The 2nd annual Eaters with Abilities Golf Tournament took place on Feb. 19th at the beautiful Tijeras Creek Golf Club. The event started early afternoon and ended with a nice dinner. The players had a memorable experience and great time with their foursomes. Prizes were given to 1st and 2nd place winners and to the team that came in last for their efforts. Participants also had a chance to bid in the silent auction one of the many items donated which includes weekend hotel stays, golf foursomes, UCI gear and many more. A few of our DSC staff took home some fabulous items that they bid on and won.

The fundraiser was a rewarding success and the proceeds will assist UCI students with disabilities. Thanks to the DSC staff for their contributions and hard work to make the day possible!
Stress seems to be everywhere! At least that is what the staff at DSC is noticing. Just like you we are well aware of the tough economic times, both on and off campus and we know many of you are experiencing the effects of that stress. Stress is not necessarily a bad thing and can actually increase your ability to accomplish more. Stress that is not used however becomes toxic and its effects are negative. Consider the following.

The game of life is the game of boomerangs. Our thoughts, deeds and words return to us sooner or later, with astounding accuracy. –Florence Shinn

The words of this quote are proven true over and over again. As a student at the University of California, Irvine you have a tremendous opportunities (in addition to stress). You have the opportunity to learn, and develop your leadership abilities. The effort you put into this opportunity, will likely determine your current and future success.

I wish to encourage you to consider the words of Florence Shinn as you complete this highly stressful quarter. Take advantage of opportunities to get involved in activities that have a lasting purpose and which can reduce your stress. Two such opportunities are becoming a Peer Mentor for The Social Club @ UCI and the Disability Services Center Student Advisory Board.

The Social Club meets weekly and supports students with Asperger’s Syndrome (a form of Autism) and other social deficits. Peer Mentors provide the opportunity for students with Autism to improve social skills and have fun. If you are interested in becoming a Peer Mentor contact Chelsea Blake email at cblake@uci.edu or stop by the DSC.

The DSC Student Advisory Board will consist of UC Irvine students with and without disabilities. These students will represent the diverse opinions of the campus and focus on key issues including:

- Programming for campus-wide events
- Disability Awareness and sensitivity
- Campus outreach to reduce barriers
- Topics relevant to UCI students with disabilities
- Advising DSC of campus needs and creating improvement stratagems
- Applications are online and in the office and are now being accepted for Fall 2009

As a final note, plan to finish strong this quarter and stop in to use the facilities at DSC which include the student lounge/quiet room, computers, study areas or just to talk. We are here for you. All the best.

Dr. Jan Serrantino

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-Florence Shin
The DSC Student Advisory Board is dedicated to serving students with disabilities at UCI by fostering goals such as equal access to UCI programs and services and strengthening disability awareness on campus. The Board consists of seven members, three of which are registered DSC students. The members meet once a month to discuss issues and topics relevant to students with disabilities. Members will also be responsible for representing DSC and participating in various program events and planning throughout the year. It is a great way to get involved and learn what DSC is about and what it has to offer. Applications are online at our website and in our office, fill one out and turn it in before May 13th!

Application process:
1) Complete the application found at the DSC.  
2) Turn it into the DSC.  
3) Sign up for a brief interview  
4) Applicants will be notified of selection by email.  
5) Selected students will attend a mandatory orientation early June.  
6) SAB monthly meetings will commence in Fall 2009.

Top five reasons why the DSC is awesome:
5) Study rooms
4) Computers on which to facebo-study on.
3) Sweet golf carts
2) Committed Staff
1) Snuggies
For the UCI Men’s Volleyball team 2009 will be an incredible year to be remembered. Obviously winning the school’s 2nd National Championship in Men’s Volleyball has a lot to do with it, but what people do not know is that the 2009 season was supposed to be a development year.

