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Special Election Guide

From today until March 9, students can vote on the future of athletics and \$495 in student fee increases by logging onto TritonLink with username and password. The *Guardian* offers its special D-I election primer; for more information and full pro/con statements, go to the official A.S. Special Elections page at <http://as.ucsd.edu/ica>, the con page at reclaimucsd.wordpress.com and the pro side at advanceucsd.com.

WHY VOTE?

The results of the election — with millions of dollars at stake — will affect all students regardless of how many people vote.

UCSD elections traditionally have low voter turnout, hovering around 20 percent. In 2007, a 55-percent voter turnout was enough to almost triple increase the then-\$95 athletics fee.

TERMINOLOGY

CCAA — California College Athletics Association; UCSD's Division II conference

The Big West — West Coast D-I conference UCSD wants to gain entry into; currently includes UC Davis, UC Irvine, UC Riverside, UC Santa Barbara; University of Hawaii will join in 2012 and San Diego State in 2013

Title IX — a section of the 1972 Equal Opportunity in Education Act that mandates equal spending on men's and women's sports

Return to aid — the 29 percent of each student fee that goes toward student scholarships

Flutie effect — the assumption that increased athletic success will lead to increased name recognition, prestige and spending; a 2003 study of nine D-I conferences found that the Flutie effect might not be statistically viable

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How much do I already pay for athletics?

All UCSD undergraduates currently pay a \$359 annual — or \$119.78 quarterly — Intercollegiate Athletics Fee. This money goes toward scholarships, coaches' salaries, and benefits.

If the referendum passes, how much additional money will I pay? Will everyone pay more?

If the fee passes, undergraduates will pay an additional \$495 annually — or \$165 per quarter — for a total ICA fee of \$854 per year. Students currently covered by financial aid will not pay the increased fees due to the proportion of the money that returns to student scholarships.

If the referendum passes, will UCSD have a football team?

No. The fee is solely to fund salaries and scholarship to move our existing sports to Division I. The 2011 Football Feasibility Study, See **FAQ**, page 3



I would love for sports to advance to D-I, and they definitely deserve it, but this is a case of misplaced priorities at a time when student fees are rising. [...] The benefits, like name recognition and school spirit, are intangible, and the cost is too high for something that not every student would concretely benefit from."

KEVIN QUIROLO
PUBLIC EDUCATION
COALITION OF UCSD



UCSD does not fit the changing profile of the average Division II institution. UCSD does fit the profile of the average Division I institution (academics, size, mission)"

FOOTBALL FEASIBILITY STUDY
MARCH 2011



We see it as an investment. Seniors, juniors and sophomores would not have to pay right now. It's an investment. In our last referendum, we voted in favor of RIMAC. Everyone is happy with the facility and now we would be putting the money in to something that would better the school as well.

GABI HERNANDEZ
TRITON ATHLETIC COUNCIL
REPRESENTATIVE
JUNIOR WOMEN'S SOCCER PLAYER

PRO

- UCSD has already outgrown the Division II in enrollment, SAT scores and athletic ability
- Students covered by financial aid will not pay fee increase
- Increase recognition, school spirit, alumni donations and prestige

CON

- Hurts middle-class students who won't receive more financial aid
- 2003 study of nine D-I conferences found that Flutie effect (see "terminology") is not real, and D-I basketball does not correlate with more alumni giving
- Risky when student fees keep increasing

COMPARISONS

- 1370** — UCSD's 75th percentile SAT scores (math and verbal)
- 1216** — 75th percentile of Big West schools
- 1070** — 75th percentile SAT scores of other CCAA schools
- 4500** — average enrollment of CCAA schools
- 28,000** — approximate UCSD enrollment

BY THE NUMBERS

\$359
Current annual athletics fee

\$495
Total annual fee increase if referendum passes

\$143.55
Amount (from \$495) that would go to aid scholarships

3
UCSD sports competing in D-I (men's water polo, men's volleyball, fencing)

29
Number of national championships held by UCSD teams

1370
UCSD's 75th percentile SAT scores (math/verbal)

1070
CCAA average 75th percentile SAT scores (math/verbal)

14,855
average CCAA enrollment (2008)

28,000
UCSD enrollment (2008)

2000	2007	2008	DEC. 2010	MARCH 2011	AUG. 2011	APRIL 2011	FEB. 2012	SEPT. 2014
UCSD moves to from Division III to Division II	55 percent of students vote in special election to increase athletics fee from \$95 annually to \$329 annually	Then-A.S. Senator Utsav Gupta creates Football Feasibility Task Force to investigate possibility of creating a football team.	The Big West conference rejects UCSD	Athletics Department pays \$28,000 for Athletics Feasibility Study, concludes that a football team is not feasible, but suggests move to Division I.	Four-year moratorium on moving to D-I is lifted; UCSD now eligible to advance.	A.S. President Alyssa Wing's Board the Wing slate — with football and Division I as key components of the campaign — sweeps campus elections.	Special Election, ends March 9	Referendum nullified (with no fees) if the Big West Conference does not accept UCSD by that time

SPOKEN

"We are proud of what we have done up to this point, but now is the time that matters."

CHARITY ELLIOTT
UCSD Women's Basketball
Head Coach

FORECAST



MONDAY
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TUESDAY
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WEDNESDAY
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THURSDAY
H 58 L 45

NIGHT WATCH



MONDAY



TUESDAY



WEDNESDAY



THURSDAY

SURF REPORT

MONDAY
Height: 2-7 ft.
Wind: 11-28 mph
Water Temp: 59 F

TUESDAY
Height: 2-6 ft.
Wind: 3-8 mph
Water Temp: 59 F

WEDNESDAY
Height: 1-1.5 ft.
Wind: 6-12 mph
Water Temp: 59 F

THURSDAY
Height: 2.5-3 ft.
Wind: 2-10 mph
Water Temp: 59 F

GAS PER GALLON

LOW
\$4.07
Valero, South San Diego
2029 La Media Rd & Airway Rd

HIGH
\$4.69
Shell, Del Mar
3015 Del Mar Heights Rd near I-5

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BIRDLAND By Rebekah Dyer



AS PER USUAL By Dami Lee



CURRENTS

COMPILED BY Zev Hurwitz | associate news editor

UCSD

- UCSD alumni have the eighth highest salary potential of all public schools nationwide, according to a PayScale study released this week. The study also wrote that UCSD graduates with two years of experience average a \$48,200 starting salary, and that the average salary for alumni who worked for 15 years exceeds \$96,000.
- UCSD will celebrate Dr. Seuss's 108th birthday on Friday, March 2. A celebration will be held outside of the Geisel Library, and will coincide with the feature film release of "The Lorax," based on one of Seuss' books.
- March 1 will be a national day of action to defend public education. There will be mobilization on campus, starting with a walkout at 11:30 a.m. and a rally on Library Walk.

