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Worldwide

Russian TV Workers End Stand-off at Network, Give Control to Gazprom

MOSCOW — With an emotional surrender and a final act of electronic defiance, workers at Russia's popular NTV television network ended 11 days of resistance on Saturday and ceded control to the state-dominated gas monopoly Gazprom.

But the more important battle — over whether the Gazprom takeover will prove a death knell for press freedom here, or a tonic — shows no signs of abating.

Gazprom, NTV's biggest credi-

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National

City of Cincinnati Calmer in Second Night of Curfew, Youth's Funeral Proceeds

CINCINNATI — A second night of curfew kept this city free of street clashes, the police reported as they prepared for the funeral Saturday of a black teenager whose fatal shooting by the police sparked three days of violent protest and vandalism.

The arrest tally from the Friday night curfew was 201 adults, most of them individual violators, according to the police, who said the result was encourag-

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Collegiate

University Study Finds Exposure to Cats May Reduce Risk of Asthma

Charlottesville, Va. — Although there is no cure for asthma, researchers may be one step closer to combating this common and deadly affliction.

According to a new study from the University Health System, exposure to cats may lead to a decreased risk of developing asthma. This is the first finding to date that implies that high exposure to a particular allergen leads to tolerance that can reduce or eliminate asthma responses in humans.

The research found a modified response, dubbed a Th2 response.

— *Cavalier Daily*

Spoken

"Honestly, I wasn't expecting all of our 22 slate members to win."

— **Jeff Dodge**
A.S. President Elect
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Unity Sweeps Election



David Piltz/Guardian

United we Stand: Members of the Unity slate, including Colin Parent and Eisha Christian, cheer immediately after hearing that their members will fill 22 positions in next year's A.S. Council as fifth-place presidential candidate Noah Levin looks on.

Dodge Next A.S. President

One, independents fail to secure executive positions

By **MATT SCHRADER**
Associate News Editor

The Unity slate accomplished its goal Friday as its candidates swept the A.S. Council election by winning all 22 races that they ran in.

"Honestly, I wasn't expecting all 22 of our slate members to all win," said A.S. President-elect Jeff Dodge. "That is kind of unheard of, but I think it just shows that we are a good group of people and that we are going to do good things for the A.S."

The Unity slate, led by Dodge, Vice President Internal-elect Jenn Brown and Vice President Finance-elect Sam Shoostary, has been campaigning for almost two months. The members say the work they put into their campaign was their ultimate key to victory.

"And I really felt it was just a matter of who could put the most energy and time out there," said Dodge.

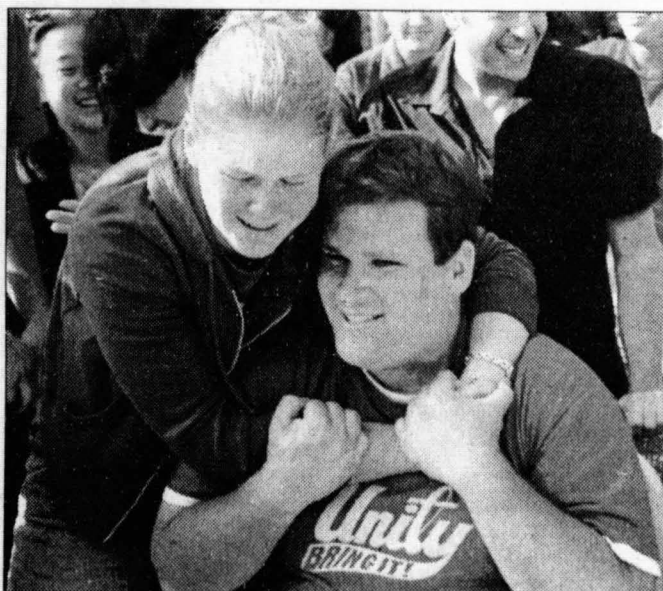
Dodge, who is currently the vice president internal for this year's A.S. Council, said that although he did not expect to win, he is honored to become the new president.

Dodge received a total of 1,311 votes, while Ali Yazdi, presidential candidate for the One slate, received 665 votes, John Bwarie received 587, Jennifer Christine Villanueva Ganata received 437 and Noah Levin received 349 votes.

Dodge said this election has been a valuable learning experience.

"The one thing I learned is that you have to go out and present yourself as who you are," he said. "If you go out and put on a plastic fake smile and shake a bunch of hands, it is not going to work. But if you go and be yourself and talk about things that students care about, it will all work out in the end."

The vice president internal race was considerably closer. Brown received a total of 1,470 votes, while One slate member Shana Thakur



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Victory: A.S. Vice president-elect Jenn Brown gives A.S. president-elect Jeff Dodge a post-victory hug.

received 1,205 votes.

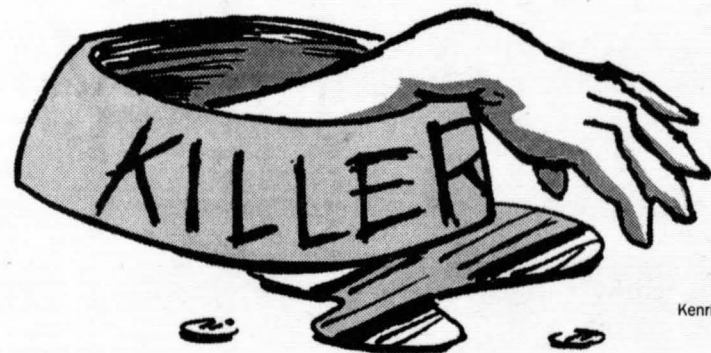
The outcome of the election came as a surprise to Brown as well.