UCI started the 2009 season ranked no higher than 5th place in the major polls, the Bison/AVCA Coaches Poll and Volleyball Magazine Poll. The season started with the defeat of UCLA at the Elephant Bar Tournament at UCSB in the quarter-finals, then a loss to Long Beach St. in the Semi-Finals. From there, the ‘Eater team rose to the occasion the most competitive conference in the nation—the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, or MPSF. The MPSF boasts the volleyball powerhouses of Pepperdine, UCLA, Cal State Northridge, BYU and Long Beach St, but the ‘Eaters weren’t to be denied.

With the combination of experience and youth, the ‘Eaters were able to finish the regular season with only 3 conferences losses, winning the MPSF Regular Season title and advancing as the number one seed in the MPSF Conference Tournament. In the quarter-finals of the tournament, UCI easily handled UCLA, 3-1, however in the semi-finals, the ‘Eaters came across a fiery and streaking USC team that pounded the boys in blue 3-0, and leaving the possibility of advancing to its third final four appearance in the last four years, VIRTUALLY UP IN THE AIR.

On Sunday, May 3rd, the ‘Eaters were given a 2nd chance in the NCAA Selection Show on ESPN News, as volleyball legend, Karch Kiraly, announced that UC Irvine received the At-Large bid into the NCAA Tournament as the number one seed and would face the Midwest Interscholastic Volleyball Association Tournament (MIVA) Champion, the Ohio State Buckeyes, in the NCAA Semifinals—which was a welcomed announcement by the entire ‘Eater squad.

In the NCAA Semifinal, UCI obliterated Ohio State, 3-0, and advanced to the final against the streaking USC Trojans, who defeated Penn St. 3-1 in their Semi-final. In one of the most exciting matches in history, UCI came in as the underdog (even though they were the #1 seed) and defeated USC, 3-2 to garner their 2nd Men’s Volleyball National Championship in the last three years (visit http://espn.go.com/broadband/espn360/player?gameld=5143&sportCode = to view the replay). Congratulations UCI and RIP ‘EM Eaters!
INTERNSPOTLIGHT: MATTHEW MCCARTHY AND JESSICA GARCIA

You’ve probably heard that college is supposed to be the best time of your life. You probably also know that statement does not accurately take into account the countless hours of work a student must dedicate just to scrape by. Who has anytime to sleep with all the homework, studying, midterms, projects, finals, and research? Where can you find the time to have a social life? Who has time to actually do something they love?

Two of the Student Assistants at the Disability Services Center are able to balance academics, social lives, military duties and still have time to share their lives. These two undergraduate seniors are named Matthew McCarthy and Jessica Garcia. Both students currently attend the Air Force ROTC program at Loyola Marymount University. Here is a little info about two of your fellow students that will begin to serve their country after graduation.

Matt McCarthy:

4th Year
Political Science Major - International Relations/Middle East Studies
Conflict Resolution Minor

-Extracurricular Activities:
-DSC - coolest place ever!!!
-Air Force ROTC at Loyola Marymount University

Matt loves to play soccer, especially at the beach. He was twice named the UCI intramural soccer champion. He says he is “…from the more superior part of California, and by superior I just mean the Northern Part.” The 49ers and SF Giants are his teams (insert sympathy here).

After Graduation Matt will commission as a 2d Lieutenant in the Air Force. He will be going to Tyndall Air Force Base (AFB) Florida to train as an Air Battle Manager (ABM). As an ABM he will be flying in an E-3 AWACS, directly responsible for planning, organizing, coordinating, and managing all aircraft in the area. After about a year of training, he hopes to get stationed in either Germany or Japan.

Jessica Garcia:

4th Year
International Studies & Political Science Major
Language: Arabic

Extracurricular Activities:
-AFROTC Cadet
-Army JROTC Cadre Trainer

In her spare time, Jessica enjoys playing Santana on the guitar (but claims that she is madly failing right now), attending concerts, doing anything outdoorsy, babysitting, and cooking.

Her teams are the San Diego Chargers and the Dodgers. “Little Sproles is a beast against those 6 footer guys.”

