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Glen Moss' green VW Bus and a golden retriever at the beach while the sun sets. Photo courtesy of Glenn Moss.

1 car stolen, 2 broken into

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Within two days, three crimes in three different residence areas were committed on campus. On Oct. 22, two cars, one parked in the University Terrace Apartments (UTAs) and one in the Alcalá Vistas Apartments, were broken into at separate times during the same night. Two days later, a car was stolen from Manchester Village. None of the cars showed any signs of forced entry.

The USD Department of Public Safety (DPS), by working with the Pacific Ridge apartment complex across the street, was able to get a video of the car being broken into at the UTAs. The video showed a possible suspect who was walking through the lot with an unidentified key fob in hand, appearing to click it repeatedly at various cars. Then the video shows lights illuminating on one car, after which the possible suspect approaches that car, and removes unidentified items from within it. Later that night, a car of the same make, but different model, was broken into in the Alcalá Vistas parking lot, again showing no signs of forced entry.

USD Public Safety Chief James Miyashiro found these similarities suspicious.

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‘I live where I want to live:’ VW Bus & bed

USD senior engineering student shares what life is like living out of a bus

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There’s a new iconic vehicle on the University of San Diego’s campus. And it’s not a gold Maserati. It’s Glenn Moss’ green Volkswagen Bus.

Often found parked in the Law School Lot, the USD senior takes pride in the vehicle he owns – and sleeps in. After a long lease Moss had signed with the Pacific Ridge Apartments across the street from campus expired this year, he was looking for a new place to live during his last semester at USD. He was astounded by the sky-high rents across the city. Then, an idea popped into his mind: he didn’t have to spend that rent money if he didn’t need to. Instead of living in an apartment, he opted to live out of his bus.

Moss and his brother have always been into cars, and have made a hobby of restoring classic Volkswagens. Back in their hometown of Evergreen, Colorado lives a strong community of dedicated Volkswagen fans. “They’re adamant about preserving them,” Moss said. “No two Volkswagen owners are the same because it’s not a homogenous community. There’s so many different characters.”

After his decision to go without an apartment or home to live in, he drove the bus down from his family’s most recent home in Encinitas to San Diego and started his new lifestyle. Although he sleeps in the bus, he rejects the idea of being a total van dweller. “I don’t see myself as living in it,” Moss said. “I’m living out of it. And I just go back and sleep in the van at the end of the day.”

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Students want the CRP back

Two students out of a dozen given the opportunity to address ASG about the CRP

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Diversity Committee Jesse Magaña responded to the student’s concern by welcoming all to his committee meetings, and noting that in his opinion, ASG can only do so much. Magaña stressed his view that at the end of the day, the top university administrators are the ones who can make real change in the campus community.

“(Change) has come not only from the students in this room, but the level of administrators — I am talking about those who are on the executive council: the president, the provost, the vice president — because how often do we see them walking around campus talking with students?” Magaña asked.

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statement, at least one out of five USD students used the now-defunct digital subscription.

“To think that one out of five people on this campus does anything is a feat unto itself,” Finnie said.

He went on to address ASG’s assertion that Copley Library’s newspaper database access is comparable to the free subscriptions provided by the College Readership Program.

“The access provided by the Copley database satisfies none of the needs of the readers at the university,” Finnie said.

The solutions provided in the email were concessions to us. As if to say, we are taking away something you really want and giving a few things in return.”

In response, Saunderson turned the conversation from the percentage of student usage and instead both minimized the significance of the number of student signatories on the petitions, and seemingly discouraged students from using more meeting time to discuss the issue.

“I do want to mention that 350 students is one third, if not less than the number of those who subscribe to the Wall Street Journal,” Saunderson said.

“Finance Committee has a meeting in two weeks where we are strictly talking about the College Readership Program. Until something is actually set in stone, there is just, nothing now.”

Though Saunderson acknowledged that the contentious debate surrounding the College Readership Program is “a pressing matter on campus,” his plan to address students’ concerns in his meeting next week omitted a significant detail

He continued on to challenge ASG to take action on increasing transparency in their organization.

“I am urging you to take transparency seriously and pass a resolution within the next couple of meetings to make the whole ASG budget public,” Arden said.

“This body is not the Department of Defense, and a black budget does not seem necessary in my opinion.”