"We worked so hard that I knew we had a chance and that I

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OPINION

MORE BITE THAN bark



Kenrick Leung/Guardian

Owners of killer pets are responsible for their animals' actions and should be charged harshly

By RYAN DARBY
Staff Writer

On Jan. 26, Diane Whipple was viciously attacked and killed by a pair of dogs in the halls of her San Francisco apartment building as the presa canarios' owner, Marjorie Knoller, looked on. Knoller later told police that she did her best to stop the attack, yet the dogs spent approximately half an hour tearing the victim apart. By the time they were finished, her entire body was ravaged with holes and her throat had been ripped out.

Knoller and her husband, Robert Noel, claim the attack was an accident and that they should not face criminal charges. Wrong. Spilling coffee on your keyboard is an accident. Owning two animals of a notoriously vicious breed and watching them take the life of a human being is murder.

Appropriately, the couple has been indicted on charges of manslaughter and of killing a mischievous animal that has killed a human being. Knoller is also charged with second-degree murder, and I hope the jury convicts this woman and sentences her to life in prison.

Proving that the owner of a killer dog is guilty of second-degree murder can be difficult; the prosecution must prove that the defendant acted with malice or a blatant disregard for human life. It seems obvious to me that anyone who owns such an animal fits both criteria.

The dogs that killed Knoller were previ-

ously owned by a pair of Pelican Bay State Prison convicts who trained the dogs to defend criminal operations, such as methamphetamine labs. These dogs were born, bred and trained to kill. The only reason for owning such an animal is for protection or assault. Clearly, these dogs have acted as the latter of the two. Whether the owners had intended for that attack to occur is insignificant; if you own a dog trained to kill, then you should not be surprised if it does so.

Most people do not know just how vicious these dogs are when they attack. They weigh over 100 pounds and are stronger and more ferocious than we could possibly be. There have been incidents in which they have completely destroyed cars trying to reach the people inside.

What makes them especially deadly is their bite. Most dogs will bite and then release. Some, however, do not let go; they will rip their victims to shreds. There are countless horror stories of vicious dogs attacking little children and tossing them around like rag dolls.

Even scarier is that these dogs are so difficult to kill. When one man's cocker spaniel was attacked by a pit bull in my home town of San Mateo, Calif., the man pounded on the pit bull's skull with a hammer for more than 20 minutes before it would let go. When a Baltimore man's daughter was attacked, he spent several minutes clubbing the animal with a baseball bat — the dog

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Pets act on their own accord and owners cannot be expected to be held responsible for actions not their own

By ANDREW FU
Contributing Opinion Writer

In criminal justice, murder is based on two things: motive and intent. When a dog or other pet kills a person, its owner typically has neither the reason nor the desire to commit murder, and therefore in most cases should not be held responsible.

The death of 33-year-old San Francisco resident Diane Whipple due to a dog attack earlier this year has inspired sentiment that owners should be held accountable for the actions of their pets, even to the point of charging them with murder. Investigators suspect that Whipple's death was more than an accident, but rather a product of dangerous dogs used in a hate crime. The owners, Marjorie Knoller and Robert Noel, have been charged with second-degree murder and manslaughter, respectively, despite the fact that Knoller attempted to stop her pets.

Whether there is evidence warranting such claims against Knoller and Noel, there is talk of extending laws in order to apply harsher punishments to owners of lethal pets regardless of circumstances.

However, legislators should not allow an unusual case to overshadow the fact that our criminal justice system includes conditions to deal with all kinds of situations, including wrongful death that does not constitute murder.

In the Whipple case, Knoller was charged with second-degree murder — implying she had the motive and intent to

commit first-degree murder, just without the same level of premeditation. Knoller and Noel were both charged with manslaughter, which would mean that they had participated in some kind of criminal activity that resulted in Whipple's death.

But the notion that murder charges can be brought upon all owners of killer dogs is unsound. Knoller and Noel were indicted because of suspicion surrounding the dogs' history of training as guard or attack dogs, which is an illegal activity that would produce manslaughter charges. It's important to remember that dog attacks can occur under any dog owner, not just under those who possibly have malicious intent. Humans are not the only animals that can act on their own and be responsible for themselves.

In Knoller's defense, Deputy Public Defender Jan Leckliker said of the prosecution attorney working on the case, "Terence Hallinan has been able to use a spin machine to bring a murder charge against a woman who has lost control of her dog — I think that is wrong and he should be ashamed of himself."

The outrage surrounding Whipple's death has promoted overreaction and hysteria over the danger of dogs, something that has been around even after dogs were domesticated. Activists should not be allowed to manipulate legal truth based on unreasonable pet ownership standards.

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Three Cents Per Word Goes a Long Way



BERTRAND FAN

I went into the *Guardian* offices a couple weeks ago out of boredom and stumbled into one of the rooms. The nice people from the business office found three checks for me at about \$20 each and I thought to myself, "Whoa! \$60!" I quickly deposited them into my bank account and treated myself to a Jamba Juice.

But now that I've had some time to reflect on it, if I had no journalistic integrity whatsoever, I could just write random words and get paid for them. Luckily for me, I have no journalistic integrity. I did some quick math calculations and I get paid approximately \$0.03 for each word that I write. Now, \$0.03 might not seem like a lot of money, but this sentence is worth \$0.48. And this paragraph is worth \$3.99.

I think the irony is that the people who write letters to the editor about me spend at least as much time as I did writing the columns, if not more, and they don't get paid anything for those.

I don't really think they want to get paid, though. They'd just like their names up there next to their opinion so they can show their friends and say, "Look, they published my response to that garbage column they printed last week."

Now you might be thinking to yourself, "This columnist is just writing a lot of crap because he's getting paid \$0.03 a word." Well, you're right! I couldn't have expressed it better myself (considering I did express it myself, but with the little thought bubble coming out of your head). But now you're really thinking fast, wondering if those parentheses were thrown in at the last minute just to snag an extra quarter. Or even that last sentence.

You might be a bit insulted that I'm wasting your time just for quarters. Well, I need those quarters. I've got bills to pay just like everyone else. I've got a stack of parking tickets on my desk and those things double after 21 days.