After Graduation, Jessica will be commissioning along side Matt as a 2LT. The field she is going into is 14NX- Intelligence. When asked what an intelligence officer does, Jessica replied, “If I told you, I would have to kill you.” Not really, but she did say “I wish I could give details on what Intelligence Officers do, but they do like to keep things classified so I am not sure where I’ll be going after training school or what I will be doing. All I know right now is that I will be stationed at Goodfellow, AFB in Texas to learn the ins and outs of the trade. I just recently learned that Intel Officers end up being ‘the jack of all trades, and master of none’ of the Air Force, so I am definitely looking forward to the opportunities ahead.”

We wish the best of luck to these two brave students as they prepare to dedicate their lives to Integrity, Service before self, and excellence in all they do.
THE SOCIAL CLUB AT UCI

Who are we? Social Club consists of UCI students with Asperger’s Syndrome, Autism Spectrum Disorder, or other social deficits, as well as peer (fellow UCI students) and staff mentors who meet on a weekly basis to develop social skills in different realms.

What we do? Our activities vary greatly and we like to ‘mix it up’! Sometimes we have fun lessons on topics such as learning your conflict resolution style, taking the perspectives of others, or goal setting. Other times we have organized activities with rules to follow like our always popular poker nights (for the ‘expensive’ buy-in of a beverage or snack!) or other game/trivia/Wii nights. On occasion we also have less formal (less rules, no holds barred) ultra exciting activities like bowling or movie nights, lunch at the Pub, or Yogurtland trips.

When do we meet? This quarter we are meeting Tuesdays at 5pm! (Typically for an hour)

Where do we meet? The Conference Room at the Disability Services Center (located directly across Ring Road from ELH).

Why do we meet? First and foremost, TO HAVE FUN! Additionally, we work to improve our social and communication skills with others through guided discussion and practice.

How do I get involved? Contact DSC staff Chelsea Blake at (949) 824-7494 or cblake@uci.edu.

“I refuse to join any club that would have me as a member.”
- Groucho Marx
All the jobs in the economy have disappeared! Oh wait, no they haven’t, they’ve just been playing hide-and-seek. If you’re tired of playing the hide-and-seek job searching game, there’s only one thing left to do. Cheat! And what better way to cheat at hide-and-seek than find someone who knows the hiding spots of all those elusive jobs. The people at gettinghired.com will not only tell you where to find a job, but also help you learn the tools needed to excel in the workplace!

We recently had a chance to speak with one of these hide-and-seek experts. Jim Lunny, Vice president of Workforce Development Solutions had this to say about the organization:

“Gettinghired.com is a national employment & networking portal that uniquely connects job seekers with disabilities, employers committed to hiring job seekers with disabilities, agencies providing services to the disabled community, colleges and universities, and disability advocacy groups. Our mission is to create sustainable employment growth and opportunities for people with disabilities.

More than 17,000 people with disabilities have already registered with GettingHired.com, at no cost, and are using our site to prepare for seeking employment and to search for jobs that match their education, interests and qualifications. Of course, the portal is fully compliant with Section 508 requirements. Upon registration as Jobseekers, individuals obtain access to a robust suite of career development tools designed to prepare them to enter the workplace, to connect with peers and mentors, and to find a multitude of career opportunities. These fully accessible career building tools include:

- Career Compatibility Assessments
- Cover Letter and Resume Building Tools
- Video Interview Training
- Video Resume and Profiles
- Social Networking Platform

Our Employer partners are committed to hiring the most qualified candidates, regardless of disability, to meet their critical human resource needs. These Employers pay an annual subscription fee to join the community to post all their open positions. We are currently listing thousands of positions across the country. I am sure that your students will find GettingHired.com to be a valuable resource in preparing for and finding employment. Of course, there is no cost to your students.”
Interested in a summer internship? Ever thought about working with a top-notch global company to gain valuable experience? If you're interested, then so is Boeing! Boeing is a leading technological company with different company branches throughout Southern California. Despite what you might think, you don't have to be an engineering or computer science major to apply for internships. The company has so many different opportunities for students in various departments. Whatever your degree might be, it should be easy to find a position that matches some of your interests.

http://www.boeing.com/employment/collegecareers/index.html

DSC staff members had the opportunity to visit the Long Beach Boeing site this past year during the Boeing Disability Awareness Week. Besides learning a great deal about the opportunities for students, we were able to see the level of commitment Boeing has in supporting diversity in their company. This diversity extends to students and employees with all different types of abilities. We had the privilege to meet some Boeing employees who had various disabilities. These employees made it clear that Boeing provided them with the necessary accommodations they needed in order to meet the demands of their jobs. More importantly, they all felt a sense of accomplishment and pride while working at Boeing.

