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MEETINGS OF THE WEEK

This is Finals Week.

Monday, December 7th - Area Heads Meeting, GH144, 4:00pm



FACULTY AND STAFF NEWS

Need to Ship a Last-minute Present? – Mail Services offers personal UPS service Monday through Friday from 9:00am to 3:00pm for a \$2 processing fee. (You get to ship at the “State Rate.”) [Click here](#) for details.

Shuttle Service for the holidays - Campus Loop shuttles will not be in service from December 14th until the start of the Winter Quarter. The Coaster, Hillcrest/Campus, Hillcrest/Old Town, and Torrey Pines Center shuttles will maintain their normal schedules until December 21st, when most shuttle service will be discontinued until January 1st. Read [more here](#).

Library Materials Cuts [from Brian E. C. Schottlaender, Audrey Geisel University Librarian] – “Over the last two fiscal years, 2008/2009 and 2009/2010, the UC San Diego Libraries have had to cut permanently our collections budget by more than \$500,000 (8%). Further, we have had an additional one-time cut of very nearly another \$500,000 this year). We anticipate that fiscal year 2010/2011 will present additional financial challenges for us. This year, we are realizing savings through a number of strategies that are outlined on the December 2009 [Budget Update Collections web page](#) . At the UC Systemwide level, the California Digital Library (CDL) is working with our vendors in an effort to avoid annual price increases and, in some instances, attempting to bring prices down. The University Librarians of the UC Libraries have requested that, over the next two years, the CDL reduce Systemwide expenditures for electronic journal licenses by 15%. CDL is currently in licensing negotiations with two of our major providers, who between them supply UC with more than 2,600 electronic journals. The goal of the CDL’s negotiations is to realize savings with no loss of content. However, if that is not possible, the CDL and the UC Libraries are prepared to cut content, specifically targeting titles with the highest cost and the lowest use. For more information on how the UCSD Libraries are planning to meet the challenges of our reduced budget, and to see the list of specific journal titles that our campus has identified for potential cancellation, we invite you to [click here](#)] Please share this information with the faculty in your department. If you or any of them have concerns about a particular title (or titles) on the list, please do let us know using the contact link you’ll find at that URL. In addition, we welcome whatever other input and suggestions you may have on strategies the UC San Diego Libraries might pursue as we consider how to absorb further reductions in our collections budget.”

DEPARTMENT NEWS

One Night Only - A new play written and directed by Stephen Metcalfe featuring Acting Professor **Jim Winker**, *The Tragedy of the Commons*, will be read on December 7th at the [Cygnet Theatre](#). Synopsis: “Dakin Adams, a retired school teacher, spends his days writing and sending his thoughts - his blogs - out into the void that is the internet. His wife, Macy, walks the dogs and gardens. It would seem the only thing they have in common anymore is their home and their memories and their love of “the view” - the pacific ocean as seen from the back deck of the house. But now their neighbor is selling and the new owner is coming in to tear down and rebuild - build "up" - and the view - and the fragile relationship of two people - is in ever increasing jeopardy.” (The cast also includes alum **Monique Gaffney**.) Wine and appetizer meet-and-greet – 6:00pm; Staged-reading - 7:30pm; Talk-back with the cast and playwright will immediately follow the reading. Suggested donation of \$10.

Acting Class Presentations - **Jim Winker's** Shakespeare class monologue presentation is Tuesday at 10:30am in the Wagner Studio (GH15). Professor **Kyle Donnelly's** class will present scenes from modern plays and comic monologues on Tuesday at 1:00pm in GH155. All are welcome to attend.

2010 Baldwin New Play Workshops will be held in the Arthur Wagner Studio (GH157) on December 11th and 12th. All are welcome to attend. The creative teams have been announced:

Everything Nice, by **Stephanie Timm**, directed by **Jeff Wienckowski**, Cast - Annalise: **Jenni Putney**, Myra: **Taylor Shurte**, Woman: **Megan Robinson**, Man: **Kyle Anderson**, Girl: **Anne Stella**; Stage Directions: **Maren Bush**; Stage Manager: **Lauren Juengel**. Friday, December 11th, 5:00pm.

The Scotchman, by **Ronald McCant**, directed by **Larissa Lury**. Cast - Tony: **Bowman Wright**, Anthony: **Gabriel Lawrence**, The Scotchman: **Hugo Medina**; Stage Directions: **Mark Christine**, Stage Manager: **Emily Hayes**. Friday, December 11th, 8:00pm.

Get Stuffed, by **Krista Knight**, directed by **Tom Dugdale**. Cast - Raylene : **Zoe Chao**, Deter: **Daniel Rubiano**, Camille: **Cate Campbell**, Tint: **Patrick Riley**, Stacey: **Sara Garcia**, Hurley: **Ross Crain**, Michelle/Donna: **Natalie Birriel**, Romulus: **Zachary Martins**, Remus: **Zach Harrison**; Stage Directions: **Evan Powell**, Stage Manager: **Samantha Watson**. Saturday, December 12th, 10:30am.



ONSTAGE

Coming Soon:

[La Mandragola](#), by Niccolò Machiavelli, directed by **Isis Saratial Misdary** in the Theodore and Adele Shank Theatre. January 28th – February 6th.

[The Revenger's Tragedy](#), directed by **Christopher Ashley**, Quinn Martin Guest Chair in Directing, in the Sheila and Hughes Potiker Theatre. February 11th - February 20th.

[The Seagull](#) by Anton Chekhov, directed by **Tom Dugdale** in the Mandell Weiss Forum Theatre. February 18th – 27th.

Click for [Ticket Information](#) for all shows.

ADMINISTRIVIA

December 12th – Last day to remove a prior grade of “I”

December 14th – Last day to [petition](#) for a grade of “I”

December 19th – January 2nd – Campus closed due to mandated furlough

December 23rd – Grades available online



ALUM UPDATES

Graduate playwriting alum ('04) **Rachler Axler's** play *Smudge*, starring **Brian Sgambati** ('01) will run January 3rd - February 7th at the Women's Project's Julia Miles Theatre. Undergrad alum **Pam MacKinnon** ('95) will direct the production. The dark comedy is about the changing face of the American family and the limits of love and cheesecake, as a hopeful young couple gives birth to a smudge. Axler is currently a staff writer of NBC's hit comedy series *Parks & Recreation* and she won two Emmy Awards for her work as a staff writer on *The Daily Show With Jon Stewart*.

Dileep Rao (MFA '98) dropped a quick line to say that he'll be seen in James Cameron's new movie, *Avatar*, which opens on December 18th. "I have a beard, glasses and science it up. The picture is pretty amazing to see..." The cast includes Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, and Sigourney Weaver.



Editor's Note: Just hit "reply" to tanddnews@yahoo.com and share your info. Photos are always encouraged, but please don't send huge files - resize them from what comes off your camera first. Also, be sure to let us know if you're using a different name than you did here at UCSD. We look forward to hearing from you!

*This will be the last edition of the Newsletter until Monday, January 4th.
Our very best wishes for a happy holiday for you and yours!*

