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Students in isolation
Students from China asked to “self-isolate” upon return to USD

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While students were away for Intersession, news of the coronavirus made headlines internationally. Although the virus originated across the world in Wuhan, China, there are now 13 cases in the U.S., with at least one confirmed case in San Diego. As students have traveled back to campus and most have settled in to their regular schedules, some are still in isolation a week after returning from their home in mainland China. The student has spent an incubation period of around two weeks, and a transition rate of about three to four people infected from one case.

The Student Health Center instructs students who have traveled from China, or are feeling ill not to enter and call the health center for further instructions.

USD women’s basketball maintains a strong 8-4 record in the West Coast Conference

San Diego women’s basketball came into Saturday’s matchup losing their last three games against Brigham Young University (BYU). That losing skid ended as the Toreros defeated the Cougars (BYU). That losing their last three games came into Saturday’s matchup against Brigham Young University (BYU). The referees seemed to let game for the Cougars which forced senior guard Jordyn Edwards contributed with 12 points and six rebounds to help the Toreros upset the Cougars. The first quarter didn’t involve much scoring as both teams fought hard through a defensive battle. USD led at the end of the quarter 8-6, and senior center Leticia Soares came off the bench and scored six of the eight points and grabbed three rebounds.

The referees seemed to let both teams play as it looked like a lot of fouls weren’t called in the first quarter. Despite the lack of foul calls, 6’7 center Sara Hamson recorded two early fouls in the game for the Cougars which forced her to the bench. That allowed the Toreros to attack the paint, where the referees seemed to let game for the Cougars which forced senior guard Jordyn Edwards contributed with 12 points and six rebounds to help the Toreros upset the Cougars.

Bishop talks voting

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Contrary to the popular belief that religion shouldn’t be involved in politics, Bishop John McElroy came to campus to assert that faith and politics cannot be separated. In a lecture titled “Candidates, Consciousness, and Faithful Voting,” Bishop McElroy outlined what he believes should be the guiding themes in the political decision-making process for “faithful voters.”

The lecture, given Thursday, Feb. 6, raised the traditional political Catholic talking point of anti-abortion legislation, but also discussed other issue-priorities, as well as the importance of candidate characteristics.

The event was sponsored by the Frances G. Harpert Center for Catholic Thought and Culture (CTCC). The CTCC’s mission, as stated on their website, is to “help USD and its neighbors to explore, understand and celebrate everything it means to participate in a university community that calls itself Catholic in the twenty-first century.”

The purpose of the event, as described out on its flyer, was, “The Bishop will lay out the moral parameters and principles we should consider in deciding for whom and for what to vote.” However, Bishop McElroy made
Coronavirus precautions

Student questions effectiveness of isolation and worries about missed class time

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- anonymous student

“I feel as if the self-quarantine is a burden on the students and I just want to help them as much as I can.”

Hall also acknowledged that students were gray areas in the policy concerning who should be quarantined.

“Let’s say that hypothetically the student has come into contact from China shook hands with classmates,” Hall said. “Does that mean that the classmates also need to be quarantined too? Where exactly the line is drawn is difficult to say.”

The student also expressed concerns regarding the effectiveness of isolation, noting that while they recognized why the implementation of it had flaws.

“I had already attended class for a week before this,” they said. “If I had the virus, even if it’s not exposed yet, it was already spread to others.”

Additionally, the student is still living with non-isolated students during the 14-day period. Philosophy professor Tanya Hall was one of the professors who has received this email.

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Pamela Sikes, director of the Student Health Center, outlined the university’s decision to have certain students self-isolate.

“These (instructions) are taken from federal and local recommendations,” Sikes said. “As a rapidly evolving situation, the recommendations have been changing as we learn more and will likely continue to change. The initial recommendations pertained to those with travel from Wuhan, and then it expanded to Hubei, and then it expanded to mainland China.”

While the student understands the reasoning behind the instructions to self-isolate, and noted that their experience with the Student Health Center went smoothly, they are concerned about keeping up with their classes and about harmful judgment and stereotypes that have been leveled at Chinese people since the beginning of the outbreak.

“I understand this policy and the situation. I’m just a little worried about class material and being seen as a disease by American students,” the student said.

