Eleanor Wheeler, a first-year resident in Valley A, had their dormitory door vandalized with anti-LGBTQ slurs.

Standing before a crowded classroom in Camillo Hall, first-year student Eleanor Wheeler read a statement, sharing their story of the recent hate crime on USD’s campus. On the night of Oct. 24, Wheeler was the victim of an attack on the LGBTQ community when their Valley A apartment door was vandalized. Wheeler identifies as gender non-binary, meaning they are somewhere on the gender spectrum and do not identify as either male or female. Homophobic and transphobic slurs marred the student’s door and the pride flags that adorned it. Some comments suggested that the student kill themselves.

Given the severity of this incident and in an effort to be transparent with the USD community, The USD Vista Executive Editors chose to include the uncensored photo of the vandalism. Through USDtv, Wheeler provided The USD Vista with these materials and wished that they be made public.

USD parking revamped
Will include tiered permits, no first-year parking

The Office Parking Services at the University of San Diego is revamping its policies, resulting in a tiered parking permit system that does not allow first-year students to park on campus starting next fall. The office published a draft of the “USD Parking and Mobility Plan” on its website on Sept. 25. The plan outlines four main areas that have been accessed and updated, including parking permits for staff and students, parking areas on campus, campus transportation, and citations. The tiered system has been proposed to give campus community members flexibility with the price of their parking permits. There will be five levels of campus parking permits:

1. “Convenience Staff and Faculty, Economy, and Fringe.” This permits allows parking in areas surrounding campus dorms. The price is set at $375 annually, up to $455 if students are currently paying. For staff members, the price increase is even steeper. Next fall, full-time faculty and staff will have to pay $675 annually to be able to park near various campus buildings, or $425 annually to park in select parking areas such as the Main Parking Structure, near Manchester Field, or behind the Sports Center. Both of these permits are roughly $200 more than what staff and faculty currently have to pay for different types of permits.

2. “Proximity, Convenience Students, Convenience Staff and Faculty, Economy, and Fringe.” However, the “Convenience Student” permit, which allows parking in areas surrounding campus dorms, is priced at $375 annually, up to $455 from what students are currently paying. For staff members, the price increase is even steeper. Next fall, full-time faculty and staff will have to pay $675 annually to be able to park near various campus buildings, or $425 annually to park in select parking areas such as the Main Parking Structure, near Manchester Field, or behind the Sports Center. Both of these permits are roughly $200 more than what staff and faculty currently have to pay for different types of permits.

3. “Junior Allie Roche doesn’t believe it is fair to increase permit prices this drastically.

At least 1 out of every 5 USD students use the College Readership Program

The College Readership Program provides USD with:

- 6,290 New York Times digital subscriptions
- 6,000 Wall Street Journal digital subscriptions
- 8,955 of 6,605 students activated NYT subscriptions
- 7,424 students Total USD undergraduate enrollment: 5,919

Based on a survey conducted by the Associated Student Government’s (ASG) Finance Committee, 8,000 USD students purchased Wall Street Journal subscriptions, 5,600 purchased New York Times subscriptions, and 7,424 students activated their subscriptions through the College Readership Program. This means that 1 in 5 USD students used the service. The ASG leadership team announced the termination of the entire College Readership Program on Oct. 17, despite ensuring students weeks earlier that at least one digital newspaper subscription would remain. In the past, the program, which has existed on USD’s campus in some shape or form since at least the mid 1990s, provided students with physical editions of up to four major newspapers, though in recent years it has been slimmed to include only the two aforementioned digital subscriptions.

Upward regarding the decision came to a head four days earlier, when class came to an abrupt stop in Olin Hall as Real Estate Professor Vincent Kasperick set aside five minutes of class time to discuss ASG’s decision, which prompted Catanzaro along with other students to start a petition to regain the two national newspaper subscriptions.

"I love that service, I love to read the news, I love to stay current," Catanzaro said. "It is just going to be that much harder to do so if this service gets taken away. That really is the motivation for me.”

The ASG leadership team walked back their initial commitment to fund the College Readership Program because of their belief that Copley Library has a similar service for students and that the program goes unused by some students, a statement that was elaborated upon in Saundersen’s campus-wide email.

Catanzaro acknowledges the library’s resource, but pointed out that for his purposes and many of those students he talked to, daily subscription is key. "There are other ways to view the news through the library, but I like being able to get it through my phone, iPads, and computers pretty quickly like that," Catanzaro said. "This is why we are fighting for it.”

