Students in the Dual Degree Program spend two years in Lisbon, Portugal. Photo courtesy of Erica Reid
Calling for climate action

Students demand further action from the University of San Diego

Although each one presented a different aspect of the issue, they all shared a common thread: saving our planet is going to take cooperation. Nat Yee, a junior from Hawai‘i, invited those gathered to “malama honua” with him. He explained these words as a Hawaiian phrase that asks people to care for their natural home. Yee connected the phrase to USD by requesting the crowd to join him “in taking care of our island planet, since there is nowhere else for us to go.”

Jacob Plannell, a sophomore from Sweden, commented on the power of the Climate Action movement.

"Not only does this movement put pressure on decision makers to act, but it also puts pressure on all people to make this the norm," Plannell said.

The pressure that Plannell spoke to could be seen through the campus community members who passed by the protest. Many people stopped, at least for a short time, to listen to the speakers, sign the petition, or add their reason for caring about climate change to a sidewalk chalk mural, even if they were headed to one of their classes.

The small speeches culminated in the reading of a letter addressed to USD President James T. Harris III, D.Ed., who was not in attendance. The letter, read passionately by senior Davis Launava, outlined aspects of the university’s “Care For Our Common Home” initiative that some students weren’t satisfied with. It also listed demands for what they wanted to see from the school’s administration going forward, in respect to their sustainability plans. After the letter reading, Gianna Petersen, one of the event leaders, acknowledged the fact that the letter was written before a climate-action-related email from Harris was sent out. She also emphasized that the letter, although strongly worded, “is intended to inspire community, not animosity.”

In the email, Harris listed some achievements of the university in relation to the 2016 Climate Action Plan, also naming Michel Bourdrias, Ph.D., current chair of the Department of Environmental and Ocean Sciences, as the Sustainability Task Force’s chair. Petersen noted that the achievements Harris listed, such as the fact that USD decreased its greenhouse gas emissions by nearly 20 percent over the last 10 years, are worth feeling pride over. However, she also believes that the USD community shouldn’t stop there. She asked those gathered to not be afraid to ask for more because she believes the current plans in place aren’t enough.

Petersen, the sole undergraduate orchestrator of the walkout, took the last moments of the event to address the crowd as a whole once more to describe the global scale of this issue. "(Climate change) is a problem that transcends borders, both physically and socially constructed,” Petersen said. “I call on you to continue on this path of action until our goals at this university, and until our goals as a planet, are met.”

The Climate Walkouts, both at USD and across the globe, were designed as a way to demand action on an issue that many believe is overlooked. With 265 signatures and counting attached to the bottom of the student letter to President Harris, it is clear that a portion of the USD student body is standing with them.
Protests unsettle Hong Kong

USD’s International Center removes Hong Kong from Intersession 2020 course list

Luke Garrett
News Editor

Seas of people have crowded the streets of Hong Kong, China since last spring in two distinct groups—one claiming to fight for their democratic rights and the other claiming to fight domestic terrorists and gangs. The ideological conflict between the Hong Kong protesters and their government has gone on for 16 weeks and shows no sign of stopping.

Hong Kong’s uncertain future caused the University of San Diego’s International Center to strike the city from the list of Intersession study abroad locations on Sept. 10. The city has been steeped in an ideological struggle over the past four months, leading to a mix of both violent and peaceful protests.

The former British territory entered into political unrest after a proposed extradition bill supported by mainland China was introduced to Hong Kong lawmakers. The bill would allow mainland China to pick up and detain anyone, where judges must follow the orders of the Communist Party. Protests broke out in opposition to the extradition bill because Hong Kongers feared it would erode the city’s unique sovereignty and autonomy ensured by the “one country, two systems” agreement between China and Great Britain.