SAN DIEGO

- San Diego County house sales jumped nearly 5 percent from last month, according to La Jolla-based DataQuick. The median price of a home in San Diego County rose by \$1,000 to \$305,000.
- A stabbing at a house party in Escondido resulted in the death of one man, and the critical injury of another. Police have not made any arrests.
- A noxious odor coming from the women's bathroom of a Denny's in Mission Valley on Saturday caused an evacuation of the restaurant. A hazardous material team found traces of chemicals found in pepper spray.
- A Poway attorney who pled guilty to "baby-selling" charges was sentenced this week to five months of federal custody and another nine of house arrest.

CALIFORNIA

- An 11-year-old Long Beach girl died after fighting with a classmate on Friday. The girl died despite an emergency surgery several hours after the fight. She had been feeling unwell after school when she was rushed to a hospital. The actual cause of death is unknown and no arrests have been made.

CORRECTIONS

A Feb. 21 story entitled "UCSD to End TAG Program in Fall 2012" incorrectly stated that the program would end in Fall 2012. The TAG program will be available until Fall 2014.

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

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ULTRAZONE — The Ultimate Laser Adventure

LIGHTS & SIRENS

Friday, Feb. 17

12:17 a.m.: Citizen contact
 ▶ The subject at Village Place and Market needed assistance on finding a place to plug in an electric vehicle. *Information only.*
1:45 a.m.: Suspicious vehicle
 ▶ There was a “sleeper” in a vehicle at Lot 705.
1:09 p.m.: Injury
 ▶ An adult male fell and hit his head in the parking lot of Radiation Oncology Center. *Transported to hospital.*

Saturday, Feb. 18

2:23 a.m.: Noise disturbance
 ▶ A large group outside The Village Building 1 was “smoking and talking loud.” *Information only.*
1:46 p.m.: Medical aid
 ▶ A young adult male at Warren Field had a fractured wrist, but was “conscious and breathing.” *Transported to hospital.*
10:04 p.m.: Alcohol contact
 ▶ A bottle of alcohol was thrown out of a sixth floor window at The Village Building 1. *Unable to locate.*

Sunday, Feb. 19

12:07 a.m.: Disturbance
 ▶ There was a “party” at Frankfurter Hall. *Information only.*
11:26 a.m.: Information
 ▶ A pit bull at Mandeville Center was unleashed, yet did not appear to be vicious. *Information only.*
12:22 p.m.: Citizen contact
 ▶ A big red chair was moved from its original location at Revelle Plaza. *Information only.*
9:56 p.m.: Information
 ▶ The reporting party at Scripps Memorial Hospital said an “unknown psych subject” dialed 911 and made “suspicious statements.” Referred to other agency.

Monday, Feb. 20

12:23 a.m.: Stolen vehicle

▶ Four people at Lot 504 were trying to open a car door with a hanger. *Checks OK.*

2:06 a.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ People were “running and screaming” at Sixth College Apartments. *Will cooperate.*

1:55 p.m.: Injury

▶ A young female fell on her head during a sports game at RIMAC. *Transported to hospital.*

4:25 p.m.: Disturbance

▶ An “unknown adult male” was yelling at the reporting party and her children. *Unable to locate.*

Tuesday, Feb. 21

8:24 a.m.: Smoke check

▶ A compost pile at Che Café was smoking. *Checks OK.*

9:11 a.m.: Injury

▶ An adult female tripped and possibly hurt her back at Urey Hall. *Transported to hospital.*

9:47 a.m.: Medical aid

▶ A young adult male “blacked out” at Pines. *Transported to hospital.*

1:45 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A rock flew up from a weed whacker at Parking Lot 703, hitting and shattering a window. *Report taken.*

4:03 p.m.: Gang or terrorist threat

▶ The subject was “yelling out obscenities” at Student Health Center. *Field interview administered.*

11:29 p.m.: Noise disturbance

▶ The reporter at Marshall Residence Halls said suitemates were being too loud. *Information only.*

Thursday, Feb. 23

1:00 p.m.: Citizen contact

▶ A nightclub poster was being put up around campus illegally. *Information only.*

— Compiled by Sarah Kang
 STAFF WRITER

Special Election Guide

▶ **FAQ**, from page 1

commissioned by the UCSD Athletics Department, determined that football would cost over \$33 million for facilities alone.

If we move to Division I, will any sports be cut? What about Title IX?

No. The Title IX Education Code states that there should be equal spending in men’s and women’s sports; this sometimes leads to men’s sports being cut at universities with high football spending. This will not affect UCSD unless a football team is added.

If the referendum passes, will we start paying the \$495 annual fee immediately?

No. Students will not pay this fee unless UCSD is accepted to compete into the D-I Big West athletic conference. The Big West rejected UCSD as a prospect in December 2010, opting instead to accept

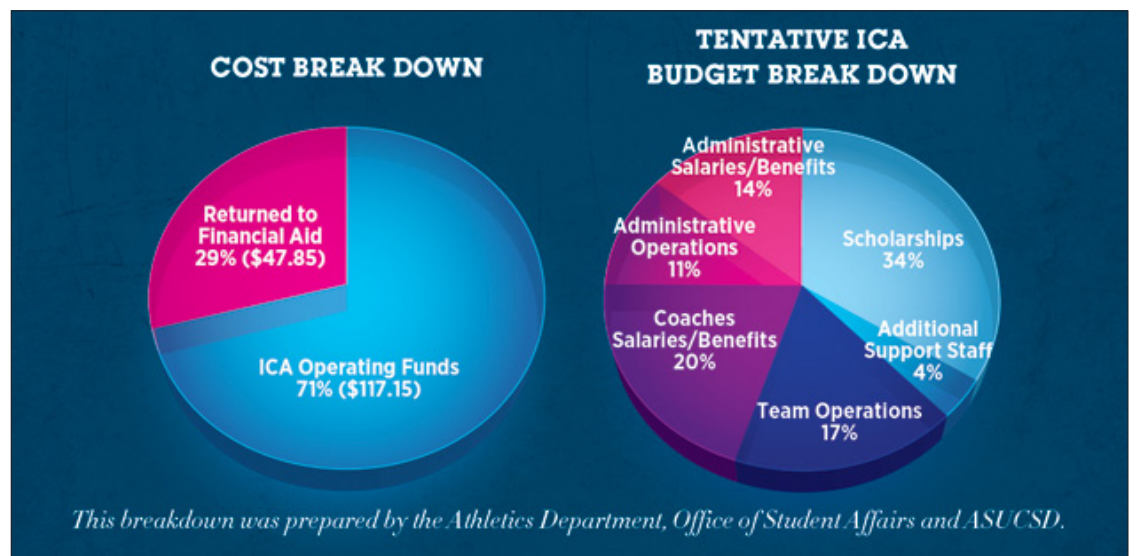
the University of Hawaii. If Big West does not accept UCSD by Sept. 30, 2014, the referendum will be nullified and no fees will be paid.

Which other UC schools are in Division I? Will we be playing them?

Aside from UCSD, the only schools in the UC system that are not Division I are UC Santa Cruz (III), UC Merced (NAIA), UC San Francisco (graduate campus, no sports). If accepted, we will play against Davis, Irvine, Riverside and Santa Barbara. UCLA and UC Berkeley are part of the Pacific-12 conference.

Are there any academically well-known schools that are not Division I?