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2 petitions for CRP
Hundreds of students sign to regain WSJ and NYT from ASG

Luke Garrett
News Editor

University of San Diego Associated Student Government’s (ASG) decision to fully defund the College Readership Program was met with frustration and controversy last week as students digital subscriptions to The Wall Street Journal expired and The New York Times was defunded.

"I’m not going to be as much as I used to be," Catanzaro said. "I used to at least look through it a few times a day."

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Victim speaks against crime

Targeted student speaks out against hate crime on social media and on campus

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I’d stay there forever and give up. Finally, I stood up and the blood in my body was replaced by pure and utter terror. I ran to the bathroom and threw up out of sheer revulsion.

The USD Department of Public Safety notified the entire campus community three hours after the incident was reported, although they did not specify the nature of the hate crime at first. The targeted community was not identified until later that day, when President James T. Harris III, D.ED. sent out a campus-wide email concerning the reported hate crime.

“Today we were informed of a hate crime on our campus that strikes at the core of our campus community and is antithetical to our belief in the respect and dignity of every individual on our campus.”

USD officials did not provide information regarding the specifics of the hate crime committed. Wheeler’s statement describes the hate crime’s direct impact on their life at USD.

“Did you know that I spent an entire day planning on dropping out? Did you know that when I walk on campus now it feels like I can’t breathe?” Wheeler said. “You may be able to move on and forget this happened in a week, but I will never have the privilege of forgetting. This incident’s scars will be there forever.”

Despite the hate crime, the student is standing strong in their identity. “I will never let you take my pride from me,” Wheeler said. “I have fought too damn hard for it.” However, this is not the first time the USD LGBTQ+ community has been targeted at USD in recent memory. In March, the SLPS all-gender bathroom was vandalized in an act of intolerance. The bathroom’s paper towel dispensers were ripped off the walls. President of Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance (DSGA), Paulina Sierra, noted a marked difference between this reported hate crime and the act of intolerance. To Sierra, the vandalism of a first-year’s apartment is more serious.

“What needs to be understood about this situation is that this student’s home got vandalized,” Sierra said. “This is where a student lives. And now whenever that student has to exist in what is supposed to be the safest of all places, there is fear.”

The incident’s classification as a hate crime by the university also highlights the severity of this act. The suspect of the hate crime faces both university and legal ramifications.

“Harassment of others because of a person’s race, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender, sexual orientation, or because he/ she perceives that the other person has one or more of these characteristics is against the law and will not be tolerated by the University,” USD’s webpage on hate crimes reads. “Severe disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution will follow.”

The reported hate crime is currently under investigation by the Department of Public Safety and San Diego Police Department, neither of which have made any arrests.

The day after the hate crime, Associate Director of the DSGA & Allies Commons Stacey Williams sent out a message to members of the community.

“As an institution, we need to not only take these more extreme acts seriously, but see them as the symptoms that they are,” Williams said. “We need to take seriously the daily indignities and oppression that permeates our culture. And we need to grapple with the distance between our espoused values and our lived experiences.”

The Commons held a meeting Tuesday, in which members of the USD community had a discussion about the hate crime. Some students expressed shock at the situation while others said that USD promotes a culture of diversity, tolerance, and acceptance. They also were surprised by the university’s response, given that there were only two emails addressing the situation.

Wheeler will be addressing the situation at the Associated Student Government meeting on Thursday at 12:15 p.m. in Seminar Hall. A candlelight vigil will also be held that night. Luke Garrett and Althea Ulm contributed reporting.

Resources:
USD Counseling Center: On-Campus Counseling: [Phone Number]
[Website]

24-hour San Diego Access and Crisis Line: [Phone Number]

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: [Phone Number]

Trevor Hotline (LGBTQ+ Specific): [Phone Number]
[Website]

The GLBT National Youth Talkline (through age 25): [Phone Number]
[Website]

Parking set to change next fall

USD alters parking plan along side construction and renovations of Renaissance Plan

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A campus bike rental program that will be available at no charge to students. However, while the Mobility Plan supposedly offers many more parking options and alternatives to students, faculty and staff parking options seem to diminish.

Casey Dominguez Ph.D., professor in the Political Science Department, wishes the new parking plan would take into account the difficult schedules some faculty have to manage.

