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## New Executive Board Rife with Young Talent

Nathan Kwok / Internal Vice President

One of the greatest pleasures of being in this society and making a long-term commitment of service is seeing my successors emerge as great leaders. It makes me very proud to see colleagues that once worked on my committee take on committees of their own, and I would much rather have credit for fostering the kind

than me, so too will there be students that have less experience than you. Your positions, and mine, entail both learning and teaching. By learning, you elevate yourself; by teaching, you elevate others. Both are essential for the society to sustain and grow. This is a difficult balance but I am committed to making sure every member

of the Executive Board will excel at it.

Luckily for me, every member of our new board is smart, dedicated, and ready to do a great job. There is no doubt in my mind they are all excellent for their positions and this is one



Members of next year's E-board smile proudly at the RSS Takeover banquet. They include Van Hoang, Peony Liu, Jason Shen, Nathan Kwok, Adam Miller, John Vaszari, Brian Bilford, Evelyn Hsu, Rosa Langley, Kristel Siongco, and Tiffany Duong.

of environment that allows this kind of growth rather than taking credit for being any kind of leader myself. Despite this, part of being a leader is fostering such growth.

My advice to the new Executive Board is to think of yourself, whenever I give you a piece of advice or pass on a bit of knowledge, as now being in my shoes. As you look to me for leadership, so too will members of your committee and others look to you, and though all but one of you have at least a year less experience

of the reasons I'm so excited to be working with all of them.

Although this is the youngest board we have ever had, I consider it a good sign that so many new people are willing to pursue opportunities within the club.

I am looking forward to having a great year; we have already started planning some very big upcoming events and seeing them in action, I am already impressed.

To the Eboard: Congratulations to all of you, and welcome aboard!

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# Spring Recap! Quarter

## Third Annual RSS Bowling Event Shows Striking Skills

Jason Shen /  
Activities Coordinator

So it's Thursday night. And what does any wild fun-loving college student do on a Thursday night to relax and unwind? Go bowling, of course!

Yes, that's right. Thursday night of 10<sup>th</sup> week was time for the annual RSS bowling outing. A bunch of us bowling-inclined Regents Scholars ventured out to El Dorado Lanes for a thrilling night of strikes and gutter balls (mostly the latter for me—what happened to good ol' bumpers?!).

In order to keep the suspense to a minimum, I'll just tell you now—Chris won... again. Can we say three-peat? Which means next year he has the chance to do what the Los Angeles Lakers could not—win four years in a row.

Chris actually faced some tough competition this year. Nathan put out

a stunning presidential performance in the beginning, bowling the highest score in the first game, blowing his predecessor Matt out of the proverbial water (cough F L U K E cough). Adam, the perpetual second-place

threat, was close on his heels. Brian and me...well, hey, if you added our scores together we would have beaten somebody. Chris languished in the bottom ranks for the first two games, his dream of a bowling dynasty slipping farther away with every set.

Then Chris lit the lanes on fire. Refusing to relinquish his title, he bowled the next two games like a man on a mission. Chris came roaring up from behind in the end to clinch the title once again.

Let's not forget to mention the lovely RSS ladies who came...to watch the men bowl...oh, so just kidding. Peony, Evelyn, Stephanie, and Van gave the boys a good run of their money—kinda. Actually, one or two of them beat my score. Now excuse me while I go cry in the corner.



Bowling enthusiasts as well as newbies gather to congratulate three-time RSS Bowling Champion Chris McCormick.

## Distinguished Lecture Series Sheds Light on Serious World Health Issues

Adam Miller / Educational Programs Director

Educational Programs concluded the 2002-2003 school year with an eye-opening lecture, entitled, "Mothers, Babies, and AIDS." Presented by Dr. E. Richard Stiehm, the program elucidated one of the main reasons that AIDS is such a potent problem in many underdeveloped areas of the world, especially in Africa. Research has shown that malnutrition severely weakens an individual's immune system, in turn leaving him or her much more susceptible to immunological diseases such as AIDS. Furthermore, malnutrition forces mothers to breastfeed their children for a greatly increased number of years, increasing the risk that the virus will be transmitted from mother to child. The presentation emphasized that in order to tackle the global problem of AIDS prevention, nutrition issues and transmission awareness must be focused on first.