Global, the fear of the coronavirus has spread false stereotypes, especially on social media, about Chinese culture. There have also been some instances of tension toward those of Chinese descent. For example, a viral post on Instagram falsely claims that “bat soup” is a Chinese dish and also makes claims that Chinese customs are at fault for the virus. The platform TikTok has also been used by some users in attempts to express their sentiments of racism against a humorous light.

Additionally, on other platforms people who appear to be from East Asia, who in many instances are not, have expressed that people have physically recoiled from them. In Seoul, South Korea stores are posting “No Chinese allowed” signs. But while there are sentiments of xenophobia, there have been some attempts to counter these stereotypes.

In regard to schoolwork, the student has worked to keep up with their classes online and reached out to professors for guidance. Professors themselves have reported emails from the school that both identify isolated students and ask instructors to work with them to create a reasonable study plan during the 14-day period. Philosophy professor Tanya Hall was one of the professors who has received this email.

“Even a delay in self-isolation could have spread prevention benefits,” Sikes said. “We know that those who do become infected with 2019-nCoV can do so 2-14 days after exposure. Practicing self-isolation for even 1 day in or household members is a bit more challenging.”

The student has not experienced any symptoms, and is expected to return to classes after this week.

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leadership training nalted

A video sparks anger toward, and discomfort among, ASG senators and advisors

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In the final student leadership training event, a video shown during a presentation on communication across differences was taken to be racially insensitive.

Student leaders involved in Associated Student Government (ASG) and Torero Program Board (TPB) attended the training, held on Saturday, Feb. 1, which was run by the faculty advisors for both of these organizations.

It was during a presentation by Nicholas Twohig, a graduate assistant at USD, entitled “Dialogue Through Differences” that the video was shown. The video was a TEDx Talk titled “Why I, as a black man, attend the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) rallies” given by Daryl Davis. The 38 minute speech consists of Davis explaining why he came to a personal decision to seek out Ku Klux Klan (KKK) members and attempt to understand “how they can hate an entire race that they do not know.” In the video, Davis expresses that his purpose of giving these talks is to explain how "fear of the unknown breeds hate.”

The intention behind showing this video was to depict an example of bridging serious racial divides through communication, but that was not the message received in the video. The 18 minute speech consists of Davis expressing his anger at Twohig's decision-making process by asking, “Who is going to be leading these cultural competency discussions? Because clearly the person leading these discussions was not culturally competent.”

Other members of the public offered the senate their input for how to move forward from this incident. Alanna Bledman recommended that if this situation was too uncomfortable for members of the senate, based on the apparent lack of discussion surrounding this event, then they should step down.

“I understand how exhausting this work is, but if you are not willing or capable please give your seat up to someone else who is,” Bledman said. “For you to be quiet and not say anything in the face of someone else’s adversity, you are just as wrong and just as bad.”

Some senators, such as Jesse Magaña, the Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Committee Chair, took up this call as well, reiterating that everyone is responsible for the decision to show the video, the lack of competent discussion around the video, and in the lack of oversight that allowed the video to be shown.

The public also demanded more oversight on presentations like this. Those who spoke requested to know what was being done to hold those responsible for the presentation accountable for emotional stress caused. These complaints were namely directed toward Nicholas Twohig, who gave the presentation, and Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs Cynthia Avery, Ed.D. who approved it.

In response to this, and other calls for the senate to be more proactive in their leadership, Fanisee Bias, the Student Organizations Chair, pledged to reach out to Avery, who left the senate meeting early, and confirm that she would be in attendance at the next senate meeting. Bias also encouraged members of the public to contact her if they ever wanted “final business” moved up in the senate’s agenda. Final business is the portion of the senate meeting where members of the public are able, and encouraged, to speak their minds on senate business.

Presently, Nicholas Twohig is not working on any events, and his further involvement with ASG is being discussed according to Jen Lee, another ASG advisor. If any students have further questions on this event, the ASG executive team and the ASG advisors maintained that their doors are open to discuss the event and answer any questions that they currently have answers to.

The USD Vista reached out to Dr. Avery and asked for clarification on the video’s intended purpose, but she refrained to comment, only confirming that she will make a statement at the next senate meeting. She also echoed the USD Vista’s reach out to Chidi Okaru for further clarification on the events of the student training and had not received any confirmation by the time of publication. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 13 in Magadalena Pavillion in room 403B.