“I just don’t think these changes are flexible enough for faculty members who teach at multiple schools or who have kids,” Dominguez said. “On top of paying significantly more, there will be a higher chance of having to park further away and be late for class if I can’t get to school early because of other, mandatory commitments.”

Beyond the higher price points, first-year students will no longer have the opportunity to park on campus. This is a radical shift from previous years, focused on opening up more spaces for the growing community. Currently, nearly all of the parking in the Valley is reserved for resident students. With growing class sizes, most of these residents, even in the halls traditionally reserved for older students, are first years. So, disallowing first years to park on campus will open up many areas for the rest of the community.

Although this is a big change for USD, many other colleges do not allow first-year students to have cars on campus, as sophomore Ellie Steinbrook pointed out.

“A lot of schools do that,” Steinbrook said. “At (DSGU), for example, you aren’t allowed to bring a car until your second year. So I think it is kind of fair.”

Junior Hunter Pflueger suggested that the parking systems need to be reevaluated, but acknowledges how this change will make life more difficult for first years.

“I think it would be frustrating as a freshman, coming in and not being able to park on campus,” he said. “I understand that commuters should have priority, but as a freshman that would have been a big challenge for me.”

This plan is years in the making, according to the draft, with over two years of research going into the changes. Parking Services, in conjunction with the school’s administration, has decided to make these changes next year for three reasons.

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Program set to end on Nov. 8

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To this, the petition is not self-serving.

“i am not even fighting to keep this for the last few semesters I have here,” Catanzaro said. “i am mainly fighting to keep this for the grades below me. I feel like it’s such a valuable tool.”

He is not alone. Another petition, similar to Catanzaro’s, has also sprung up within the business school. The second petition was started by a pair of business school students — Easton Griffin and Christian Orelli.

As of Oct. 29, the two petitions have raised over 250 signatures.

On Monday, ASG Finance Chair George Saunderson sent an email to all USD students explaining the decision, including usage statistics regarding the program and the subscriptions purchased. The numbers showed that at least 20.7 percent of USD students, or 1,242 total persons, activated their subscriptions to at least one of the two newspapers. The email also included a justification of the decision.

Saunderson’s statement addressed the petitions, and elaborated on the rationale behind the move. His, and the rest of ASG’s collective justifications centered around their prior assertion that Copley Library’s database research access to the newspapers is sufficient to replace the full newspaper access provided by the College Readership Program. As previously reported by The USD Vista, though, this assertion is false, as the library’s access is intended for academic research, not daily, breaking news consumption.

The library’s access does provide students with the ability to read all of the same articles (as Saunderson mentioned), the library access is only a list of articles without pictures or any form of coherent organization, as well as taking nearly double the time to access through the research database.

His Monday-night email on behalf of ASG also contained a new rationalization for the lack of funding. In the 742-word statement, the Finance Chair detailed how ASG leadership consulted “a dean from the Business School” in their decision, later asking him to fund the program through the USD School of Business’ budget rather than through the biannual $121 Student Activity Fee, a request that was denied.

After the business school dean declined to fund the program, Saunderson described how “the dean suggested that ASG should renew the subscriptions for the service if we could not afford the program, suggesting that students pay for the subscriptions themselves.”

However, the “business school dean” that ASG met with, Associate Dean and Professor of Marketing David Light, denied that he made that suggestion, and rejected ASG’s accounts of the meeting. In a email to The USD Vista, Light said that “did not make that statement,” adding thatSaunderson’s email “contains the inaccurate assertion that I recommended the ASG defund the College Readership Program.”

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These two petitions, the campus-wide controversy, and Saunderson’s lengthy defense of the ASG decision come after a year-long and incremental defunding of the program. Last year’s senate unanimously voted to leave the decision up to students through a referendum, although this never happened due to infighting within last year’s student government.

ASG Finance Committee met on Tuesday to vote on the defunding of the College Readership Program. The committee voted to defund the program, but held off on realocating the $39,000 formerly allocated to The New York Times until Nov. 12. Officials said student input will decide where the subscriptions themselves.

Though the program has now been fully defunded at USD, the program still exists at several California colleges similar to USD. According to The New York Times’ customer service department, the University of Southern California, Chapman University, Pepperdine University, and Loyola Marymount University all maintain current subscriptions to the NYT for their undergraduate student body.

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The WSJ subscription cancellation email sent to 1,242 USD students on Oct. 29.

