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UC Berkeley Suggests **Campus-Specific Fees**

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By Joyce Yeh STAFF WRITER

UC Berkeley Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau released a report last month recommending a plan to give each UC campus the authority to determine its respective student tuition

The Nov. 21 report, titled "Access and Excellence," proposes that each campus be granted the power to set its own student tuition, as long as it remains within 25 percent deviation from a predetermined midpoint. Birgeneau said the objective of the plan is to shape the 10 UC campuses - Berkeley in particular - into comparable alternatives to the nation's elite private universities without compromising the university's public nature.

Birgeneau distinguishes the differences between tuition and fees within the report, defining student fees as an addition to tuition to be used exclusively for faculty salaries and financial aid. Because the various campuses have differing costs in their methods of providing education, the report contends campus-specific fees

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Campus rally draws attention to ongoing bargaining over wage increases for UC service workers.

By Jesse Alm Associate News Editor

Over 100 students, employees and community members rallied on Library Walk Nov. 25 in support of the university's 8,500 service workers, who have been campaigning for wage

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about what we need," UCSD groundskeeper Jorge Olvera said to the chanare supposed to be here to improve

According to Olvera - who serves on the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees bargaining team - UC service workers have seen their wages fall 25 to 30 percent below average rates at competing public universities and colleges in California. As a result, the majority of these employees hold two jobs, and 96 percent are eligible for public assis-

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increases since October 2007.

made noisemakers and a steady snare drum, the crowd of demonstrators marched, chanted and waved placards for roughly an hour, ultimately filing into Chancellor Marye Anne Fox's

"It's not about what we want; it's cellor's office staff. "[The chancellors] and empower the lives of all of us. Somehow, that mission got lost."



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Last week's demonstration was part of a statewide wage-increase movement fueled by numerous rallies, acts of civil disobedience and a five-day strike. tance, he said.

based wage-increase system that has been one of the union's key requests throughout contract negotiations.

UC spokesman Brad Hayward said the university has made repeated efforts to address its employees' concerns - for example, last week's proposal increased the sum of wage increases by \$6 million - but that the state's current budget crisis requires compromises on both sides.

"We are offering some significant

wage increases for service employees at a time when we and the rest of the state are facing a difficult economic and budget situation," he said. "We're looking at the potential of very serious budget cuts."

The Student Voice Since 1967

Although last week's demonstration marked the beginning of on-campus public action for service workers this quarter, the event was not the first

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GLIDER FLIGHTS THREATENED AS REGENTS OK RESEARCH FACILITY



UC Voter Turnout Eclipses Statewide Rate

Election organizers credit increased student participation to abundant voter-drive initiatives systemwide.

The university's most recent con-

tract proposal, presented Nov. 17

and 18, includes \$26 million in wage

increases over three years and guaran-

tees a \$12 minimum wage in the first

ings, AFSCME officials said the uni-

versity's offer would translate to annual

increases of only 1 to 1.5 percent, and

that it still does not guarantee the step-

In a statement following the meet-

year of the contract.

By Christina Homer SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Student voters at the University of California's 10 campuses turned out to cast their ballots Nov. 4 at a higher rate than the statewide average, a UC Student Association statement reported last week, and UCSD saw the second-highest turnout within the UC system. In first place was UC Santa Barbara with an 81.5 percent turnout in eligible voters, followed by UCSD at 74.2 percent and UC Santa Cruz in a close third at 72.8 percent. The state of California had an overall average turnout of 67.5 percent. The report showed voter turnout at the three UC campuses as exceeding the average turnout of nonaffiliate voters in the campuses' respective districts. At UC Berkeley, 63.6 percent of students voted, while only 60.1 percent of nonaffiliates in the district turned out. UCSC stu-



ERIC WANG/GUARDIAN The UC Board of Regents approved plans for a new stem-cell research facility near Torrey Pines Mesa last week. Local aircraft enthusiasts claim the building will interfere with glider landing paths.



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Students turned out to vote in droves Nov. 4, utilizing the seven polling places arranged throughout campus. Leading up to the election, various student organizations worked to register student voters.

dents voted at a rate of 72.8 percent, compared to the 68.8 percent of Santa Cruz city voters who cast ballots, and at UCLA the 71.9 percent of student voters trumped the 69.6 percent turnout rate of its surrounding district.

"Students' high voter turnout in this election speaks volumes about where youth are today and where

they're going," Jennifer Knox, organizing and communications director of UCSA, said in an e-mail. "Young people are engaged and taking an active role in shaping the world around them. Much of the voter registration, education and turnout work that took place on campus was

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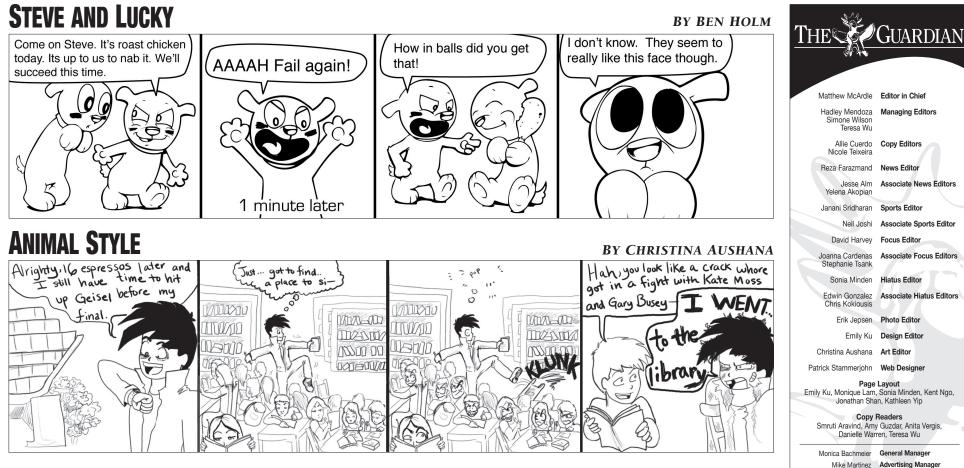
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CURRENTS **Berkeley Scientists Explore Teenage Mind**

Neuroscientists at UC Berkeley are conducting research on adolescent brains that links delayed development of the prefrontal cortex to teens' capacity for complex decisionmaking.

The effects of underdeveloped decision processing centers can manifest in small and large ways, from the inconsequential decisions adolescents make on a daily basis to decisions to take risks with far-reaching consequences.

According to recent psychiatric studies, more 17-year-olds commit crimes than any other age group.

UC Berkeley assistant professor of psychology Silvia Bunge questions the merit of current legal attitudes toward teenage criminals.

"Do you put someone away for life who lost his temper at 13, or do you acknowledge that his prefrontal cortex has matured since then?" Bunge asked. "The law is slow to change, but it will, over time, incorporate scientific evidence.

Bunge is part of the Law and Neuroscience Project Foundation, a group of neurobiologists and lawyers working to incorporate new insights about the adolescent brain into the legal system. Headquartered in Santa Barbara, the foundation's honorary chair is former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

Crucial to learning complex rules and applying knowledge to changing situations, the prefrontal cortex is also responsible for controlling impulses.

UC Berkeley psychology professor Robert Knight explained that while the prefrontal cortex kicks in to remind adults of the consequences of their actions and restrain impulses, children lack this capacity until the brain is fully developed.

"This is a very fundamental issue with huge social implications," Knight said

Bunge also believes that children's immature brains could explain studies that show that they tend to take bigger risks than adults and are less able to withstand the temptations of a reward.

"If your friend says, 'Hey, let's try

this drug, it will be fun,' you might not be able to use the information you know about the possible negative consequences to resist," Bunge said.

University to Reopen **Israel Abroad Program**

After reviewing safety issues and security risks, the University of California has begun talks with the Rothberg International School at Hebrew University of Jerusalem in hopes of reopening the UC studyabroad program there beginning in fall 2009.

The UC Academic Senate Committee on International Education approved the plan on Nov. 20, and UC Education Abroad Program Executive Director Michael Cowan is now negotiating terms for implementation of the program.

