

Dear Prospective Slugs, Parents, and Supporters,

The season is up a running. We have had three competitions during the last two weeks. We travelled to UOP for an invitational. Our women placed second in the non-division one scoring and our men placed third. The top three scoring teams were;

Women- Seattle University 1009 / UCSC 677 / Cal State Bakersfield 588

Men- Cal State Bakersfield 994 / Seattle University 879 / UCSC 526

Both these teams are some of the top teams from NCAA Division II ranks. Bakersfield men, for example , won DII NCAA's last year. We were pleased to beat the Bakersfield women's team,( top five last year at DII NCAA's)

The following Friday we travelled to Cal Baptist. We took ten vans to the meet a drive that usually takes seven hours. At the start of the meet we were still missing six of the vans due to faulty directions. We pieced together relays and filled events as best we could. The final van arrived just in time for the last relays. We took a beating from both teams that finished last years NAIA Nationals as the second place teams.

Women- Cal Baptist 193 / UCSC 97

Men – Cal Baptist 211 / UCSC58

The next day at UC San Diego the Slugs, with a full team, swam much better. We achieved many season best times. We were also able to prepare better during warm up, not having to be on the phones giving directions to lost vans. It was a beautiful day and we were very competitive in many events. I want to thank those families that were there to support us.

Women – UCSD 173 / UCSC 116

Men - UCSD 189 / UCSC 107

Included in this newsletter is the "Top Times List" for the team so far. We already have a solid NCAA Consideration Cut by Mollie Lewis in the 200 Breast. We hope to add to this during the next couple weeks.

We travel again this weekend to Mills College in Oakland, a small liberal arts school, for the Bay Area Invite. LaVerne, Chapman, and Cal State Hayward are expected to attend. Then we are on the road, again, to Long Beach for the Speedo Cup. I will send results in the next newsletter.

As you can see we swim some very competitive teams. Almost all the teams in California are Division I or Division II schools. UCSC is the only non-scholarship Division III public school in California. There are very few non-scholarship school for us to swim, so we compete against some very good schools that do very well in their respective divisions. I feel that this makes us better in the long run. We like the idea of being the non-scholarship underdogs, and we don't need to beat some of these school, just scare them, for us to feel good. Plus, many years we get beat by teams in dual meets, that we come back and beat at our conference championships. That is very fun for us.

On more serious business. It is November!!!! **Applications are due by the END OF THE MONTH!!!** Don't miss the deadline. You miss it, you can not attend UCSC. We can not help with late applications. We can not help get anyone into school. You must do so on your own merit. We are the only school in the country, that I know of, that being an athlete does not open some doors for you, but that is the case here at UCSC. If you are rejected, but truly feel that you should have been accepted, call me. There is an appeal process that we would want to be involved in.

Many are still looking at schools. If you are planning on a visit , let us know so that we can arrange attending classes, tours, and possible overnights in the dorms. We are willing to do this to help you with your decision. Let me know if you are interested in visiting. Also,don't be shy about contacting/e-mailing/calling. I am happy to answer any questions you may have

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