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The New York Times

Democrat Lawmakers Propose Rules for Impeachment Proceedings

Democrats say they have proposed a new “made-for-impeachment” rules package to ensure a vote on the impeachment inquiry could begin as soon as next week.

Britain to Hold Elections in December, Opening New Phase in Brexit Crisis

The move comes just two weeks after British people decided to head to the polls, or even three, if their former prime minister has anything to say about it.

California Fires: Strong Winds May Expose Blazes

The threat of a series of wind-driven events continues to endanger the wildfires that are ravaging California.

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November 8, 2019

Dear Student,

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Poor home, poor reasoning

Associated Student Government makes a weak decision with a weaker justification

The New York Times says “the truth is worth it.” The University of San Diego’s Associated Student Government (ASG) hardly thinks so. On Oct. 17, the ASG leadership team announced its plan to pull all remaining funding from the College Readership Program, canceling USD students’ free online subscriptions to both The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal. The decision still requires approval from the ASG Senate, but the leadership team seems to be banking on receiving that approval. Earlier this year, ASG pledged to defend only one of the two subscriptions — the one to The Wall Street Journal — leaving students with some, albeit minimal, access to the news.

They have broken that promise. CANCELLING online subscriptions is the final step in the year-and-a-half-long defunding of the program, which used to not only fund online subscriptions, but the physical copies of USA Today, The New York Times, and The San Diego Union-Tribune to students free of charge.

That defunding process has taken place almost entirely in disregard of the democratic process and regardless of students’ wishes. In the summer of 2018, without students or ASG senators present, the ASG leadership team decided to stop funding free access to physical newspapers on campus. To support the decision, then-ASG President Natasha Salazar-Wright led an Instant Poll which received 94 responses, representing only 1.5 percent of the USD undergraduate student population. (1.5%!) Clearly there is nowhere near enough for ASG to have claimed a mandate to remove the papers from campus. Worse still, once students and ASG senators returned to campus, ASG promised students a chance for students to vote on the future of free physical newspapers at USD in a referendum. That vote never happened.

In defending their most recent decision, the ASG leadership team claimed that students, while being deprived of subscriptions, would not be denied free access to the news. ASG President Marion Chavarria Rivera said “we have decided to not fund the College Readership Program this year because of the resources Copley Library already provides.” Noting that Copley Library’s database is similar to the access provided by the online subscriptions. ASG also defended its decision by asserting that the $13,000 spent to provide subscriptions to The New York Times would be better spent on other things. ASG Vice President Greyson Taylor suggested putting the money toward increased amount of Lyft credit available to students, printing, or even free meals.

While it is admirable that they had a justification for their decision, the ASG leadership team’s defense is lacking in both truth and perspective. First, Chavarria Riveria’s assumption that the resources available in Copley Library are comparable to a subscription to The New York Times is plainly wrong. While Copley Library does provide students access to articles by recency or importance. An online subscription is that the two services serve different purposes. The research access is intended for precisely that. If a student knows what information they are looking for, they can search for it across multiple news publications.

However, if a student does not know what they are looking for, they will be lost in a maze of titles sorted alphabetically, not recency or importance. An online subscription to The New York Times, for example, is not intended for research purposes, but to inform readers of the news of the day. The online site is meant to be easy to navigate for someone who wants to know the top stories of the day and the most recent news. Subscriptions also incorporate multimedia access — from print journalism, to podcasting, to photojournalism. Copley Library’s database has only the text of articles. Do those consistently bring in more students? The Wall Street Journal has 30.9 percent of USD undergrads — utilized the free subscriptions to The Wall Street Journal, the first subscription that ASG defunded. ASG would like you to believe that these numbers are small. However, even 8 percent student engagement would be impressive for USD students. Think about Torero Program Board events. Do those consistently bring in attendance of more than 500 people? 1,200 people? As much as ASG would like you to think otherwise, the College Readership Program benefits an impressive amount of students.

ASG’s decision to cancel students’ free subscriptions to The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal is the wrong one, and they defend their decision poorly. The only way to save the subscription is if the ASG senate votes against the leadership team’s decision. The ASG Senate meets every Thursday at 7:15 p.m. in Solomon Hall in Maher. Hopefully, when the senators hear the support for the subscriptions that exists on campus, they will fulfill their duty as representatives of the students and do what is best by voting to preserve the College Readership Program.
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In a similar vein, there is no five ways of reporting the news, including the

Eric Booze Opinion Editor
Editor’s note: This editorial is an updated re-publishing of an editorial originally published in "The USD Vista" on March 17, 2019 titled "The importance of being informed." I have updated the piece to reflect the current situation, and further develop my argument, but my sentiment remains the same.