All of the Ivy League universities are Division I. Universities with high academic rankings that are not Division I include MIT, Cal Tech, University of Chicago, Harvey Mudd College and Johns Hopkins University. These are all private universities.



Estimated cost and breakdown of fees if referendum passed. Graph courtesy of UCSD Athletics.



REAPPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID 2012- 2013

UCSD'S Priority Deadline for filing the FAFSA is **MARCH 2, 2012**

Continuing aid recipients were sent a reminder notification with instructions on completing their 2012-2013 FAFSA application on the web at:

www.fafsa.ed.gov

- Download the worksheet to help you complete your FAFSA on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Your Department of Education PIN is needed to “pre-fill” your application with prior year information.
- Estimate the amounts and then update your estimates once your tax returns are filed using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Access your tax information via this tool shortly after filing electronic taxes – about 3 weeks (electronic filing) or 6 weeks (paper filing).
- Parents required to sign the FAFSA may request a PIN at www.pin.ed.gov in lieu of submitting a FAFSA signature page.
- Contact the Department of Education processor at 1-800-4FED AID (1-800-433-3243) if you do not receive confirmation within 14 days of filing the FAFSA.

Don't miss out on financial aid for next year. Apply on time by March 2, 2012!

May 21st is the deadline to provide additional required documents such as verification worksheets and tax transcripts or to resolve processing holds. If verification information is submitted or holds are resolved after May 21st, funding is limited.

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OPINION

CRAM SESSION

The 2015 addition of social science and critical thinking sections to the MCAT is a well-intentioned move to make admissions more holistic, but the changes will put too much emphasis on non-medical topics.

BY CHRIS ROTELIUK • STAFF WRITER

Pre-med students, get ready to hunker down for a mental marathon unlike ever before — the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has decided to make some major changes to the MCAT medical school entrance exam. Set to take effect in 2015, the new test aims to capture a student's "soft skills" of reasoning and relating to patients, in addition to the traditional "hard skills" of biology, chemistry and physics. Shifting the MCAT toward a more balanced focus is a promising idea to steer students toward developing the skills of a well-rounded doctor, but the AAMC could fall victim to an over-emphasis on education in non-medical topics, a potentially risky way to separate those most qualified.

The new 2015 MCAT is comprised of four parts: biological sciences, physics/chemistry, behavior/social sciences (new) and reading comprehension/critical reasoning (new). The writing portion of the test has been removed, because feedback from admissions officers shows that this section is the least deterministic of quality medical students when compared to the students' grades and performance on other parts of the exam. Each section is worth 15 points, for a total of 60 on the test. Overall, these changes increase the MCAT length by 90 minutes.

Arguably the most substantial

change to the MCAT is the addition of 65 questions on psychology, human behavior and social sciences. If executed well, this new focus could prove very beneficial to the medical field. Encouraging students to take social science classes not only broadens their horizons, it also fosters mindsets and communication skills that are not practiced in science classes — indispensable attributes for an industry tied so closely to people.

But the new section poses a fundamental hazard: one-fourth of the MCAT medical exam will consist of non-medical topics. While the new reading and reasoning section tests a candidate's ability to connect ideas, the behavior and sociology section solely quizzes students on their knowledge of these non-medical topics. Knowing the biological foundations of behavior might be sensible, but some of the topics listed on the AAMC Preview Guide are of questionable relevance to being a doctor. The guide states that students are expected to know theories on stereotypes, discrimination, power, prestige, and class, among other non-medical related social science topics. These abstract topics place unnecessary strain on pre-med students because students will have even more material to focus on that is concurrently vaguely related to the medical field. Amjed Saffarini, executive director of pre-health

programs at Kaplan Test Prep, echoes this sentiment, saying that "Having that many more prereqs is not going to encourage students to go into medicine from the humanities."

The opportunity for pre-med students to get a well-rounded education already exists. In addition to core medical classes, students can choose to major in any subject they want. In 2010, nearly a quarter of pre-med students chose a non-science major. What unifies such a diverse group of students into the pre-med classification is their knowledge of medical sciences received from the core medical classes. Giving significant weight to humanities on the test encourages students to specialize in more social sciences rather than extra medical sciences, when deeper knowledge in biological sciences is arguably the more pressing option for doctors.

Statements made by leaders of the AAMC suggest the changes to the MCAT may not be entirely for educational reasons. According to an article on InsideHigherEd.com from April 1, entitled "Revamping MCAT and Pre-Med Education," the AAMC has repeatedly expressed desire for a more ethnically diverse medical field, and cite low MCAT test scores as a major obstacle to that goal. Senior director of the MCAT program Karen

See **MCAT**, page 5

PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY REBEKAH HWANG/GUARDIAN

Against the Odds: Why I Don't Use Adderall

When I tell people that I've never used Adderall, they're usually scandalized. For as much as those of us in the humanities are mocked at UCSD, we're also responsible for roughly 3 million pages of reading

At Wit's End

TREVOR COX
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and writing each quarter. There is always another paper, another book — and like anyone else raised on Gameboys and Pop Tarts, my attention span doesn't carry me to the epilogue.

Until recently, my reasons for abstaining were somewhat murky, even to myself. I'm not a total puritan, I care about my grades, and by the laws of peer pressure, I should have been popping a 30-mg extended release capsule for Beowulf years ago. As regular readers of this column will know (hi, mom!), it's true that I'm a hypochondriac. But even I'm not fearful that, if I gave Adderall a try, I'd keel over with a heart attack while giving my kitchen the most vigorous damn scrubbing it's ever seen.

In some quantifiable way, most of my friends who take Adderall are better off than I am. They often have better grades, more job prospects and, if it weren't obvious enough, they're more productive. They're likely not doing much damage to themselves, either: most psychiatrists agree that, given you aren't pregnant or using other medications, occasional Adderall use won't have any lasting effect on your body.

But knowing myself, and the ungodly amount of caffeine I need to function for one day, it's not hard to imagine needing it to work in the way that I now need coffee. I may know close to nothing about chemistry, but I know that this is how addiction can start: do something often enough with apparently positive results, and you will begin doing it more frequently.

Another possibility is that more pervasive factors are to credit for my restraint here. No researcher has yet examined the long-term effects of watching "7th Heaven" on naive, fearful prepubescent boys, but when one does, we may know more on that front.

Mostly, though, I don't like the thought that I could come to need a pill for what I've been managing all along. Yes, like virtually everyone who uses Adderall, I'm often stressed; and yes, like virtually everyone who doesn't, I didn't make it through Beowulf.

But for the most part, I get by — maybe not with an engineering degree, but nonetheless, I get by. I get decent grades. I sleep. With the reliable aid of just coffee and Beyoncé, I've survived more all-nighters than I could have dreamed.

I'm still baffled that expectations of us are so impossibly high that the only way to come close is with amphetamines. If they weren't, and if we weren't in such relentless, unending competition with each other, this might be a different column. But those expectations aren't changing, and there's no reason to think our habits should, either.

QUICK TAKES

FIVE ARIZONAN REPUBLICAN LAWMAKERS ARE ADVOCATING A NEW BILL THAT WILL REGULATE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS' SPEECH TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION RULES.