Speaker of the Senate Carolina Moreno Armenta acknowledged Arden’s desire for transparency. Speaking to keep her focus on other issues.

“He also responded to the justification student leaders gave for their decisions.

“The library’s (access to newspapers) is incompatible and they have been lying to us,” Catanzaro said.

The College Readership Program, which has been present on the USD campus in some shape or form for more than a decade, was dedicated to keeping undergraduate students critically engaged by providing free access to newspapers like The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal.

The program has been incrementally defunded over the past two years by ASG. Last year, ASG defunded the physical versions of three newspapers, and this past month, ASG defunded the program in its entirety, which now leaves students without their free digital subscriptions.

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Suspect used fob to rob cars

USD Department of Public Safety has video of car thief; stolen car was returned

Theft from Page 1 thing happened, but it was very interesting that these incidents happened in the same night," Miyashiro said. "They happened to two very similar cars, and we have a suspect on video with a suspicious type of key fob that we know worked on one of the cars." The Alcalá Vistas break in was not captured on video because the victim's car was parked away from posted cameras. However, according to Chief Miyashiro, the victim was positive that they had locked their car the night before.

The car theft occurred some time during the night of Oct. 23, after the car was parked at 10:30 p.m. in Manchester Village. According to Chief Miyashiro, the stolen car was a newer model, which means that it couldn’t have been manually started without a programmed key. Earlier in the day on Oct. 23, the victim had gotten into a minor car accident and ended up losing one of their two keys to the car.

"It is unknown if someone possibly picked up the key and followed them to where they parked their car, because there were no signs of forced entry, or attempts to manually start the car," said Miyashiro.

The victim's car was found by the San Diego Police Department on Oct. 23 in Downtown San Diego and returned to the victim. These incidents raise questions about security on campus, but Chief Miyashiro does not believe these occurrences are cause for concern.

"It is not unusual to have car break ins on campus because this just like any open area with lots of cars," said Miyashiro. "Our crime rate is actually pretty low because we have lots of well-lit areas, and people constantly walking around, especially since students are always out and about no matter what time it is."

Students can find these crime rates in the 2019 USD Annual Fire and Safety Report published online every year. During the 2018 calendar year there was only one car theft, down from 10 during 2017. There is not an explicit crime section for vehicle break ins, but in 2018, 11 were reported. This statistic would also include residence hall and any other reported, non-violent, theft.

However, not all students share Miyashiro's confidence. Riley Kawananakoa, a sophomore student living in the UTAs, believes that the security guards could be doing a better job. His car was recently broken into off campus.

"Speaking as someone who recently had their car broken into, it sucks," said Kawananakoa. "Also, there is supposed to be a security guard at the UTAs, but whenever I see him he is just sitting in his car and looking at his phone. So I think that could be better."

Daniel Sarrao's confidence in Public Safety has also been shaken by these events. Sarrao is a Junior resident in Manchester who is now much more worried about the safety of his car.

"It makes me very nervous because I park my car in the same area of the one that was stolen," Sarrao said. "It’s not a good feeling."

Sophomore Alcalá Vistas resident Jackie Brown hopes that Public Safety will do more to reduce crimes like these, but also recognizes the shortcomings of people in these situations.

"No one should be breaking into cars, but also people shouldn’t leave anything that they’re worried about being stolen in their car and always make sure to lock it," said Brown.

Chief Miyashiro notes the importance of each person doing their best to prevent crimes like these. The best preventative measures, according to Miyashiro, are to keep valuable objects out of plain sight and to park in well-lit areas whenever possible. He also said that by next month, all of the parking areas on campus will be equipped with security cameras, in an attempt to deter crimes from occurring.

Crimes or suspicious persons on campus can be reported to USD Department of Public Safety at (619) 260-7777 for non-emergencies, or (619) 260-2222 for emergencies.

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The USD Vista incorrectly reported that The New York Times subscription would end on Nov. 8. The NYT subscription ended on Nov. 5.

The USD Vista incorrectly gave photo attribution to Zoé Morales Martinez for the two photos on page 12. Thomas Christensen took the two photos.
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Options

Thinking outside the lines

Political opinions are not out of bounds for professional athletes

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On Monday, the World Series champion Washington Nationals visited the White House. At least, most of them did. Nationals relief pitcher Sean Doolittle was notably absent from the visit, having declined the invitation on Friday.