If I were you, I'd be expecting a kickback for having to read this column. As luck would have it, I'm not you, and I am getting a kickback. But don't act so surprised. You don't think Bob Dole is talking about erectile dysfunction because he thinks it's an amusing anecdote to share with the world? No, he's doing it because Pfizer is paying him off. And you don't expect Bob Dole to pay you for watching his silly erectile dysfunction commercial, do you? Well, then stop complaining.

Did you think this column would be over by now? Have you stopped reading yet? I think the beauty of the situation is that every single person that picked up the *Guardian* and was unfortunate enough to stop at this column can stop reading it right now, and I'll still get paid for it. I don't think the advertisers would mind either; chances are, when you stop reading this column, you'll start reading the advertisements near it. That being the case, I could start writing shopping lists of groceries and most people wouldn't mind. Lettuce. Tomatoes. I grilled a hamburger today and I only had relish and mayo. Can you imagine eating a hamburger with only relish and

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Forks in the Road of Grades and GPAs

There is life to be found beyond getting high GPAs and simply getting high

By VALERIE BURNS
Staff Writer

The acronym "GPA" is so trite, yet so intertwined in our lives as college students. Upon arriving at UCSD, a place most of us worked so hard to get to, one might ask if we should continue our Protestant work ethic or decide to continue our education alternatively.

It is widely thought that the best lessons learned in college happen outside the classroom. It is also well-known that in order to get into an affordable graduate school, GPA is half the battle and therefore extremely important to potential grad students. On the whole at UCSD, there seem to be three different routes taken by students with respect to GPA: The "C equals degree" route, the graduate school route and one nestled between the two.

Many students I have encountered at UCSD have chosen to go the "C equals degree" route and therefore don't stress excessively about squeezing every drop out of their GPA capability. In all hon-

esty, UCSD is a hard school, and there are some classes where C's are hard to get. On the whole, however, I have found C's require little work or class attendance. I mean, if you're drinking three to four nights a week and smoking large amounts of marijuana, I could see where one could justify this route. Otherwise, it seems very slackerish to take your parents' money — let's be honest, that's most of us — and turn right back and around and say "screw you" to them.

It is easy to mask the "C equals degree" route with such a negative connotation because our society puts such a large emphasis on "being all you can be." In many ways, this slackerish route has positive effects. If more people subscribe to this way of thinking,



James Pascual/Guardian

the number of people considering suicide during finals week will surely decrease. Let's not pretend we haven't met people at this school that have expressed such scary ideas. I'm sure all of us know at least

one person who we feared actually meant what he said.

The "C equals degree" route also can be analyzed more abstractly. In a way, it is flipping off society in general, as well as the intellectual elitist establishment. If a large number of UCSD students began to take less interest in their GPA, the results would shed negative light on UCSD because our graduate school acceptance rate would be much lower. Statistics like these are often used to show the caliber of major universities such as UCSD. It should be kept in mind that the "C equals degree" route is riding dan-

gerously close to the academic probation border, and for all you practicing slackers, you might want to sneak a few B's in there.

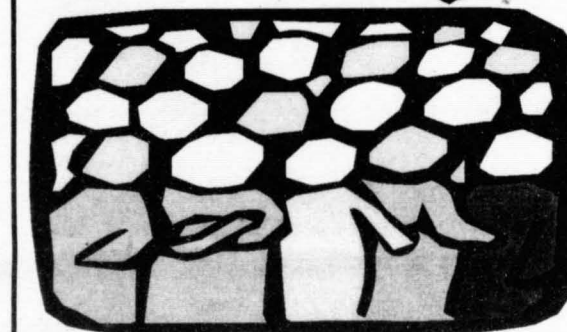
The graduate school route is the other prominent route taken. Everyone planning to continue education after college realizes the importance GPA plays in their acceptance to graduate school. Since I am a student at Revelle college, the majority of my peers, whether they are liberal arts or science majors, are not ending their education at UCSD.

For Revelle at least, it seems that most students are merely beginning at UCSD because of the high number of pre-med we have. UCSD as a whole has a disproportionately high number of future graduate students.

With this huge stress added to what most of us give ourselves, the looming expectations of graduate schools can often be overwhelming to students. Why does it seem like everyone at UCSD is cracked out during finals week? The mat-

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The Editor's Soapbox

The Recent Stock Market Roller Coaster is New to Unjaded College Investors

By BILL BURGER
Senior Staff Writer

It is no epiphany that money is tight for college students. The high sales of Natural Ice at the Sav-On near campus can attest to that. I personally have a change stash in my desk that I delve into on Sundays in an attempt to purchase the most 39-cent cheeseburgers that I can afford.

Because of this shortage of funds, students scramble to find money from any source possible. Some people subject themselves to scientific testing for a few extra dollars. Many of us have jobs to pay for extraneous items that financial aid and Mom and Dad don't pay for. Another popular place to try and find a little cash, at least in the last couple of years, has been the stock market.

These days are now over. I'll admit it. Since I was a junior in high school, I have invested small to moderate amounts of money in the stock market, and I know that I am not alone. I figured, as I am sure that many of you did, that the market keeps going up and there is next to no risk to being in the market, especially the technology industries, where price per share ceilings didn't seem to exist.

We all made a stupid move, but it wasn't entirely our fault. We

were born in exactly the range of time that put us in our late teens and early twenties, when the market was flying to its highest levels. We were led to believe that the rules of economics didn't apply to us; that prices of stock shares no longer had anything to do with earnings and that the values of Internet companies could continuously rise, even without a product or anything resembling a product. It was a new economy with new

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rules, and we were sure that we were going to benefit from it.

We were oh-so-wrong. What caused this misconception that sent buyers into a frenzy? Ironically enough, I would say that the blame can most correctly be placed in the laps of the buyers themselves.