The views expressed in the editorial and op-ed sections are not necessarily those of The USD Vista staff, the University of San Diego, or its student body.
EVER SINCE SHE STARTED READING ABOUT UNEXPLAINED AND MYSTERIOUS OCCURRENCES IN THE EARLY 1990S, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO ENGLISH PROFESSOR LISA HEMMINGER HAS BEEN ENAMORED WITH ALL THINGS PARANORMAL. SHE HAS SINCE TAKEN UP PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION AND BELIEVES SHE HAS DISCOVERED THE PRESENCE OF GHOSTS HERE AT USD.

While some people feel uneasy about paranormal activity, Hemminger sees it as an opportunity for connection.

"I have never felt anything that would be deemed as evil," Hemminger said. "I think it is more about the person trying to communicate."

Hemminger also noted that the terminology typically used for paranormal investigation doesn’t accurately describe her intentions.

"I don’t like the verb ‘hunting,’” Hemminger said. "I am visiting or helping, and if I can bring them something I will."

In the world of paranormal investigation, sound frequencies are typically used to detect a supernatural presence. Because these pitch energies, called Electronic Voice Phenomena (EVPs), cannot be heard in real-time, special recording devices are used to capture these ghostly sounds. Hemminger uses both a digital recorder and an app on her phone, and has detected what she describes as notably irregular frequencies in both Palomar Hall in the Alcalá Vista apartments and Founders Hall.

Hemminger’s goals while investigating are to foster a connection with the entities she discovers and to develop a deeper understanding of the unmapped territory that lies beyond the human world we know.

How long does it take you to get ready?

“It usually takes anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes depending on which character I am playing for the evening.”

What characters do you play?

“For the past weeks I have been playing Pennywise from the ‘It’ movies a lot, but I also got to spend some time as Freddy from ‘Nightmare on Elm Street.’”

What is your favorite part about scaring people?

“Using my creative abilities to find new and innovative ways to scare people and get them to scream and squirm louder every time.”

Do you get scared easily?

“I feel like I don’t get scared that easily, but when I did go through the haunted trail last week, the actors did scare me pretty well a few times.”

Do you like scary movies?

“I do watch the occasional scary movie, but haven’t watched a lot in a while because of work. I definitely think watching scary movies could help me come up with good lines to scare people with and improve my characters.”

Do you enjoy working as a Scare Actor?

“Tanner Claudio, Junior, Scare Actor. Below, he shares a behind-the-scenes look at his job, including the characters he plays and his favorite part about scaring guests.

Last year, the University of San Diego Humanities Center debuted a project they had been developing for years — “There’s More,” a fusion of the traditional podcast format and live monthly storytelling shows created by and for the USD community.

The podcast offers an opportunity for storytelling during which faculty members and students alike are welcome to come share their personal narratives. Their stories are recorded during the event and later edited by the podcast’s team of producers, which is led by Jonathan Bowman, Ph.D., a professor of Communication Studies and the faculty producer of the series.

Bowman emphasized the importance of storytelling within a community, and the impact it can have on both the storyteller and the listener.

“The whole goal with narrative storytelling is to let people better understand and know each other by sharing our stories,” Bowman said. “Stories help us to make changes in our lives, stories change how we interact with other people, and stories influence our connection to a bigger, more important story that moves through our culture.”

Bowman supervises a production team consisting of five students from a variety of backgrounds and prospective career paths. The team diligently works to transform student narratives into finalized podcasts accessible on listening platforms such as iTunes, the Apple Podcasts app, and the USD “There’s More” website.

Sophomore Lily Yates shared how she became a student producer when she saw and responded to an advertisement for the podcast.

“Immediately, I knew to apply because I absolutely love podcasts and I have a lot of experience with different software, but not with sound software,” Yates said. “I was really interested and I applied and was later interviewed with Dr. Bowman and Dr. Keeling. Now, I’m part of the team and it’s awesome.”

Daryan Gomez, a senior and student producer, recognized learning about and sharing stories from the USD community as a deeply fulfilling component of her position.