Speaking to The Washington Post, Doolittle said, “At the end of the day, as much as I wanted to be there with my teammates and share that experience with my teammates, I can’t do it.”

Doolittle explained that he made his decision because of the multitude of issues he takes with the president’s rhetoric. Doolittle and his wife are actively involved in their communities, and the Doolittle family has close ties to many groups Trump has attacked.

“My wife and I stand for inclusion and acceptance,” Doolittle said. “We’ve done work with refugees, people that come from you, know the ‘s—hole countries.’” Doolittle’s comment was in reference to Trump’s comments about Haiti, El Salvador, and African countries from January 2018.

“I have a brother-in-law who has autism, and (Trump) is a guy who talks like that.”

Following his decision, Doolittle was told by swarms of Twitter users that he should “respect the office of the president” and that he should “stick to sports.”

That second comment, the suggestion that athletes should “stick to sports,” has become increasingly common since the 2016 election. Doolittle is not the first to hear it, nor will he be the last. It has become so common, in fact, that any athlete making any statement about anything other than sports is almost inevitably followed by at least a handful of people suggesting they stick to sports.

The suggestion that athletes stick to sports is as problematic as it is common. First, it implies that athletes are somehow not qualified to have opinions about things other than sports. Second, it is frequently used as a defense mechanism — delegitimizing someone’s opinion rather than taking the time and effort to process a different opinion. Finally, athletes have the power to do some real good off the field.

Athletes pay attention to and are involved with things other than sports every day. They have families and friends other than their teammates. They have families and friends other than their teammates.

Doolittle is one of those “s—hole countries.” The only difference is that Doolittle’s White House visit was not because of his politics, although he did mention that he disagreed with many of the president’s policy proposals. No, Doolittle passed on the White House visit because he disagreed with it. However, even if Doolittle’s decision was purely political, he would still have a right to make it. No other profession is so frequently told to stay out of politics. Rarely, if ever, is someone told that they should “stick to plumbing” or “stick to accounting.”

The founding principles of this country assert that everyone has the right to their opinion on how the country is governed, at least in theory. Professional athletes have as much of a right to make political comments as the twitter users telling them to stop.

Whenever an athlete is told to stick to sports, it never seems to be a bipartisan notion. It seems that the only people telling someone to stay in their lane are people who disagree with them. This knee-jerk defensive reaction is understandable, but unproductive. When we tell someone to stick to sports or otherwise stay in their lane, we end the discussion. While that keeps our feelings intact and protects us from potentially uncomfortable situations, it also keeps us from having those necessary conversations.

At this point, it is worth mentioning Nationals catcher Kurt Suzuki. Unlike Doolittle, Suzuki attended the White House visit. While there, Suzuki wore a “Make America Great Again” hat. Doolittle has every right to his political opinion. Moreover, we cannot be selective in who gets to speak out. Every athlete gets to share their opinions, whether we agree with them or not.

The intense political polarization of this country is well-documented, and it will not go away if we simply disregard or seek to silence people who disagree with us. At some point, we have to be willing to at least try to understand opinions other than our own.

A good deal of athletes are involved in things other than sports beyond just giving their opinions. Houston Texans star J.J. Watt was never told to stick to sports when he was helping the city recover from Hurricane Harvey. Former Philadelphia Eagles player Chris Long was not told to stick to sports when he donated his salary to charity. Doolittle has never been told to stick to sports while working with military veterans and families. In fact, his Feller Act of Valor Award for that work.

Athletes doing charitable work on the field is nothing new, nor is it anything condemned. Multiple leagues, including the National Football League and Major League Baseball, have major awards for players who make the biggest impacts on their community. Why is charitable work never met with the suggestion that athletes stick to sports? Because charity is not controversial.

Frankly, if athletes truly did stick to sports, the world would be worse off. Professional athletes have some of the greatest power to do good, both in terms of finance and influence. Asking them to confine themselves to sports prevents them from doing some of the greatest things for their communities.

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The assumed rivalry between vape and tobacco companies is actually a partnership

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Warnings about the dangers of smoking, vaping, and Juuling dominate the media, which they should — any of these activities are dangerous to one’s, and others’, health. However, we should not let the news reports about vaping-related illnesses distract us from the fact that special interest groups in Washington, D.C. that lobby on behalf of predaceous cigarette companies are taking advantage of addicted Americans. What is worse is that these lobbyists are not just working for traditional tobacco companies, but also for the electronic smoking industry, which benefits from the tobacco companies. If we want to end this health crisis, we have to understand the maneuvers of these companies and their lobbyists and confront the unfortunate truth that America’s capitalist market is working to undermine the nation’s health.