Cheap computer trading on Web sites such as E-Trade has made other brokerage houses lower their per-trade prices. All of this has made entering the stock market more accessible to many people over the last few years. For most of you, this is not new information. What most people don't understand, however, is the new dynamic that this introduces into the realm of stock trading.

With more novice investors in the market trying to make a quick buck, two things happen. First of all, variances of stock prices begin to go way up. This is simply because of the fact that more people in the market means more capital in the market, which in turn brings the possibility of bigger swings.

Secondly, more novice investors means that the mob-like reactions to certain phenomena have an even greater effect on prices of stocks.

This is my theory, and theories need to be tested with empirical evidence, so let's take a look at the numbers.

It is easy to see that the variances in the prices of the stock exchanges have gone up significantly over the past few years. As little as five years ago, a 20-point

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Housing: Prices are a big consideration for students

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Costa Verde Village is one of the few area properties that has no wait list. This is due to the fact that the complex is opening up a new building and is leasing those rooms out now.

For the most part, people get on wait lists and specify a certain month that they would like to move in. Since most places remain at capacity throughout the year, or close to it, they do not know when they will have openings until tenants give their 30-day notice to move out.

At that point, the people on wait lists are contacted and offered

the opening. If they like it, then it is theirs. If they don't, or if they have another apartment already, then the wait list deposit is refunded.

Prices
While there are places out there for just about any price range, students should be realistic about what they expect to pay in La Jolla.

Unless you're willing to live in a roach motel, you should expect to pay somewhere between \$1,100 and \$1,500 for a cozy two-bedroom apartment.

Before making a decision purely on price, students should also consider what they are getting for their money. For example, while the cheapest two-bedroom apartment at The Villas of Renaissance costs \$1,585, there are several benefits that come with living in

that community.

The Villas of Renaissance offers a fitness center with free weights, an aerobics room, a sauna, four pools, four Jacuzzis and several activities ranging from movies to dances, of which are all included in the rent.

"We are a very activities-based community," said Taylor. "We really like to keep things interesting for the residents."

Some complexes also include some, or all, utilities in the rental price, something that can be very valuable with the current high prices of water and electricity.

In contrast to those high prices, Costa Verde Village offers a two-bedroom and two-bath model for a mere \$1,350. Couple that price with a high success rate

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HOROSCOPES



By LASHA SENIUK
Tribune Media Services

Aries (March 21-April 19)

Before midweek, Aries, watch for a key official to introduce unexpected financial information: Canceled loans and temporary restrictions are accented. Although news may be negative, Aries, past employment or money mistakes can now be easily transformed into sound business decisions. Pay special attention to new property options, government contracts or lucrative, short-term projects. After Thursday, social relations will be delicate: Expect increased gossip and fast romantic speculation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Private love affairs or hidden loyalties between friends may now be subtly revealed, Taurus. Over the next few days, romantic flirtations will be unmistakable: Watch co-workers and officials for small indications of emotional change. Some Taureans will also enter into a highly passionate relationship. Remain open, Taurus: New relationships will be temporary but seductive and rewarding. Early next week financial restrictions are lifted, Taurus: Expect slow, steady changes.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Financial speculations and new contracts will work in your favor this week, Gem. Early Wednesday, watch for a key official or government agency to offer unique opportunities in promotions, media, advertising or management. Thoroughly research all major proposals, however, before mid-May: Employment facts, money promises or public records may be temporarily misleading. After Friday, expect a sudden burst of physical energy: Health, fitness and social optimism are now on the rise.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Love relationships will be satisfying this week, Cancer: Early

Tuesday, expect loved ones to leave behind past social anxieties or romantic doubts. Family differences and minor disagreements will no longer create a wall of silence, Cancer: Openly express your ideas, opinions or needs and watch for important emotional breakthroughs. After Thursday, small financial decisions may be required. Key issues involve short term investments, property management, repairs or renovations: Stay focused.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Family and close social relationships will now enter a brief but intense period of past reflection or confrontation. No serious or long-lasting influences can be expected here, Leo, but do watch for loved ones to openly discuss recent events, past social loyalties or yesterday's decisions. Be attentive, Leo: Others may now need your dedication and support. After Thursday, news from a distant relative will be pleasing: Travel plans, home renovations or large purchases are indicated.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Late Tuesday, Virgo, a work announcement or business proposal may initiate a lengthy period of expansion and revised career ambitions. Key areas of concern are corporate permissions, shared contracts and changed job titles. Tuesday through Friday, watch financial records and business tactics closely for valuable clues. Some Virgos, especially those born in August, may find that the complex workplace politics of the last four months now create unexpected opportunities: Stay alert.