Political unrest concerning Hong Kong’s sovereignty and democratic values have occurred in years past, the most notable being the peaceful Umbrella Movement in 2014, in which students protested against the “Occupy Movement in 2014, in which Hong Kong's sovereignty and autonomy ensured by the “one country, two systems” agreement between China and Great Britain. The current protests are of a different sort than the Umbrella Movement—a combination of peaceful protest by day and violent protest by night. This has proved partially successful as the extradition bill was removed from the Hong Kong legislature on Sept. 4. Despite the removal of the bill, protesters will continue to march until their other four demands are met: for Chief Executive of Hong Kong Carrie Lam to step down, an inquiry into the police and left some portions of the city closed for 77 days. Despite the umbrella protestors’ efforts, police became violent and broke up the group. The government made no concessions after the 2014 protests.

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“This was done with great regret, as USD has been operating programs in Hong Kong for decades, and we have a great source of alumni there that help enrich our program,” Espiritu said.

Students were notified of the decision through an email from the International Center on Sept. 10. Espiritu explained that student voices were involved in the decision. “Student concerns were considered in the decision-making process,” Espiritu said. “Faculty teaching the various courses and the staff in the USD International Center ultimately made the decision to remove Hong Kong from the Asia Tour and relocate the regular Hong Kong program to Tokyo.”

Senior Sofia Silvestri went to Hong Kong during Intersession 2019 and spoke to the city’s unique political identity. “It was very evident—that Hong Kong was very proud of its independence in government from China and wanted to keep it that way,” Silvestri said. “It is such a great loss to not have Hong Kong as an option for Intersession. It was such an amazing experience not only studying in Hong Kong but exploring the unique culture it has to offer.”

Hong Kong’s political position began in 1842 when the Qing Dynasty ceded the territory to the British Empire to end the First Opium War. The British then ruled Hong Kong for more than 150 years, all the while ingraining Western and democratic values and laws within the city. In 1997 the city was returned to Chinese rule along with the “one country, two systems” agreement that guarded Hong Kong’s political autonomy from the mainland for the next 50 years.

As the protests in Hong Kong continue, the Chinese media in the mainland describe protesters as domestic terrorists. These state-controlled media outlets have also claimed that western governments, like the U.S. and the U.K., are the orchestrators of Hong Kong’s unrest.

Hong Kong protesters deny these claims made by the Chinese-owned media and have begun to estrange themselves from mainland China. Most notably, Hong Kongers have started to sing a new anthem created online this past month named “Glory to Hong Kong.” This song is sung over the Chinese national anthem during soccer games and in malls.

The anonymous author of the protest’s anthem created the lyrics on an online forum. The fourth and final stanza of the anthem reads, “Liberate Hong Kong, revolution of our time.”

USD students will not be able to hear this anthem sung this Intersession, although the anthem may serve as a topic of study for future students no matter the result of the unrest in Hong Kong.
No more profit over planet

Addressing climate emergency requires large-scale action to end corporate pollution

Eric Boose
Opinion Editor

Last week, the University of California system did the right thing for the wrong reasons. Calling them a financial risk, the UC dropped off all of their investments in companies “involved with extracting fossil fuels.”

Institutional divestment from fossil fuels is a key victory in the fight against climate change, and the UC system is only part of a growing movement which has led to the divestment of approximately $12 trillion in fossil fuel assets from over 1,000 companies, according to the environmental organization 350.org.

However, the UC’s divestment is slightly problematic. First, the university system has not laid out a detailed plan for how they will divest, or what they consider to be a fossil fuel asset, only that they would divest by the end of this month. Second, and far more importantly, the UC did not divest for idealistic, environmentalist reasons. In an Op-Ed in The Los Angeles Times announcing the decision, the UC’s fund managers wrote, “The reason we sold some $150 million in fossil fuel assets from our endowment was the reason we sell other assets: the world is shifting from the dinosaur of fossil fuels to newer, cleaner energy sources.