The university suspended the EAP program in 2002 after the U.S. Department of State placed Israel on its travel warning list. In general, the university does not sponsor educational programs in countries included

on the DOS travel warning list, but student complaints have prompted the UC Board of Regents to reconsider its policy.

The UC risk assessment program now utilizes the services of a leading risk management technology company that analyzes crisis response data and regional intelligence to determine the changing security conditions of regions around the world. Based these new capabilities, an ad hoc regents working group, formed in August, has advised that an exception to the UC policy is warranted for a study-abroad program in Israel, as long as the university continues to monitor and manage the risks of studying in the country.

"The university has undertaken a review of the education abroad program in Israel and concluded it is in the best interest of our students to once again provide educational opportunities in Israel," Cowan said. "In today's richly interconnected global economy, a study-abroad program at Hebrew University of Jerusalem would provide a unique academic and cultural opportunity for UC students.



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Religious Activists Lend Support to Demonstration





Demonstrators pleaded with campus administrators to stand up for the university's 8,500 service workers, who are among the lowest-paid employees in the UC system.

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of its kind. In June, nearly 400 UCSD students and workers staged a similar protest with local activists at the same site, and their cause drew statewide attention in July when thousands of service employees participated in a five-day, systemwide strike.

In addition, seven labor officials representing regional councils in the state were arrested in San Francisco Nov. 20 after causing a 30-minute delay at a UC Board of Regents meeting in protest of the university's poverty wages.

Rev. Wayne Riggs, pastor of San Diego's Plymouth Congregational Church and a member of the local Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice, delivered an opening prayer at last week's demonstration. He and numerous other ICWJ members have participated in the service worker campaign since negotiations began 13 months ago.

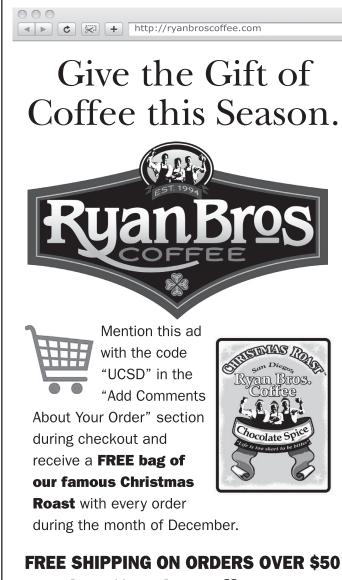
"Every human being in all of our faith traditions is noble and worthy of dignity, and when workers are paid so little for what they do, it means their lives are undervalued," he said. "That's why we stand with them. This is our campus — we're from right here in San Diego - so this is where we come toput in our two cents."

Olvera said Fox and Vice Chancellor of Business Affairs Steven L. Relyea have previously demonstrated their support for the service workers' cause by writing letters to UC President Mark G. Yudof, and that if the two officials follow up on their requests and engage other campus administrators, UCSD could set an example for the rest of the UC system to follow.

We are now demanding that they put a little more meaning behind their actions," Olvera said.

The chancellor's office could not be reached for comment by press time.

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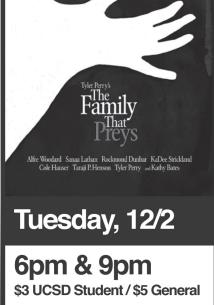
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Birgeneau: Plan Would Bring **Increase in Financial-Aid Funds**

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would allow each UC campus to grow academically.

Under the plan, newer UC campuses would have the option of decreasing fees to encourage recruitment through affordability, while the system's more established campuses might choose to increase fees - thus reducing the student-to-faculty ratio and increasing faculty salary to promote excellence in research and education.

Birgeneau added that the fee increase would also generate enough money to provide financial aid for all students who fall within the range of low to middle income. Students from families of high income, defined as earning over

\$130,000 per year, would not be given access to financial aid and would be required to pay the full amount of any fee increase.

"Some campuses might choose a lower number to enhance their economic competitiveness, while others, like Berkeley, might choose a higher number,"

Birgeneau said in the report. "For example, if Berkeley were able to institute a fee increase of \$2,000 per student ... it would generate revenue up to \$70 million per year. A \$2,000 fee increase would increase the total cost of attending Berkeley by less than 10 percent."

In addition to a fluctuation in fees, Birgeneau said that in order to achieve a higher standard of education, student tuition should be increased to cover one-third the cost of a UC education, compared to the currnent one-quarter. With the \$48 million cut in this year's state-funding and another potential \$65.5 million midyear cut, in addition to the predicted freshmen enrollment limit for the 2009-10 school year, Birgeneau said his proposal - released two days after the UC Board of Regents

announced the possibility of a studentfee increase for next year - would alleviate some of the university's financial shortcomings.

UCSD spokeswoman Stacie A. Spector said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox has yet to consider any proposals as dramatic as Birgeneau's in addressing campus funding issues, continuing to focus on more immediate solutions to the problematic cash deficit.

"What [Fox] has shared with folks from a general standpoint is that the current budget challenges from the state - and the impact on UC as well as the campuses - has prompted us to cut back on spending and costs considerably," Spector said. "We

remain focused on protecting the academic enterprise, classroom teaching and might choose a lower laboresearch [tuition] to enhance ratories, while being highly careful and conservative in how we allocate funds."

> Birgeneau's - Robert J. Birgeneau, proposition Chancellor, UC Berkeley contradicts the university's long-

> > standing commitment to maintaining equal tuition and faculty salaries across all 10 UC campuses on the basis that all campuses will eventually reach the same level of merit, and the UC Board of Regents has consistently opposed past proposals to allow campus-set tuition. However, UC President Mark G. Yudof, new to the issue after entering the office in March, said he was open to considering Birgeneau's plan.

> > 'The president and the university respect the views of Chancellor Birgeneau, and we will be discussing those ideas and that proposal with him," UC spokesman Ricardo Vazquez said. "Ultimately, it will be

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peer-to-peer, meaning young people are paying attention themselves and working to spread that energy among their peers."

In the weeks leading up to the election, student leaders across the UC system pushed registration and encouraged students to vote. At UCSD, Vice President of External Affairs Lisa Chen organized an A.S. voter registration drive, and volunteers for the UC Students Vote! group made phone calls to nearly 20,000 students to remind them to vote and knocked on a total Students have been the deciding factor in many local and even state races. Our work in the past election will change the way students' issues are prioritized in this state and nation, so we're looking forward to building on our voter turnout to win larger victories for students in the coming months and years."

Student voter turnout has traditionally been lower than the average California turnout. In 2002, UC students voted at a rate 15 percent lower than the rest of California. However, in the most recent presidential primary, that gap closed to a mere 6 percent. "We saw that student voter turnout has been strengthening over the past couple election cycles, and knew that students' enthusiasm for this election coupled with our strong Get Out The Vote campaign would be a recipe for success," UCSC junior and UCSA board member Victor Sanchez said in a statement. In addition to encouraging the larger turnout, UCSD students and administrators planned ahead to double the number of campus polling locations to prevent the long lines that voters experienced during the 2004 presidential election. "I do believe students can sustain [turnout] and even grow [in influence] from the last election," Knox said. "Young people have seen their work start to pay off and I think that will keep them excited about tackling bigger and more challenging issues in our society."

of 4,100 doors in residential areas with the highest concentration of students.

Volunteers also stopped and conversed with over 8,000 students on campus in an effort to increase turnout, reminding students of their assigned polling locations and answering any last-minute questions prior to Nov. 4.

On all the UC campuses, student governments worked alongside other campus organizations to build nonpartisan voting coalitions and register new student voters.

Turnout data was prepared by county clerks for Statement of Votes, upon analysis of precinct-byprecinct registration and turnout statistics. Currently, data has not been analyzed for UC Riverside, UC Irvine or UC Merced.

'So far we've only gotten results back from some of our campuses, but the early results have been amazing," Knox said. "We were hoping to get an average of 65 percent turnout or more on campuses and it looks like we will far exceed that goal.

