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## The week in photos



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Maximus waited in front of Sierra Hall for his owner Konstantin Grigoriou to get out of class Wednesday afternoon. One year old Maximus was adopted three days ago and was recently neutered. "Ruff ruff ruff," said Maximus about having his reproductive rights taken away. See more photos on page 5.

## Firm to conduct study on A.S. Recycling

LAURA STACE  
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The Associated Students Recycling Services is gearing up for some changes as it begins the process of choosing a firm to conduct a limited scope feasibility study.

A.S. allocated \$7,500 from its capital reserve for the project Feb. 17.

Campus architect Nathaniel Wilson said he expects to interview three qualified firms and will decide which will conduct the study.

Once the firm is selected, Wilson said the study should be completed by June.

"We would like to be able to expand and build a facility that would service the campus better," said Recycling Coordinator Cyndi Signett.

Signett said an improvement she would suggest is having the A.S. Recycling Service offices closer to the recycling facility.

Signett also said she would like to have showers on-site for recycling workers.

Recycling Field Assistants Gisselle Jaen and Cristian Munoz sort recycling and said they get a little dirty on the job.

"I don't really mind getting dirty as what we are doing is for the environment," said Munoz who is a junior environmental and occupational health student.

"Mother Earth has taken care of me, so I might as well take care of her," said Jaen, a sophomore political science student.

Wilson said that A.S. Recycling Services will be coordinating the participation of interested students and faculty in the feasibility study, including those from the business school.



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A decorative can formation near trash dumpsters on campus.

## 'Immigration Crisis' draws discussion

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University of California Riverside ethnic studies professor warned of an impending war between the United States and Mexico at a lecture sponsored by the Chicana/o Studies Department, Feb. 25 at Sierra Hall.

Dr. Armando Navarro asked an audience of more than 70 what position they would take should the U.S. wage a war with Mexico while promoting his latest book, "The Immigration Crisis."

"We're in a critical junction as it relates to immigration. The focus will be on militarization of the border," said Navarro.

"When a country has a military industrial complex," said Navarro who served in the U.S. Army. "It's a very dangerous situation for the rest of the world."

Navarro reiterated the importance of organizing throughout the nearly two-hour lecture because it's important for organizations advocating for comprehensive immigration reform to pressure the current administration into making it a priority.

"Are we as Chicanos and Latinos organizing as a fist or still extending the hand of friendship?"

Navarro said an immigration crisis is akin to an economic crisis, prevalent all over the world. Regardless of how widespread the issue may be, "to be poor here is better than to be poor in Mexico, Central America."

"When you want to have the rich, you've got to have the poor," Navarro said. "The prevalence of poverty is a crisis of capitalism."

"The issue of immigration

has been a constant struggle in the U.S. and Mexico," said Stephanie Barahona, 21, political science major. "But when the U.S. addresses it, it's seen as a Latin American issue and not as a global issue."

She added that this view promotes the use of scapegoats.

Navarro said the U.S. economy depends on having cheap labor, but it's a country that "has a large history of exploitation of the new comers."

Adding that the guiding principle of U.S. policy has always been "manifest destiny."

Immigration is a result of "push-and-pull" factors, said Navarro, lack of jobs or a minimum wage of \$5 a day, force people to migrate.

"They're not going to stop the influx; (the United States) builds fences, we know how to bridge it."

The book, he said, documents the "pro migrante movimiento" (pro migrant movement) and also its decline and eventual dwindling.

David Rodriguez, Chicana/o Studies department chair, said the book is very timely. "It deals with a course of problems that's not alleviated. Many people want (undocumented immigrants) thrown out. Others want better wages and conditions."

Rodriguez said the immigrants provide valuable services in agricultural work, manufacturing and housing, even though, the weak economy increasingly contributes to the growing numbers of displaced workers. Many face human rights issues, pay issues, and other conditions under the threat of deportation.

"People are looking for some comprehensive reform," Rodriguez said.

## 2009 Senate and USU Debates Schedule

All debates will be at The Plaza del Sol unless otherwise stated.

**March 6: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
College of Education (ED 3117)  
College of Business and Economics (JH 4117)

**March 9: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Senator of Engineering & Computer Science  
College (SG109)  
Senator of Health & Human Development College (SG109)

**March 10: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
President/Vice President Debate I

**March 16: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Graduate Division Senator  
At Large Senator

**March 17: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Upper Division Senator  
Lower Division Senator

**March 18: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
President/Vice President Debate II

**March 19: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
College of Arts, Media, and Communication (SH 276)  
Senator of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SH 276)

**Friday March 20: 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.**  
Senator for College of Humanities  
Senator of College of Science & Math

**A.S. Elections: March 24, 8:00 a.m. - March 25, 7:00 p.m.**