“I for one am tired of seeing the same seats empty, the same people with proxies, the same people saying they don’t know how to do their job, the same people silent, and the same people doing nothing” - Jesse Magaña

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Race is no joke

Racism is more contagious than the coronavirus

Our generation is no stranger to using humor as a coping mechanism. Memes and humorous comments about the tragedies of 2020 from the possibility of World War 3 to the death of Kobe Bryant pop up spontaneously the moment they happen and it fills our nihilistic hearts with joy. However, some of the content produced in light of the most recent pressing issues, the coronavirus, shifts away from amusing to racist and that is not okay.

According to The Wall Street Journal, “health officials believe the outbreak originated in a large animal and seafood market in Wuhan, China.” It’s due to these Asian origins that some inaccurately believe that all Asians must be carrying the disease. I first encountered this maliciousness when one of my friends took a snap of herself using her phone and then posted it on her TikTok, expressing how she was scared of non-Asian people. Over the course of two weeks, I’ve seen the racist comments categorized into two groups. The first category featured comments that attempted to be funny but ultimately would come off as insensitive and ignorant—comments like “I just had Chinese food yesterday.” The second kind of comments were blatantly malicious and intentionally cruel, saying things like, “Let natural selection do its thing... keep the gene pool strong” or “I mean it’s kinda good. It’s overpopulated.”

Some of you may be wondering why any of these comments are demeaning and why I personally take offense to them. Before you say anything, I want to be clear that racism is not one of those issues that you can take a stance against people who argue against your stance. I do have a sense of humor and I do appreciate a “it’s Corona time” TikTok from time to time; I am not arguing against people who joke about the coronavirus itself. But what do I do not appreciate is my ethnicity being the target of that coronavirus joke because we are just as susceptible and worried, and if anything more scared, about the whole situation.

Every time I browse through comments, I am terrified of the reactions I might get because they assume I have an illness that I do not have. I am very lucky as of now to say that none of my peers have treated me this way, but the fear is very much implanted in me. The bottom line is that any illness, including the coronavirus, does not discriminate. An Asian person is just as likely to get sick from a non-Asian person and vice versa.

If you are worried about getting the virus, there are several precautions that you can take. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, washing your hands with either soap and water or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer especially before eating and after going to the bathroom or blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing are some of the things that you can easily do. Being racist is not one of those options. I hope that everyone affiliated with the University of San Diego cares or at least acknowledges this because I would like to believe that we promote and represent a college that accepts each other for what we are. If you catch someone else, or perhaps yourself, making a joke about Asians in regards to the coronavirus, ask this question: Are you really afraid of the virus or are you actually afraid of those who are unlike you?

To learn more about the coronavirus and its impact on the USD campus community, read “Students in isolation” on page 1.

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Alcohol policy must catch up

USD should follow lead of SDSU, UCSD in implementing school-wide amnesty policy

By Eric Boose, Opinion Editor

On Nov. 8, 19-year-old San Diego State University (SDSU) student Dylan Hernandez died as a result of injuries he sustained falling from the top bunk of his bed. According to SDSU campus police, Hernandez had returned to his room with a blood-alcohol content of 0.23 percent — almost three times the legal limit — following a fraternity party the night before.

Immediately following Hernandez’s death, SDSU suspended all 14 of the fraternities on its campus, and launched a pair of task forces to “evaluate student activities and safety practices around alcohol and substance misuse,” according to 10News San Diego. On Jan. 25, SDSU acted on the advice of those reporting Recognized Student Organization(s) for violations of the alcohol or drug policies (of the Student Organization Code of Conduct), which took place during or immediately before the time of the incident. In essence, members of RSOS, like fraternities or sororities, can (and should) get help for someone in need without worrying about getting in trouble. The University of California, San Diego (UCSD) has a similar policy in place — the Medical Amnesty Program. That leaves the University of San Diego as the only one of the three big San Diego colleges which does not publicly have such a policy. These policies are crucial steps in a positive direction, but they should bring up a greater point: whether universities should prioritize the safety of their students or enforcing their alcohol policies.