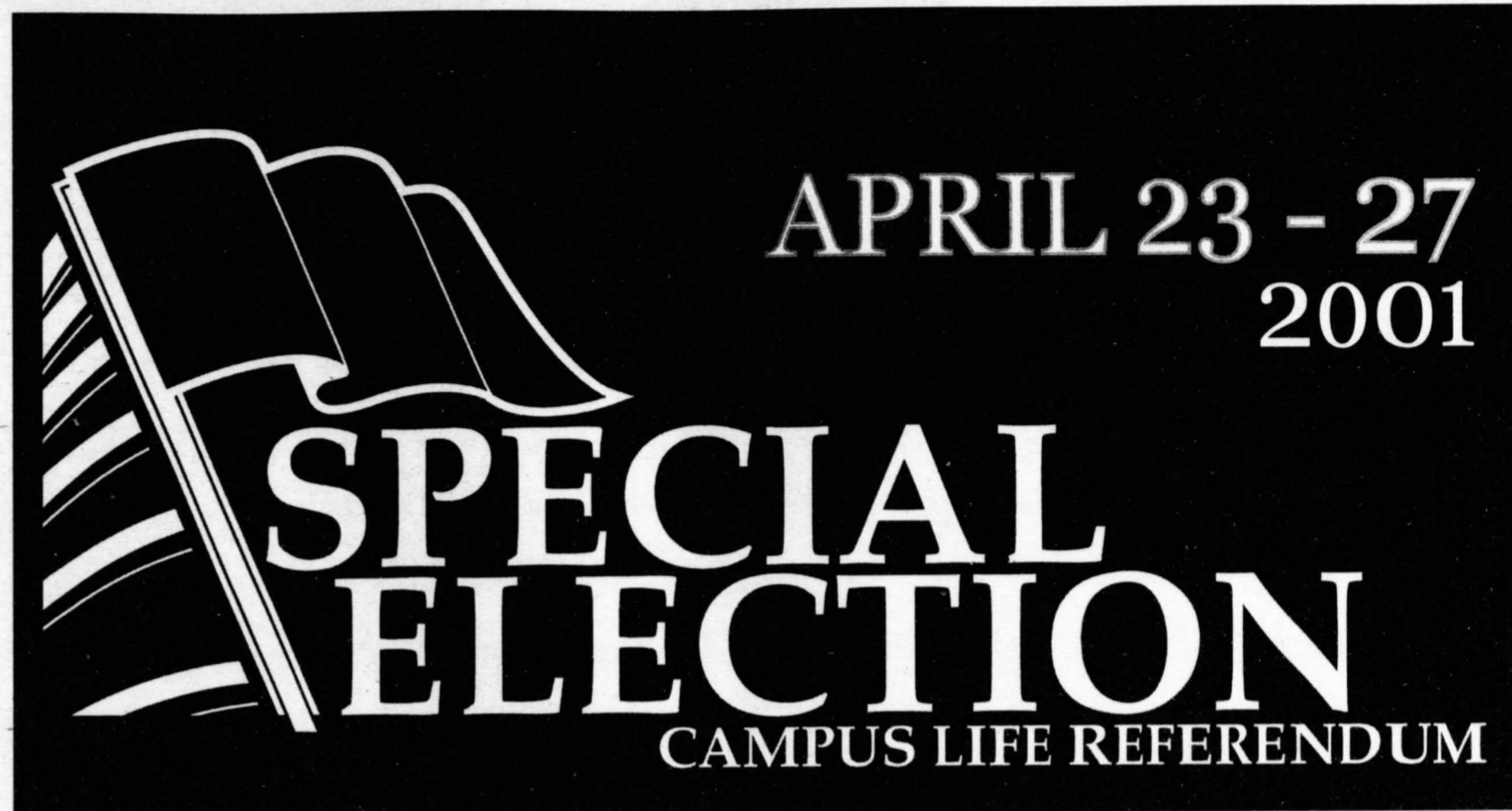
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)

Quick messages and new instructions may soon cause subtle but important changes in working relationships, Libra: Early Wednesday, expect key officials or work partners to openly discuss short-term plans or revised policies. Your role may be more influential than is apparent, Libra: At present, group success depends heavily on your public confidence and leadership abilities. Later this week, social dynamics are also difficult: Expect close friends to be temporarily moody or unresponsive.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)

Close friends and potential lovers will now respond warmly to

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Sample Ballot



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- Poll Locations:**
Open 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM DAILY
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- Library Walk (Price Center & Center Hall)
 - Student Center
 - Revelle Plaza
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Rain date(s) week of April 30

CAMPUS LIFE FEE REFERENDUM BALLOT
This Referendum proposes a fee to provide funding for additional student activities, events, and programs and to expand and renovate facilities at UCSD. The fee generated by the 2001 Campus Life Referendum, hereafter referred to as "the Campus-Life Fee" would be assessed at \$71.40* per quarter from each enrolled undergraduate and graduate student.

- * The Campus-Life Fee will initially be assessed at \$70.70 per student per quarter and will increase by \$0.35 once sixth college begins enrolling students and again when seventh college begins enrolling students.
- Referendum Conditions:
 - * The Campus-Life Fee will be collected starting in fall quarter 2001 with the exception of the line-item allocations for sixth and seventh colleges.
 - * The line-item allocations for sixth and seventh colleges will be collected starting in the first fall quarter of enrollment for each respective college.
 - * The Campus-Life Fee will be allocated quarterly to the areas or units in the dollar amounts listed below in Chart #1.
 - * The Campus-Life Fee will never increase beyond \$71.40.
 - * As enrollments increase, each area or unit will continue to receive the same per student allocation each quarter in order to offset inflation and account for the increasing number of students.
 - * Every three years the Registration Fee Committee will review the Campus-Life Fee in order to make recommendations on potential reductions to the Campus-Life Fee with the exception of contractual obligations.
 - * If state funds, donations, or other moneys become available to support adequately any areas or units receiving allocations from the Campus-Life Fee, the quarterly fee will be reduced by an amount to be recommended by the Registration Fee Committee.
 - * All changes in state funding or moneys received by the university impacting areas or units funded by the Campus-Life Fee shall be made known and available to the Registration Fee Committee.
 - * In the future, if an area or unit receiving allocations from the Campus-Life Fee no longer exists, the Campus-Life Fee will be reduced by the amount of the allocation.
 - * The Chancellor's Office and UCSD Administration will provide all funding necessary to relocate the Campus Police and clear the site for Price Center expansion from non-student fee sources.
 - * The money allocated to Sports Facilities by the Campus-Life Fee shall be used only for lighting at Warren Field, synthetic turf at Muir Field, and twenty-four hour use of the Main Gym.
 - * Decisions regarding the expenditure of the allocations resulting from passage of this referendum will be made by existing or formed committees with students comprising at least two-thirds of the voting members.
 - * The Administration will, with the exception of the aforementioned examples, under no circumstances change the per student per quarter allocation amount.

Annual \$71.40 per Quarter Fee Allocations

Associated Students of UCSD (ASUCSD)	\$ 1.50
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Five Colleges	\$ 5.00
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Intercollegiate Athletics (NCAA)	\$19.00
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, & Transgender Resource Ofc (LGBTRO)	\$.50
OASIS	\$ 2.50
Sixth College	\$.35
Seventh College	\$.35
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Tuesday, April 24

Dr. Richard Rothschild, Dept. of Physics and Center for Astrophysics and Space Science, presents "The Universe is Rated 'R' for Violence"—An exploration of the extreme physics and environments in the cosmos and how we understand them.