Foul Language Distracts from the Purpose of Learning

Arizona teachers had better watch their mouths. A group of Republican legislators from this state are pushing new legislation that will penalize public school teachers for not complying with the Federal Communications Commission's regulations on speech and profanity. Labeled Senate Bill 1467, the legislation will create a three-strike rule against teachers who feel the need to drop f-bombs in the classroom. Arizona may have a history of unusually harsh laws (SB 1070 comes to mind), but this bill was created with a purpose — legislators decided to take action after repeatedly hearing complaints about teachers using inappropriate language during school hours.

And the limits they've set are hardly absurd. According to the FCC, profanity is defined as any language "so grossly offensive to members of the public who actually hear it as to amount to a nuisance." Clearly, the teacher misconduct already reported to the legislators posed a nuisance — this would simply regulate speech in a way that has been done since the FCC's formation in 1934.

Regulating speech that children are regularly exposed to is not a new feat. In *Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser* in 1986, the courts upheld the suspension of Matthew Fraser, a student who presented a "lewd" campaign speech during a student election. According to the courts, the way the speech was delivered in front of the large 600-student audience went against school values. Undoubtedly, this case will be brought up in deciding SB 1467.

The classroom is a place for children to learn — profanity and obscene language, when spoken as expletives, are merely distractions. If regulations can be placed on television, which children watch in their spare time, it isn't unreasonable to place similar regulations on teachers working during federally mandated hours.

— MARGARET YAU
Managing Editor

Ambiguity of Measure Violates Teachers' Free Speech

A group of Arizonan Republican lawmakers is backing legislation that could cost public school teachers their jobs if their speech doesn't comply with Federal Communications Commission standards for TV and radio, which includes the f-word and more moderate terms such as "shit." Senate Bill 1467 is so poorly written that it infringes on teachers' First Amendment rights by theoretically controlling anything a teacher says both on and off school property.

The proposed penalties range from a one-week suspension for the first violation, to being fired after the third violation. The bill allows teachers to be fired for a first or second incident if the school finds that this punishment is deserved. Most notably, the restrictions apply to any public school program from pre-school to public universities.

The ambiguity of the measure's wording infringes on teachers' free speech rights. The bill says penalties apply to "[people who provide] classroom instruction in a public school," but fails to specifically state that profanities cannot be heard in the classroom. The bill hypothetically limits teachers' language in private emails, conversations with colleagues and even in teachers' own homes.

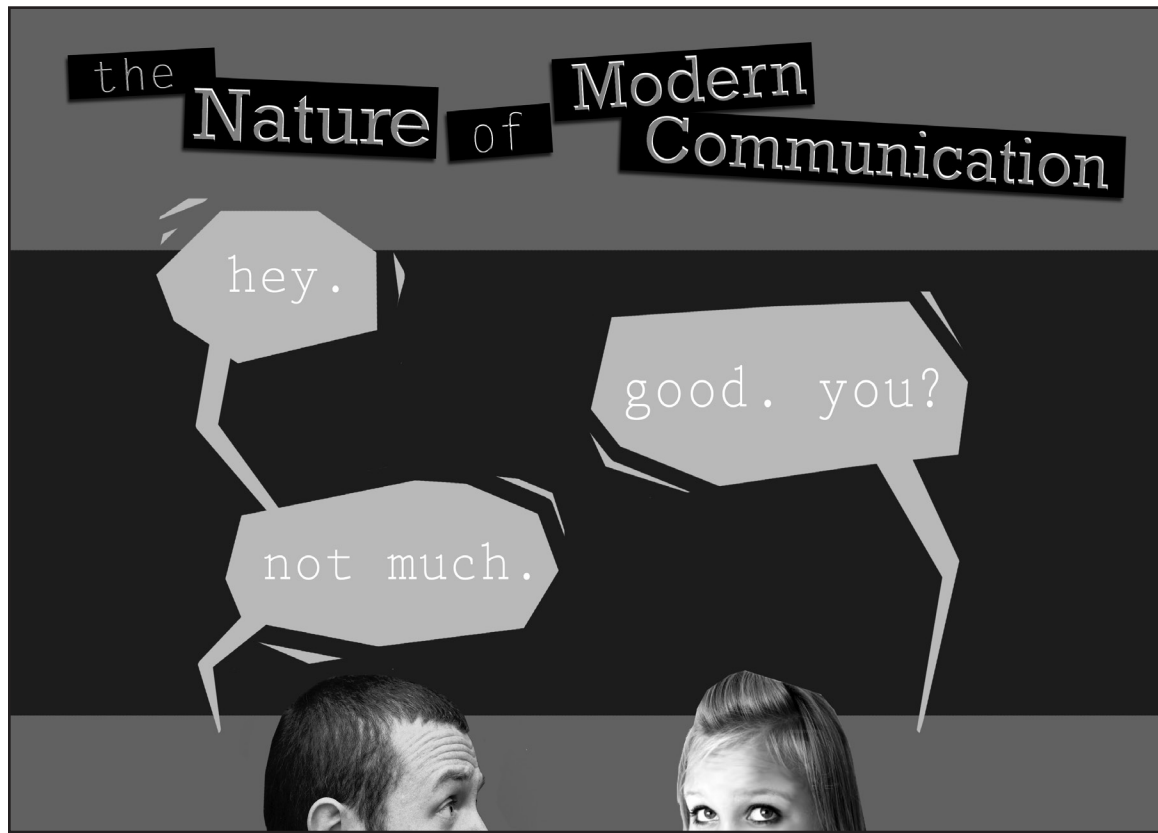
As an added punch, the wording of this bill can even prevent teachers from teaching classic literature that contains inappropriate language usage.

Schools already have vast jurisdiction over what can be said on school grounds, as seen in past court rulings such as *Bethel School District No. 403 v. Fraser*. On top of the impracticality of regulating these restrictions, bringing this issue to the state level would unnecessarily complicate matters.

The bill is too poorly written, and clearly becomes too intrusive regarding what teachers can say, and when.

— ALEKS LEVIN
Staff Writer

IN OTHER NEWS By Rebekah Hwang



Social Sciences Section Could End Up Ignored Entirely

► **MCAT**, from page 4

Mitchell has made it clear she hopes the new changes will help minorities score better on the test and increase their acceptance rate into med school. Yet, it undermines the purpose of screening for capable doctors to change expectations for students who perform mediocre on the medical portion of the MCAT. Increased diversity is a worthy goal, but changing admission standards is the wrong means to that end.

Though there has been a great deal of study and consultation with medical school faculty and admissions officers before choosing to enact these changes, it remains to be seen whether the social sciences section will actually hold a huge influence on the test. If the social sciences section does turn out to be irrelevant, the method of scoring each section individually will provide a safeguard.

The AAMC claims that performance on the current writing section is often ignored by interviewers, (hence the section's removal in the 2015 version), demonstrating an interviewer's power to focus only on the sections they feel are important. If the social sciences section does turn out to be a flop, it appears interviewers can easily choose to evaluate a student's performance on the medical sciences alone.