If you are interested in researching a little bit about what Boeing might have to offer you, please check out the following website:

http://www.boeing.com/employment/collegecareers/index.html

On this site, you'll get a chance to see all available internships and learn a little bit more about the company. This could be the start of a wonderful internship experience (that might even turn into a job after graduation!). Don't hesitate to see what they're all about. If you have any other questions, feel free to come in to DSC to speak with a counselor and we'll do our best to guide you in the right direction.

Best of luck this quarter and beyond!

DSC Staff
Every year the Academic Affairs office brings a guest speaker to UCI to raise awareness on important problems that students will eventually have to solve. Previous speakers talked about global warming, politics, and ways to improve our failing economy. In 2009 ASUCI brought two speakers to talk about one of the most important issues to students...how to blow things up.

Adam Savage and Jamie Hyneman from Discovery Channel's hit television show "Mythbusters" did just that. This dynamic duo has produced more than 2,500 explosions during the seven seasons of their TV series. They also claim to have over 30 years of special effects experience between them. Some of these experiences include producing special effects for Star Wars and for 7-Up commercials. They put their technical knowledge to good use on every episode of the show, building various contraptions to test out different myths and urban legends - and, of course, to create massive, earth-shaking, shockwave-producing explosions.

The Pacific Ballroom of the Student Center was filled to capacity with hundreds of cheering fans as Adam and Jamie sat down with UCI’s own Professor Michael Dennin, who teaches physics, to answer student questions about the show, ranging from how the it all got started to where Jamie finds his famous black berets (the military surplus store, in case you were wondering).

The Mythbusters proved to be just as entertaining in real life as they are on TV. They discussed their favorite explosions (definitely the water heater from the season five episode “Water Heater Rocket”); their favorite devices that they built (Adam’s is the wind tunnel that he made to test the terminal velocity of a penny, from the “Penny Drop” episode, while Jamie’s favorite is the safety barricade that the crew takes cover behind whenever they need to test something particularly dangerous). They even talked about the things that Discovery Channel wouldn’t let them show: for instance, an experiment that went awry when the lab mice duked it out in a to-the-death cage match, and a clip of the "Facts about Flatulence" episode in which Adam tested whether one could light up...well, a fart. (By the way, that myth was confirmed - but don't go trying it at home!)

Adam and Jamie also talked about things that they would like to test in the future, such as the myth that dirty cars are more aerodynamic than clean cars because the caked-on dirt creates a dimpled golf ball effect; Jamie mentioned something about wanting to find out what the lethal force of cooked macaroni is. In particular, the Mythbusters were also excited about an upcoming episode that involves duct tape myths. In Adam’s words: "It’ll blow your frakkin’ mind!" They closed the night with a four-minute video of all the beautiful explosions that they created throughout the series.
One Day. One Campus. Many Options.
By: Chelsea Dae Blake
It was a beautiful April morning in sunny Southern California; Moderate weather, gentle breezes, birds chirping, and the DSC staff happily working diligently on a Saturday... Wait. What?? Yes, you read that correctly. Saturday, April 18th, 2009, marked the 31st Annual Celebrate UCI, a campus-wide open house for students, prospective students, parents, and community members. It was an eventful day! Literally. Very lively, indeed!

Let’s start with the best part of the day- The DSC Open House, obviously. With such an exceptionally supportive staff, it is no surprise that everyone that stopped by received instantaneous attention and care. There were a number of questions that were easily answered by this knowledgeable staff. From our perspective, it was invigorating to meet such inquisitive prospective and incoming Anteaters and their families. Fascinating, indeed!