Tuesday, May 22

Dr. Jose Onuchic, Dept of Physics will speak on "Biophysics."

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Softball Sweeps UC Davis

The Tritons bypass the Aggies in the standing with two victories

By **ISAAC PEARLMAN**
Associate Sports Editor

In an important two-game series against sixth-ranked UC Davis on Friday, the UCSD women's softball team swept two games to improve its CCAA league record to 15-8-1, while the Aggies dropped to 13-8 in league.

UCSD managed only three hits in the first game, but two came in the crucial third inning. Those hits, combined with two Davis errors, gave the Tritons a 4-0 lead. UCSD pitcher Lea Harlan just managed to hold off the powerful Aggies as they rallied for three runs but came up short, 4-3. The loss was Davis pitcher Susan Churchwell's first since February 14, ending her nine-game winning streak.

In the second game, UCSD jumped on Davis early, posting two runs in the first inning. The Aggies scored a run in the third, but Triton pitcher Christi Martinelli had no trouble until the sixth inning, when Davis had the tying runs in scoring position. Martinelli escaped by inducing a fly out to end the inning.

Two runs in the seventh nailed the coffin on Davis.

UCSD travels to Bakersfield next weekend for the California State University Bakersfield Invitational.

Volleyball:

UCSD's Chen invited to play for national team

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30-24 score.

To end the game, Cogorno made an impressive block to thwart a sure point and seal the victory with an exclamation point. The Leopards fell to 11-16 with the loss.

Three Triton players were in double digits in kills as Chen, Hite and junior Griffin Cogorno had 15, 13 and 10 respectively. Chen's 15 kills were a match high. For La Verne, Nate Michael led the team in kills with 12.

The Tritons' four seniors were able to end their careers on a high note. Although Chen's collegiate career is over, his volleyball endeavors will continue, as he was invited to compete for a national team spot. He will be joining other collegiate players in Colorado Springs, Colo. after graduation to try out for the United States team, which will compete in the World University Games in Beijing at the end of August.

Although the Tritons went 0-17 in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation competition, they showed resilience against Division I powers such as UCLA, Pepperdine, Stanford and Hawaii. Throughout the season, they were unable to win an MPFS match but were able to take games from No. 6 Pepperdine, No. 5 Stanford and No. 3 UCLA.

Al Scates, longtime head coach of UCLA and perhaps the most successful men's volleyball coach ever, lauded the good competition that the Tritons provided the Bruins on April 6 when UCSD took the first game 30-26. Scates knew that the Tritons were capable of beating any team in the MPFS.

UCSD finished the 2001 campaign with a 6-21 overall, 0-17 MPFS record. Its six wins came against Princeton, UC Santa Cruz, New York University, Quincy-III, Cal Baptist and La Verne.

UCSD Women's Volleyball Loses Four Heavy Hitters

Punelli, Hawes, Visser and Kueneman say good-bye as they complete their careers

By **ARVIND VASSAN**
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Every year, collegiate athletes must pack their bags and leave the sport they love. They may go on to play professionally, or coach a team, but the thrill of playing for their own school has to come to an end. This can be difficult at times, but also the thought of achieving the goals that they set out for at the beginning of their college lives can be rewarding.

Four women will be graduating this upcoming year from the women's volleyball team here at UCSD. Leslie Punelli from Laguna Niguel, Calif., Shannon Hawes from Escalon, Calif., Kearney Visser from Santa Monica, Calif., and Christine Kueneman from Watsonville, Calif. Each has left her mark on her sport and teammates, and will greatly be missed.

"I have an advantage over their instructors," said fifth-year head coach Duncan McFarland. "I had the privilege of really knowing these girls and working with them for four years. I saw a lot of growth in these ladies; the way they motivated their teammates, the way they pushed the team harder during practice and games. The chemistry that they brought is hard to replace."

Punelli was the team captain this year, an all-conference player, and the team MVP for the 2001 season. Her accolades are extremely impressive, mounting a record of 101-23 with teammate Kueneman. Punelli led her team in service aces and digs this past year, plus ranking in the top of the team in other categories as well.

Kueneman, herself, was co-cap-

tain, and she and Punelli really became a dominant two-person combination for the Tritons for these past years.

Hawes was a red-shirt player her freshman year and will be graduating this year with her class.

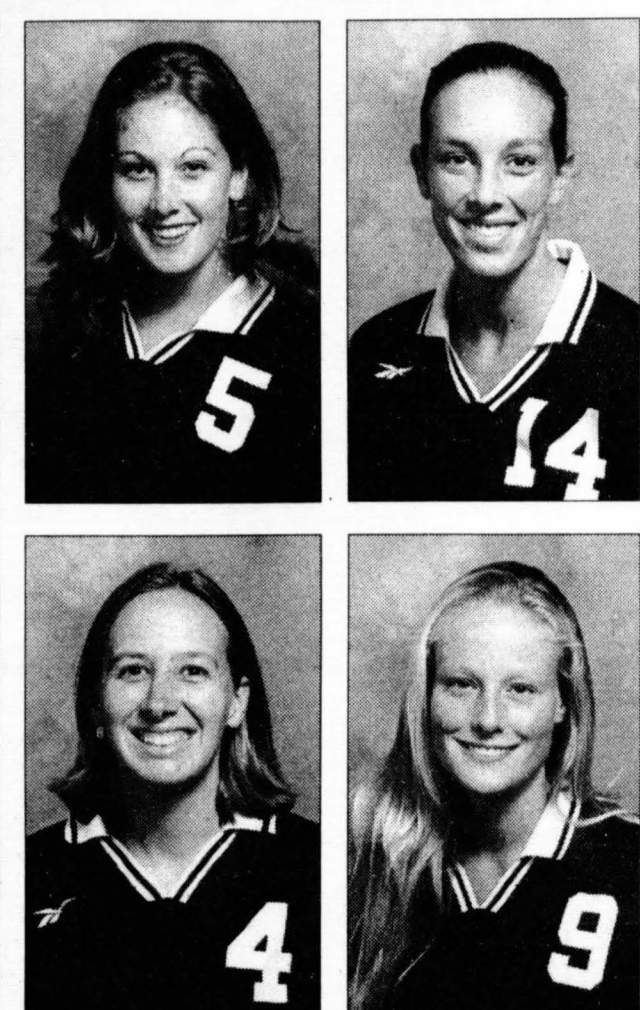
Visser played opposite for the Tritons, where she excelled in all facets of the game. Her specialty, though, was digs. Her 3.07 per game was second on the team.

