to be a gaggle of resume-bearers in the principal's office ready to snatch up whatever position they can. The employed — and that includes the teachers at Central Falls High School — must be doing cartwheels to keep that paycheck coming back, whether they like it or not.

—Kelsey Marrujo  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

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## LIGHTS AND SIRENS

Friday, Feb. 19

12:28 a.m.: Trespass

▶ A student reported a strange male on her balcony at Bates hall. *Gone on arrival.*

2:42 a.m.: Discharging a firearm

▶ Two gunshots were fired around 12:35 a.m. near Goldberg Hall. *Unable to locate.*

8:03 a.m.: Grand theft

▶ A loss-prevention agent at the UCSD Bookstore requested to meet with an officer to give a report on "one that got away" with \$103 headphones. *Report taken.*

Saturday, Feb. 20

12:27 a.m.: Illegal parking

▶ A party bus was blocking traffic in the middle of the road by Lot 207.

1:25 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ A student on the fourth floor of Tioga Hall reported "sounds like furniture moving" were coming from the fifth floor. *Quiet on arrival.*

1:17 p.m.: Vehicle disturbance

▶ Six people engaged in a verbal argument over a game at RIMAC Field. *Checks OK.*

10:58 p.m.: Suspicious person

▶ Two 50-year-old females were reported as sleeping outside the Cross-Cultural Center. *Field interview administered.*

Sunday, Feb. 21

12:24 a.m.: Explosion

▶ Two dry-ice bombs, one unexploded, were found by the Residential Life Office in Sixth College. *Report taken.*

10:17 a.m.: Disturbance

▶ A tall, balding, 40-year-old male in a dirty blue jacket, possibly on drugs or carrying a weapon, was reported as "violent and hitting vehicles" on La Jolla Village Dr. *Information Only.*

3:25 p.m.: Prostitution

▶ A female was questioned in the

bathroom at York Hall. *Information only.*

7:08 p.m.: Recovered stolen vehicle  
▶ A student spotted his car, which was stolen last month, in Hopkins Parking Structure.

Monday, Feb. 22

1:40 a.m.: Citizen contact

▶ An unknown number of individuals were reported as throwing eggs from the second floor of the Village apartments. *Unable to locate.*

10:25 p.m.: Injury

▶ A 21-year-old male broke his leg while playing a game of soccer at RIMAC Field.

12:51 p.m.: Animal call

▶ A student reported "thousands of bees" on the south side of the Calit2 building.

Tuesday, Feb. 24

11:42 a.m.: Vandalism

▶ An unknown party spray-painted "Stop racism" in blue paint on the pillars outside York Hall. *Information only.*

Wednesday, Feb. 25

12:19 a.m.: Possession of marijuana

▶ An anonymous student in the Sixth College apartments reported that the smoke from a neighboring apartment was "strong enough to hurt her eyes."

11:26 a.m.: Suspicious package

▶ Officers investigated a "fuming substance" in a box at the stairwell of the Natural Sciences Building, which was "probably dry ice."

10:43 p.m.: Medical aid

▶ A four-year-old boy with croup was taken to the Emergency Room from Regents Road after developing breathing problems.

—Compiled by Hayley  
Bisceglia-Martin  
NEWS EDITOR

## New Act Requires Credit Co-Signer

▶ **CREDIT**, from page 1  
the act is a step toward much-needed credit-card reform.

Cedana said the act prohibits credit-card companies from offering gifts to students under 21 for opening up credit-card accounts, preventing exploitation.

"CitiBank or other companies would visit campus and say, 'Hey, if you open a credit card we'll give you a T-shirt or pizza,'" Cedana said.

In addition, credit-card companies can no longer send students under 21 pre-screened credit cards. Previously, credit-card companies could issue ready-to-use cards to potential clients by mail, eliminating the application process.

According to Cedana, pre-screened cards take advantage of students because students are less familiar with the system and more likely to accept without being aware of the details.

"We found that a lot of companies have also been doing targeted mailings to lots of students, and it ends up being overwhelming," Cedana said. "We feel that there could potentially be other ways to fund schooling before taking out credit cards."

The final restriction requires that customers under 21 have a co-signer — typically a parent — when opening a new credit line, unless they have proof of adequate income. This is meant to protect students from recklessly spending themselves into debt.

"I do think it's a good step," Revelle College freshman Joanna Lee said. "It will help students be more responsible and less carefree. There won't just be some plastic to use to spend."

Cedana said the government should continue to put additional restrictions on credit cards.

"It takes small steps towards reform, but there's larger financial reform that needs to be addressed," Cedana said.

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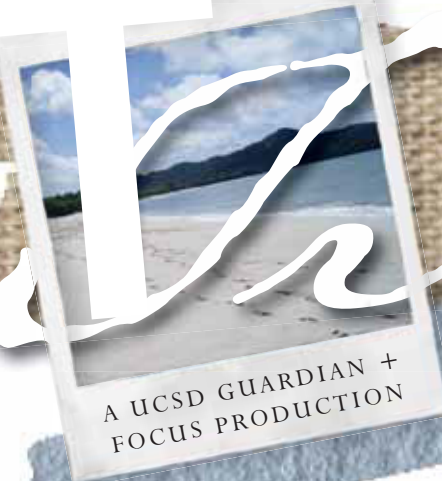
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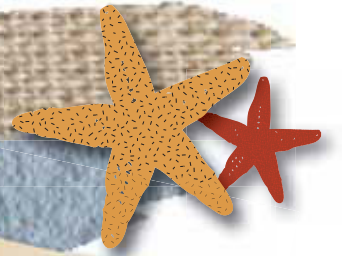
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## Uganda



A beautiful country with a long and painful history, Uganda has been ravaged by strife and war for years; corrupt government regimes have left it one of the poorest countries in Africa. Now that colonial and civil wars have subsided, travelers can enjoy a relatively peaceful journey, but visitors are cautioned to avoid some northern regions and villages still affected by the Lord's Resistance Army. But overall, the people of Uganda are very friendly to foreigners, and travel is remarkably affordable.

Because its market revolves around agriculture, Uganda provides for a wide array of landscape photo ops — backdropped by the rugged peaks of Mount Kadam, tropical forest canopies, vast plains and the placid Lake Victoria.

Nothing in Uganda overshadows the beauty of its people. A proud, tribal nation, the wide-eyed energy of its residents is worth the visit alone. The depth of life's challenges and victories can be found in the faces of the people of Uganda: They are poor in wealth but rich in spirit, family and love of life.