It is also worth remembering that the UC’s decision was motivated by financial reasons, not moral ones. It is time to start reminding investors of just how risky investing in fossil fuels can be. It is time to encourage investors to change those fossil fuel investments into clean energy investment. If that can only be accomplished by switching from a moral rhetoric to an economical one, so be it.

This change will take a historical effort, from all of us. However you choose to fight, it matters that you fight. At this point, inaction is akin to being on the wrong side.

We are facing a climate crisis, and we are on the clock. According to a report from the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, we now have 11 years to significantly reduce the worldwide negative impact we are making on the environment. Otherwise, we will face serious, irreversible consequences: heat waves and droughts, bigger and more frequent wildfires, rising sea levels, and even more devastating hurricanes, to name a few. The time for baby steps has long been over. It is time for leaps and bounds.
Living abroad for two years

Participants of the Dual Degree Program share thoughts about their time abroad

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and smoking cigarettes as a teenager is common. And dressing nicely to class is a way of showing respect for the school and its professors.

Despite certain challenges, Torres expressed gratitude for this unique opportunity and amazement at how his world view had shifted after immersing himself in Portuguese culture.

"Living abroad has helped me realize that there is much more out there than we know," Torres said. "We often limit ourselves to opportunities in the United States, but there is more out there than what we take advantage of." Sophomore Erica Reid shared similar sentiments.

"Even when I think about how far away from home I am, I still think this is good for me," Reid said.

Students are responsible for their housing, transportation, and housework, independent from USD, an adjustment that has been difficult for Reid.

"Day to day, my feelings change with regards to coming to terms with my decision," Reid said. "This is my first time being alone.

I was expecting to struggle more with communication, but most people speak English," said Reid. "Classes have been the most challenging part for me."

Besides engaging with Portuguese culture, Reid shares a flat with international students from France and Slovenia, giving her cultural insight into life in those countries as well.

Reid is also learning about and engaging in UCP’s traditions. One way UCP introduces new students is through a weekend camping trip. On this trip, there are different activities allowing students to get to know each other. For Reid, it was also one of her first introductions to Portuguese culture.

Reid regards her experience as positive. However, she advised those considering this program to think about the decision, as there is more personal responsibility and adjustment than one might expect.

Torres agreed with this sentiment, additionally citing that the negative aspects of studying abroad ultimately strengthen the individual.

"The cons of living abroad are that there are many things to adjust to," Torres said. "However, it helps develop adaptability, which is a crucial trait."

This Dual Degrees Program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students to acquire unique life skills such as total independence and a more cultured perspective. USD offers this program in Ireland, Spain, Italy, or France, and interested students can find out more by emailing contact@ipbedu.com or visiting the USD International Center.
"This morning, I took a guy up to our revegetation site where we're working and then I just slowly meander back to check on all the plants they planted. I noticed a baby rattlesnake, one of the smallest ones I've ever seen, only about eight inches long. And I went to put my boot by it so I could take a picture to show the size and as soon as I did that I notice two more baby rattlesnakes. I stepped back and then I started looking around and then I saw two more baby rattlesnakes, so I had a total of five of them. They were young — their rattle wasn't even a rattle, still a translucent nub of skin. I knew there must be a mother around. I kept looking around until I saw the mother slither up into the bush, which is pretty cool to see a bunch of fresh-born baby rattlesnakes. I find those little parts of my job to be really rewarding and enjoyable because I know these moments in nature happen, but actually seeing them and being able to witness them is like a special kind of secret."

