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Dear Prospective Slugs, Parents, Coaches and Supporters

The weeks just seem to be flying by. We have attended the UOP invitational, and held a relay meet for UC Davis here at home. You can see our best times list in the following pages. The “top times” for this time of year are much better than years pass.

We are training extremely well as a team. Team Attendance is will over 90% with over 20 swimmers still at 100% !!!! These are good signs for the season.

At UOP we finished first in the Non-division I division. (there seems to be some confusion on weither UC Davis is DI now or still DII for some meets) Although we were experiencing several swimmers dealing with Strep and sinus infections we were still able to establish some good early season times.

The next weekend UC Davis traveled to Santa Cruz for our traditional relay meet that we hold each year. The weather was in the low 90's, sunny and hot. We swam very well. The women set 44 season best times, and the men set 47. Having 91 season best times in one meet is a new high. (of course there were only the UOP times to compare to, but we'll take it).

I want to mention how much we enjoyed the recruits that were here on campus last weekend. We are not arranging any recruit weekends, but if you want to make a visit to the school let us know what works for you and we can set something up.

TIME WARP!!!!!! 11/5

Because of our hectic schedule I was unable to finish the last newsletter before our trip to Southern California. In our first true dual meet of the year the slugs defeated Claremont women by a score of 122 to 119. The men's score was UCSC 161 to Claremont 80. Last year Claremont women won the SCIAC and are expected to win again this year.

Claremont men finished last year in the SCIAC. So if you were to compare us to the SCIAC schools we would do very well. SCIAC is the conference that includes Redlands, Pomona Pitzer, Cal Lutheran, La Verne, Whitter, among others. We swam Claremont on the Saturday following Halloween, we left at 5:30am for the seven hour drive and then competed in Claremont. I was not expecting our women to swim well enough to win, so we were very pleased to get a win. Even with the early drive we were able to achieve over 40 season best times. The men meanwhile had an easier time winning almost every event. That evening we were fed by George Crockers family in San Diego and then stayed with the Crockers and Westons for the night.

On Sunday we swam against UC San Diego, which has one of the best Division II teams in the Nation. The women lost 195-95 while the men lost 170-114. We usually swim UCSD later in the season and have faired much better when we swim them in January or February. This early in the year we were easily outmatched, but now know how much we

need to improve to be competitive at the conference meet in February. The best times list reflects the additional 48 season best times achieved at the UCSD meet.

Over all it was a pretty successful weekend. We still have a long way to go in terms of training and preparation but we are seeing some pretty good signs.

Now for important information.

YOU MUST APPLY TO THE UC SYSTEM DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER!!!! IF YOU DO NOT APPLY BY NOVEMBER 30TH YOU CAN NOT COME TO SCHOOL HERE. There is nothing we can do if you apply late. The best way to apply now is online. I encourage you to do it that way.

Some state schools and Division I and II schools may have special admits for athletes. We do not. You must apply on time and get into school on your own. If you are denied, and feel that you should have made it into school, you need to appeal. Do that right away. Appeals will only work if you have all the classes that are required, that you feel that something is different or changed (like higher SAT's or GPA) from when you originally applied, or you have some special circumstance that needs to be considered.

In-state applicants will need to meet all UC requirements and meet the point formula found in the application. Out-of State applicants must do the same and have a minimum 3.4 weighted GPA. If you are not sure about your GPA or classes send me a copy of your transcripts and we can take a look at them. We have been told that we are in "selection". Even if you have the minimum requirements there is no guarantee that you will be accepted. If we are definitely your first choice for school let me know. We do send a list to admissions and any students on the bubble could get a second look.

I have received calls about the qualifying times that we list. They are designed so that if you have those times, you will most likely be part of our scoring team at Conference. We want to make it clear that we are a hard working, college swim team, and that we have high expectations. This is not the place to come for swimming if you are not sure you want to swim or not. If you are coming for the school, and want to try the team, that is great. But I don't want any one to be confused about how much we train and what is expected. Every year we have swimmers make the team because they work hard, don't miss practice, and have great attitudes. Every year we have good swimmers not make it because they don't really want to do it and find ways of getting out of it.

Our next meet is at Mills College in Oakland, Saturday, Nov.15th. The meet starts at 10:00am. If you are in the bay area you may want to drop by. The next week we travel to Speedo Cup in Long Beach. Speedo Cup is November 20-21-22 at Belmont Plaza. If you are in Southern California, drop by and say hello.

The next newsletter will follow the Mills Invite, or Speedo Cup
As always, if you have any questions please call or e-mail. kmusch@ucsc.edu or 831-459-3372