There are certainly some concerns with the new MCAT test. That being said, the AAMC is an accredited group with firsthand knowledge about the needs of the medical field. Hopefully the new MCAT is able to find the proper balance between medical and non-medical topics, and produce well-rounded doctors.

Readers can contact Chris Roteliuk at croteliu@ucsd.edu

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TAG Program to End Fall 2014, Not 2012

Dear Editor,

As chair of the Committee on Admissions, I would like to bring attention to inaccuracies that were printed in the article titled, "UCSD to End TAG Program in Fall 2012" in the Feb. 21, 2012 issue. At UC San Diego, the Transfer Admission Guarantee (TAG) program will be available until Fall 2014.

This decision has been voted on and approved by the Committee on Admissions. Therefore, students who entered a California community college up to and including the Fall 2011 class would, with diligence, be able to complete their coursework in time to enroll at UC San Diego for Fall 2014. |

UC San Diego is committed to providing opportunities for transfer students to complete a four-year degree program. We aim to broaden the opportunity for more transfer students to be eligible for the limited spots we do have.

UC San Diego is dedicated to remaining accessible to transfer students from California Community Colleges.

integrate drones of all kinds into national airspace on a wide scale by 2015.

The V-1 (also known as a flying bomb, buzz bomb or doodlebug) was an unmanned monoplane that was powered by a pulse-jet motor and carried a one ton warhead.

They were launched from a fixed ramp and traveled at about 350 mph and 4,000 feet in altitude, and had a range of 150 miles. It was 25 feet long and had a wingspan of 20 feet.

One million and a half people left London.

Winston Churchill complained that he couldn't understand the panic in view of the fact that British and American bombers were dropping about a hundred tons of bombs on German cities for every ton dropped by a doodlebug. It must have been the technology.

And judging by the comments to the NY Times article "Drones Set Sights on U.S. Skies" the people are about to do for their elected representatives what the British people did when they turned Mr. Churchill out of office.

—Richard Thompson
Alumnus, '83

—John Eggers

Chair, Academic Senate
Committee on Admissions

FAA Combat Drones Will Cause Panic

Dear Editor,

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(SPRING BREAK) TRAVEL GUIDE



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- Stacey Chien, STAFF WRITER

Within this highly cosmopolitan city coined the “Paris of South America,” there’s sure to be something for everyone, considering its 48 districts — or barrios — each come with a distinct personality and flavor.

Known for its European-style architecture, Buenos Aires is laced with a sense of grandeur and elegance. The attractive locals, better known as porteños (people of the port), don’t detract from this either. But woven between the trendy boutiques and cozy cafés (the city has a thriving coffee culture), are more grungy, run-down parts of town — roughening up the polished neighborhoods.

Quaint shops line the narrow cobblestone streets of the bohemian San Telmo, the oldest barrio, where you can find unique antiques and handicrafts. The famous Sunday antiques market is its main attraction, though you might just be too engrossed in the sultry,

seductive tango exhibitions to do much shopping — what with all that leg action going on.

Just as attention-grabbing is the lively La Boca, located at the mouth of the Riachuelo. Normally flooded with tourists, the brightly painted houses along the Caminito — some with life-size figurines adorning their balconies — are quite the scene.

On a more serious note (though exciting for “Evita” fans), a visit to Recoleta will lead you to the mausoleum of Eva Perón, alongside those of many other notable Argentines.

In the largest barrio, Palermo, meat enthusiasts will be happy to find some of the best parillas (steak restaurants) around. Following a late-night dinner (it’s customary to eat at around 10 p.m.), the vibrant nightlife will leave you wondering when, or if, the city ever sleeps.



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- Ashley Kwon, STAFF WRITER

Winding through Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach on the Monterey Peninsula coastline, this legendary scenic drive is literally 17 miles of breathtaking views of sea and sky, world famous golf courses and exclusive mansions.

The best part of the drive is discovering nature’s treasures. The Lone Cypress is one of California’s most enduring landmarks and an eternal symbol of the area, while the characteristically turbulent waves of the ocean (deeming the coastline the “Restless Sea”) contribute to the incredible vista down the shore, especially at sunrise or sunset.

A variety of wildlife can also be seen. Bird Rock

presents close-up views of pelicans, sea otters and idle sea lions in their natural habitats. Families of deer wander through the forest’s edge, too.

Golf lovers should not miss the four world-renowned golf courses along the edge of the 17-Mile Drive: Spanish Bay, Spyglass Hill, Del Monte and Peter Hay. These are popular for travelers and locals alike.

The quality of light and panorama along the 17-Mile Drive result in incomparable photographs, making for picture-perfect road trip moments — just make sure to bring along the right music and people.

- Mina Nilchian, FOCUS EDITOR

Maybe you’re looking into a spring break with more than just snorkeling and a botched tan. History nerds, architectural connoisseurs or rebels, consider booking a flight to Europe’s gem of a getaway: Amsterdam.

You probably know the quaint city for its accessibility to the pleasures denied to you here in the states: weed and hookers. Of course, your time at the Netherlands can be spent in the unconventional “coffee shops” or the Red Light district, but we also suggest giving the devil on your shoulder a break and exploring Amsterdam’s rich cultural history and stunning scenery.

Get to know the city by renting a bike and riding along the cobblestone paths of the downtown, or

take a trip through its famous canal route, which doubles as a perfect transportation network to the city’s famous tourist sites, such as the Ann Frank Museum or, in case that devil just won’t pipe down, the infamous Museum of Sex.

Also make sure to check out the world renowned Flower Garden, open during the Spring, for a magnificent view of the city’s famous tulips.

While booking that flight may leave your pocket feeling much lighter than usual, cheap hostels are easy to find. If you’re willing to compromise your five-star standards, you can make do without too much of a blow on your budget, leaving you plenty of cash for gifts for your sunburnt friends back in Cabo.



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- Arielle Sallai, LEISURE EDITOR

Whether you’re simply trying to spice up your typical hometown visit or a newbie aiming to explore the other end of California, there’s plenty to do around the Bay Area during the spring time — and, believe it or not, the City ‘aint the only draw.

Airfare comes cheap when you book in advance, or simply hitch a ride with a friend intent on heading home anyway. You might even be able to score a free place to stay via your Nor Cal friend, but either way, there are youth hostels in San Francisco and couch surfing is always an affordable and adventurous option.

Once there, you’re not going to want to stay put for long. There’s a lot more to the Bay than the Golden Gate and crooked streets, so use BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) to your advantage, making it easy to jump from an afternoon antique shopping

in Piedmont (Oakland’s bougiest ‘hood) to a night raging in the Castro (SF’s gayest ‘hood) without the inevitable parking nightmares and traffic across the bridge.

First and foremost, join the great San Diego-San Francisco burrito war by hitting up one of the Mission District’s prime taquerias (Taqueria Cancun is a personal favorite) for some aluminum-wrapped glory that Chipotle could only dream of.

Of course, the Bay is a foodie’s dream, and burritos aren’t the only dish worth tasting. Clam chowder from a street vendor at Fisherman’s Wharf is always a must, while Oakland’s thriving restaurant scene boasts both trendy joints like Homeroom (serving exclusively mac-n-cheese) and neighborhood mainstays like Fenton’s Creamery (made famous in Pixar’s “Up”).