A brief, but necessary interlude: what is a lobbyist? A lobbyist is an essential part of our constitutional right “to petition the government for a redress of grievances.” A lobbyist is someone who can represent the voice of the people and bring their “grievances” to the government. Unfortunately, some lobbyists are not very interested in representing the people; rather, they are more interested in accepting what we will call “legal bribes” to push their clients’ interests toward their own. They have families and friends other than their teammates. They have families and friends other than their teammates.

Some consumers of vape products believe that buying e-cigarettes and Juuls are effective ways to wean off of cigarettes; they think that they are pulling away from the grips of giant cigarette corporations for a “healthier” option. This is not true. Cigarette companies have bought into this legislation and industry-wide lobbying campaigns to favor their interests, their let us say, “sugar daddies” — i.e. tobacco companies and the electronic smoking industry. Yes, the tobacco companies and the electronic smoking industry are best friends, even if the tobacco companies want to appear to be enemies for the sake of “grievances.”

Consumers of vape products are fairly effective at weaning off of cigarettes, and the industry is well-aware of the fact that the Juul comes in “cool” flavors like watermelon and is the “safe” alternative to smoking, even though the evidence is well-documented, and it will not go away if we simply disregard or seek to silence people who disagree with us. At some point, we have to be willing to at least try to understand opinions other than our own.

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Home sweet Rome

Culture shock and adjusting to life and school thousands of miles from home

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Op-Ed Contributor

After my family dropped me off at LAX, I was excited to begin my studies. I banked my plane ticket onto my plane with baby tears in my eyes, I only had three thoughts: What have I done? What if this plane goes down? And my best case scenario is that I relive the Lizzie McGuire movie all over again. I arrived in Rome with an Italian boy named Paolo. Eventually, my first two thoughts dissipated and I am amazed by the city (not without bumps of course). My third thought has not come true yet, but I still have 36 days left here and I am choosing to be hopeful.

Studying abroad for a semester is one of the most popular things you can choose to do at USD. Being ranked No.1 for undergraduate study abroad participation with 76% of undergraduate students going abroad as of Nov. 2018, USD prides itself on making this opportunity available to all the right things, attend all the right meetings, but at the end of the day, it is the right things. Although often unplanned, each moment was soon cut short as the biggest difficulty of being abroad is deciding whether or not you are going to travel or stick around for the weekend, and also figuring out where the money for this traveling is going to come from. We are all still figuring out that while, having often to remind each other just how special it is to be here in the first place.

As I have been adapting, I have learned a few tips and tricks of being abroad in Rome. You are likely to pay more money if you sit in a cafe than if you buy something and leave with it, and yes, it is cruel and common. You also unfortunately pay for water in Italy, but the trick to that is you can ask for free tap water, but you have to be persistent. Another big question I am often asked is if you can drink the tap water in Rome. I personally do not, but a lot of my friends here do and they have yet to get sick. It is probably because I am also constantly asked if I am even going to school. The best way to explain my school schedule is to picture USD but in a Hunchback of Notre Dame setting (animated version) and also picture every school day being the Milan fashion show because Italy really know how to dress. Also, picture lots of stray cats. Oh, and people drinking straight bottles of Absolut vodka at breakfast.

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Despite different majors, grade levels, and skill sets, all University of San Diego students must encounter evaluations of all kinds throughout their time as Toreros. Because there is no standardized studying or learning process, each student studies differently, with a variety of methods and techniques used to achieve individual success. Below, six Toreros share their personal studying habits and experiences.

Do you prefer to study alone or in a group?

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What is your favorite studying method (i.e. flashcards, study guide, reading aloud, teaching others, etc.)?

“Teaching others, making questions to test myself.”

Are there any studying moments you are very proud of (working hard against a deadline, achieving a grade goal, etc.)?

“I am generally proud of the grades I receive, and I feel that they are directly connected to the amount of studying I do outside of class.”

Have your study habits changed through the transition from high school to college?

“My study habits have definitely changed. I make a serious effort to study ahead of time in college, while in high school I would often study only the day before a test.”