“I absolutely love being a part of the producing team,” Gomez said. “I get the opportunity to hear so many different stories from so many different people who do not necessarily have the same background. To have a podcast series where different people could come to share their stories is important because the stories that are told are very unique and are very powerful to hear, especially when the stories are coming from members of our tight-knit community.”

Senior student producer Ryan Gentry explained the podcast’s mission to include perspectives from as many different individuals of the USD community as possible.

“I think college is a unique social setting because it combines so many different people in one centralized location,” Gentry said. “You have bright-eyed teenagers, grad students that have grown as people and adults, professors trying to pass on both academic knowledge and life experience, and so many others. ‘There’s More’ shows exactly what its name is — there’s more to the college experience than just the perspective of one type of student. Each student and professor brings something unique to the table.”

Professor Bowman agreed with this sentiment, emphasizing the podcast’s ability to represent both unique and shared experiences of USD students.

“The best part of this program is that it features our local community with stories that have impact and importance beyond our community,” Bowman said. “Although the message is important to everyone, it holds particular weight for people affiliated with the University of San Diego.”

The “There’s More” storytelling events are held once a month in the Humanities Center in Saints Tekakwitha and Serra Hall Room 200 and are open for all to attend. The theme for November’s show is “Call.” Stories from previous live events can be found on iTunes, the Apple Podcasts app, or the “There’s More” website.

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FEATURE
More than meets the eye
Student-produced podcast features personal narratives from the USD community

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The production team works hard to convert personal narratives into podcasts.

Mayella Vasquez
Contributor
The 31 Days of Halloween celebration, in short, is a 31-day scary movie spree through the month of October. This year my friends and I embarked on our second annual 31 Days of Halloween celebration. It was initially started because it is “technically” unacceptable to trick-or-treat in your 20’s, so I had to find another way to thoroughly relish the Halloween spirit. Of course, Halloween is my favorite holiday, so it’s a bit of an ode to All Hallow’s and October as well. In carrying out the effortful task of watching a scary movie every night, I have realized it is only slightly about watching the movie, and more about something to look forward to after long and tireless days of being a college student. It’s a gathering of sorts, where everyone can enjoy each other’s company whilst being absolutely terrified. Along with this, I rate each movie by both quality and scare factor and post the ratings to Instagram. Thus, I am doing the job of weeding out the not-so-cinematic masterpieces, from the quality films worth watching, or the ones that leave you scared witless from the ones that give you a taste of the Halloween spirit. With October coming to a close, I can reflect on great scares and even better memories, and absolutely say goodbye to scary movies for at least a few months. It is not a task without mental repercussions, but worth it nonetheless. So carve a pumpkin, eat some candy, scare your friends, and have a happy Halloween.

Madison’s monthly movie schedule is laid out above in this infographic, which highlights the films she watched and her ratings for each individual film. Check out her Instagram page to see the live updates for the final films.

Some of the classic, and creative, movie posters for the featured horror flicks are almost as scary as the movies they’re advertising.

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As October and the spooky season come to a close, the pumpkins purchased by the dozen during a trip to one of San Diego’s pumpkin patches are going to need to be dealt with. Though perfect for achieving the quintessential fall aesthetic, finding a way to use the pumpkins you have might start to feel like a burden. What many people don’t realize is how useful these pumpkins can be, and for more than just decoration. So instead of throwing your pumpkins away wasting a perfectly good squash, this week’s edition of A Bite of San Diego will lay out just a few of the many ways a pumpkin can be used.

CARVING

Begin carving your pumpkin by placing it on a steady surface, preferably a stable table or countertop. We recommend laying down newspaper or paper towels to minimize mess (put your old copies of The USD Vista to work, after you’ve finished reading of course). Taking a sharp knife, cut around the top of the pumpkin, between four and six inches away from the stem. Once you have made it around the pumpkin and returned to where you began cutting, remove the top portion of the pumpkin, exposing the insides for easier access. Scoop out the insides of the pumpkin, setting the seeds and the “guts” aside for later use. Once you have cleaned the cavity of the pumpkin, you can begin on the carving. Draw your design on the face of the pumpkin first for guidance, then cut through the pumpkin again following your design.