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BERKELEY SITTERS BARKING UP THE WRONG TREES

GUEST COMMENTARY

Education the Foundation of a Strong Economy

By John Garamendi, Lieutenant Governor and UC Regent

▲ hanksgiving is usually a time when we gather with family and friends to celebrate all the blessings in our lives. But for hundreds of thousands of qualified, college-bound Californians, the holiday was filled with anxiety and uncertainty. This past weekend was the deadline for students to submit their applications to state colleges and universities. For far too many of these young adults - the state's future workforce - it will be a dream unrealized.

California is cutting college admissions and considering tuition hikes to help rescue the state from its selfinflicted billion-dollar financial mess. Cutting college admissions and increasing tuition would push higher education even further out of reach. This is a cold dose of reality for an 18year-old just getting started.

We are at a critical moment in our state's history. Do we have the same foresight to invest in our children as our parents before us? Or are we so desperate for another short-term fix to the state deficit that we're willing to sacrifice our future teachers, solar-energy engineers, film producers and nurses? The governor's proposed \$2.6 billion cut to education will clearly slam the door on 10,000 incoming students at the California State Universities. Whether it does the same at the University of California's campuses is now in the hands of the state Legislature and governor. As a UC regent, I urged the board at its November meeting to remove tuition hikes that had been woven into the UC's budget proposal for the next fiscal year.

The regents did the right thing by deciding to forgo the fee increases, but unless the governor and Legislature follow suit and fund the universities, fees will rise and enrollment also will be cut at the 10 UC campuses.

While there are no easy ways to close California's mounting deficit, an inequitable share of the burden is being hoisted upon the backs of students. That's unfathomable in a state with a \$2 trillion economy. This year, the only substantive tax increase in the budget was a \$250 million tax increase on the students of California in the CSU and UC systems.

The California economy, the seventh wealthiest in the world, was built

By Simone Wilson Senior Staff Writer

If, after selflessly sacrificing nearly two full years of your life, hunched in a scratchy hammock and passing your excrement down in buckets, to the cause of protecting a helpless, peaceful forest from a jock-loving pack of bureaucratic tyrants — if, after all that, you still don't have the support of the Berkeley student body - chances are, your gameplan really needs some rethinking.

So how did a group of 10 proactive nonstudents manage to mess up what seemed like a flawless stepby-step to fit in with every tree-hugging hippie to ever walk the Northern California plains?

Let's start with species choice. As irreplaceable rainforests all over South America are chipped at daily to make space for lumber and cattle - or, if in-continent is your thing, as old-growth forests find themselves floored and cookie-cuttered into vast suburban tracts throughout the United States, at exponential rates — the 10-odd starring participants in UC Berkeley's now-infamous tree-sit chose two summers ago to protect, drum roll please, a grove of common oaks planted in a landscaping project back in the 1920s, in danger of being sheared by a big-bad athletic structure set to be erected for use by the varsity sports teams later that year.

Even if they had been heartbreakingly old or high on the endangered list above such wrenching items as cute baby tigers, the oaks — in an isolated grove surrounded by the concrete and various man-made surfaces of a college campus (that is, if we're not still pretending the "green" is some thriving meadow in which wildlife still flits and tweets) — could not have been crucial to much aside from oxygen production and general nature feng shui. Which is why, in initial attempts at negotiation, the university promised to plant three new trees on campus for each oak that took the axe.

But, in virtually the only reasoning the sitters ever provided besides love for Mother Earth, they threw around vague and unproven claims that the trees in fact sat atop historic American Indian grounds. The project's Web site, www.saveoaks.com, refers to a mysterious "Grandmother Oak" stump they now wish to remove from the grove, even devote to the creation of "drums and other religious artifacts." Even if they cannot be condemned for simply being inarticulate, if their movement wished to find any real momentum, it needed a clear-cut reason for being so stubborn - one that could perhaps engage those not in touch with the spiritual whisperings of the sacred oak grove.

"I see your slogans chalked on the sidewalks. I see your Tibetan prayer flags. I pass through clouds of your collective body odor and exhaled marijuana smoke," reads the now-famous November 2007 'Open letter to Berkeley Tree-Sitters" on Craigslist, which many still reference in voicing their frustration with the protest. "Having observed your actions for quite some time now, sometimes I wonder if you've ever considered just how much damage you're doing to legitimate pro-environment, pro-leftist movements everywhere." With not so much as the staunchest of environmentalists on their side - aside from, of course, the appreciated few available to lower their waste buckets - the tree-sitters indeed undermined the liberal expression of discontent by making it into a spineless, unorganized game.

This precedent, unfortunately, may extend to the future punishment of such protests. In the end, after spending a hard-to-come-by \$125 million on security and police enforcement - not to mention a wraparound eight-foot chain-link fence erected around the protestors. at which point

they drew the bold, sidewalk-chalk analogy "Guantanamo Berkeley" - university officials have dragged the tree-sitters to court, twigs still poking from their dreads-for-the-cause. A high-school career's worth of community service and five days behind bars (and they thought the chain-link was spirit-crushing) hardly compares to the thousands of dollars the university plans to drain from the key participants, probably without a thousand dollars to speak of, in reparations. Certainly, we can agree, it could have been worse. But no matter one's stance on the justness of these consequences, there is a standard now set for any legitimate environmental stake-out: Could a construction company sue for protester reparations, because their latest tract won't be done in time for the fleet of U-Hauls and shiny-happy families?

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Thanks Bush, You Single-Handedly Paved the Way for Change

T nauguration Day may be over a month away, but with the president-elect looking more and more like the man in charge, I think now is a good time to talk about the valuable legacy that the 43rd president of the United States will leave as he gracefully exits the stage after a few lastminute pardons and appointments and such. With so much intense focus on Barack Obama, we have read and heard little of how George W. Bush will go down in history, and while many will certainly claim that his reign has been a gargantuan failure, I argue that we have just witnessed his greatest achievement since taking office. Without him none of what we just witnessed would have been possible. Without George W. Bush, we would have no President Obama. Let's start this landscape-altering tale with a brief flashback to the year 2000. That fall, Bush and Democratic nominee Al Gore slugged it out for the title of Most Boring Older White Man in History with Bush declared the apparent winner after a painstaking Florida recount. If I had told you back then that a young, black junior senator from the Midwest would completely dominate the entire electoral map, you would have undoubtedly looked at me like I was out of my head and you would have been right. Even in 2004, when Bush was in the

middle portion of his slow, agonizing downward spiral, Democrats continued fielding their candidates without a hint of personality in the form of one John Kerry. It was at the 2004 Democratic National Convention that Obama burst onto the scene with a riveting speech that conjured up more emotion than Kerry could have even if he made his acceptance speech wearing only his swift boat cap. But even at that very recent moment in history the American people were not ready for a candidate like Obama. It would take a man of enormous incompetence to pave the way for such a radical shift in our voting behavior. Lucky for us we already had our man. And he was ready to paint his masterpiece. The catalog of failures that is the Bush administration is nothing short of absolute antigenius. In a span of only eight years Bush plunged us into two prolonged wars in the Middle East, eroded our image abroad through torture and a stubborn unwillingness to compromise with anyone, helped to nearly destroy the world's economy and put our country on the verge of another depression. Despite all this he was also able to make little progress on important issues like energy policy and an overhaul of our Social Security and health-care systems. His lack of progress in any one area is simply astounding. He is obviously on a different level.

However, all of that pales in comparison to his ability to get Obama elected. It's not difficult to imagine that Bush was planning this the entire time. I believe that when he took office in January 2001 he set out on a deliberate course of destruction and failure just so he could ready the American people for what was coming - and boy did he exceed expectations. Not only did he get the first black man in American history elected, but a black man with the middle name Hussein who had to beat a woman in the primary just to earn the nomination. He must have just thrown those minor details in there for style points as he rewrote the rules of political maneuvering. The educated types will try and claim Obama's election was simply a culmination of a number of forces that have been at work in our society for generations. They will say it was inevitable that a strong liberal would be elected because of the disturbingly conservative flavor the American people have tasted for nearly a decade. They will say the election of a minority was bound to happen some day as racial and social tensions continue thawing in our land of liberty. Their arguments may be backed up by things like research and data, but I



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adamantly believe that they overlook

on a free or affordable education system that spans from K-12 to community colleges, the CSU system and the UC system. This has been the foundation of California's economic success, but our commitment to producing an educated workforce and astute citizenry is rapidly disappearing with the constant tuition hikes. Our state colleges are adopting the worst aspects of the Ivy League schools — they are becoming exclusionary and financially out of reach.