In Uganda, every turn is a picture. But photographers should be reminded that it's both important and courteous to ask before taking photos of villagers, since many are uneasy around a camera.

— ERIK JEPSEN  
photography editor



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TAKE A HIKE IN

## Alaska



If you're sick of La Jolla sand and sun and looking for a change in scenery, consider Denali National Park in Alaska. Stay at a hostel just outside the park, where fellow explorers are aplenty. Believe me: You'll appreciate the company while heading off into a wilderness filled with real-life grizzly bears and wolves by the motherload, helping ensure your trip doesn't end like Christopher McCandless' journey "Into the Wild."

The park is open late May to mid-September, because summer is really the only time to visit. The six-million-acre stakeout has just one road: a dirt path cleared specifically for the park's buses. Since Denali has few hiking trails, you should grab a bus ticket and head down the road on a brief driving tour. Take in the reds and greens of the tundra and the abundant snowy peaks or ask the driver to let you off to hike for a few hours. Once you've exhausted yourself meandering the untouched wilderness, make your way back to the road and grab the next

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Once your classical tropical locales get old and you need a break from Hawaii or Mexico, think a little farther south.

I'm talking about Jamaica — the tropical paradise where every smiling face is excited to make you a member of the laid-back island family.

Make like a tourist and hit Jamaica's Mystic Mountain — rainforest adventure park — where you can hop on a bobsled and pretend like you're in "Cool Runnings." To reach the attraction, you get to ride an aerial tram through the Jamaican rainforest and glimpse the gorgeous Montego Bay. After walking through an outdoor Usain Bolt tribute museum, for only \$20 you can get two tickets to ride — alone or with a partner — down a bobsled course through the rainforest. After you've climbed into your own bobsled, you control the speed as you plunge down the twists and turns of the 3,280-foot track. If you're still riding an adrenaline high, the park also offers a canopy zip-line tour through the jungle. Harnessed to a steel cord, you'll have the opportunity to literally fly across the top of rainforest. Buying an overpriced souvenir photo, of course, is a must.

Jamaica's nightlife is filled with pulsating dancehall and reggae clubs in all corners of the island. Unlike LA clubs where you wait in line like cattle ready to be herded inside, Jamaican clubs are an open and welcoming to everyone. The sunset-colored walls are packed with locals and vacationers ready to let loose.

We all know that Jamaica is famous for more than just its gorgeous beaches, exotic rainforests and thriving nightlife. It's also the home of Bob Marley, and a population that shares his love for a certain little green herb. It's a must to tour Marley's home and sample some of the local horticulture.

All in all, check your inhibitions at baggage claim. The country is known for partying like there's no tomorrow, and there's no reason not to take advantage of that.

— CHERYL HORI  
associate opinion editor

spring break

## JAMAICA



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# THAILAND

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Think of a magical place. One where you step outside and a mango smoothie is pushed into your hand. Where a whiskey and coke comes \$2 by the bucket, and counterfeit designer clothing paves the streets. You, my friend, are entering a tropical slice of college-student paradise called Thailand.

Cheap beverages and sweet threads aren't the only charms of Southeast Asia's backpacking Mecca. Thailand's got everything you could ask from an exotic tropical climate: luscious green jungles, long glistening beaches and enough ancient monuments to make a historian jizz his cargo pants. Here's a guide for those who'd like to spend a month or two meandering these hot and sweaty lands with purpose to explore and propensity to party.

First, fly into Bangkok. Check into a hotel just off infamous tourist hotspot Khoa San Road. (But not on it — it's expensive. Don't pay more than about \$13 per night for a hostel.) A night out should start at a bar a block or two from the flurry — your dollar will go farther in a place where menus aren't written in English and bartenders don't have to be polite.

Spend about a week in Bangkok, half-drunk and blabbering. Shake out all of your embarrassing American tendencies. There's no place more supportive of your wildest Southeast Asian fantasies than the country's capital — just ask the stars of the city's infamous ping-pong shows. You'll get an answer in the form of a vagina-propelled dart.

When it comes to transportation, know what you want before you step into a tuk-tuk carriage. While on the prowl for a ride, an eager English-speaking local gave me three tips to help

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spring break

# Las Vegas

After spending this quarter confined in the suffocatingly sterile walls of Geisel Library, spring break on the vomit-lined streets of Las Vegas is exactly what every repressed UCSD student needs to blow off finals like a rock star.

Whether cheering on busty strippers at the Kitty Kat Lounge, taunting children pool-side while six drinks deep, gambling away student loan money at the slot machines or stumbling into the Flamingo with a head full of acid in an attempt to channel Hunter S. Thompson, there's no place like Vegas to bring out the freak in all of us.

The grueling five hour drive from San Diego is well worth the brightly lit moment you descend upon the Strip. Roll down your windows to let the arid desert heat blast your skin and sit back, mesmerized by the bright neon letters that will have your head spinning long after the ecstasy has left your spinal cord.

Be prepared to make it rain, even if it is a shallow downpour. Other than gazing in awe at the Fountains of Bellagio and pretending you're from the cast of "Ocean's Eleven," cheap entertainment is hard to come by in a city of big spenders. But spring break isn't the time to be worrying about such trivial matters — you've passed the whole quarter eating Ramen noodles and choking down Popov, so don't hesitate to throw \$40 on the Bellagio Buffet or stuff a couple Lincolns down Cheri's thong.

Go ahead, indulge. Hot-box your car in Barstow, throw up on the Nike statue and shake your ass both on and off the dance floor. Just be careful not to crouch down too low — a bad case of crabs is one souvenir you don't want to take home.

— YELENA AKOPIAN  
senior staff writer

spring break

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Virgin Islands

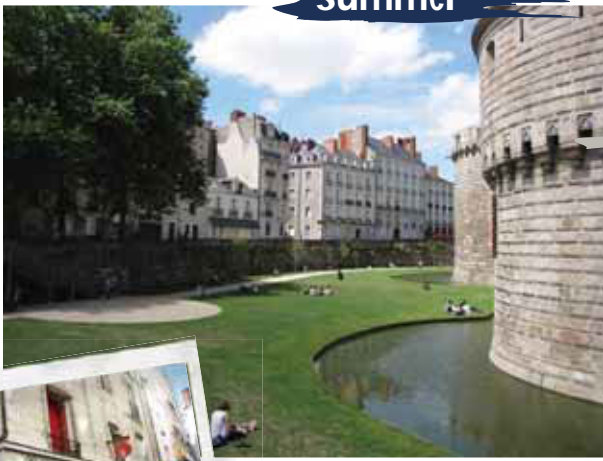
La Jolla Shores is an eyeful, but it's got nothing on the beaches of St. Thomas — a star member of the Virgin Islands, off the eastern edge of Puerto Rico. Think shell-strewn white sand that melts into a bath of warm turquoise water, a hammock tied between two gently swaying palm trees and the occasional wandering iguana.