What advice would you give to other students? Do you have a studying tip or trick that helps you to learn?

“I would advise other students to work together, particularly to make study guides. Having another person’s perspective of what was taught can add to your understanding of the material.”
But I think that distinction is important, because through that distinction, I’ve had a stronger community on the USD campus this semester. And the most precious moments — the spontaneous ones — come out of that distinction he draws.

When Moss was living in an apartment, he’d generally go home after his classes and stay off campus. Now, he doesn’t feel a need to go back to the bus and spends more time with his friends.

“I don’t feel like I have to have a living room, because my living room is the people I’m living with,” Moss said. “And the people I’m living with is the community, the people around me.”

He goes home to his family, who now live in Encinitas, every week to do what he calls his “weekly reset.” This is when he gets to do some laundry, get some home-cooked food, and say hi to the dog.

Living out of the bus has forced a lifestyle change in Moss: he now appreciates getting up early and staying organized. If one thing becomes disorganized in the bus, everything quickly becomes a mess in the tiny space. “I’m not much of a planner, and you really have to learn to plan,” Moss said. “Knowing what the week ahead is going to look like and being able to plan it out.”


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“The best thing is how it keeps me outside,” Moss said. “And it keeps my freedom. I can be wherever I want to be, and live where I want to live.”

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For his senior design project, Moss converted his 1963 Volkswagen Beetle to an electric car with a team of a few other electrical and mechanical engineers. They took a motor from a crashed Tesla and put it in his car.

With his career path, he’s been looking at jobs up in the Bay Area; if he lands one, he’s considering living out of his bus full-time. He says it wouldn’t be that much of a stretch from what he’s doing now: he would just need to add laundry and cooking to the lifestyle.

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For around $5, students can indulge in a cranberry scone and a vanilla latte while they study outside at Brick & Bell Cafe.

Better Buzz Coffee
3745 Mission Blvd. San Diego, CA 92109
Iced Vanilla Latte: $4.75
Free Wi-Fi: Yes
Better Buzz Coffee has been brewing coffee throughout San Diego since 2002. With four of its 10 locations in Mission and Pacific Beach alone, Better Buzz Coffee is a popular destination for students to catch up on homework. The Mission Beach location of Better Buzz, known as “The Lab,” is a common spot to find USD students working or meeting up with friends. Though it can be crowded at times, the store boasts plenty of tables, booths, and bar seating at the windows for students to work at. The food menu is extensive, including açai bowls, gourmet toasts, and sandwiches among other options. The drink menu combines classic coffee drinks with specialties and teas. Popular options include the Best Drink Ever, made with their signature vanilla powder, and the Conscious Chocolate protein infused smoothie. Parking is available in the nearby Santa Clara parking lot by the Mission Bay Aquatic Center.

The Grounds Bean Bar
1571 La Playa Ave. San Diego, CA 92109
Iced Vanilla Latte: $4.00
Free Wi-Fi: Yes
The Grounds Bean Bar combines trendy design and innovative drinks to create a unique coffee shop experience in the heart of Pacific Beach. Walking into the shop, the geometric, black and white tiled coffee bar mixed with botanical wallpaper creates a beautiful and fun atmosphere. The bright colors are accent by unique drinks, like matcha and turmeric lattes. Owner Brynn Neresian’s former work as a bartender served as the inspiration for creating unique beverages, but their classics, like an iced vanilla latte, are still a hit. The unique tropical decor of Grounds Bean Bar makes this coffee shop as aesthetically distinctive as their expansive and innovative menu offerings.

Bird Rock Coffee Roasters
829 Garnet Ave. Pacific Beach, CA 92109
Iced Vanilla Latte: $5.90
Free Wi-Fi: Yes
The Morena and Pacific Beach locations of Bird Rock Coffee Roasters are both located close to the USD campus. These shops are the perfect study spots for coffee aficionados. Bird Rock Coffee Roasters is an award-winning roaster that strives to produce sustainable coffee through recycling and composting initiatives in their stores and direct trade relationships in their purchasing process. The Pacific Beach location of Bird Rock is a large study-friendly space that offers some indoor seating and a large, covered outdoor patio with plenty of tables to work at. The large open space is flooded with light and has a warm atmosphere that is perfect for students looking to get work done. The store prides itself on its micro-roasted coffee and popular specialty drinks including the Gold Digger and the Trophy Wife. A small parking lot in the back of the shop is available as well as two hour street parking in front.