It doesn't have to be that way. California needs about \$10 billion to close the budget gap, and this will no doubt be a painful and difficult task. But we are Californians - we persevere in the aftermath of deadly wildfires, earthquakes and drought. We do so by returning to our core values and priorities: the well-being and safety of our families, our friends and our communities. Chief among those beliefs is the education of our children. We can

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As Obama made his victory speech in Chicago, the scene was overwhelming. Thousands poured into Grant Park to celebrate a sea change in American history. People of all races, religions and creeds cheered an event that could not have been possible just a short time ago. Many naturally thought of legendary figures from our past like Martin Luther King Jr. and Cesar Chavez - men who helped pave the way for such a glorious example of perseverance and willpower. But these men were just passing thoughts in my mind because I was focusing on the man who did the dirty work in order to make this happen. The man who carefully botched his time in the spotlight so that we could all witness an event that some thought impossible in our lifetimes. So I want to be the first to thank the great George W. Bush for sacrificing an entire legacy in order to push our country forward. Bravo, my good man. Bravo.

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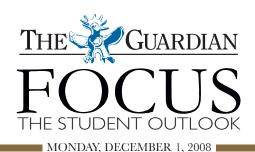


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 Number of undergraduate students who received scholarships in 2004, totaling \$2.53 billion, according to the National Postsecondary Student Study Aid.

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awn is breaking and only one page of the philosophy paper has been written. Chemistry lecture is two hours away and all but two problems go unanswered. Programming homework is due in 20 minutes and the code is still a foreign language. Many students, even after telling themselves they'll never do it again, corner themselves into situations where cheating is seemingly the only remaining option.

As the recent arrest of three students at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University has made clear, academic integrity is a major concern on college campuses nationwide. Accused of hacking into their university's computer system and changing about 650 grades of over 90 students, the suspects face up to 20 years in prison for conspiracy, five years for unauthorized access of a protected computer and a minimum of two years for aggravated identify theft.

In the aftermath of the allegations, UCSD's Academic Integrity Office is starting up new programs, as well as refining current processes, to ensure academic integrity on campus. This year will see the first of the university's Academic Integrity Seminars, in which students caught cheating work with UCSD's academic integrity coordinator Tricia Bertram Gallant to address the issue and complete assignments.

This year, five undergraduate students, serving as peer representatives for the program, overseen by Gallant, are putting together a campaign for the first week of Winter Quarter.

One issue the campaign will tackle is that cheating not only affects the individual, but largely contributes to a university's overall academic reputation.

"As a school gets known as a cheater school, employers and grad schools are just left to make judgments and assumptions about the people they're seeing; 'is that person a cheater?" Gallant said. "It's actually to everyone's disadvantage if cheating happens at UCSD." Punishment for plagiarism or cheating varies from academic probation to a quarter- or year-long suspension, and — in particularly serious cases — can warrant dismissal from the entire UC system.

Last year, there was a recordhigh 446 allegations of cheating, a total of 56 suspensions and five dismissals. However, according to Gallant, these numbers don't nearly represent the extent of cheating that goes unnoticed.

"It's probably just a drop in the bucket," she said. "There's way more cheating than that. Every student I've talked to has said that."

Indeed, there seems to be a lack of confidence among classmates as campuswide surveys have shown the amount of students who actually cheat is much lower than the amount of students thought by their peers to have cheated. For example, though only three percent of UCSD students admitted to submitting a paper purchased or obtained from an outside source, 46 percent believed their peers had done so.

However, when academic dishonesty does occur, the social consequences can be devastating.

Computer science graduate student Matus Telgarsky got a slap in the face when two fellow students turned in a replica of an assignment he spent a great deal of time preparing.

"For the rest of my life, I will disrespect these people," Telgarsky said. "All that matters in academia are your ideas and your reputation; you can steal ideas, but if people find out, your reputation is annihilated."

But, according to Telgarsky, getting away clean after cheating in the computer science field is extremely difficult. Assignments are largely based in submitted computer codes, which are checked thoroughly by an automated tool that actually

understands the code.

Revelle College senior Jason Mallory, a transfer student and philosophy major, believes that it would be similarly difficult to cheat successfully in his department.

"Some professors use TurnItIn.com; you'd have to be really stupid to copy a complete paper," he said. "I can't even think of ways that you could [cheat on an in-class exam], it would be so hard to fit so much information on a cell phone or even pieces

of paper."

However, dodging the obstacles, some students still choose to cheat.

"The K-12 system is 'use whatever resources you need to get yourself into college," Gallant said. "[They] didn't counter that message with one of integrity and honesty."

With 300 to 400 students to a class it can be difficult to form a bond with professors, elimi-

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By Joanna Cardenas Associate Focus Editor

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Show Me the Money: Finding Tuition in the Strangest Places



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By Danielle Crawford

Contributing Writer

If you have a flair for designing golf courses, grew up in the Bay Area or simply have an uncontrollable sweet tooth, you may just be a candidate for some cold hard cash in scholarships, that is. With tuition prices burning a never-ending hole in students' wallets, scholarships from UCSD and beyond provide a way to dodge debt.

The two major scholarship programs for undergraduates at UCSD are the Continuing Undergraduate Scholarship Application and the Undergraduate Research Application. The first can be found on TritonLink in the financial-aid section, while the second is located at the web address *faoforms.ucsd. edu/forms/9research.pdf.*

According to Becky Obayashi, the UCSD undergraduate scholarship coordinator for the university financial-aid office, the scholarship programs at UCSD are well used. She notes that normally 2,000 applications are turned in each year for the Continuing Undergraduate Scholarship Application, although only 1,000 of these students actually complete the application in order to be considered. Last year, the program gave out 400 scholarships. For the Undergraduate Research Application, 65 scholarships were awarded last year from a field of 81 applications.

However, Obayashi said that many of the prestigious national awards such as the Beinecke, Morris Udall and Donald Strauss Foundation scholarships, reign in surprisingly low or even nonexistent numbers of UCSD applicants.

"For the prestigious awards, [students] have to be very competitive, have really high grades and should be well rounded," Obayashi said. "Students of that caliber either think they don't need to go for it, or don't think they need to compete."

One source of diverse selections for Tritons is the Continuing Undergraduate Scholarship Application, which encompasses 49 different scholarship programs offering up to \$5,000 in awards. Students can apply to as many scholarships as they meet the criteria for; however, only one scholarship is given per student and most are for students with a 3.0 GPA or above. The application, which includes merit, financial-restricted, major-restricted and regional scholarships, is due February 23, 2009, at 11:30 p.m.

The Bay Area Alumni Scholarship, granted to full-time students who have both financial need and have graduated from a high school in the San Francisco Bay Area, is one of the regionally oriented awards — a two-year scholarship providing up to \$2,000 annually, giving UCSD's NorCal-ers another reason to be hella proud.

For fans of Tiger Woods who were tempted to skip finals last June in order to watch the U.S. Open, the Continuing Undergraduate Scholarship Application offers the Golf Course Builders Association Scholarship for students involved in urban studies and contemplating a future career in golf-course design.

The Undergraduate Research Application is also an option for students. It is open to all majors and provides anywhere from \$3,000 to \$3,500 in one-year awards. The application includes eight different scholarships.

For those who prefer a quest for cash outside of campus, there is the San Diego Foundation Scholarships

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organization. The application can be found online at *www.sdfoundation.org*, and the deadline is January 23, 2009. It offers roughly 70 scholarships for undergraduates, as well as a few for graduate students.