For a clean, quiet sandscape with outstanding snorkeling right offshore, hit up Sapphire Beach. Or, nestled in a sheltered cove on the other side of the island, Magens Bay is great for tanning, swimming and picnicking.

Really though — I can't say it enough: Every inch of the shoreline

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# Puerto Rico

spring break

Let's face it: Your liver can't tell the difference between spring break and the week following your last midterm. But you can. Which leaves no excuse for spending the former Jagerbombling yourself barfless in Costa Verde. "Flights to Puerto Rico" should already be in your search bar.

Out of all the islands eyedropped throughout the Caribbean, Puerto Rico stands out not only as the port of call for Captain Morgan, but the land mass that popularized reggaeton's bass-heavy blend of Jamaican rhythm bloated with salsa and cumbia. In the capital city of San Juan — where most visitors spend their time after sundown — the slender, cobblestoned streets are packed with open-air nightclubs and patio bars, arched doorways and dome awnings.

The legal drinking age in Puerto Rico is, conve-  
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# France

It's the oldest story in the book: You're a travel-buggin' college student, with big dreams and an empty wallet.

When it comes to convincing your parents that a three-month trip to Europe could double as a fiscally responsible choice, however, it helps if you can spin it as a summer job — which is where the term "au pair" comes into play.

An au pair is a live-in nanny. And though it's an effective way to get overseas, make no mistake: Even the most patient person in the world will be praying for some alone time after a month of sharing space, no matter how cute the little French toddlers are.

It's all worth it, though, when you consider the perks.

For one thing, you're living in the foreign country of your choice for free. Being American, you're often asked to teach small children English, which means you can learn as much — or as little — of the language as you like. Either way, you're getting a complete summer immersion — one that many pay thousands of dollars to have.

The tricky part is finding a family that fits. Speaking a foreign language — even just a little — helps immeasurably in your application. Also, saying you love football — that's soccer, to us heathen Americans — is like an international passport, provided you don't get too choosy with your teams (a vocal Manchester United supporter may very well get passed up by a Chelsea family).

Once you've selected and applied to favorite country, the easiest way to find a family is through a Web site like [www.aupairworld.com](http://www.aupairworld.com). You can post your info — in two languages, if you want to be fancy — and look up potential families' profiles according to the number of kids they have, where they live and how long they want you. The only downside is that you will occasionally get e-mails from a "nice single father and business man" who is offering you an exorbitant weekly allowance if you'll only send him a copy of your passport.

The nifty part is that, through such technological advents as Facebook, you don't actually have to fork out the £70 that the Web site demands before they hand over a family's contact information. Get a name, then Google it: chances are

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# DUBAI

spring break



ERIK JEPSEN/GUARDIAN

In recent years, the overbuilt city of Dubai has redefined the idea of opulence. Wealthy beyond belief from its convenient location atop a bubbling pot o' oil, the average family income in Dubai exceeds \$180,000 per year.

However, though Dubai was recently noted for being one of the fastest-growing cities in the world, overbuilding and debt have left the city in a new state of uncertainty — that's where you come in.

Shop in the world's largest mall, trek out on a desert safari or stare at the city atop Berj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Explore man-made islands in the shape of palm trees, tour an underwater hotel with sharks, go skydiving, snowboard indoors or live in your own skyscraper. Why not? In Dubai, anything is possible. The economy is all "on sale," but bring your credit card — Dubai is still as expensive as it is excessive.

Because the city is bustling with construction, banking and technological prospects, you'll tend to meet international businessmen more than locals. Dubai itself has two sides: the super rich and the super poor. As a result, much of the city has been proofed to keep the masses at a distance, and access is difficult. You'll be surprised by the lack of public beaches and the enormous entry fees required to enter most common areas. Plus, due to the extreme climate, Dubai doesn't really encourage pedestrians to walk the streets — there are very few sidewalks.

Of course, for a photographer, Dubai is an architectural dreamland. Beautiful buildings are everywhere you look. Bottom line: Dubai sets the standard for excess, so if you're looking for the next best thing to Disneyland, this is the place to be.

— ERIK JEPSEN  
photography editor

# The Amazon summer



In the Amazon, dipping your hand in the river is an act of faith that it won't get chewed off — and snakes aren't just extremely poisonous, but can be up to 14 feet long. If you're up for a walk on the wild side, there's no better place to be.

Choose from a weekend getaway camp at Lake Sandoval and the four-hours-from-civilization, only-three-hours-worth-of-antivenom lodges deeper along the Madre de Dios River.

Lodges like Sandoval straddle the line between adventure and getaway, rooming dozens of tourists with a bar and TVs — but you didn't fly all the way to Peru so you could sit around and play Bullshit with other Americans: Plunk your ass in a motorboat and speed downriver.

Remember that you're going to be crammed into a blind with these three or four people waiting for macaws to gather, so make friends early.

The first walk into the Amazon will be a shock: Under the thin tree canopy, the Amazon looks like the kind of trail you'd jog back in the US, more brown than green, not like the verdant wonderland you'd find in Costa Rica.

Let your inner eight-year-old loose for the bugs, like metallic blue morpho butterflies and bullet ants (not as poisonous as the snakes, but after 24 hours of pain, you might wish they were). Anything larger than that tends to hide itself pretty well — don't be amazed if the only mammals you see are walking-meal capybaras, lapping at the water in the twilight as the eyes

of caiman crocs glow the same red as an alarm clock — but every tour makes a point of viewing the macaw parrots, all of them as brightly colored as skittles. Make sure your camera has a good zoom for the macaws, because you won't get much closer than a football field.

Once you've gotten over the fact that everything in the Amazon seems to be horribly dangerous and aggressive, give yourself a real gift: Walk the first few minutes into the rainforest without a guide. Idiotic? Hell yes, but when you're in the Amazon and you own that moment yourself, not sharing it with anyone else — well, that's simply priceless.