For more information or directions, please visit the following websites:
- Better Buzz Coffee: https://www.betterbuzzcoffee.com
- Bird Rock Coffee Roasters: https://birdrockcoffeeroasters.com
- The Grounds Bean Bar: https://www.groundsbeanbar.com

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5334 Banks Street Suite A
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Iced Vanilla Latte: $4.75
Free Wi-Fi: Yes

Nestled into the front room of Made Lumber Supply in Morena’s warehouse district, Claro Coffee is not your average coffee shop. This newly opened coffee spot was built by some of the woodworkers employed by the lumber yard it resides in. The small storefront serves as both a functional coffee bar and a showroom for their work. All of the furniture and décor of the shop are pieces handmade by the woodworkers in the shared space, including the barista making the coffee, Jorge Díaz.

The idea to open the storefront began in January when Díaz, partner Jon Boyd, and Made Lumber Supply owner, Bryan Grasela, started brainstorming ways to utilize the space. They eventually decided that a coffee shop would be a unique way to showcase their work and add to the business. “They were proud that they could build everything themselves, and it is wood related,” Angie Díaz, Jorge’s wife and business partner said.

After a month of planning, the team began working on designing and building the space, and in August, Claro Coffee was open to the public. The menu at Claro combines simple classics and Cuban specialties, and is inspired by the Díaz’s Cuban heritage. “We added some Cuban items to the menu because we are trying to bring a little bit of the flavor of our country to you guys, and we think that Cuban coffee is really good,” Angie said.

Though it at first appears like an unlikely pair, the name of the shop, Claro Coffee, represents the unique combination of lumber and Cuban coffee. “Everything is built in Claro Walnut, which is one of the most beautiful trees you will find in Northern California,” Angie said. “And, what you call drip coffee in the U.S. is called Café Claro in Cuba.” The mix of these two items is representative of the merging of the two businesses, making it the perfect name for the new shop. The minimalist style of the space highlights the beauty of the Claro Walnut furniture and provides students with a sophisticated place for studying. The large seating area is often filled with students and workers, and the unique location offers a quiet environment perfect for getting work done. If you are in need of a study break while in the coffee shop, guests are often welcome to walk back into the woodworking space to see the work being completed by Made Lumber.

For now, Claro Coffee is just starting out, but as the business grows, the Díazes say they hope to begin adding more hours of operation and expanding their menu to offer more food options beyond the variety of pastries they serve now. Limited street parking and a dirt lot at the end of the street are available for students looking to stop by Claro Coffee.

Handmade by the lumberworkers, the decor of Claro serves both functionally and as a display for the handiwork of the staff. Photo courtesy of Claro Coffee.

Perfect for an Instagram story, the minimalist decor of Claro Coffee keeps the shop on trend, attracting visitors who are looking for more than just a place to grab a quick cup of coffee. Photo courtesy of Claro Coffee.
First year Grace Frohling talks about her decision to play volleyball at San Diego

Frohling learned to love volleyball at an early age, following in the footsteps of her older sister Hannah. It wasn’t until her family moved to California in 2016, however, that Frohling knew volleyball would allow her to stay so poised and mature in the big moments.

It was Hannah’s relentless competition and the pressure. Frohling flourished. She relished the competition and the pressure.

It was Hannah’s relentless support that Frohling says helped her succeed in the competitive volleyball world.

"She’s always just wanted the best for me," Frohling said. "We talk all of the time and she just wants me to have the best career I can. She’s always looking out for me.

That doesn’t mean that there is not a fierce sibling rivalry between the two. Hannah, who is three years older than Grace, is currently a senior at USC, however, when preseason All-WCC member outside hitter Katie Lukes was forced to sit out.

"I kind of went into this not knowing whether it would go really well for me or really bad. I remember our first match against Hawaii I didn’t get to play, and I remember I was kind of mad at myself," Frohling said.

"Then I went into practice the next day and just killed it best I could at practice and then I got my shot the next day (against Washington) and I have been playing since then."

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It was Senior Night for the University of San Diego women’s soccer team as they hosted the Pepperdine University Waves (9-6-2, 5-2 WCC) at Torero Stadium. The Toreros (6-9-1, 2-5 WCC) are winless against the Waves since 2015. It was a hard-fought game for USD as strong defense and goalkeeping kept the Waves scoreless, forcing overtime.