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-Beth McMurtrie

It would not be unreasonable for university administrators to feel trapped by a dual mandate — upholding drug and alcohol laws and policies while also keeping students safe. Clearly, a Good Samaritan policy largely fills the first half of that mandate, letting violations of the law and/or university policy slide in order to keep students safe. Ultimately, that trade-off is one that universities should be making. Drinking in college is so ingrained in American culture that preventing underaged drinking will take far more than just laws and policies. In a 2014 article in The Chronicle of Higher Education, Beth McMurtrie wrote that “Drinking is so central to students’ expectations of college that they will fight for what they see as a basic right. After Syracuse University ... tried to limit a large outdoor gathering, outraged students labeled the campus a police state.” Plainly, if a university could control students’ drinking through some sort of policy, they would have done so by now. At the same time, the amnesty programs at both SDSU and UCSD are nowhere near simply turning a blind eye. Both programs explicitly mention the possibility (and in UCSD’s case, necessity) of documentation and meetings with university staff. With that understanding, the best thing universities can do is institute policies which will help keep students safe.

The dangers of drinking in college are well documented. McMurtrie states that over 1,800 college students die from alcohol-related causes each year, and approximately 600,000 more are injured while drunk. She also notes that every year since around 1994, about 40% of the nation’s college students engaged in binge drinking — one of the most dangerous drinking behaviors. There is no point trying to pretend that no USD students partake in typical collegiate drinking behaviors. While binge drinking and underage drinking may not be as prevalent at USD as at larger schools, it is still a college, and we do have social fraternities and sororities — the organizations which are most historically associated with drinking. Again, USD’s Fraternity and Sorority Life is not as troubled as SDSU’s, but that is not a reason to forego any sort of amnesty policy. Frankly, any university where students have an opportunity to drink in a potentially dangerous manner should have some policy in place to promote student safety.

Other universities across the country have seen the effectiveness of Good Samaritan-type amnesty policies. Cornell University implemented a medical amnesty policy in 2002, a policy used as a case study four years later. That study found that in the years after the amnesty policy was announced, more students called for assistance for alcohol-related emergencies and fewer students said they would not call emergency services for fear of disciplinary action. The percentage of students who visited Cornell’s health center for a “brief psycho-educational intervention” following an alcohol-related emergency jumped from 22% to 52%. Most importantly, Cornell’s success seems to be the general rule, not an exception. At the end of the day, universities will have to confront a frustrating truth: barring a seismic shift in American culture, college students are going to drink in ways that are dangerous and sometimes illegal, regardless of university policies. Faced with that reality, the best thing schools can do is take steps to encourage student safety around alcohol. A Good Samaritan-type amnesty policy is one of the most tried and tested methods of doing so. It encourages students to seek medical attention when necessary, while still maintaining some sort of accountability. At San Diego State, it took the death of a student to get a Good Samaritan policy implemented. That cannot be allowed to happen here. USD should be actively designing a similar policy to implement as soon as possible.

The USD Vista
With the California presidential primary less than a month away, USD Votes has jumped into action. Founded in 2014 by University of San Diego political science professor, Casey Dominguez, Ph.D., the club has worked hard for the last six years to increase voter participation at the university. Led by Dominguez and fellow faculty advisors Evan Crawford, Ph.D., and Cory Gooding, Ph.D., the club's perseverance has paid off, as they have found that the school’s voter turnout has increased by nearly 30% since the club’s inception.

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Bishop McElroy visits USD and urges Catholics to vote based on their religious values

Bishop McElroy spoke on a wide range of topics, from climate change to abortion. Mikaela Foster/The USD Vista

Two USD professors also spoke during the question portion of the lecture. Associate professor in the political science department, Evan Crawford, Ph.D., and philosophy professor Turner Nebst, Ph.D. Both professors asked questions related to their fields of study, and although the bishop did not answer either of their questions straightforwardly, he was visibly happier to discuss their thought-provoking questions compared to the previous accusatory ones.

Mary Doak, Ph.D., who also attended the event, offered the lecture as extra credit for her students. Doak, a theology professor, is teaching a Faith and Politics course. “From a faith and politics perspective I wanted my students to go and see what Bishop McElroy thinks religion has to bring to politics,” Doak said. “It is important and interesting to see how the bishop relays the official teachings of the Catholic Church in an in-depth manner, when most people only hear the political talking points.”