- STEVEN SMITH
TECOLOTE CANYON
SENIOR PARK RANGER

AS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLEGE CAMPUSES IN THE UNITED STATES ACCORDING TO THE PRINCETON REVIEW, IT CAN BE EASY FOR UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO STUDENTS TO FORGET THE NATURAL BEAUTY THAT LIES JUST BEYOND CAMPUS BORDERS. HOWEVER, MOST STUDENTS ENCOUNTER THE SIGHT OF THE SPACIOUS TECOLOTE CANYON AT LEAST ONCE DURING THEIR TIME AT USD, WHETHER GLANCING OUT THE WINDOW DURING A CLASS IN MAHER HALL, TAKING A SHORTCUT HOME FROM THE MAIL CENTER, OR ENJOYING A RELAXING LUNCH AT LA GRAN TERRAZA. THE CANYON IS NOT ONLY HOME TO A LIVELY ECOSYSTEM OF PLANTS AND WILDLIFE, BUT ALSO A MEMORIAL OF SAN DIEGO'S RICH HISTORY. THE PROSPERITY OF THE CANYON TODAY IS LARGELY DUE TO THE DEDICATED STEWARDSHIP OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF THE CANYON, THE KUMEYAAY PEOPLE—WITHOUT THEIR CULTIVATION AND CARE FOR THE LAND, THE CANYON WOULD NOT BE THE NATURAL WONDER IT IS TODAY.

"Those places are special because, if you look at a lot of development, they didn't sit aside any of those natural open spaces for us to go out and remember the earth that we came from that we still need for existence. So it's really cool to be within a city setting and have an urban wild setting that's big enough to support an entire ecosystem. It's a place for people to connect to nature. In a lot of areas, suburbs and strip malls have just plowed over all of nature, and people don't really realize what was there. I think that when you grow up in a place where you can enjoy it, you might not want to litter as much. It's important to enjoy these opportunities that are here and know that they're special."

- STEVEN SMITH, TECOLOTE CANYON SENIOR PARK RANGER
Getting to know USD Radio

Rock out to recommendations from the USD Radio Executive team

Lizzy Jennings
A&C Editor

Though print and TV are important aspects of student media, music is a universal passion that can connect students campus wide that may have nothing but a favorite song in common. That sense of campus connection is why USD Student Media wouldn’t be complete without USD Radio and their hardworking executive team.

USD Radio is an organization that has been rapidly developing on our campus since its creation in 2009. The team produces shows led by student DJs as well as other music-related content, like album reviews and playlists, available for all USD students through the TuneIn app. With music so readily available on online platforms, students can feel inundated with options. If you’re trying to break away from the top-40 playlists and the songs repeated hourly on every other radio station, look no further than USD’s own radio station to find new music loved by your fellow students.

The USD Vista reached out to our fellow USD Student Media branch in order to get to know more about the organization, what has changed, and what they have planned for this school year.

What are the different executive team roles, and what are you responsible for?

Megan Tristano: I am the Station Director of USD Radio. I’m in charge of hiring exec, scheduling meetings and training, working with our advisors, the budget, and to collaborate with USDtv and The USD Vista.

Cole Lumby: I am the Program Director for USD Radio. As Program Director, I oversee the DJs and manage the shows being produced. I work with our DJs by offering tips and critiques for their shows, as well as helping them create liners, intros, outros, and anything else that would make their shows feel more professional. I’m also in charge of scheduling, hiring new DJs, and helping Megan (our Station Director) with any tasks she needs help on.

Skylar Ouart: I am the technical director for USD Radio. My job is to troubleshoot any technical difficulties our DJs might experience, and ensure that our station is running smoothly.

Why did you want to get involved with USD radio?

Megan Tristano: I joined radio because I have always had a passion for music, whether it’s singing or playing instruments, and I knew I wanted to follow it in college. I realized this summer especially that I want a career in the music industry, through my internship at the music agency, Comma Music, in Chicago that makes original music for commercials. Joining radio is a great networking opportunity, I have had the chance to meet people from iHeartRadio through the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System Conference I participated in New York.

Skylar Ouart: I joined USD Radio back during my freshman year, when me and my friend were checking out USD Radio during my freshman year, when me and my friend were checking out our campus while I was attending the Small Business Conference. We both loved music, and the idea of hanging out in a studio setting, and we’ve been there since.