— MATTHEW PECOT  
associate hiatus editor

@ THAILAND, from page 11  
me get around the city: 1) Tell your driver exactly where you want to go; 2) tell him how much you're willing to pay (don't be afraid to "negotiate") and 3) tell him you don't want to go shopping. Though you may, in fact, want to peruse a marketplace or two, my third point is imperative to avoiding a long and uncomfortable conversation with a Nepalese tailor. It doesn't matter how many "sexy beers" he gives you, it's not worth spending time and money on a custom-fitted pinstriped suit.

When the full moon approaches and you've had your share of fear and loathing in Khao San, head south to Thailand's tropical islands. Skip the bar-girl haven of Phuket and make your way toward Koh Phangan. Every full moon, travelers gather to partake in the world's biggest beach party.

Arrive a couple days early, order some whiskey buckets from a stand labeled "Brad Pitt Love Me Long Time" and get out before the onslaught of ravers ruins your fun — the difference between 10,000 drunks on the beach and 25,000 drunks is intolerable.

After a string of parties in Koh Phangan, either waste time hopping around secluded beaches or make a

clean break from the boozy spring-break crowd. I recommend the latter — heading to the North will help you wiggle from the Southern Thailand's Cancun-like spell, and get to know the country for its people and history.

For your first history lesson, stop at Sukhothai, a tiny village in the lower North known for its acres of ancient ruins. Embrace the community's relaxed way of life: Rent a bike to tour the national parks in the area. While basking in the peaceful outdoors, keep your eyes out for Buddhas scattered between lakes and trees.

Depending on how much time you've got left, you can either continue to another tiny village or head to Chiang Mai, the biggest city in the North and a proverbial middle finger to Bangkok's smelly sprawl of noise and commerce. Chiang Mai's known for its giant artisan markets and close proximity to jungles and waterfalls. Perfect your curry-making skills with a cheap cooking class, or go luxurious for a full-body massage from an institution of the blind (their extra-sensitive touch gives them an edge).

Consider a two-day trip to Pai — a little hippie town way up in the healthy green hilltops — for an extra

dose of natural scenery. The village has few enough stoplights that you can count them on one hand, surrounded by hot springs and warm, flowing waterfalls. Usually, I'd recommend you stay at a hostel, but when visiting Pai, one must irrefutably stay at the Darling Viewpoint Inn. Though slightly infested with bugs, this elevated bungalow hotel has the best view of the city and the friendliest host in town — a cheerful native who goes by the name of, you guessed it, Darling.

Oddly enough, she'll call you Darling, too, and load you in the back of her truck for a trip to the hot spring, where you'll boil corn and bath in candlelight. When you've flown the nest, you can spend your free time drinking mushroom shakes (yes, the special kind) and listening to lady men sing in the Pai cafes.

After that, it's up to you. Either wander from village to village in search of something cool, head back to Bangkok or take a rickety old boat into Laos. But don't leave without at least one night of too much rice whiskey and grasshoppers — you'll never find a drunk, nor insect, so delectable.

— ALYSSA BEREZNAK  
managing editor

@ ST. THOMAS, from page 11  
is tropical perfection, ripe for sailing, surfing, kayaking, windsurfing, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing or just relaxing on the shore, taking swigs of the spectacular view.

And what would the Caribbean be without rum? Whether served complimentary as you step off the plane or in a mixed drink as you lounge poolside, don't miss the warm 'n' fuzziest side of Caribbean culture, free to be enjoyed by everyone 18 and over. Cruzan Rum, distilled on the island, is known to be one of the best brands in the world, and comes in flavors ranging from coconut to raspberry.

After a full day at the beach, a popular St. Thomas hangout is Duffy's Love Shack, located right across the street from the St. John Ferry Dock. If you're with a group, order the Shark Tank: A 64 oz. fish-bowl filled with rum and liquors. For a taste of traditional Caribbean cuisine — like fried plantains, jerk chicken or an oatmeal dish called fungi — dine out at Fungi's on the Beach. On Saturday night, be sure to visit Iggy's for all-you-can-eat crab legs and (post-rum) karaoke.

The city of Charlotte Amalie



must be visited at least once. For a true taste of Caribbean flair, stop at the open-air bazaar on the corner of the city and barter for everything from shells to printed sarongs to haircuts. The Pirate Museum on top of the hill pays tribute to the Caribbean's swashbuckling past, while offering spectacular views of the cruise-ship harbor and the city.

A few remnants of Danish colonization in the 1600s linger on the island, including huge stone sugar mills hidden in lush undergrowth and the historic main city's cobblestone streets, on which you must stick to the left side of the road.

St. Thomas is only a 30-minute flight from Florida, and since it's technically part of the United States, no passport is needed.

— ZOE SOPHOS  
contributing writer

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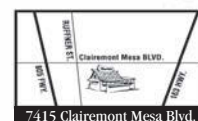
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Unlike most ocean liners, Carnival Cruises weren't designed for those teetering between retirement and death. With a focus on clients 35 and under, Carnival is the only cruise line that allows 18-year-olds to drink onboard (in international waters, of course).

But if you don't want to fork out \$9 for on-board cocktails, Mexico is a good place to buy brand-name alcohol for half of what you'd pay stateside. As high-school as it sounds, bring extra water bottles to fill with your international purchase — while the cruise line doesn't mind you paying through the nose for their drinks, they're not too keen on co-eds getting wasted off the \$12 Absolut they bought at a Mexican drugstore.

Drugs, sex and rock 'n' roll aside, the best part of the trip is an utter lack of responsibility or purpose. There's nothing better than waking up in the morning and leaving the mess you can't quite recall making to the ship's cleaning staff while you devour a four-course breakfast.

Technically, you're supposed to be at least 21 to cruise alone; however, if you can find someone who is 21 to register with you, you won't have a problem getting aboard.

So leave the worry of finding a designated driver on the boarding platform — you definitely don't want to miss the boat on this one.

— **CHERYL HORI**  
associate opinion editor

@ **FRANCE**, from page 11

you'll have an e-mail within seconds.

When it comes down to it, being an au pair is beyond awesome. As long as you take your time to choose the right family, you'll end up with one that's perfect for you. (Skype interviews are invaluable, even if they're a little awkward, and mostly involve waving at cute four-year-olds that don't quite understand who the face on the computer is.) Once you're there, just say 'Yes' to everything, and you're practically guaranteed a good time. If a French passerby offers you "muscadet" or a Londoner proposes a trip to a gay bar, go for it (just don't try the margaritas — that seems to be an Americas-only concept).