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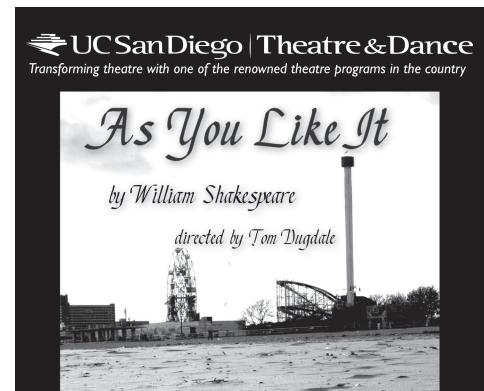
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If you have grandma's touch for knitting itchy wool sweaters, then the National Make It Yourself Wool Competition can turn your spun wool into tuition. The contest is open to people from ages 17 to 24 and runs from Jan. 21 to Jan. 25 in 2009.

The Little People of America and Tall Clubs International offer awards to those vertically challenged or blessed. A duck-calling co-ed can rake in as much as \$1,500 and students who attended their prom in fashions formed solely from duct tape could have landed a pretty penny toward tuition.

Now adept at scouring through scholarships after seven years of undergraduate study, Earl Warren College senior Jesse Dubler received the Donald Stauss Foundation Scholarship as well as a number of other scholarships over the past two years. She received \$10,000 for the Donald Strauss Scholarship, and added that the foundation's

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▶ SCHOLARSHIPS, from page 10 requirements were not as challenging or academically demanding as they appeared.

"For Donald, I was one of three applicants in spite of its fairly low GPA requirements," Dubler said in an e-mail. "It may be intimidating for students to ask for money but I'm not sure what's going on. [Scholarships] are surprisingly easy to get."

The best way to go about snagging these hefty scholarships, she explained, is remaining regional.

'The best resource is UCSD Financial Aid's listings as well as San Diego Foundation," she said. "I didn't apply to any of the scholarships listed on [FastWeb.com] and the other popular search engines since they're way too competitive."

Warren College senior Pouya Jamshidi has also recieved numerous scholarships over the past few years. For his studies in neuroscience, he received \$3,000 from Chancellor's Scholarship the for Undergraduate Research in 2008, which he found under the Undergrad Research Application. In the same year he was awarded the Howard Hues Medical Institute Exceptional Research Scholarship,

university out of 30 nationwide and awards \$4,500 for 10 weeks of research. The scholarship paid for both travel expenses and housing, allowing Jamshidi to research last summer at Columbia University with Nobel prize laureate Eric Kandel.

"The beauty of it is that I got to meet people through these scholarships that have potentially changed my life," Jamshidi said. "[The scholarships] open many doors and go beyond financial support. So many people say, 'I don't need the money.' It's not about the money. There are many other layers that these scholarships will open up."

Dubler concurs that money is only a small part of the benefits and opportunities that scholarships bring in.

"After receiving these scholarships, they really did open my doors because the more you get, the more opportunities come your way," Dubler said. "That's when I realized it is mostly not about the money. ... It's about credibility and standing out so that other people can find you. That is the hidden incentive for me now."

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nating the motivation for academic honesty that results from desire to keep the respect or trust of a particular mentor.

"One of the biggest problems I hear from students here at UCSD is the lack of connection both to the campus and with their professors," Gallant said. "The less relationship there is the easier it is for a human being to feel like they're justified in duping someone."

Furthermore, Gallant believes that the "Net generation" wasn't necessarily taught how to correctly handle intellectual property; with ideas, thoughts and opinions floating freely online, consistently within arm's reach, she feels respect of owners' rights has decreasd.

Gallant notes that when a student is torn between appeasing a roommate who wants to use an old test and staying true to the larger community, the smaller and more immediate communities take precedent.

Meanwhile, the integrity of debatable study practices such as using past exams or working in groups with classmates is constatly brought into question.

"There's a huge gray area," Telgarsky said. "There's a huge spirit of collaboration in schools,

your friends about it, and at what point does that turn into cheating? There are technical things you can do to mitigate cheating, but there's already a culture formed."

Gallant believes this culture is partly due to the newness of UCSD's academic integrity program.

'We haven't been at it that long," Gallant said. "We need more student voice, we need more professors talking more about it and why it's important. Cheating happens in classrooms so academic integrity conversations need to happen in classrooms as well."

UCSD physics professor Herbert Levine said that utilizing or posting old exams released by the instructor is a legitimate and useful way to study for new tests.

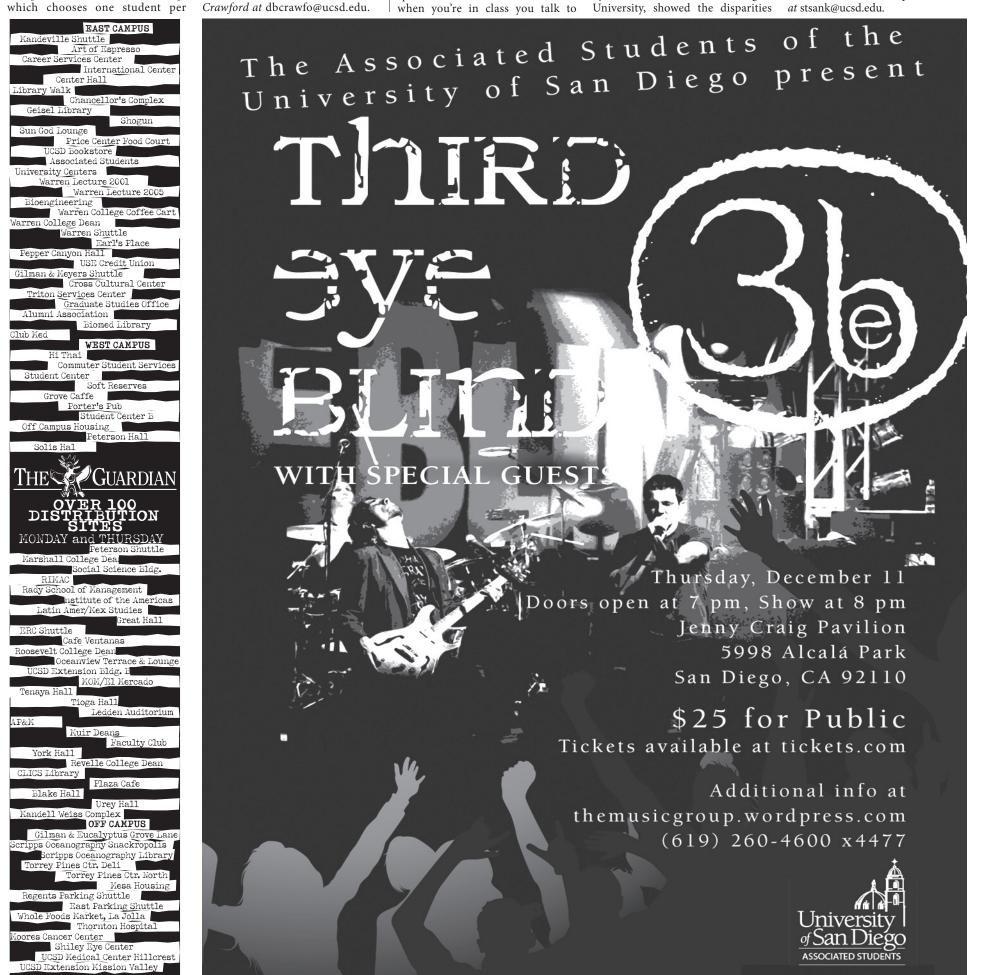
"To be fair, there's a lot of material in some courses, and you'd like to get some insight into what the person teaching thinks is the most important points," Levine said in an interview conducted by Joanne Tong, an assistant to the academic integrity peer educators. "If you can get that by looking at past exams and talking to past students that's fine."

A recent survey on cheating among college students in the North American region, conducted by Donald L. McCabe of Rutgers between UCSD and the region. Categories in which UCSD students' cheated significantly more than the rest of the region were "copying another student's homework," "copying material, almost word for word, from any source and turning it in as your own work" and "turning in a paper copied, at least in part, from another student's lab paper, lab report, computer program or homework assignment.

Although glancing at your neighbor's midterm or copying someone else's homework hurriedly before class doesn't equate to breaking into an office building and forging an identity to change students' grades, Gallant said that curbing less severe behaviors and dealing with them early is a possible method of successful prevention.