This lecture was only one of three which RSS put on this year. For those of you who came to at least one, thanks for showing your support! For those of you who managed to skip all three, you don't know what you're missing! We are all in luck, however, because RSS Educational Programs and the Distinguished Lecture Series will be back in full force, starting this Fall. Don't miss out!

*Anyone interested (not just Regents Scholars) may attend the Distinguished Lecture Series.*

## Goodbye Bonfire: All Laughter, No Tears

Peony Liu / Graphic Designer



A very soaked Nathan good-naturedly makes his way out of the water.

Marshmallows, graham crackers, and chocolate bars abounded at the Goodbye Bonfire as people eagerly toasted s'mores

and hungrily ate them as a dinner substitute. Then, someone got the bright idea of throwing next year's president, Nathan Kwok, into the ocean.

We all stared at Nathan, who was obviously reluctant. After a moment's pause, Nathan called out, "OK, I'll do it," whereupon Matt and David Tran carried him toward the dark ocean.

This was a sight to behold: nearly everyone at the bonfire ran after the three to get a view of Nathan's unfortunate fate. All we saw was some stumbling, and then all three seemed to fall into the dark waves.

It turned out that Nathan had taken the

initiative and had dived in.

After we'd all stopped laughing, we loitered at the beach until someone came to kick us off—an hour after the beach's official closing time.



Matt, Nathan, former President Leif Easley, and David Tran give big smiles after their excursion in the California ocean.

## A Revolutionary Turn of External Affairs

Brian Bilford / External Vice President

If one were to analyze the effects the External Affairs/Educational Programs committee has had on our dear Regents Scholars this year, he might think I and my committee have been abusing our power. For some, I have been the bearer of deadly poisons, poisons which go by the names of "humanities," "philosophy," and worst of all, "BERKELEY!" However, I believe we have emerged all the better... or at least all the more entertained. When I look back on my college experience, I will remember nothing more fondly than these events.

We started gently... a casual dinner with a professor of Asian Language. While this may have been a slight jump from the sciences to which most Regents were accustomed, it was not an unbearable one. Then came the first real shock: a *philosopher* at our table! The ultimate form of seductive deception... what could this man, this perfect antithesis of south cam-

pus, have to offer to RSS? I sat redeemed however, as I watched a dozen Regents Scholars become enraptured by one of the world's leading philosophers, and I rejoiced at the wonderful news that several of the attendees were considering *taking a minor* in my oft-mocked major!

Inspired by this, my committee and I went even further. Luring nearly thirty members with the universal RSS bait of Faculty Center food, we managed to get these hapless individuals to fraternize with the enemy: the best and brightest of UCLA's Faculty (a half dozen *humanities* professors among them)! And even *this* was not the final blow! Eradicating the last shred of the South Campus quintessence, we demanded *emotion* in the RSS Seminar! Despite this subversive foundation, the event was certainly one of the most memorable and entertaining of the year (who can forget 30 scholars "being" old shoes? Or John's uproarious rendition

of "humor"). I lament for those who missed such entertainment. And finally, most despicably, we have brought you to the very doorstep of those kings of bonfires, those hella-spouting bears, those black-sheep brethren, the Pirates of Nor Cal! However, despite our (OK, *my*) prejudices, we learned that the Regents Scholars across the state are not all that different from ourselves, and have even begun to form a state-wide organization!

If anything I have said in this *brief* synopsis has offended you, know that in my heart of hearts, I mean it. (=). In all seriousness, I'd like to thank all those who helped make these events so great, from the planners to the attendees. I could not have done anything without your help. And with that note, I bequeath my position (and its headaches) to the well-prepared hands of Rosa. I hope you have at least half as much fun as I did, for if you do, it will all be worthwhile.