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3pm
TEARS IN TAHRIR FROM TAMER: ARABIC LANGUAGE POP STARS AND THE ARAB SPRING-ERC ADMIN. BLDG. ROOM 115

As the events of the January 25th protest movement unfolded in Egypt and thousands of people filled Tahrir Square, Egyptian singer and actor Tamer "The King of Egyptian Pop" Hosny found himself in the middle of a European tour. He rushed back to Egypt and, like several other Egyptian celebrities, publicly supported the regime of Hosni Mubarak. In the eyes of many Egyptians, Hosny and other celebrities turned against the aspirations of the very youth demographic that had previously been their biggest supporters. Through both secondary sources, such as blogs, and a series of interviews conducted with Egyptian youth and Arab music bloggers over Skype, Ulaby examines the resulting discourse around Hosny and others as a window into contemporary Egyptian views on celebrity, popular music, and the intersection of art and politics. In particular, he will consider the notion of the "carnavalesque", put forward by theorist Mikhail Bakhtin, as a way to contrast the resonance and power of music in Tahrir Square during the protests and that of the Egyptian popular music industry.

6pm
BOARD & BREW- THE LOFT


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THU 3.01
8:30am
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7pm
ALPHA KAPPA PSI SPRING PREVIEW- STUDENT SERVICES CENTER MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

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TUE 2.28
7pm
LET IT FLOW: A SOULFUL NIGHT AT SIXTH- PC EAST BALLROOM

Join us at Sixth College's annual Black History Month celebration, Let it Flow. Guests will enjoy delicious soul food as they listen to spoken word artists. Once the artists are finished, we'll turn the floor over to UCSD students for a SLAM poetry open mic.

8pm
WINTERTIME- ARTHUR WAGNER THEATER- GALBRAITH HALL ROOM 157

Jonathan and Ariel head to his family's cabin for a romantic weekend. Little does he know that his mother and her lover and his father and his lover are also en route! As if things could get more complicated, Bertha bursts on the scene crying that her lover has fallen through a hole in the ice. Discover the struggle, heartache, and joy of love all in the dead of winter. Contact Aimee Zygmanski: tdpromo@ucsd.edu

FRI 3.02
12pm
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FRIDAY CAFÉ

Please join us for an Indian meal on the International Center patio. Lunch costs \$5 and is served from noon until 1:15pm. The menu will include: chicken tikka masala, rice, Gujerati green beans, naan, and banana cake. This week's sponsor will be UCSD Libraries.

WED 2.29
6pm
SIGMA KAPPA'S BEST DANCE CREW- PC EAST BALLROOM

Sigma Kappa's Best Dance Crew is Sigma Kappa's annual philanthropy. It is a spin-off of America's Best Dance Crew, but with all of the sororities and fraternities competing! This fundraiser will help the Sigma Kappa Foundation. Sigma Kappa Foundation supports Alzheimer's and Gerontology research, Inherit the Earth and the Maine Sea Coast Mission. Tickets are \$8 presale and \$10 at the door. Come out to support the participants and the cause! Contact Imalexan@ucsd.edu

8pm
JUNE MOON- MANDELL WEISS FORUM

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8pm
VAGINA MONOLOGUES- PC EAST BALLROOM

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- 20 Jewish
- 21 Rotten
- 22 Conference including Duke and UNC
- 23 *Chili competitions
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- 30 "What's up, ___?"
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- 33 Dissertations
- 36 It can be airtight or waterproof
- 37 Fishing pole
- 38 Rank that goes with the first parts of the answers to starred clues
- 40 Support garment
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- 10 Grassy fields
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- 12 Pub pick
- 13 Dorm supervisors: Abbr.
- 18 "And so on and so forth," for short
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- 39 Approached
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- 51 Nonprofit's URL ending
- 52 The Gold Coast, since 1957
- 54 "Let's roll!"
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- Ayan Kusari, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Art is the focal point of Khajuraho, a quiet city of just under 20,000, hidden deep within the humid forests of Madhya Pradesh, India. Khajuraho is best known for its thousand-year-old temples, which have a cult following among designers, painters, myth lovers and history buffs from all around the world.

The Khajuraho temples aren't as famous as the Taj Mahal or the Jaisalmer Fort, but they are every bit the marvels that their more famous counterparts are. Constructed without mortar between 900 and 1100 A.D., the temples are architectural wonders for their time.

Each temple is about 100 feet tall, built from perfectly interlocking stones, with every inch of the temples' outside walls intricately carved. Interestingly, the carvings at Khajuraho don't depict gods; instead, they celebrate human life. Women put on jewelry and paint their lips. Men guide oxen to plough their fields. Musicians perform, lovers embrace and artists paint. Though it's hard to see at first, the carvings together form a kind of narrative — a loose history of the

Chandela dynasty that built the temples.

For a UNESCO-designated World Heritage Site, Khajuraho is remarkably relaxed and unpretentious. Here, there is nothing you cannot touch. The temples were built to be walked in, prayed in and individually explored. There are no official tours — only private guides and an audio circuit on a Discman that can be rented for a few dollars at the tourism office downtown.

As long as you stick to the Indian offerings, Khajuraho's food is delicious. Avoid anything that advertises itself as international cuisine. At a restaurant one night, we ordered "miso soup" that turned out to be canned chicken broth with enough soy sauce to turn the whole thing black.

Still, Khajuraho's relative obscurity has its perks. Go to a temple on a weekday morning, if you can — the complexes are mostly empty then. Listen to the chanting worshippers. Watch morning sunlight color the temples a brilliant shade of pinkish orange. And let the still-pristine magic of your surroundings carry you back into the past.

- Hayley Bisceglia-Martin, SENIOR STAFF WRITER

You will not sleep in Barcelona. Count on scrounging for a few liquor-soaked hours of slumber in between free walking tours and nightclubs, and saving the rest of your recovery for the plane ride home — you'll be far too busy to do any of it there.

Though Barca is a beach town, it's still too chilly to spend your time sunbathing if you're there for Spring Break. That doesn't mean there isn't anything to do. The electronic scene is legendary, and rightfully so — it's built around a vibrant nightlife with dedicated times for siesta and fiesta (embrace local culture and take your afternoon nap at 6 p.m. — you'll need it).

Though there are some restaurants that open earlier for the more conservative tourists, residents don't typically eat until around 10 p.m., and the partying starts before the metro shuts down at midnight. Luckily, you can avoid the cab fare home by cunningly staying out at the clubs and bars until 5:30 a.m., when the subway starts running again.

Barca's other draw is its stunning Art-Nouveau architecture. Instead of the towering, centuries-old cathedrals and castles dotting Italy and France,

Barca's principle architectural stars are the works of legendary madman Antoni Gaudí, who left his "modernism" fingerprints all over the city. Colorful and intricate buildings line the streets, literally unlike anything you've ever seen — like Casa Batlló, the "trencadís" ode to Saint George or Casa Milà, known in Catalan as "The Quarry" — and the Sagrada Família, still under construction, looms large in the distance. A free walking tour, like the "Runner Bean" tours that leave every day from the Plaça Reial, will take you to his different buildings and explain the history behind each. Grab a fresh-squeezed juice from La Boqueria to sip on while you walk (but make sure to go inside for your purchases. The food on the outer edges is more expensive, just because the vendors know tourists won't want to wander in further).