"All cheating can build habits of character that can lead to fraudulent behavior," Gallant said. "If you keep doing little things and get away with them and start taking short cuts, [it can] lead to more serious behaviors. So that's why we want to catch students early on. I have more hope for students who have been caught than for the students who haven't gotten caught but cheat."

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HOT CORNER James Lawley Men's Basketball

The junior had a career-high 31 points against Central Washington on Nov. 29. For the season, Lawley leads the Tritons in scoring, averaging 16 points a game.

Tritons Prove Their Worth at Nike Cup

Both the men's and women's swimming teams notched multiple first-place finishes in the three day event.

By Tyler Nelson CONTRIBUTING WRITER

SWIMMING - After many, many miles in the pool, the UCSD swim team completed its first major tournament of the season - the Nike Cup. It was a long and grueling meet, but the Tritons emerged as a stronger team with great hopes for the future. The team competed in over 20 events in the course of three days and confronted Division-I strongholds such as UC Irvine, Cal State Northridge and Brigham Young University. Despite the arduous meet and the lofty opposition, the Tritons demonstrated their grit and determination and showcased great performances from some of their best swimmers.

The meet began in the afternoon on Nov. 20 with a strong showing from the women's 200 yard freestyle relay team, which took second place with a time of 1:43.40. Led by freshman Shea Kopp and followed by senior captain Aubrey Panis, junior Ashtyn Douglass and senior Erinn Deters, the team gave the Tritons a solid first race of the day.

'We swam really well," Panis said. "It was good to see us go out there



The Tritons wasted no time in the largest meet of their season so far, posting impressive swims in the men's and women's 200 yard freestyle relay races on the first day of competition. Senior captain Daniel Perdew pulled out a first-place finish in the 50 yard freestyle on the opening day as well.

and swim like that."

After the Triton women had a strong race with their opening relay, the men's team — led by freshman Sam Stromburg, senior captain Daniel Perdew, freshman Blake Langland and junior Todd Langland - knew they couldn't be outdone, following with a third place finish and a final time of 1:22.61. But Perdew wasn't done yet. To epitomize the day for the Tritons, Perdew swam an incredible 50 yard freestyle race, taking first place with a time of 20.44 seconds.

"I'm not going to lie, it felt pretty awesome to swim that fast," Perdew said. "I swam way faster than I ever

had before at this point in the season."

After a strong first day for the Tritons, both the men's and women's teams were sitting in fourth place, ahead of Division-I squads UC Irvine and University of the Pacific,

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Rookie Nets Top-25 Finish at Nationals



By Brianna Lee STAFF WRITER

CROSS COUNTRY - Senior Jake LeVieux and sophomore Bre Schofield were greeted with an early winter when both harriers traveled to Slippery Rock, Penn., to represent UCSD in the NCAA Division-II National Championships, which were held on Nov. 22. With the ground covered in snow and flanked by barren trees, Cooper's Lake Campground looked like the quintessential picture of December, and although it made for a great winter landscape it did not exactly make for an ideal running course. In spite of the frosty conditions, UCSD's harriers were able to battle through the weather and their rival runners to finish strong.

In the men's 10,000 meter run, LeVieux got off to a solid start, occupying 42nd place after the first mile. The Triton harrier could not sustain his position, but still pushed to a top-100 finish, seizing 92nd place with a time of 33:06. Scott Bauhs of Chico State claimed first place in the race. The Wildcats have proved to be one of UCSD's tough adversaries; the Tritons fell to them earlier in the season during the conference championships in San Bernardino. Bauhs would go on to earn All-American honors and was named the Division-II Cross Country Male Athlete of the Year. On the women's side, Schofield in her first season of collegiatelevel competition - could not have been more true to form as she put in another compelling performance to complete her outstanding season, anchoring 22nd place with a time of 22:19 for the women's 6,000 meter event. "I wanted to represent my team and the West region well," Schofield said. "I also wanted to really work hard because work ethic creates good results."

mere two seconds to Slippery Rock University's Jaime Wright. As for the freezing weather, Schofield said she brushed it off as the race started.

"The weather was kind of intense," Schofield said. "There was snow in my face and my leg muscles began to stiffen throughout the race. But being cold wasn't really a factor. When the race was about to start, I stripped off all my clothes and was fine when the gun blew off. I ran in just my buns."

Schofield's results mark UCSD's highest finish since 2002. Furthermore, she was one of just three California Collegiate Athletic Association female athletes to earn All-American accolades by virtue of her top-25 finish.

"It feels great that I was able to be an All-American," she said. "There's nothing like knowing you earned that title. It's rewarding to bring something home for my team and for myself. Although [coach Nate Garcia] and I wanted [my finish] to be in the top 15, the race felt like the most challenging of the season so I was extremely happy with my accomplishment" Although the men's and women's cross country teams as a whole failed to qualify, LeVieux and Schofield's presence at nationals adds to the Tritons' distinguished team history. Moreover, with such a tightly knit pack of harriers, the 2008 season laid the groundwork for a promising future. "In the future, I plan to be in the top 10 at nationals - never losing the number one spot as a goal either," Schofield said. "Us ladies go big or go home at UCSD so we set our goals high because we know we're all destined for good things. Of course with more experience, the women's team is going to grow and get really strong. We will have a tight pack in the future and I can't wait for all of us to be rewarded for our hard work."

UCSD **SPLITS** HOLIDAY WEEKEND

By Joe Tevelowitz SENIOR STAFF WRITER

MEN'S BASKETBALL — The Tritons picked up their first win of the season over the weekend, taking part in the Notre Dame de Namur Thanksgiving Tournament in Belmont, Calif. The Tritons started the tournament off right with a 76-53 win over host Notre Dame de Namur on Nov. 28. UCSD then completed its Thanksgiving weekend road trip against Central Washington University, starting a second-half comeback before eventually falling by a 78-70 final score on Nov. 29. Junior guard Jordan Lawley led the Tritons in both contests, scoring a game-high 17 points against Notre Dame de Namur and a careerbest 31 points in the loss to Central Washington. UCSD now holds a 1-3 record overall as it prepares for the season's first conference competition.

After scoring only one basket in the first seven minutes, the Tritons trailed early against Central Washington. The Wildcats built an eight-point advantage with four three-pointers early in the first half. However, with Central

Washington falling ice cold from a long distance, UCSD put together a 10-1 run to take the lead with eight minutes remaining in the first half. Lawley capped the run with a steal and layup that put the score at 20-19.

Notre Dame de Namur All-Tournament Team honoree Jake Beitinger responded to the UCSD streak, scoring five straight points to put Central Washington University back on top. Senior guard Alan Husted's three-point basket and three free throws from Lawley helped the Tritons tie the game at 26 with less than five minutes remaining in the half. Unfortunately, head coach Chris Carlson's squad was unable to keep pace with three Wildcat threepointers down the stretch, as UCSD trailed 44-34 at the half.

With three more connections from behind the arc in the first four minutes of the second half, Central Washington took its biggest lead of the game, 57-40. With 15:35 left in the game, Lawley and senior guard Shane Poppen took over the Triton offensive output. After five straight points from Poppen, Lawley rolled off the next 11 UCSD points with a combination of jumpers, free throws and a three-pointer. Poppen then responded with the next five points before Lawley capped the duo's showing with a free throw that cut the lead to six - 68-62 - with just over seven minutes to play. As defenses stepped up and the hot shooting cooled down on both sides, neither team scored for the next three minutes. Husted's layup with 3:44 remaining ended the dry spell and brought the score to 68-64. However, after missed shot opportunities on both ends, Beitinger hit a jumper to give Central Washington a six-point lead, with the Tritons getting no closer the rest of the way. Their guys were just making shots and we dug a hole for ourselves that was just too big to climb out of," Husted said of the team's first loss to a Division-II opponent. "Our defensive intensity was much better in the second-half, but we couldn't overcome our lackluster defensive

JOSEPH HO/GUARDIAN FILE Amid freezing temperatures, sophomore Bre Schofield earned All-American honors by running to a 22nd place finish at the National Championships. Her time of 22:19 in the women's 6,000 meters was two seconds off the winning time, making Schofield the team's highest finisher.