Cole Lumby: I started at USD Radio as a DJ because of my love for music, and I also wanted to gain more experience in a studio setting.

What are you most looking forward to this year and in your upcoming shows?

Megan Tristano: This year, we have a passionate team full of music-lovers, whose main goal is for DJs to express themselves through radio shows. I’m excited for our DJs to start shows, so we can support and help them improve their shows over time, so they can use their shows to add to their portfolios for job opportunities.

Skylar Ouart: This year, it feels like we have something really special going on at USD Radio which is super exciting. We just had our biggest turn over ever for our initial interest meeting, our social media accounts are thriving, and our studio was just redesigned to be professional and functional. Our executive board is all on the same page for which direction we want to take the organization, which has led to a lot of great ideas planned for this upcoming year. The thing I’m most excited for is having our shows broadcasted throughout campus. We’re working to broadcast in areas such as Aromas, the 2nd floor of the SLP, and the JCP gym, and this should start in October once our new DJs are trained in.

Cole Lumby: I am most excited about bringing our own USD undergraduates music to the radio and hopefully giving these student musicians more exposure.

Any final thoughts?

Megan Tristano: If you’re interested in getting involved please email radiodirector@sandiego.edu to get more information. Weekly shows start Oct. 6. You can listen through the TuneIn app and search for USD Radio.

Be sure to listen in and support the fantastic executive USD Radio team this October across campus. Also, look out for the Radio team’s album and concert reviews which will be published periodically in The USD Vista.

USD Radio’s Exec Team’s favorite picks — all in one playlist.

Skylar Ouart/USD Radio

Senior Station Manager Megan Tristano; junior Program Director Skylar Ouart; and senior Technical Director Cole Lumby in their executive team headshots.

Megan Tristano/USD Radio

Kalley Kenny/USD Radio

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A bite of San Diego

The USD Vista readers write in their favorite Taco Tuesday recommendations

Lizzy Jennings, Assistant Editor

Any student in San Diego knows that college isn’t complete without a proper Taco Tuesday. The popular term refers to the deals that occur on Tuesday nights at some Mexican restaurants, which draw in students looking for more affordability when it comes to eating out. However, San Diego is overflowing with options when it comes to this type of cuisine, but how are students supposed to find the highest quality of food for the best price? A bite of San Diego explored both reader-recommended options and staff suggestions to compile the following list of San Diego taco spots. Follow along below to discover the best Taco Tuesday options for our Toreros.

The Taco Stand
621 Pearl Street, La Jolla
CA 92037

The Taco Stand is a USD fan favorite, and one of the many recommendations sent in by our readers for this week’s roundup. One of the most popular Taco Stand locations is located on the busy Pearl Street in La Jolla, and patrons can almost always expect a line and a packed restaurant. The atmosphere is fun, with colorful decorations and a bustling vibe, as customers chowing down on delicious tacos and burritos cover every inch of available space. The Taco Stand draws its inspiration for flavors from the traditional taco stands in Tijuana, and proves that there is no reason to fix something that isn’t broken, especially when that something is good quality and delicious Mexican food. The restaurant offers street parking only, and prices for tacos range from $3 to $4, while prices for burritos and side dishes range from $6 to $9.

Emphasizing innovation, this spot provides a unique blend of flavors for its customers. The Taco Tuesday deals are prime this recommendation, as City Tacos offers $3 house tacos all day, every Tuesday. Tacos range from traditional flavors like carnitas and pollo asado to the more unique “californ” taco, which is one of their vegetarian cauliflower tacos. The North Park location is most accessible for Toreros as it is closest to campus, and parking can be found on the street. Prices range from $3 to $6 for the various taco styles and budget-friendly side dishes.