The energy of the city is unlike the old-school allure of Rome, or the urban bustle of London. It's a beach town, a party culture and an architectural wonderland characterized by a completely different era and philosophy of building. Barca's draw is that it's young: compared to the rest of Europe, it's like a coked-out art student on spring break.



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- Tiffany Chin, CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In Bolivia, you don't have to reach upward to touch the sky. The country is home to the world's largest salt flat, Salar de Uyuni, where the sky and ground merge into one. This occurs due to a layer of water that collects on the plains, creating a bizarre and breathtaking reflection — the largest mirror on Earth.

The salt flat is located in southwest Bolivia near the crest of the Andes, totaling 10,582 square kilometers. There are no signs of life for miles, other than fields of cacti and the three species of South American flamingos that call it home — Chilean, James' and Andean — making the stunning scenery stretch out into the horizon.

Tours are offered to explore the plains, lasting three to four days as you drive over the vast flat land in a 4x4 Land Cruiser.

Due to the harsh conditions of the salt plains, certain items are essential. Sunglasses, extra water, sunblock and hats are necessary to brave the relentless sun and its blinding reflection off the salt flat. Coins and small bills will be useful because — like most things in life — things aren't free and neither are the bathrooms. But most importantly, a camera with extra battery and loads of memory cards is totally essential for the countless photo opportunities of your unique trip.



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THE FRUGAL TRAVELER



JULIAN

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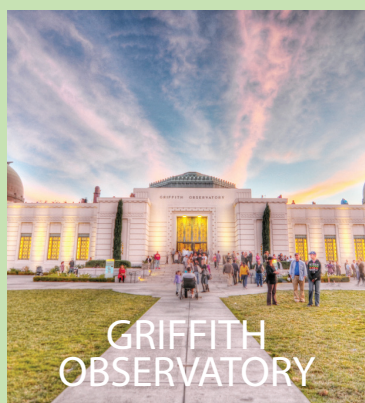
Spend some time in Julian, the most delicious little town located only an hour and a half west of campus. Head down Main Street and sample everything apple-based, including and especially their famous Julian apple pie. If you're feeling especially generous, pick up a half-baked pie to bring back to your jealous roommates.



KNOTT'S

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Take a trip to second-rate Disneyland. As a cheaper alternative to Mickey and friends, Knott's packs the roller coaster thrills of Six Flags with the kitschy kiddie fun land atmosphere of Disney.



GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY

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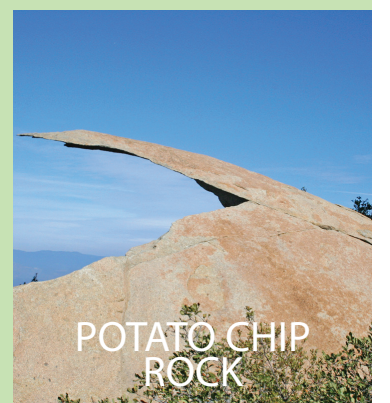
Take an impromptu, non-classroom-sponsored field trip to Griffith Observatory, a monument to public astronomy located at the top of Mount Hollywood in Los Angeles. Stargaze with your better half and observe Foucault's famous pendulum, all outside of the stifling confines of a classroom.



JOSHUA TREE

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Escape winter by heading to the Mojave Desert to rock climb and enjoy the scenery, dotted by the Joshua Tree for which the park is named. Make your stay cheap by taking camping gear — nature walks, bouldering and stargazing are enough activities to bring the Bear Grylls out in you.



POTATO CHIP ROCK

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Make your out-of-the-area friends jealous by posing on top of the infamous "potato chip rock," located on Mt. Woodsen near Poway. Don't forget to bring water to the surprisingly arduous five-mile hike — the trail heats up fast.

Tritons to Host CCAA Tournament

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5-of-9 from behind the arc. "Daisy was unbelievable tonight," Elliott said to the UCSD Athletics Department. "We got a lot of good minutes from several people and the bench played really well, but Daisy really carried us through."

The Tritons were excellent from the perimeter, shooting 56.3 percent from the field, sinking 18 of their 32 attempts. UCSD overwhelmed the Seawolves, taking a 14-point lead by the end of the first half, which they increased to 20 points by the end of the game. Ending the season with a 27-1 record, the Tritons now look

forward to hosting the semifinal and final rounds of the CCAA tournament. Tournament play will begin on Tuesday, Feb. 28 and will feature the eight top finishers in CCAA play. The Tritons receive the first-seed and will face off against eighth-seed Sonoma State at 7 p.m. at RIMAC arena.

"Now it's time to focus on the tournament and just take one day at a time," Elliott said. "We are proud of what we have done up to this point, but now is the time that matters. We are 0-0 and a new season has begun. We are so glad to be home and hope we see a big crowd for us Tuesday

night."

The Tritons will be joined by second-seed Cal State Monterey Bay, third-seed Cal Poly Pomona, fourth-seed Humboldt State, fifth-seed Chico State, sixth-seed Cal State Los Angeles and seventh-seed Cal State East Bay.

The winners of their respective matches will advance to the semifinal round, to be played on Saturday, March 2. The championship game will be played the following day.

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Tritons End Disappointing 2012 Season

BY NICK HOWE
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MEN'S BASKETBALL —The Tritons dropped both their road games last week to close the 2012 season, losing four of their last five games.

On Wednesday, Feb. 22, on the road, the Tritons fell to Humboldt State by just four points, 72-68. And on Friday, in their season finale, the Tritons lost 68-72, falling to 11th place in the 12-team CCAA conference for the second year in a row.

Junior forward Justin Brue scored 18 points and nabbed seven boards to lead the Tritons in scoring, but the true standout of the night was Lumberjack senior 6'6" forward Randy Hunter. Hunter scored 23 points and pulled down eight rebounds to lead the Lumberjacks on a comeback late in the second half.

Down by six points with 4:34 minutes left in the game, Hunter out-rebounded several Tritons, putting back his own shot to narrow the margin to four points. Triton sophomore point guard James

McCann capitalized on the next play with a bucket to put the lead again at six points, but Hunter was on the move and couldn't be stopped. Hunter charged down the floor, missed a layup, got his own rebound and tipped it back in.

Hunter's bucket marked the first of an 8-4 run that let the Lumberjacks take the game. Senior forward Christian Hatch had 11 points and eight boards, while McCann had 13 points and six assists.

For their final game of the 2012 season, the Tritons put up a great fight against Sonoma State.

With only five minutes remaining, the Tritons held an eight-point lead, due in large part to the efforts of Tyler "Lightswitch" McGrath. Lightswitch hit three-of-six three-pointers and was perfect from the freethrow line to tally 19 points, leading the Tritons in scoring. Hatch also pounded in 10 points and pulled in 8 boards. The Tritons trailed by as many as 10 points in the first half, but battled their way back to within six at the end of the first period. Carrying good

momentum into the second half, the Tritons out-paced the Seawolves 16-6 to take the lead in the first seven minutes 48-44.