Outside of our bubble, our humble abode, otherwise known as our tricked-out triple wide trailer, a plethora of events and activities celebrated the splendor that is UC Irvine. Most current students are aware of Wayzgoose, the Aldrich Park festival that features food booths and other displays from campus organizations, as well as exciting performances on multiple stages. Highlights included the always popular MCIA (Modern COMPLETELY INSANE ANTEATERS. Just saying) and the musical styling of Brave Citizens (they’re no Save Ferris, but talented nevertheless), Tyrone Wells (yes, he is dreamy), and Anthony Green. Best of all, this year ASUCI really stepped up the excitement with an amazing brand new solar-powered stage. Pretty sweet, if you ask me. Very ‘green’, indeed!

Speaking of ‘going green’, one of our Dean of Students (DOS) family members, The Center for Service in Action, hosted Earth Day in conjunction with the event. Not only did they coordinate a fair with non-profit organizations and eco-friendly vendors, they also promoted a sustainable world throughout all of their efforts. This was demonstrated firsthand by the work done to ensure Aldrich Park was completely ‘green’ for Wayzgoose. One word: Extraordinary. Practice what you preach, indeed!

UCI’s 31st Annual Open House was truly a celebration of the diversity of activities, opportunities, and people we have to offer future Anteaters and our surrounding community.

In the afternoon, I had the extremely fortunate opportunity to spend some time at the DOS-sponsored Information Booth (en route to the UCI Alumni Association Beer Garden to enjoy a deliciously refreshing root beer float, of course). This glorious focal point allowed folks to ask any questions they had for the well-informed and spirited staff. Located outside of Aldrich Hall, it was conveniently next to much of the action: Campus tours, both walking AND via tram (a.k.a. the UCI campus shuttle, which is somewhat miraculously able to drive around Ring Road); Housing and library information and tours; Admission, financial aid, and scholarship inquiries; Academic info sessions and so much more, indeed!

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Earth lovers, food lovers, car lovers, music lovers, all-around fun lovers – there was something for everyone at Wayzgoose. The annual UCI celebration went green this year, featuring an area for eco-friendly vendors who promoted the green lifestyle; signs posted around Aldrich Park to spread awareness about the scale of American consumption; and a music stage that was completely powered by the sun.

Student organizations and clubs came out in full force to sell a variety of delicious foods, ranging from the classics such as cheeseburgers, pizza, and caramel apples to Korean barbeque, spam musubi, and the ever-popular shawarma. (There was such a rush to get to all the good food that I almost got ran over by certain media specialist pushing a stroller. I’m not going to name any names, though!) No matter what you craved, you would find it among the many club booths lining the paths of Aldrich Park.

Wayzgoose was a great event for families as well. Among the attractions were a small carnival with rides, a rock climbing wall, and educational shows that included an animal demonstration with a baby boa constrictor and another that featured performing parrots. Fair goers could also meet and pet such cuddly creatures as millipedes and beetle larvae at Dr. Sue’s Traveling Insect and Arthropod Zoo. (Side note: giant millipedes are pretty adorable, if you’re into slithery crawling things). There were also activities such as sword training (with kid-safe foam swords, of course) and yarn-spinning demonstrations by women in full period costume.

The Car Show on the Green, in its 11th year at Wayzgoose, was another popular feature of this year’s event. Car enthusiasts from all over came to show off their beautiful vehicles from all decades of car history, including a blue Chrysler PT Cruiser dubbed the “Spidey Cruiser” (a tribute to the one and only Spider-Man, of course) as well as a Buick from 1912.

Entertainment was provided by talented dance crews and musical performers, such as singer-songwriter Tyrone Wells and alt-rock band Brave Citizens. Wayzgoose concluded with a great acoustic performance by the headliner, Anthony Green, frontman of the band Circa Survive. He was clearly the biggest hit of the show, drawing not only UCI students but visitors from off-campus as well.

Wayzgoose definitely delivered the awesome this year. A splendid time was had by all, and the world got a little greener in the process!

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