The Bay Park Fish Company
4121 Ashton Street, San Diego CA 92110

The Bay Park Fish Company was yet another highly-recommended student favorite when it comes to San Diego taco spots. This family-owned seafood restaurant has an expansive menu, but the tacos are a standout. There are fish, shrimp, and the classic chicken or carne asada tacos, but an especially noteworthy menu item is the seasonal catch tacos that rotate regularly. Though this spot is one of the more expensive options on the list, with tacos platters ranging in at $13 to $16, they do offer Taco Tuesday specials that are more student-budget friendly. Carnitas, shrimp, carne asada, calamaris tacos for $3.50, and fish tacos for $4 make this restaurant recommendation an option for everyone. Parking is limited to street spots only, but this restaurant is just a few minutes from campus, so Uber is an affordable and convenient option.

PB Fish Shop
3265 Palm Ave, San Diego CA 92123

PB Fish Shop is also home to an impressive array of fresh fish dishes, their choices served taco style on a flour or corn tortilla. Tacos range from $4 to $6 depending on the choice of fish selected, but the restaurant also offers happy hour specials daily. Parking is street only in Pacific Beach, which can be especially difficult on the weekends, so Uber is a recommended option. City Tacos
3028 University Ave, San Diego CA 92104

The final spot on this week’s roundup is the beloved City Tacos. With three open locations and three more locations coming soon, the love for this taco shop and its products is clear.

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Jennifer DeSantis
Contributor

There is a chocolate milk container in my fridge. It has been there three weeks just like I’ve been here at USD three weeks. Three weeks of navigating the campus, avoiding upperclassmen, fearing to eat alone, and procrastinating (yes already); I have made some friends, found a favorite spot in the library, and successfully did my laundry, so maybe I am doing pretty well. Or am I, like the other 1,500 or so other freshmen, just feeling myself?

Everyone always tells you to get involved as much as you can, so I joined things. According to my email I believe I signed up for around 25 clubs at the Alcalá Bazaar. That is enough, right? I can stop now? Walking around the hazaar felt like a buffet where you put food on your plate before you actually know what it is made of. Which is why my inbox is drowning, unable to allow emails from my Resident Advisor and professors to surface. I really am trying to get out of my comfort zone here, but I honestly think I blow up the zone, and there is not even a bread crumb trail back. Bread crumb trails require an extra swipe at the SLP anyway. I have also participated in those quintessential freshman outings, acknowledged rites of passage when mentioned to any upperclassman: from moshing at an 18+ club with people who put the plus in 18+ to attending awkward Mission Beach parties where freshmen stand in a huddle like emperor penguins in the winter and attempt to make small talk. I am over small talk. These past three weeks have been nothing but exchanging formalities and then immediately forgetting the person’s name I just talked to. You could talk to me about how you are an Olympic gold medalist alpine skier and I promise you, I will not remember your name tomorrow. It is not you; I just cannot keep up with how many people I am meeting and consequently forgetting. I find the phrase, “excuse me, professor?” allows me to skip learning at least five other names.

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Volleyball sweeps weekend

Toreros take down rival SDSU, as well as LBSU, and USC in weekend tournament

Chris Spiering
Sports Editor

The University of San Diego women’s volleyball team hosted their second invitational tournament of the season this past weekend. On Thursday night, the Toreros defeated No. 20 University of Southern California (USC) in a thrilling five-set match. On Friday night, USD hosted their crosstown rival San Diego State University (SDSU) and won in three straight sets. And on Saturday night, the Toreros defeated Long Beach State University in three sets as well.

It was a productive and successful weekend for the Toreros. Their win over USC marked their first victory over a ranked opponent this season.

First year opposite setter Grace Frohling tied her career high with 17 kills that helped lead USD to the victory over the Trojans. Frohling racked up a .464 hitting percentage, including going a perfect 3-3 in the deciding fifth set. Frohling has been a big part of the early success for the Toreros.

“To have a freshman be able to step in and carry that much of the offense, we are so thrilled,” coach Jennifer Petrie said. “She USD women’s volleyball head coach Jennifer Petrie said. “She has played well against some of the top teams in the country. As a freshman, her future is going to be outstanding.”