Entering the game, the Toreros had a home win streak of six games dating back to October 2018. That streak ended as USD was stunned in overtime. The 90 minute game ended in a 0-0 tie, on what seemed like it was going to be a high-scoring game from all the shot attempts. Pepperdine outshot the Toreros 31-4 in regular time. Thirty one shots did not find their way into the back of the net, thanks to redshirt-senior goalkeeper Amber Michel.

Just a few minutes into overtime, the Torero defense was called for a penalty, which allowed the Waves to get a penalty kick to win the game, giving Pepperdine a 1-0 victory due to the WCC’s “sudden death” overtime rules.

Despite the loss, USD women’s soccer head coach Louise Lieberman was encouraged by her team’s perseverance that evening.

“I’m really proud of their effort,” Lieberman said. “We have been working on being more consistent and they showed that tonight. They showed it against BYU, so two games in a row of really individual and collective consistency and hard work, so I am proud of them because of that.”

The game started slow in the first 10 minutes, but the pace quickly sped up as Pepperdine kept finding ways to get a shot off. The forwards for the Waves were on the attack all night as they were determined to get out just couldn’t find their offensive rhythm.

The Toreros did a great job of staying composed throughout the first half. It was clear that Pepperdine seemed to be the better team early on, but that didn’t stop San Diego from being a better team early on, but that didn’t stop San Diego from continuing to fight. The Toreros couldn’t find a way to get more than one shot off in the first half but their defense kept them in it.

The story of the night for the Torero over the past four years.

Amber Michel. When the second half started, Pepperdine was right back where they left off getting closer and closer to a goal. But she wasn’t going to let that happen. In the 49th minute, Michel made a great save on what had seemed to be a wide-open attempt by the Waves player, but she didn’t let it get past her.

The save of the night came in the 60th minute when Michel was forced to extend her whole body for a diving save. The crowd erupted into cheers when she saved that goal. Even the Pepperdine fan base was getting excited for her. Comments from the Pepperdine fan base included: “That goalie is unstoppable.”

Michel was truly unstoppable against the Waves. She had 12 saves that all seemed to be critical, and the Torero defense also made it difficult for the Waves’ offensive attack.

“I think our defense came out with a 100% focus tonight,” Michel said. “I think everyone got into tackles where they could stop shots and I think everyone wanted to win it tonight.”

Coming into the game, Michel was already USD’s all-time saves leader during her four years at USD. Her 12 saves on Friday will only add on to her remarkable record and career.

“I am super blessed by it, honestly,” Michel said. “The coaches have let me be able to play in games to be able to achieve this record and it’s not just me, it’s the team as well. I can’t get these shutouts and saves without them working hard to get these wins, so I am definitely grateful for all of it.”

She reflected on her time as a Torero over the past four years.

“Amazing, I wouldn’t change it for the world,” Michel said. “It has definitely been challenging, but also the biggest reward. From playing with these girls and making relationships, it’s been a trip of a lifetime and I am so thankful to be here.”

The final ten minutes of the second half were electrifying. Both fan bases were getting into it by either cheering at the players or even yelling at the referee for a couple missed calls. It was clear both sides wanted the win badly.

Both teams just couldn’t find a way to get a shot in the back of the net. The Toreros had one last hope in the final 30 seconds as senior forward Milan Moses shot the ball, but it went right to the Pepperdine goalie. Moses finished with three shots with that last one being the only shot on goal.

After seven minutes into overtime, the Waves quickly got to the Torero penalty area and attempted a shot but was tripped by the Torero defender, allowing them to attempt a penalty kick for the win. MADI COOK, redshirt-sophomore midfielder for Pepperdine, put the ball in the back of the net for the win.

USD is graduating six seniors and according to Lieberman, every single one of them left their mark here at San Diego.

“They are phenomenal,” Lieberman said. “They have taken our information and really tried to help build the culture we want here. They are just incredible individuals with great characteristics and leadership and I love them and I am going to miss them.”

The Toreros have one game remaining on their schedule. USD will finish up the 2019 season at the University of Portland on Sunday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. The Pilots are 6-5-4 (2-3-2 WCC) on the year. The Pilots defeated USD 4-1 last season. The game will be streamed on the WCC Network via Stadium.