"These girls have been here with me since I began my career at UCSD, so it's easy to have an attachment to them," McFarland said. "The girls showed a lot of poise, stepping into the collegiate scene and answering the challenge. I remember in 1997 when we won the NCAA Division III championship in their opening season. In 1998 we finished in second place in the championships, so these girls have shown great consistency in their play and have left their mark on the whole Division III."

"I truly believe that Leslie will end up either teaching or coaching a volleyball team in the future," McFarland continued. "She has the ability to reach kids on a level most teachers cannot. I can honestly see her going in that path."

So as another school year culminates, we say good-bye to four athletes who can be proud to represent the Tritons spirit. They have excelled both on and off the court, which is a testament to their character and persona.

Peyton Manning, a once-quarterback for the University of Tennessee put it well when he said, "Being student athletes represents all that is good in sports." These four women are evidence of that.



Fantastic Four: The four graduating players, clockwise from upper right: Christine Kueneman, Kearney Visser, Leslie Punelli and Shannon Hawes.

by the numbers

201
Total number of kills by Leslie Punelli during the 2000 season, which placed her third on the team

714
Assists by Christine Kueneman in her last year as a Triton, more than any other Triton player

95
The number of kills by Shannon Hawes during her final year at UCSD

88
The number of kills notched by Kearney Visser in her last season for the Tritons

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SPORTS



Diversity Increasing in Sports



ROBERT FULTON

Over the past two weeks, a pair of remarkable happenings took place in the sports world. What the two events have in common is that they both helped create more diversity in the melting pot of athletics.

In Dallas: For the first time ever, a Chinese basketball player laced up his sneakers and headed to the court in the NBA. The NBA has been around for over 50 years yet, until now, no one from China has ever played on a NBA team.

This does not mean that professional basketball will be filled with people from China or that China will suddenly become a superpower on the basketball court. This does, however, help to smash any stereotypes that may still exist.

Aerial accidents may happen, accusations of stealing nuclear secrets may come to the front, China may be an oppressive, totalitarian, human rights-violating country; but in a way, it all becomes moot upon the placing of an orange ball into a cylinder 10 feet high.

The sports world was transformed another way this weekend. Women's soccer, which has been on the map for more than a couple of years now, has finally been given a professional league of its own. Sunday was the premier of the Women's United Soccer Association.

Just a few years ago, a group of the best soccer players in the world tore through international competition to win the World Cup. Then came a run in the Summer Olympics in Sydney; women's soccer had stormed onto the scene.

Now they have a professional league where their skill and athleticism can be enjoyed for an entire season. The new league has eight teams, and yes, one of them — the Spirit — is located right here in San Diego. The team will play its home games in Torero Stadium at the University of San Diego.

I hope that the league is popular and survives. I watched part of a game yesterday, and I have to say that there are many worse sporting events on television. Can anyone say "XFL"?

My skepticism comes because the men's league has been struggling. It has decent attendance and a good number of season ticket holders, but ratings on television are dismal. Americans just aren't into soccer. There were enough people watching Sunday's match, but it was on TNT — not exactly a major network. Plus, the novelty will soon wear off and only the true fans will remain. Let's hope that there are enough of them out there. I enjoyed watching the WUSA, but give me the UCSD team any time.

At UCSD, we are used to diversity. For every men's team there is a women's team for the same sport (except golf). Athletes from a variety of backgrounds compete at the collegiate level.

So, there were two changes in the sports universe. Hopefully they didn't go unnoticed by everybody.

Volleyball Grabs Win

Seniors close out year with a victory

By GLORIA CHUNG
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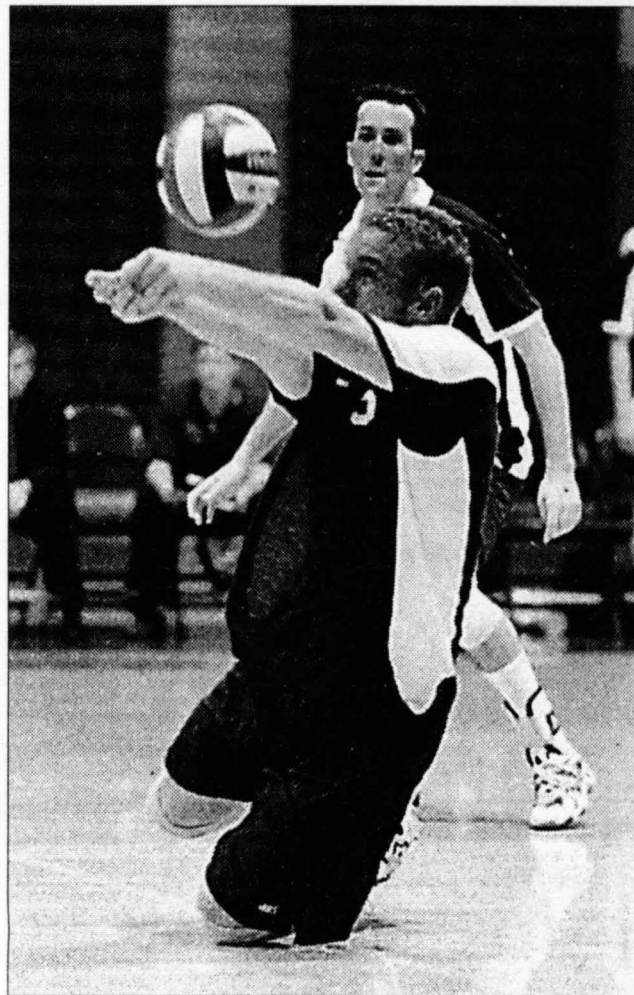
In its last week of play, the UCSD men's volleyball team took on California Baptist University and the University of La Verne, both at RIMAC Arena.