In the grand pool of 189 runners, Schofield fought for every second of her time, coming up short by a

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Promising Finish at Nike Cup Ends Fall Season

► **SWIMMING,** from page 14 and also ahead of bitter rival Loyola

Marymount University. "We killed Loyola Marymount,"

Panis said. "It wasn't even close." Day two of the meet also had outstanding finishes from some top Tritons. The women's 200 yard medley relay team — comprised of Kopp, freshman Sadie O'Brien, sophomore Jessica Ferguson and Panis — took third place with a time of 1:45.50. The Triton women also posted a strong showing in the 800 yard freestyle relay race, taking fourth place with legs by freshman Alexandra Henley, sophomore Anju Shimura, Douglas and once again anchored by Panis.

"We put together some times we would be happy to see in March in the finals," head coach Scott McGihon said. "It was great to see us go out and perform like that."

Some outstanding individual performances included senior Kendall Bohn finishing second in the 100 yard breaststroke with a time of 1:03.79, Shimura taking fourth place in the 200 yard freestyle with a time of 1:51.46 and Henley placing fourth in the 200 yard individual medley at 4:27.60. The women's team took fourth overall on the second day of competition with the third and final day of competition looming ahead. On the men's side, the Tritons had a very successful 800 yard freestyle relay, with a team consisting of Perdew, sophomore Brandon Maryatt, freshman Michael Lorch and Todd Langland finishing fourth in 6:55.47.

But the Tritons' top performance was undoubtedly in the men's 200 yard medley relay team of senior captain Steven Hardy, junior Pablo Carrillo, Perdew and Todd Langland. The UCSD men took second place with a time of 1:32.21 and finished the second day in fifth place, looking ahead to their last day.

"A lot of people swam faster than we expected them to," Perdew said. "The meet went really well."

The Tritons continued to post strong swims on the final day of action. Bohn took first place in the 200 yard breaststroke with a time of 2:16.16 and to close the day, the women's 400 yard freestyle relay took



Collectively swimming faster than they have in any other meet this season, the Tritons qualified 21 swimmers for the nationals – 14 women and seven men. UCSD's next meet is on Jan. 10 against LMU.

fourth place with a time of 3:27.00. On the men's side, Perdew was not done with his domination of individual events as he took yet another first place, this time in the 100 yard freestyle in 44.78 seconds. Close behind Perdew was another elite UCSD swimmer, Todd Langland, who took second place in the same event, finishing only a quarter of a second later. As the day was coming to a close, the Tritons knew they needed a strong finish before their long break between meets and they delivered. The 400 yard freestyle relay team with Todd Langland, Brandon Maryatt, Blake Langland and Perdew, took second place with a time 3:03.74. Overall, the men's team took fifth place at the meet with 679.5 points and the women's team took fourth place with 817.5 points.

At the end of the three-day com-

petition, the women's team qualified 14 swimmers for nationals and the men's team qualified seven. The Tritons have no competitions in December and will commit themselves to training for their next meet on Jan. 10 when the Triton women host Loyola Marymount.

"We have finals week but after that we have training camp for a few weeks to prepare for our next dual meet in January," McGihon said.

The Tritons will have their first real experience against conference opponents in a dual meet with Loyola Marymount, which will help determine where UCSD stands. At the Nike Cup, the Loyola Marymount women finished seventh with a total of 383 points.

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Tritons Open CCAA Play at Home on Friday

▶ **BASKETBALL,** from page 14 performance from the first-half."

Lawley's 31 points bested his previous career-high of 24, which he scored against Alaska Anchorage in the first round of the NCAA tournament last season. Three other Tritons scored in double digits, as Poppen added 14 points and a game-high seven rebounds off the bench, while Husted and senior guard Kelvin Kim scored 11 points each.

While committing only one more turnover, grabbing three fewer rebounds and shooting an impressive 23-of-30 from the foul line, the Tritons were unable to keep up with Central Washington's shooting from the field. The Wildcats converted nearly 60 percent of their shots in the first half, including 8-of-15 from behind the arc, and shot an impressive 51.9 percent in the game.

The Tritons had the hot hand during their opening game of the tournament against Notre Dame de Namur, as Lawley, Kim, Husted and freshman center Ryan Wheeler each contributed for the Tritons, scoring the first nine points. While the Triton offense cooled down, stout defense held the Argonauts to only seven points through the game's first 12 minutes.

However, UCSD was able to wake up on the offensive end to close out the half. After Notre Dame de Namur cut the advantage to two, 15-13, with 4:34 to play before the break, the Tritons more than equaled their scoring output to that point. Husted scored 10 of UCSD's next 16 points, including a steal and layup with three seconds remaining in the first half, as the Tritons went into the break with a 31-20 advantage.

Husted continued firing out of the break, opening UCSD's secondhalf scoring with a three-pointer. Lawley followed that up with a pair of jumpers and another long-distance basket as the Tritons quickly increased their lead to 16 just four minutes into the second half. The Argonauts were unable to get any closer than 14 points the rest of the way, as the Tritons continued their shooting exhibition. UCSD took its first 20 point advantage of the game with 5:58 to play after two Wheeler free throws. Wheeler followed that up with another jumper for UCSD, before Poppen scored inside on consecutive possessions with a layup and exclamation-point dunk off of an assist from senior forward Patrick Dreith. Dreith capped off the win for UCSD as his layup with 27 seconds left gave the Tritons a 76-52 advantage and their largest lead of the game.

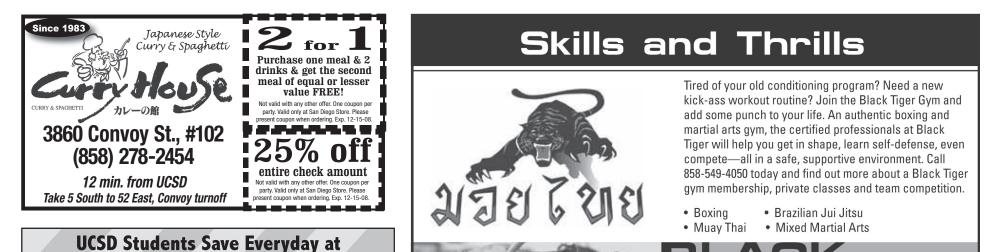
UCSD shot a blistering 69.6 percent from the field in the second half and grabbed 36 rebounds in the game, compared to only 26 boards for Notre Dame de Namur. With 13 Tritons seeing game action, Carlson received a balanced attack from his squad. The UCSD bench outscored its Notre Dame de Namur counterparts 26-12 in the second half, while three Tritons scored in double digits.

"It was great for us to get our first win of the year on the road against a Division-II opponent," Husted said. Guys coming off the bench have been doing a great job this season. Shane [Poppen] and Casey [Ryan] have been doing a great job of providing a spark and bringing their high energy to the court. Our big men are doing a great job as well battling inside and are going to be huge as we get into the conference."

Lawley led the way with 17 points and was named to the Notre Dame de Namur All-Tournament Team after averaging 24 points during two games. Husted added 16 points and a game-high five assists, while Wheeler scored 10 points on 4-of-6 shooting from the field. Poppen again grabbed a game-high seven boards as UCSD scored nine second-chance points and 26 points in the paint during a victory in which it never trailed.

The Tritons return to action this weekend, facing Humboldt State in a California Collegiate Athletic Association opener on Dec. 5. UCSD then hosts Sonoma State on Dec. 6. Both games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tip-offs at RIMAC Arena.

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MON DEC 1

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Roma Nights: Alec Venida - Alec Venida is an ERC student who wants to show off his talents! Come check out this acoustic coffee shop concert. This show is free and open to everyone, so bring all of your friends! 8-9pm in Price Center, Roma Café.

SPECIAL EVENTS

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TUE DEC 2

A R T S

University Art Gallery: Film Night: Black Sunday - Black Sunday is an Italian horror film that concerns a vampire-witch who is put to death by her own brother, only to return 200 years later to feed on her descendants. In 2004, one of the film's sequences was voted #40 among the 100 Scariest Movie Moments by the Bravo Channel. 7-9:30pm at Porter's Pub, free.