Thursday night was also a career night for sophomore libero Annie Benbow. She earned her first career double-double with a career high in digs (18) and assists (10). Senior setter Anna Newsome tallied her third double-double of the season with 42 assists and 15 digs.

The opening set was even for the most part, as there were a combined seven ties, but the Toreros pulled away and took the first set 25-18. The second set was similar as USD held their ground early on, but USD did not let up and won 25-17.

Both teams were battling in the third set as USC was on the verge of being swept. They Trojans rallied for a 9-2 run and won by the score of 25-19. The fourth set was more of the same as the Trojans won 25-18.

The Toreros refused to be denied in the fifth set as they led the entire time. The Trojans’ last serve sailed too long and USD won 15-13 and took the match three sets to two. The Toreros were lighting up the backcourt with 61 total digs to the Trojans’ 36.

Friday night, the Toreros carried their momentum from Thursday night’s win and hit .340 in the match with seven aces and six team blocks as they defeated their rivals, SDSU. This was their fifth sweep of the season.

The Toreros were strong on defense, not allowing the Aztecs to hit the ball well. USD limited the Aztecs to a .224 hitting percentage. The Toreros’ serving was on point all night, and it seemed to be too tough for the Aztecs. USD collected seven aces, while SDSU had zero aces as the Aztecs committed eight service errors.

Newsome and sophomore setter Laura Madill split the setting duties. Newsome finished with 22 assists, seven digs, one kill, and one ace, while Madill added 16 assists and two aces.

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Three separate Toreros finished the match with at least five blocks apiece and two finished with three aces. Fayad led the Toreros with nine digs in the backcourt. Benbow finished with eight and senior libero Payton Douglass finished with seven.

It was all Toreros in the first set as they jumped out to an early 7-2 advantage. USD went on a nine-point run midway through the set that made the score 18-4. Long Beach struggled to get their offense going as they committed 10 hitting errors while the Toreros only committed three.

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Both teams traded points in the third set, but USD pulled away as the Aztecs committed back-to-back hitting errors. Outside hitters Katie Lukes, sophomore, and Thana Fayad, senior, recorded five kills apiece to seal the 25-20 victory. Lakes finished the night with 13 kills and one block, while Fayad finished with 10 kills and one block. Senior middle blocker Megan Jacobsen contributed with six kills and three blocks on the night.

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No matter the sport, beating SDSU is always exciting for both the Torero players and fans.

“Anytime any sport plays, the rivalry is strong and great and both teams want to dominate each other,” Petrie said. “We’re thrilled to have won this one and to be at home, I think our fans did a fantastic job creating a good home court environment for us.”

The Bull Pit was electric all night, energizing the team with their chants.

Saturday night was the final game of the tournament as USD hosted Long Beach State. It was a block party for the Toreros as they finished the match with a season-high 15 team blocks. San Diego defeated the Beach in three straight sets, marking their second sweep of the weekend

Long Beach wouldn’t give up as they came out of the intermission holding an early 5-3 lead in the third set. But it wasn’t enough as the Toreros put together a 7-1 run to retake the lead 10-6. However, the Beach didn’t go down without a fight. They had brought the score back to 12-12 even. Both teams were trading points down the stretch with the game tied 23-23. The Toreros ended the night with a block to seal the 25-23 third set victory and took the match 3-0.

It was a successful weekend for the Toreros as they improved their record to 7-4. The Toreros now lead 1-0 in the WCC.

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Their next home game is against Pepperdine University on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion.
USD football defeats Harvard

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him the ball makes it easier on me. He’s a stud and we’re going to keep trying to get him the ball every week.”

His performance on the field so far this season proved he is worthy of these honors. The first play of the second quarter was another long 57-yard touchdown pass by Sinnett, but this time to sophomore tight end Dalton Kincaid. It was 17-0 Toreros. Kincaid had three receptions for 103 yards and one touchdown on the day.