Once you've arrived, your first challenge is to earn the adoration of your kids. Disney is a universal passport to said adoration. Use it early; use

it often. Admit you know the whole plot of "Aladdin" to memory, and the kids will accept you wholeheartedly into every princess/prince-themed game under the sun.

Days off are the greatest thing that can happen, mostly because they give you a chance to explore the world you've thrown yourself into. Get your family's advice on some must-see attractions and then set off for the unknown, armed with a map and some rudimentary subject-verb knowledge. Have conversations with random locals, sit at a cafe, ask people for directions to museums you've apparently walked past 20 times already — you have the whole summer to figure out the basics, and you shouldn't pass up a croissant-munching football-watching moment of it.

— **HAYLEY BISCEGLIA-MARTIN**  
news editor

@ **ALASKA**, from page 10

bus out. I'd highly recommend the detour; although you can still snag some amazing pictures of Mt. McKinley from the road, it's not the same as heading off on your own.

Just make sure to have a back-up plan in the likely event that you come across some bears or caribou. Denali is all open wilderness — our country's least-developed national park, positively brimming with unique flora and fauna. Alaska's summertime sunlight starts early in the morning and lasts for 19 hours, so there'll be plenty of time to get back out of the park, drop your stuff off at your hostel and head over to the nearest bar to compare adventures. You'll be nothing less than a first-class badass for braving the great beyond.

— **AYELET BITTON**  
senior staff writer

spring break

Costa Rica is renowned for its lazy pace, winding beaches and dependable surf. Compared to neighboring Central American destinations it's known for its stability and tourist-friendly attitude. But with roads that have more potholes than tarmac, Costa Rica gives you the best of both worlds: a pristine resort off the beaten path.

Most flights will land you smack-dab in the middle of the congested capital of San Jose, where taxis tear through the streets and locals push grocery carts full of fresh oranges, waiting and ready to be squeezed straight into your cup. Most visitors high-tail it out of San Jose as soon as the plane comes to a stop, but if you give it a chance, the city comes through. Get your souvenir shopping out of the way in its curio shops, stacked with beach-themed trinkets. Or, if your goal is to get your bronze on, gear up for the chaotic central bus station, and ride a couple hours to either the Pacific or Caribbean coasts.

The first stop along the Pacific is Jaco, a dirty beach town typically utilized as a weekend getaway from San Jose. If you're willing to put in a little more bus time, however, the beaches get exponentially better. To the north lies Nicoya Peninsula and the surf town of Tamarindo, or the more upscale Moctezuma, which offers day trips to the Cabo Blanco Nature Reserve. If you're the wildlife type, head south to Manuel Antonio. Mind your bag: monkeys have been known to unzip backpacks and snag unsuspecting snacks.

The rasta vibe seeps into everything on the Caribbean coast, from coconut drinks to green-, yellow- and red-painted mini-marts. Head over to Lima for an umbrella drink in a hammock and a chance to watch the sun rise over the calm, rolling waves. You can also bus up to Tortuguero National Park on the northern Caribbean coast, where a guided night stroll along the beach to find the famous Leatherback turtle will bring you nose to nose with a beautiful three- to six-foot giant.

— **KERRY FUGETT**  
staff writer

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# CAMPUS CALENDAR

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Week of 3/1 - 3/7



## Monday Mar 1

### CULTURE

**Queer Talks: What are your Identities?** - Come and talk about your multiple identities with other LGBT members. Refreshments provided. LGBT Resource Center / 5-6:30pm

### LECTURE

**Soldados: Chicanos in Vietnam** - In Person: Author and filmmaker Charley Trujillo, UCSD Prof. Jorge Mariscal & Mike Ornelas, Chair of the Mesa College

Chicano Studies Department. Mesa College, H-117-118 / 6:30-9:30pm

### RECREATION

**Roma Nights: Ryan Knapick** - Cafe Roma / 8pm / Free

**Jarrold Gorbel** - Jarrold has a deceptively simple melody, warm arrangements and a soulful, soaring voice. The Loft / 8pm / \$5 Student, PAYC door; \$10 Regular

## Tuesday Mar 2

### ART

**M(other)land: works by Lauren Woods Programming** - The lecture focuses on woods' long held interest in American perspectives on Africa as they relate to identity and cultural power. Visual Arts Facility, Performance Space / 6:30pm

### CAREER

**Industry PlazaFest: Federal Government Career Opportunities and Info** - Find out about full-time positions, part-time jobs, and internships in a variety of fields within the federal government. Please visit career.ucsd.edu. Career Services Center Plaza / 11am-1pm

### LECTURE

**CONNECT FrameWorks Workshops present: The Venture Capital Process** - Raising money in today's environment is no easy task but it can be done if you focus on the right priorities and avoid common deal-killers. Sanford-Burnham Institute / 8am

**Restructuring Corporations in the 21st Century** - Pacific Leadership Fellow Kazuhiko Toyama will discuss his experience, strategies, and perspectives for corporate restructuring during a time of economic volatility. Eucalyptus Point Conference Center / 4:30pm

### RECREATION

**PC Blockbuster - The Blind Side** - Price Center Theater / 6&9pm / \$3 Student, \$3 General

**Dime Stories: Dime Off** - DimeStories are 3-minute stories read by the author. Dime-Offs are micro-story smack downs. The Loft / 8pm/Student PAYC; \$5 Regular

**Weekly UCSD Farmer's Market** - Visit the Farmers' Market for specialties like fresh seasonal produce, flowers from local growers, homemade tamales, Asian BBQ and freshly made crepes. Town Square on Myers Drive / 10am-2pm

## Wednesday Mar 3

### CAREER

**UCDC Info Session** - Live and work in the nation's capital while earning UC credit! Hear about requirements, deadlines, and the application process. Career Services Center, Horizon Room / 1-2pm / Free

**CommunicateUCSD: Healthcare Provider Tips** - Learn how to express your healthcare concerns and questions with your provider, and get the most out of your healthcare visits. PC West Red Shoe Room / 3-4pm

**Revolutionary Love Series** - Come join us! Each week, matters around activism, identity, wellness, and self-reflection will be discussed. Cross-Cultural Center, CCC Library / 12pm