Xanadu - This hilarious, roller skating, musical about a Greek muse rolls along to the original hit score composed by pop-rock legends Jeff Lynne and John Farrar, and includes, "Magic", "Suddenly", "Evil Woman", "Have You Never Been Mellow" and "Xanadu." Student: \$43, Staff/faculty: \$46, GA: \$46, Senior Citizens: \$43. 7:30-10pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

A Night of Qin Music - The Qin, also known as Guqin, is an ancient Chinese musical instrument with a tranquil and beautiful sound. It is sometimes referred to as "the father of Chinese music" or "the instrument of the sages." You, your friends and family are welcome to come and experience the gentle sounds of this incredible stringed-instrument at a concert hosted by The Qin Club of UCSD. 8pm at Erickson Hall (Mandeville B210: the bottom floor).

CRAFTS

36th Annual Crafts Center Holiday Sale -Ceramics, jewelry, and glass plus a large selection of fine ware! 10am-5pm at the Crafts Center (next to The Grove Café). S P E C I A L E V E N T S Bookstore Holiday Sale - 8am-8pm.

WED DEC 3

University Art Gallery: Fear Minus One Exhibition: Gallery Talk - Professor Lesley Stern, of the Visual Arts Department at UCSD, will lead a tour of the exhibition. She is the author of The Scorsese Connection (The British Film Institute and Indiana University Press, 1995) and The Smoking Book (The University of Chicago Press, 1999) and coeditor of Falling For You: Essays on Cinema and Performance. Her work moves between a number of disciplinary locations, and spans both theory and production. 6-8:30pm at University Art Gallery, Mandeville Center, free.

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RECREATION

Student Center Block Party with Skyler Stonestreet - UC San Diego sweetheart Skyler Stonestreet plays a free concert at the Hump during lunch hour. The Student Center welcomes you to spend an afternoon hanging out, enjoying great music, food, and getting to know the people, services, spaces, and events of the Student Center. 11:30am at the Student Center.

Costume Karaoke - Crazy costumes. The hottest pop, rock, and hip hop. Funky outfits. Ridiculous routines. Do you have what it takes to upstage Britney's VMA performance or impersonate Janet's Super Bowl show minus the wardrobe malfunction? Then strut your stuff and storm the stage in style! 6pm at The Loft, free.

SPECIAL EVENTS Bookstore Holiday Sale - 8am-8pm.

THURS DEC 4

A R T S

The DOTs Fall Concert - Take a quick studybreak and come support the DOTs at their intimate Fall Concert as they say goodbye to Fall Quarter and hello to the Holiday Season with an hour of A Cappella Splendor! They will be singing a mixture of old songs with new flavors, new songs, and holiday songs! Plus, come out to get to know the new DOTs group of 08-09. This concert will be FREE but bring some change for some of their famous baked goods or to buy a CD for only \$5! Doors will open at 7:15pm and the concert will start promptly at 7:30pm. Location TBA, email the. dots@gmail.com.

As You Like It - One of Shakespeare's early comedies. Student: \$10, Staff/faculty: \$12, GA: \$20, Senior Citizens: \$12. 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse (Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre).

Xanadu - Student: \$49, Staff/faculty: \$52, GA: \$52, Senior Citizens: \$49. 8-10:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

CAREER

Peace Corps Info Session - Learn about the adventure of a lifetime in one of 70 countries for education, business, health, computer science, agriculture, and environmental projects. 4-5:30pm at the Career Services Center Horizon Room.

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SPECIAL EVENTS

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FRI DEC 5

ARTS

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Xanadu - Student: \$52, Staff/faculty: \$55, GA: \$55, Senior Citizens: \$52. 7:30-10pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

LECTURE

Book Presentation: Mexico-U.S. Migration Management - American and Mexican policyoriented migration experts provide an analysis of Mexico-U.S. migration. They recommend specific forms of bilateral collaboration to regulate the flow, improve conditions for migrants, and ensure that migration has positive social and economic impacts on both countries. 10:30am-12pm in the Deutz Room in the Institute of the Americas Complex.



RECREATION

Associated Students Presents...Fall TGIO 2008 - Featuring: Colin Meloy of the Decemberists (www.myspace.com/colinmeloy), Moostache (www.myspace.com/moostachetheband), and Michael Sweetman of the Chimney Boys (www. myspace.com/thechimneyboys). Entirely free for UCSD undergraduates with valid student ID! Come celebrate the end of classes and relax before finals! Bring your friends and enjoy free food, inflatables, and live music. The new and improved TGIO - Thank Goodness It's Over - is the perfect event to refuel and take a break before heading to Geisel! The rest of the lineup to be announced soon! 3-8pm on Sun God Lawn.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bookstore Holiday Sale - 8am-8pm.

S P O R T S

Women's Basketball vs. Humboldt State, 5:30pm at RIMAC.

Men's Basketball vs. Humboldt State, 7:30pm at RIMAC.

SAT DEC 6

A R T S

The DNA of Music: Motion - The program begins with Evan Ziporyn's Balinese-inspired "Frog's Eye" featuring a "shadow dance" by Tijuana dance troupe Lux Boreal. Young Artists Winner Margaret Zhou performs Shostakovich's "Cello Concerto No. 1." The program concludes with Stravinsky's "Petrushka." Free pre-concert lecture one hour prior. Free parking. Student: \$15, Staff/faculty: \$20, GA: \$26, Senior Citizens: \$22. 80m at the Mandeville Center Auditorium.

As You Like It - Student: \$10, Staff/faculty: \$12, GA: \$20, Senior Citizens: \$12. 8pm at the La Jolla Playhouse (Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre).

Xanadu - Student: \$49, Staff/faculty: \$52, GA: \$52, Senior Citizens: \$49. 2-4:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

Xanadu - Student: \$62, Staff/faculty: \$65, GA: \$65, Senior Citizens: \$62. 8-10:30pm at the La Jolla Playhouse.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Bookstore Holiday Sale - 8am-8pm

S P O R T S

Women's Basketball vs. Sonoma State, 5:30pm at RIMAC.

Men's Basketball vs. Sonoma State, 7:30pm at RIMAC.

SUN DEC 7

The DNA of Music: Motion - The program begins with Evan Ziporyn's Balinese-inspired "Frog's Eye" featuring a "shadow dance" by Tijuana dance troupe Lux Boreal. Young Artists Winner Margaret Zhou performs Shostakovich's "Cello Concerto No. 1." The program concludes with Stravinsky's "Petrushka." Free pre-concert lecture one hour prior. Free parking. Student: \$15, Staff/faculty: \$20, GA: \$26, Senior Citizens: \$22. 3pm at the Mandeville Center Auditorium.

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SPECIAL EVENTS Bookstore Holiday Sale - 8am-8pm.

UPCOMING

A R T S University Art Gallery: Film Night: Killer Nun - This Italian produced film stars Anita Ekberg as Sister Gertrude, who is recovering from neurosurgery, although her Mother Superior (Alida Valli) dismisses Sister Gertrude's fears about rushed recovery. Unfortunately, soon enough, it becomes clear that Sister Gertrude's fears were legitimate, as the hapless nun spirals into psychosis and addiction to morphine and heroin at the geriatric hospital where she works. Tues., Dec 9, 7-9:30pm at Porter's Pub, free.

LECTURE

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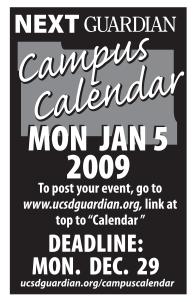
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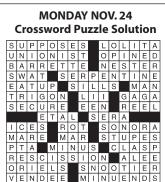
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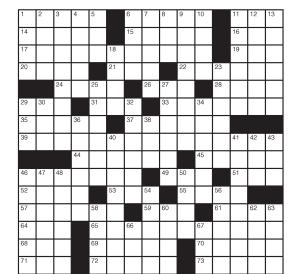
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