# AaarghSSTakeover

Kristel Siongco, Tiffany Duong,  
and Ali Mojibi / Banquet Directors

... RSS pirates and wenches know how to *parrrty!*



The best dressed pirate and wench of this year's banquet look savage indeed.

We arrr so happy to tell you that this year's banquet was a huge success! Ok ok ok, there is no excuse to talk like that anymore. For those of you who came and joined us in our annual celebration, we hope you had as much as fun as we did.

Being the first banquet for all of us, we didn't really know quite what to expect and, moments before the night started, the chaos of getting people together and making sure things are ok and that people are having fun started to sink in.

However, from the emcees' pirate jokes and banter to the Dread Pirate Regents skit to the interactive activities we had, and of course the oh so yummy food, the night turned out to be one of the most memorable nights for all of us, and we hope for you too.

We want to thank everyone for sharing this experience with us because, if it weren't for you, then we'd just be three pirates with no one to paarrty with (hey, you know I had to stick that one in there =>)). We also want to thank Jirina and Mark for directing and writing such a funny skit, Rosa and Jason for being the hottest pair of emcees ever, and for everybody else who helped get people in and clean up the place...thank you!!! See you all again at next year's banquet... hey, it's never too early to publicize! =>)



Various members enthusiastically participate in the knee-sitting icebreaker. In the end, everyone was a winner.



Mark Harrison and Adam Miller enter a savage scholarship dispute.



Faculty participants Thomas Hahn and Al Aubin playfully don pirate hats with president-elect Nathan Kwok. Between the lively atmosphere and the wonderful food, everyone had a great time.

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# SENIOR GOODBYES

our brightest stars say goodbye to RSS...

... and embark on the next stage of their lives.

It seems as though my time in RSS has come full circle. I remember way back to the first activity I ever helped plan; amazingly, it had nothing to do with Outreach. But, times were different back then: RSS had just come out of the era when ice cream socials and Shakey's Pizza was still a selling point to attend general meetings. I remember calling bowling alleys to schedule what has now been instated as a die-hard RSS tradition. Since then, I've been truly proud to be part of the incredible growth of RSS, fueled not only by Bank of America's generous sponsorships, but also by the hard work and dedication of UCLA's Regents Scholars. I suppose the potential was there from the beginning, but I am truly amazed at the society we have all grown to love. Of course, all this expansion come at a price - trust me, I never expected to be dressed up as a wench, swaying only in a pirate skit. Well, who can you act silly in front of if you can't be silly in front of As I've told many, many prospective Regents Scholars, RSS is a source of familiarity, and comfort that adds to this campus's unique charm. So, last night, as I attended my last RSS event, it seemed fitting that it be a bowling championship. Thank you to everyone for vital assistance with Outreach for the past two years and thanks for a wonderful time.

*Stephanie Yang*

*Outreach Director*

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olutely

Hi everyone!

Thank you for being a part of some of my most memorable moments at UCLA. There's no question that it will be hard for me to leave LA. I will miss the games of Mafia at retreat, the Bill impersonations, the banquets, the fun activities and meetings, and most of all, you guys.

If any of you are planning a visit to Northern California, please come visit me!

Feel free to email me anytime: miranda\_ml@yahoo.com or mirlee@stanford.edu. Have a great summer!!

*Miranda Lee*

*Corporate Relations Director*

*Melanie Lee*

*Secretary*

If someone were to ask me in ten years about some of my fondest and most memorable moments at UCLA, I would almost surely reply with joy, RSS! Being part of the RSS family has made my past four years here at UCLA fun, exciting, and rewarding. Thanks to everyone in RSS for sharing your friendship with me! I will miss you all very much next year. If anyone is in NY next year, you're welcome to stay at my place or just visit - I would love to stay in touch! I'll be studying in the Applied Math graduate program at NYU. Lastly, I want to wish all of the new officers the best of luck as you begin a new year with RSS. I admire you all for your charisma, talent, and warmth. Please keep in touch - my email is: melanie\_ml@yahoo.com. Have a great summer!

Come to our **BIGGEST** event of the summer:

## **SUPER SUMMER RETREAT**

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