**Love Your Body Day** - Student Health Advocates will have games, prizes, and info on healthy body images, Library Walk from 11-3pm. Showing of documentary, "America The Beautiful: Is America Obsessed with Beauty." Student Health Conference Room #225 / 3pm-5pm

### HEALTH

**Men's Clinic @ Student Health** - Routine male exams, STD checks, etc - every Wednesday at 10:00am. NO visit fee and NO appointment required. (858) 534-1824 for more info. Student Health Conference Room #207 / 10am / Free

**Evaluate your relative fitness levels** - Trained Student Health Advocates test your body fat composition, grip strength, step test recovery rate, blood pressure, and resting heart rate. Mon and Wed walk-ins welcome. RIMAC Wellness Room / 7-9pm / Students Free

### LECTURE

**USMEX Speaker Series Peter Cowhey**: The 2010 Trade Agenda and Implications for U.S.-Mexico Relations - Dean Cowhey will draw on his experience serving in the new administration of President Barack Obama. Institute of the Americas Building / 5pm

### RECREATION

**Hare Krishna Weekly Lunch** - Come to the Student Center for vegetarian all-you-can-eat Hare Krishna lunch. Student Center Patio / 11am-1pm / \$4

**Dawes, Cory Chisel & the wandering sons with Jason Boesel** - Recently featured as one of Rolling Stone's 'breaking artists'. The Loft / 8:30pm / Student \$8; Regular \$10 Advance, \$12 door

**Spring Art Show: Student and Instructor Work** - View examples of student and instructor artwork and get a glimpse of some of the talent at UC San Diego Extension's art program. The Loft / 5:30pm / Free

**Spring Film Spree** - Join UC San Diego Extension in celebrating the essence of short film. The Loft / 8pm / Free

## Thursday Mar 4

### HEALTH

**Weight Management Clinic** - Led by a dietitian, a psychologist and a physician. Meets every Thursday. Student Health Conference Room #207 / 3:30pm / Students Free

**Cycling for Commuters Workshop Series** - Come learn about rules, best ways to get to school, and much more! Free snacks provided! Price Center West, Sustainability Resource Center / 3pm

**H1N1 Vaccination Clinic** - FREE to all students, faculty & staff for injectable or nasal vaccine. Student Health Conference Room #225 / 10am-4pm (arrive before 3:30pm)

### LECTURE

**Climate Change: What Do We Know, and What Should We Do?** - Richard C.J. Somerville, Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Register at <http://iicas.ucsd.edu>. Robinson Building Complex, Robinson Auditorium / 4-5:30pm

**Public Culture in the Visual Sphere: What is the Public Option?** - Investigating contemporary theories, practices and debates in the making and reception of public culture as they move through the visual sphere. Visual Arts Facility Performance Space / 6:30pm

**The Politics of Choice** - Vanessa Foresberg of Planned Parenthood San Diego and Riverside will talk about the political agenda behind efforts to take away a woman's right to choose. Muir Biology Room 1103 / 5-6:30pm

### RECREATION

**PC Blockbuster: Twilight Saga—Brothers** - Price Center Theater / 6&9pm / Student \$3; General \$3

**Estômago: A gastronomic story** - A simple-minded prisoner with a talent for cooking moves his way up the jail cell ranks through his culinary gifts. The Loft / 7:30pm / Regular \$26

**Soundclash Royale featuring MC Mawkus** - Knock heads. Rock the crowd. Win prizes. Join us KSDT and The Loft for an iPod battle featuring MC Mawkus. Team sign ups at ucsd.ipodbattle@gmail.com. The Loft / 8:30pm / Free

**SPRING BREAK BASH Hosted by the Guardian** - A pre-party to Spring Break to make sure you are hooked up with free food, drinks and lots of cool prizes before you hit the beaches. Start off with free food and bottomless beverages...yes, FREE. Woodstock's Pizza, 1221 Garnet Ave / 7:30pm-12am / Free

## Friday Mar 5

### ART

**M(other)land: works by Lauren Woods Programming** - Trigilio and McNeal will discuss the different techniques used by the artist and the ways in which her work explores the effect of popular culture on our perception of Africa. University Art Gallery, Mandeville Center / 2pm

### CAREER

**Ultimate Guide to Finding a Job in a Tight Economy** - This seminar includes the latest info on resume writing, effective networking techniques, and impactful interviewing practice. Career Services Center, Horizon Room / 9am-noon / Free

### LECTURE

**George Lakoff** - Prof. Lakoff will speak about how to pass the California Democracy Act! Center Hall 105 / 6pm

**CommunicateUCSD: It's fun to disagree**: mediating conflict in your life - This workshop will cover the pinch-crunch model of conflict

resolution and the feedback model for communication. Presented by Andrea Melrose, The Village at Torrey Pines. PC West Green Table room / 3-4pm

### RECREATION

**DVC: The Jump Off** - Round Table Patio / 1-4pm / Free

**Bear Garden** - Matthews Quad / 2-5pm / Free

**The Mike Keneally Band** - A rock and jazz fusion player, and also an outstanding guitarist, vocalist, keyboardist, and percussionist. The Loft / 8:30pm / Student PAYC; Regular \$20

**The Che Cafe Presents** - Live Bands: Liliith Velkor, Scales, The Preteens, The Beatless. Che Café / 7:30pm / \$5

**International Center Lunch** - Please join us for an Indian meal. The menu will include: chicken tikka masala, rice, raita, naan bread, and banana cake. International Center Patio / 12-1:30pm / \$5

## Saturday Mar 6

### RECREATION

**APSA's 15th Annual Benefit Talent Show** - To support the Union of Pan Asian Community, a local non-profit organization that addresses critical needs of ethnic communities within San Diego County. Price Center Ballroom West AB / 7pm

**PC Blockbuster: Twilight Saga—Brothers** - Price Center Theater / 6&9pm / Student \$3; General \$3

**Artemis Quartet** - This Berlin-based string quartet has been making exciting music since 1989. Department of Music's Conrad Prebys Concert Hall / 8pm / Student \$10 Advance; Regular \$46

**The Che Cafe Presents** - Live Bands: Take Offense, Vendetta, The Mistake, and Northern Towns. Che Café / 7:30pm / \$8

## Sunday Mar 7

**The Green Party: Oscar Party** - Join us for The Green Carpet, a rousing night of entertainment, film, and fashion

that showcases the creative aspect of environmental awareness and sustainability. The Loft / 5pm / PAYC



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## Tsunami Warning Deters Meet

By Tyler Nelson  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

**CREW** — It seemed like nothing could stop the UCSD men's crew team from continuing its domination of the San Diego City Championships on Feb. 27 — until Mother Nature had her say.