ROASTING

Put to use the seeds you extracted from your pumpkin by roasting them and making them into a delicious and easy snack. Start by preheating the oven to 300°F, then rinse the seeds, making sure they’re free of any of the remaining pumpkin residue. Then, spreading them out on a baking sheet or tossing them in a dish, season them as you see fit. You can cover the seeds with butter, cinnamon and sugar or go more simplified with some olive oil and salt. Then, place the pan in the oven and cook for 45 minutes, or until golden brown. We recommend mixing the seeds around occasionally for a more even bake.

BAKING

Pumpkin muffins, bread, cookies and more are all a beloved marker of the fall season. Break away from box mixes and bake with your own pumpkins easily. Select a recipe you would like to follow off the internet, for pie, bread, or whatever other pumpkin creation you wish. Then, harvest the necessary parts of the pumpkin to begin your baking. If jack-o’-lanterns aren’t for you, then consider turning your pumpkin into a delicious treat. We recommend splitting the pumpkin in half or fourths and sticking it in the oven at 375°F for about 15 minutes, so the insides are softened and easier to scrape away. Use a food processor or even a cheese grater to prepare the pumpkin to be mixed with your favorite baking ingredients, and you’re on your way to a delicious fall dessert. Bakers will taste the difference from those store-bought canned-pumpkin wannabes — as the real pumpkin offers a less sweet and more complex flavor. Pair the fresh pumpkin with all the best spices, like cinnamon, ginger, and a dash of cardamom, to capture the essence of fall itself.

COOKING

Try a fun twist on the typically-sweet flavor by whipping your pumpkin up into a creamy, savory soup. It’s much easier than it sounds, and with minimal ingredients. To the surprise of some, curry powder pairs well with pumpkin, enhancing its flavor and adding a subtle kick. Sauté some aromatics for flavor, like shallots and garlic, add in the fresh pumpkin, curry powder, cinnamon, and a can of coconut milk, and watch as this unlikely combination bubbles into a savory, flavor-filled delight. After bringing the liquid to a low boil, throw the mixture into a blender where it will become a creamy soup before your eyes. Garnish with roasted pumpkin seeds and enjoy this warming addition to any meal.
The University of San Diego men’s basketball team is excited for the start of the 2019-2020 season. After a solid season last year, finishing with a record of 21-15 (7-9 West Coast Conference), the Toreros are looking to improve on that conference record and have a chance at the WCC title. In last season’s conference tournament, the Toreros were able to make it all the way to the semifinals, but lost to Saint Mary’s College (SMC) 69-62. Leading up to the semifinals, USD defeated the University of Portland 67-47 in the first round, Santa Clara University 64-45 in the second round, then Brigham Young University (BYU) 80-57 in the third round. However, the loss to SMC was the end of the season for USD.

After winning three games in the WCC tournament last year, USD received an at-large bid to the National Invitational Tournament (NIT) at the end of last season but lost to the University of Memphis, 74-60. “Being able to make an NIT run was big for our program,” USD head basketball coach Sam Scholl said. “We had to win some games late to be able to make the NIT, and the first game matters just as much as the second game and even the 33rd game. So every day you just have to be on the process of getting better. I think that is the biggest thing we learned from the NIT run.”

The last NCAA tournament run for the Toreros was back in 2008, when USD defeated the University of Connecticut 70-69 in overtime. They lost in the second round of the tournament and scored eight points in the game against Iowa. The Toreros also signed a contract with the Sacramento Kings in the National Basketball Association (NBA) this past offseason. “It’s big because every recruit wants to know if you have anyone in the pros,” Scholl said. “I told him the other day that he is one of 650 guys in the world that are in an NBA training camp and he’s in that ballpark so that does a lot for our program considering his development when he was with us.”

Given the talent they lost due to graduation last spring, Isaiah Pinoire, Isaiah Wright, Olin Carter III, and Tyler Williams all left their mark on the program as great teammates and leaders. They have all continued to play professionally, both internationally, and in the U.S. Most notably, Pinoire had the opportunity to play for his home country of Puerto Rico in the Federation of International Basketball Association (FIBA) Tournament this past summer. He was selected as one of 12 players to make the roster. Pinoire was able to get some playing time during the tournament and scored eight points in the game against Iran. Pinoire also signed a contract with the Sacramento Kings in the National Basketball Association (NBA) this past offseason.

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Given the talent they lost due to graduation, this year’s team will have a majority of underclassmen who are thrilled to have the opportunity to play. “I’m excited about this group getting a chance to step up,” Scholl said. “We feel the doubt, these guys are fueled by that and they are excited about that challenge to prove that (doubt) wrong. It’s going to be a fun ride watching them do that.”