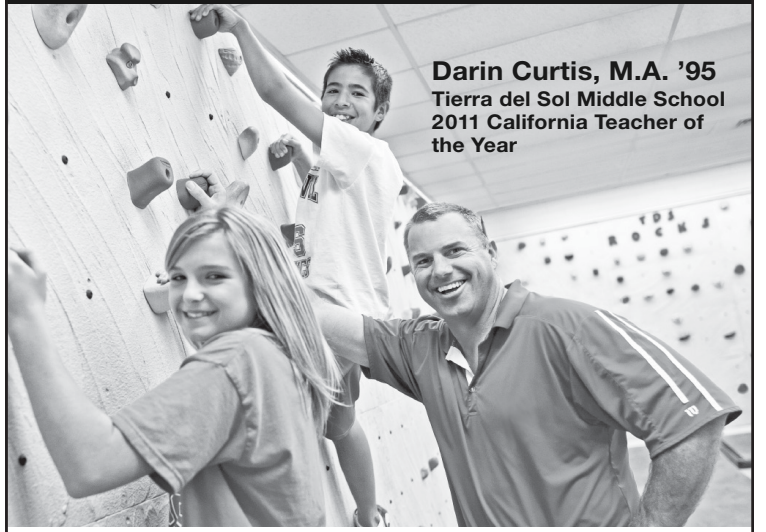
Still in command with a six-point lead, the Tritons lost the ball. In the ensuing break, Seawolf Bryan Crowe put down a two-handed dunk that fed a 8-2 Seawolf streak. The Triton turnover brought Sonoma to within two points 64-66 with three and a half minutes remaining.

Tied at 68 points apiece, Seawolf Steven Pratt — already leading the game in scoring with 20 points — hit two free throws with 6.4 seconds remaining to solidify the win. The Tritons' last play attempt was no good, as a haphazard half-court pass was intercepted by Sonoma, who trotted away with the victory.

"We had two very close games in places that are very hard to play in," McCann said. "A couple things didn't go our way late in games but I'm really happy about how hard we played."

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That was a heartbreaking comeback."
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Humboldt Women's Basketball Announcer

POST PERFECT



NOLAN THOMAS/GUARDIAN FILE

BY RACHEL UDA
Sports Editor

On a grainy, halting live feed streamed from a small gym in Arcata, Humboldt, the *Guardian* staff watched senior guard Daisy Feder muscle her way into the key. With 9.9 seconds left, the shooter gave the then-undefeated Tritons a tenuous one-point lead as Humboldt head coach Joddie Gleason called for the timeout. The Lumberjacks returned to the court to inbound the ball from their baseline. Ninety-four feet separated them from the Triton basket, but UCSD elected to throw out a sloppy, undecided press.

The Triton backcourt shadowed the inbounders as Humboldt guard Kayla Williams didn't waste any time getting into UCSD's half of the court. Williams teetered at the top of the key as the Tritons layed off. With the clock winding down

and UCSD cutting off any plausible option in the key, Williams took the space UCSD allowed her, going in hard and pulling up for a midrange jumper that gave the Lumberjacks the win, 73-74.

"That was a heartbreaking comeback," Humboldt announcer Louise Osborne said after the game.

The 73-74 road loss was the first defeat of the season for the No. 1 nationally ranked Tritons. And going into their match against Humboldt, UCSD stood just two games away from a regular season perfect record.

"Honestly, Humboldt was just better the other night," UCSD head coach Charity Elliott said. "They made some big shots and we came up just short." Four out of the Tritons' five starters recorded double digits. Feder led UCSD in scoring with 18 points, while senior guard Chelsea Carlisle followed closely with 15 points, sinking three of four from behind the arc.

But the difference between the two squads may have been on their benches. UCSD's only substantial substitute was sophomore sixth man Megan Perry, while Humboldt had three Lumberjacks who recorded time on the court in double digits.

Maybe the difference could have been that the Tritons just got off to too slow a start. UCSD didn't succeed in cutting the deficit — which grew to as much as nine points in the first half — until Feder sunk one with 10 seconds left in the period. The last time the Tritons overtook a lead that late in the game was six games prior, against Cal State Los Angeles.

In either case, the Lumberjacks, who also beat Cal State San Bernardino in their season finale, have now maneuvered themselves into second place in the CCAA.

Not many people would have picked the Lumberjacks to down the Tritons. In the teams' last meeting,

UCSD won by a 25-point margin, 74-49. If I were to put odds on a CCAA contender, it would have been previously nationally ranked Cal State Monterey Bay, who the Tritons beat comfortably the weekend before 72-64. Despite the loss, the Tritons retain both their No. 1 national rank as well as their regular season conference title.

On Friday, UCSD capped CCAA play with a 78-58 win against Sonoma State on the road. Unlike their last game, the Tritons started off hot, taking a five-point lead off of three consecutive three-pointers from Carlisle and Feder. "I think [the game against Humboldt] was a good wake up call for us and I loved how much energy and focus we came out with last night versus Sonoma State," Elliott said.

Feder again led the Tritons in scoring again, ending her season with a career-high 26 points, going

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CSU Monterey Bay

The Otters — last season's CCAA runner-up — have an 18-8 overall record this season. The Otters lost three of their past four matches, but will likely be a favorite to top the Tritons in the conference tournament.

WIN: 84-73, Jan. 13
WIN: 72-64, Feb. 17

Cal Poly Pomona

Pomona is the reigning CCAA tournament champion, beating the Tritons in the semifinal round last season. The Broncos have slowly slipped out of the national rankings throughout conference play.

WIN: 78-64, Dec. 30
WIN: 69-53, Jan. 26

Humboldt State

The Lumberjacks are the only team in the 12-team CCAA conference to have taken a win from No. 1 UCSD.

Humboldt State — 19-7 overall — could be the sleeper in the post-conference.
WIN: 74-49, Jan. 21,
LOSS: 73-74, Feb. 26

Chico State

The Wildcats have been the only conference team to force a game into double overtime against the Tritons.

Chico State is also amidst a five-game winning streak.
WIN: 97-91 2OT, Jan. 7
WIN: 93-76, Feb. 10

CSU Los Angeles

The 16-10 Golden Eagles will look to upset in their first-round bout against Cal Poly Pomona. Cal State Los Angeles took the first of their two conference matchups against the Broncos, winning 75-65 on Jan. 21.

WIN: 78-63, Feb. 3
WIN: 92-69, Dec. 3

CSU East Bay

CSU East Bay won seven of its last 12 games to make the eight-team field, tied for seventh with Sonoma State. Humboldt State's season finale win over Cal State San Bernardino's pushed the Pioneers into the seventh-seed.

WIN: 84-73, Jan. 13
WIN: 75-57, Feb. 18

Sonoma State

The Seawolves will be the Tritons' first round opponents. UCSD should not have a difficult time after having seen them this past weekend, but the Seawolves have taken wins against higher ranked teams before.

WIN: 73-57, Jan. 20
WIN: 78-58, Feb. 24

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH



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