Early Saturday morning, a magnitude-8.8 earthquake hit the coast of Chile, sending shock waves up the coast of North and South America, and tsunami warnings as far north as Alaska and as far west as Japan and Russia. Due to the high chance of strong waves streaking across the coast, the men's and women's crew San Diego city championships — which were scheduled to take place in Mission Bay — will be rescheduled later this week.

The UCSD men's team has won the inaugural race of the season for the past five consecutive years, and — even with a young cast — was banking on winning it this year too.

"For the past three of five years, this event has been canceled or rescheduled for some reason," men's head coach Zach Johnson said. "This wasn't a big deal for some of the seniors on our team who have already seen a few city championships canceled."

The league race was also to be the first of the season for the women, who were hoping to let their young team rack up some experience at the event.

Both the men's and women's teams are filled

with young, inexperienced racers anxious to get the season started, but they may now have to squeeze two events into one week — depending on when the race will be made up.

"We're not sure when this race is going to get rescheduled to," Johnson said. "We have all of our weekends booked through the end of the season, so unless we want to schedule it midweek, we'll have to schedule it for the end of the year."

Typically, the season's opening race does not happen until April, but because the Tritons will partake in the George Washington Invitational in early April, the coaches in San Diego scheduled the annual city championships for this weekend.

"We usually start the season later, but we had a great opportunity to go to a big meet," Johnson said. "So the coaches in this area scheduled the meet now — but now, we'll have to work something else, because we will see them next weekend at the UC San Diego Regatta race."

In light of the cancellation, Johnson said the team was able to hold invaluable practice on rowing machines — something they had been unable to do yet this season.

Despite the delay, the Tritons will get back in the water next weekend at the UCSD Regatta race in Mission Bay.

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## Senior Night Win Earns Tritons CCAA Title

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said she is looking for the same consistency in postseason play.

"Our four seniors have given so much to this program," Elliott said. "Noonan and Ilg have given the last four years to this team, and I can't say enough about their commitment, work ethic and impact on this team. Leilani Martin and Kristen Cabral have made an incredible impact and contribution to this program in their two short years. They have bought into our system and have given their hearts and souls to make this team better."

All four seniors played in every game this season, contributing an average of nearly 24 points per game.

"All four of them will be tremendously missed," Elliott said. "It will be a sad day when we have to say good bye to them ... so we are going to try to put that off for as long as possible."

The Tritons will begin tournament play by hosting Cal State Dominguez Hills on March 2 at RIMAC arena, hitting the floor at 7 p.m.

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# UCSD SCORES ROAD UPSET AT UCLA

By **Jessy Jahangir**  
STAFF WRITER

**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL** — The No. 14 UCSD men's volleyball team rolled into UCLA's Pauley Pavilion on Feb. 24 facing a heavily favored Bruin team.

But despite the odds, the Tritons upset No. 3 UCLA 30-22, 30-25, 30-26, in a three-set stretch on Feb. 24. This was the third Triton victory over the Bruins in the past three years — and in 38 all-time meetings. With the win, UCSD improved 5-11 overall, and 2-9 in Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, while UCLA dropped 9-7 overall and 8-5 in the MPSF. Prior to the match, the Bruins had won eight of their last 10 matches.

As soon as they hit the court, the Tritons took the lead and held on until the end of the first set. UCSD hit at .567 with 22 kills, compared to the Bruins' 11 kills, and won the set 30-22.

In the second set, there were 12 ties and seven lead changes. The Bruins took their final lead in the set at 15-14. UCSD fought back with junior outside hitter Joel Davidson's kill and took the lead on a UCLA setting error. With the score at 25-23, a UCLA service error and a kill from senior outside hitter Frank Fritsch brought up UCSD's lead by two points. A Bruin side out, another kill from Fritsch and an ace by senior setter Erik Sierks helped the Tritons take the set 30-25.

The third set was closely fought with 23 ties and six lead changes. UCSD outhit UCLA .405 to .184; however, the Bruins still managed to make it a difficult set. They were narrowly edging past the Tritons by one point until UCSD delivered three consecutive kills via redshirt freshman middle blocker Cyrus Kiani, senior setter Phil Bannan and Davidson, clinching a 27-25 lead. Despite a service error that narrowed the Triton lead to 27-26, a final push from UCSD — including a kill from Fritsch and a block by Kiani — gave them a match point. A UCLA attack error gifted UCSD the final point to finish the set 30-26.

UCSD hit at a .427 overall attack average. Fritsch led the Tritons with 16 kills and a .419 hitting average. Davidson contributed 12 kills. Senior outside hitter Jason Spangler also contributed two service aces, increasing his career total to 78 — just two aces short of tying the all-time record of career-aces at UCSD.

"We got off to a great start. We played steady, and knew UCLA would come back," head coach Kevin Ring said. "For us, it was a really a complete game. We did everything well."

On Friday night, the Tritons traveled to Irvine to square off against No. 11 UC Irvine. Unfortunately, UCSD took too long to find its pace in the match and lost in four sets to Irvine 30-15,

30-25, 29-31 and 30-23. The loss dropped the Tritons to 5-12 overall, and 2-10 in MPSE, while the Anteaters improved to 9-9 overall, and 5-8 in MPSE.

UCSD only had nine kills against 11 attack errors in the first set. The second set was unfortunately not much better, with the Tritons hitting at .077.

The Tritons improved in the third set, hitting percentage of .417 and a tally of 24 kills — more than the first two sets combined. Nonetheless, the Anteaters took a quick 15-9 lead. UCSD fought hard to make amends and narrowed UC Irvine's lead to 26-23. Junior Adrian Guthals' kill and block, as well as a block by Bannan, tied the set at 26-26. After exchanging a series of points, Davidson sent consecutive kills to give the Tritons a 31-29 set victory.

The Anteaters took a quick 4-1 lead in the fourth set. The Tritons managed to come back at 13-12 until the Anteaters rallied, scoring seven of the next nine points to take its lead to 20-14. Unfortunately, this disparity was too much for the Tritons to close, and the closest UCSD got to victory was 24-21. Ultimately, the Anteaters took the set 30-23.