Senior forward Alex Floresca expects the new players to fill in nicely. “I want to see them compete and play hard to the best of their ability,” Floresca said. “They are well prepared and they are going to surprise some people.”

The Toreros were picked to finish tied for eighth in the WCC preseason coaches poll. “There are a lot of people who say we lost a lot,” Sophomore forward Yauhen “Squirrel” Massalski said. “But nobody is looking at the things that we got, so just seeing the satisfaction on their faces after we start playing will be the best thing ever.”

The Toreros have a tough non-conference schedule this year as they host and travel to play against a few 20-plus win teams. USD will host Fresno State, UC Irvine, and San Diego State this season, all teams that had at least 21 wins last year. The Toreros will travel to the University of Washington, the University of Colorado, and to Stanford University for a chance to play some bigger schools on the road. Mark your calendars for the game against cross-town rival SDSU on November 20, at 8 p.m. in the Jenny Craig Pavilion (JCP). Last season, the Toreros came out on top against the Aztecs 73-61 as USD defeated them on the road for their only matchup of the season. The Toreros scored 47 points in the second half to the Aztecs 22, to help complete the comeback victory.

After finishing 7-9 in the WCC last season, USD will look to improve on that this year. The star-studded Gonzaga Bulldogs come into town on Jan. 9, the Zags were picked to finish first in the coaches poll for the eighth straight season, followed by Saint Mary’s and BYU. San Diego was picked to finish eighth. USD will host SMC on Feb. 6 and BYU on Feb. 15, both in the JCP.

Before every season starts, “I’m ready to play someone else and stop practicing so much. It’s been a while and I miss playing.” –Alex Floresca

The season starts for the Toreros on “Sixth man night” on Nov. 1 as the team will host a fundraiser for the program. There will be a Q&A with head coach Sam Scholl and ESPN’s Fran Fraschilla who covers college basketball. The special evening starts at 5:30 p.m. with a reception at the Garden of the Sea, will be an opportunity for Torero basketball supporters to meet the 2019-2020 team. Ticket prices range from $75-$175. Attendees will have an opportunity to take part in a live and silent auction for VIP access, autographed memorabilia, and tickets to the home game against SMCU on Nov. 20th.

The Toreros are ready to set the tone early against the non-conference opponents. The first game of the season is against the UC Irvine Anteaters on Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. in the JCP.
Men’s soccer loses to Gonzaga University 2-1 moving the Toreros down in the WCC

The University of San Diego men’s soccer team dropped to fifth place in the West Coast Conference (WCC) after a shocking loss to the Gonzaga Bulldogs (3-8-1, 2-1 WCC) Saturday night at Torero Stadium.

After a tough 0-3 loss against ninth-ranked Saint Mary’s College the previous week, the Toreros were eager to bounce back with a victory against Gonzaga. Having scored nearly three times as many goals as the Bulldogs, the Toreros entered into Saturday’s contest as the clear favorite.

Despite their impressive record, the Toreros came into the game ready to fight hard. “You can’t go into any game thinking you’ve already won,” senior forward Miguel Berry said. “As much as we’ve won this season, we are a hard working team and that’s how we win games. We are not just going to show up and play and win.”

The Bulldogs kicked off to start the first half in front of an energetic crowd of nearly 400 fans. The game started off slowly, with neither team able to take control. Both teams traded attacks with the first shot of the game coming from Gonzaga’s junior midfielder Joe Corner missing wide of the goal in the third minute. The Toreros responded with a shot of their own by junior defender Aidan Marmon in the ninth minute.

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The Orange County native said he was surprised to see the Bulldogs take a 1-0 lead after just 16 minutes. “When the ball went in, I was shocked. I didn’t see it coming.”

After the loss, USD dropped to 6-6-2 overall and 3-1 WCC. The Bulldogs had not scored a goal in their previous six games, while the Toreros had scored at least one goal in each of their last five games.

Despite the tough loss, USD soccer head coach Brian Quinn was happy with how his players performed. “I was really disappointed in the result but not the team,” Quinn said. “I trusted them when they have been on the field and they did a lot of good work. I thought they were a tight knit group.”

The Toreros look to their next opponent Loyola Marymount University (8-4-3, 3-0 WCC). The game is at Torero Stadium on Wednesday at 7 p.m.