After a missed field goal by the Crimson, USD drove 60 yards in less than two minutes that led to another touchdown pass by Sinnett to sophomore receiver Alex Spadone. The score was 24-0 Toreros with less than two minutes to play in the half. It wasn’t all offense in the first half for USD. The Torero defense stepped up huge with five tackles for a loss of yards, and three sacks. Two of the three sacks were recorded by redshirt junior Kevin Glajchen, and on the final play of the first half, redshirt junior Chris Reese sacked Harvard’s quarterback, Jake Smith.

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for the Toreros, as Harvard’s comeback was in the making. Harvard’s starting running back Devin Darrington was a force to be reckoned with. He finished the game with only 71 rushing yards, but his 20 attempts carried the load for the Crimson. There were a few carries where it took multiple Torero defenders to take him down.

Near the end of the third quarter, junior defensive back Michael Hawkins deflected a pass intended for Harvard’s receiver James Batch on what had seemed to be a wide-open touchdown. Hawkins played a critical role for the Toreros defense with seven total tackles and two tackles for a loss of yards.

The fourth quarter was all Harvard. The Crimson started the quarter with a nine-play, 77-yard drive that was scored by tight end Kyle Klink to cut the lead to 31-13. They attempted a two-point conversion, but were unsuccessful.

After a scoreless possession by USD, Harvard responded with an 80-yard touchdown strike on the first play of the drive by Smith to receiver Jack Cook. The lead for the Toreros was 31-20.

The Crimson would not go away quietly. With under six minutes remaining, the Torero defense held them to a field goal that cut USD’s lead to 31-23. It was only a one-possession game. USD got the ball back with just over three minutes remaining in the game. Their goal was to run out the clock and not give the Crimson another opportunity to score a game-tying touchdown. But Harvard’s defense forced the Toreros to punt the ball back to the Crimson.

It seemed as if all the momentum was on Harvard’s side of the ball. As the Crimson were looking to score a game-tying touchdown, senior Daniel Tolbert picked off Smith, which sealed the victory, and the Toreros had won by a score of 31-23.

"Honestly, I had been out for the last five weeks, so I feel like I had to make up for lost time," Tolbert said. "I was just reading the quarterback the whole way. I saw him roll out and I located the receiver a little bit to the right of me, and I was like, ‘I got to beat him to the ball,’ and luckily I did.”

Defensively, USD finished the game with three sacks and a combined seven tackles for a loss. Glajchen was all over the place for the Toreros, as it seemed like he was involved in every play. "Kevin shows up,” USD football head coach Dale Lindsey said. “He works on his craft everyday. He takes no plays off in practice and during the game. He is 100 percent all the time.”

It was a tale of two halves for the Toreros, but the team got it done when it mattered. "I saw us play an extremely good first half, and a mediocre second half,” Lindsey said. "We had too many penalties in the game. We hurt ourselves and we need to correct that if we are going to be a championship team.

The Toreros finished the game with 12 penalties for 152 yards. USD football defeated Harvard with 384 total passing yards. Glajchen had a game-high 10 tackles and two sacks with four tackles for a loss. This was the first PFL honor for both players’ careers.

The Toreros have another bye next weekend as they get ready for PFL play. Their next game is during Homecoming Weekend Saturday, Oct. 5 against Marist University at 2 p.m. in Torero Stadium.

What’s Next:

USD vs. Marist Saturday, Oct. 5 @ 2 p.m. Torero Stadium
USD vs. Valparaiso Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 2 p.m. Torero Stadium
USD vs. Drake Saturday, Nov. 2 @ 2 p.m. Torero Stadium

Junior Emilio Martinez (left) and sophomore Alex Spadone (right) celebrate after a touchdown reception that was caught by Spadone against Harvard.

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