On Wednesday the Tritons hosted Cal Baptist University. The match went to five sets as the No. 1 team in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics pushed UCSD to the limit. The Tritons were down 2-1 but pulled out crucial plays and rallied together in the next two sets to get the win over the visiting Lancers.

Senior Donald Chen led the way for the Tritons with 25 kills, helping UCSD to a 19-30, 30-19, 28-30, 30-20, 15-13 victory.

To close out the 2001 season, UCSD took on La Verne in a nonconference match on Saturday night. Its matchup against La Verne was the second meeting between the two teams this season. In the first meeting, La Verne swept UCSD in three games, 30-25, 30-28, 30-23. Fortunately, the Tritons were able to return the favor the second time around.

On Senior Night 2001, seniors Chen, Zack Hite, Kevin Flynn and Todd Tarplee played their final game in Triton uniforms. With a good crowd in attendance at RIMAC Arena, the four seniors made the most of their opportunities and guided UCSD to a commanding win over the top-ranked team in Division III.



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That's Dedication: A UCSD volleyball player hits the floor in order to save the ball from hitting the ground.

The Tritons battled in a close match for three sets, but in the end, UCSD was just too much for La Verne. The first game was tight most of the way, but the Tritons were able to break loose and win 30-23.

The second game proved to be a more easy task than the first, with the Tritons coasting to a 30-21 win. Sophomore Eric Perrine

came through with some crucial kills and finished the match with a total of seven.

The third and final game proved to be similar to the first game. Each team had shifts in momentum, but eventually UCSD contained the Leopards and closed out the match with a

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Water Polo On The Rise

Women notch five victories over the weekend

By ISAAC PEARLMAN
Associate Sports Editor

Last Friday and Saturday the 12th-ranked UCSD women's water polo team traveled to Long Beach to compete in the Long Beach Invitational and went an impressive 5-0 over the two days to improve to 17-11 for the season.

On the first day, the Tritons roared out of the gates with a 14-2 pounding of Cal State Bakersfield. In the second game of the day, UCSD continued its dominating play by demolishing the Claremont/Mudd polo team, 11-1. Freshman goalie Andrea Cornford was stingy in the net, holding the opposition to a single goal in the first quarter and then blanking them the rest of the match to end with six saves.

On Saturday the Tritons first squared off against Occidental College and had no problem, winning the game 10-5. Both Emma Kudritzki, Courtney Hemmerly and Hilary Smith put in two goals.

The second game was a bit tougher, as UCSD took on the tournament host, Long Beach State. Due to a stifling defense, led by Hubbs with eight saves, the Tritons were able to come out on top, 3-2, due to two goals from Kudritzki. The third game just eked out a victory over UC Santa Barbara, 7-6, behind the inspired play of Kudritzki, who tallied four goals in the match.

Kudritzki was the Tritons' main offensive weapon throughout the tournament, and she finished the weekend with an incredible 12 goals in five games to lead the Tritons.

UCSD Track & Field Dominates At Home

Both teams secure first place at the UC San Diego Invitational

By ISAAC PEARLMAN
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Last Saturday the UCSD men's and women's track and field teams hosted the UC San Diego Collegiate Invitational and gave their guests a glimpse of what Triton hospitality is about, as both UCSD teams grabbed first place overall to sweep the invitational.

The women's team, competing against Cal Poly Pomona, Cuyamaca Community College, Mesa Community College, Point Loma University, California State University at San Marcos and University of Utah, earned a total of 217 points, while second place Cal Poly Pomona was far behind with 145.5 points.

The men's team earned 189 points, enough to edge the Cal Poly Pomona men's team, which came in second with 162 points.

"[Both teams' performances] were dominant," said track head coach Tony Salerno. "It was inspiring."

The UCSD women had finishers in the top 10 in every

event, except for 4x100 relay events, in which the team was disqualified. Triton event winners included Meghan Scott in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10:27.33, Julie Pope in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 12:03.44, the 4x400-meter relay team with a time of 4:00.34, Sarah Raoufi in the high jump with a jump of 1.60 meters (although teammate Nicole Johnson received second place, also jumping 1.60 meters), Clara Wilson in the long jump with a leap of 5.41 meters, Nicole Johnson in the triple jump event with 10.93 meters, and Erin Selim in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:17.14.

"It was a great day on the track," Salerno praised.

Salerno marked Selim's win as a stand-out performance, characterizing it as an "easy win." Another top performance for the women's track and field team actually came the day before the UCSD Invitational, when Megan Bergin qualified for the NCAA nationals in the hammer throw at a San Diego State University meet.



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Got up: A Triton hurdler focuses on the task at hand at Spanos Stadium last weekend at UCSD.

On the men's side, top UCSD finishers included Jon Wong in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:53.26, James Nielsen in the 1500-meter run beating Wong by half a second with a time of 3:50.3, Nielsen in the 5000-meter run, Steve Pease in the pole vault with a vault of 4.80 meters and Rob

Ewanio in the shot put with a throw of 16.05 meters. Pease's vault was good enough to qualify for the NCAA championship.

Wong's time in the 1500-meter events was enough to break the school record, but unfortunately it

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