In the first two sets, the Tritons were hitting below .100. Davidson contributed a team-high 19 kills, Spangler had 14 kills, Guthals contributed seven kills and Fritsch added six kills. Bannan contributed 47 assists and 15 digs.

The Tritons return to action on Friday, March 5, when they travel to Palo Alto to face Stanford at 7 p.m.

"We didn't pass well against Irvine," Ring said. "So we'll practice that before we head to Stanford. We know what we need to do in order to do well, so we'll be focusing on that."

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# Season Ends in Defeat Against Humboldt State

By **Wesley Cox**  
STAFF WRITER

**MEN'S BASKETBALL** — The UCSD men's basketball team finished its season on Feb. 26 at its senior night game against Humboldt State University — the final collegiate game for senior players Jordan Lawley and Tyler Acevedo.

But despite the occasion, the Tritons were unable to translate emotion into execution, and lost 87-79 to the Lumberjacks just two days after a 70-57 loss to Sonoma State.

The team had high hopes of sending its senior players, who were playing their last game in Triton colors, off with a win. Senior guard Tyler Acevedo and sophomore center Christian Hatch scored a combined 34 points, supported by junior guard Casey Ryan's eight points off the bench. Senior guard and team scoring average leader Jordan Lawley finished with 14 points.

The Tritons were within four points of a tie with less than three minutes left, but Humboldt State forward Kevin Atkins led the Lumberjacks to a regular season-ending win by scoring a game-high 31 points and pulling down nine rebounds.

On Wednesday, Sonoma State took a commanding lead at the end of the first half and held onto it for the rest of the game.

Despite a strong performance from sophomore guard Bryce Alviri, who went 6-6 from the free-throw

line with six points, and Hatch, who went 4-9 from the field with eight points, the Tritons could not keep up with the Seawolves.

Head coach Chris Carlson says he is looking to rebuild his team to improve upon the progress made by this year's team.

But for Lawley and Acevedo, there won't be a next season.

"I tried to hold onto every moment," Lawley said. "I feel blessed that I was able to play four years on the basketball team, and I don't take it for granted. I was glad to be able to be a part of the team."

Acevedo said that emotions ran high in the locker room after Friday's game.

"Student athletes create bonds that will be lifelong," Acevedo said.

Though Lawley and Acevedo must now move on to lives beyond basketball, both players said that being a part of UCSD Athletics has

changed their lives in positive ways.

Acevedo said being a student athlete instilled in him a management ethic that transcends just the sport.

"[Athletics] gave me more responsibility and time management skills to help me get by with my schoolwork," Acevedo said.

The Triton basketball team will now enter the off-season looking to improve on their 2009-10 season. They finished with an 8-17 overall record and 7-15 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association.

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“I tried to hold onto every moment... I don't take it for granted. I was glad to be able to be a part of the team.”

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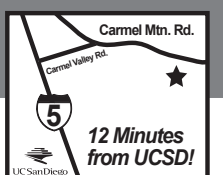
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**HOTCORNER**

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The sophomore center ended the season with a strong performance against Humboldt State on Friday, Feb. 26. He scored 18 points and pulled down seven rebounds in a loss to the Lumberjacks.

**CCAA CHAMPIONS**

# ALONE AT THE TOP



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## Tritons Repeat as Regular-Season Champs With Win Over Humboldt

By Liam Rose  
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL** — The UCSD seniors finished their final season in style at their game against Humboldt State on Feb. 26, finally avenging the early season loss that had cut short their perfect 14-0 season start.

The Tritons turned in a crushing 86-51 victory over Humboldt State. Sophomore guard Chelsea Carlisle made 29 points and seven assists, while junior forward Tiffany Hunter added 13 points and seven rebounds.

The victory marked the last regular-season game for the Triton seniors — forward Erin Noonan, forward Kristen Cabral, guard Leilani Martin and guard Annette Ilg — who were honored before the game.

"It meant so much to beat Humboldt, because we got a second chance to show them what we're made of," Noonan said.

Thanks to the win, the Tritons clinched sole possession of their second consecutive California Collegiate Athletic Association championship, having taken once step closer to the title with a win over Sonoma State on Feb. 24.

"It was a fantastic night last night for UCSD women's basketball," head

coach Charity Elliott said. "Not only did we avenge the loss earlier in the year to Humboldt, but we sent off our seniors in remarkable fashion."

The Tritons started the game slowly, struggling with Humboldt's full court pressure, falling behind 10-15 at the midpoint of the first half.

However, Carlisle woke up the Triton offense by scoring nine straight points in a 19-4 run. UCSD went on to outscore Humboldt 32-15 for the rest of the half, carrying a commanding 18-point lead into the break.

The Tritons opened the second half with a 21-9 run and went on to rout the Lumberjacks, extending their lead to as much as 37 points.

The loss dropped Humboldt to 16-10 overall and 14-8 in the CCAA. The Lumberjacks earned the fourth seed in the CCAA postseason tournament, and will play against Cal State Monterey Bay in the first round.

The Tritons walked onto the court Saturday night having already won a share of the title 68-52 against Sonoma State on Feb. 24. Carlisle once again led the way with 11 points and 8 assists, while 11 of the players racked up points for UCSD.

The Tritons never trailed, en route to a comfortable victory. The loss dropped Sonoma to 8-13 in league play and denied the Seawolves a chance to

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play in the postseason.

UCSD wrapped up the regular season with a 24-3 overall record, including 19-3 in conference play. With their conference title, the Tritons earned the top seed in the CCAA tournament, and will face No. 8 Cal State Dominguez Hills on Tuesday.

Noonan said the Tritons are wary of an upset, after falling in the first round of last year's tournament with a tough loss to Cal State San Bernardino.

"I think these tournament games are more significant to the seniors because these are games we don't get back, and there is no next time," Noonan said. "We don't get another year. It's now or never for us, and we're looking to make it happen."

Of the four seniors, Noonan and Ilg have been regular starters for the Tritons, while Martin and Cabral have been frequent contributors from the bench. Coach Elliott had nothing but glowing praise for her team leaders, and

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**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
vs. Humboldt State

The Tritons suffered a 87-79 loss to the Lumberjacks on Senior Night.  
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**MEN'S VOLLEYBALL**  
vs. UCLA

Upset Special: No. 14 UCSD topples No. 3 UCLA at the Pauley Pavilion.  
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**MEN'S & WOMEN'S CREW**  
San Diego City Championships

The annual meet, hosted in Mission Bay, was postponed due to a tsunami warning.  
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