The presidential primary elections, which prompted the organization of this lecture, will be held, in the state of California, on March 3. Leading up to the primary day, the on-campus organization USD Votes will be holding events across campus to spread awareness about the election, as well as to help students and faculty alike get registered to vote.

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As Valentine’s Day draws near, love is in the air for the students of USD. But with so many great students on campus, how can you really know who is the one? For a little guidance, we recommend you look to the stars to lead you through the tumultuous sea of love at USD, especially because 2020 is a year of new beginnings and new opportunities. Read our zodiac pairings below for some lighthearted recommendations on all things love and compatibility to get you in the Valentine’s Day spirit, and be sure to let The USD Vista team know if you find love with a compatible sign!

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**Cancer & Virgo**

The practicality that characterizes Virgos can help stabilize the sensitive Cancers, who are known to be extremely emotional. However, what brings these two signs together is their practical nature and ability to put aside the chaotic tendencies of other signs in favor of stability. Most importantly, both these signs are known to be caring and calm signs, which means a duo that falls under these stars will be communicative and relatively unproblematic.

**Sagittarius & Capricorn**

One of the more unique pairings on this list, combining the practicality of Capricorns with the adventure of Sagittarius proves how opposites really do attract. Drawn to stability and security, Capricorns would be a pillar in the lives of the Sagittarius, who are characterized by their outrageous storytelling and their love for humor. Though the Capricorns could find the Sagittarius’ way of living unfamiliar, this draw to excitement could be just the push a Capricorn needs to step outside their own comfort zone.

**Scorpio & Aquarius**

Notoriously hard to match, Scorpios are last on this list of pairings, as it takes someone really special to keep up with the fierce energy of the Scorpios. Passionate and relentless, these Scorpios seek a match that can keep up with their intensity. An Aquarius would serve the Scorpio well, as they are known for being a sign that has an intrinsic understanding of people. One of the most defining Aquarius tendencies is to always see the big picture, which would fit well with the all-consuming energy of the Scorpio, feeding into their relentless enthusiasm for passion and excitement.
A wide range of options are presented by the pair who wanted to appeal to every USD student, regardless of budget or relationship status. Featured above are the 7-Eleven and Ironside Oyster and Fish date night ideas.

A Bite of San Diego: date night

USD seniors Wyatt and Loukas are back with more unique thoughts on SD food

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We thought — as I’m sure most of you changemakers do — that once in a lifetime opportunities happen only once. However, for the first time in both of our lives, we were wrong. Loukas and I were lying on the couch, savouring the sultry San Diego winter air. I looked up, knowing something was about to happen. I heard a ring pouring from Loukas’ phone, I picked it up. To my surprise, Lizzy Jennings was on the line begging us to consider creating another masterpiece for The USD Vista’s Valentine’s Day special. We agreed that if we were going back down this road, we were going to have to take our readers on a ride they’d never forget, so before you continue, take a seat, kick back, and get ready because Wyatt and Loukas are back.

We’re going about this review a little differently than last time. With Valentine’s Day coming up you’re probably frantically running around trying to find something to do with your partner. Don’t fret, Wyatt and I are going to tell you what to do, depending, of course, on how far you’re willing to go for love. Level 1: Ask yourself, how much do you really love your partner? Did the spark die? Are you tired of the monotonous routine that you find yourself trapped in? That look she gives when you say “Go take a shower.”

Level 2: Did you just work the 9-to-5 and go home sad and about maintaining the norm, don’t surpass the threshold, the 9-to-5 and go home sad but fulfilled so that you’re not a complete waste of a human. So that’s what we’re doing for Level 2 — helping you make sure that whatever else might tickle your taste buds. The wood-encased interior puts you at sea, all the while being enveloped in the safety of your lover’s arms.

Level 3: This is it; the one that will bring your relationship from the lobby to the penthouse. Wyatt and Loukas are back with more unique thoughts on SD food. Take a step into the inviting atmosphere of the Ironside Fish and Oyster restaurant. Service is impeccable, food is mouth watering, and the overall dining experience will bring you to the gates of heaven. Your partner will fall head over heels after you take them to this restaurant. The seafood sampler gives you a taste of what the mysterious Pacific has to offer including oysters, prawns, cerviche, and whatever else might tickle your taste buds. The wood-encased interior puts you at sea, all the while being enveloped in the safety of your lover’s arms.

7-Eleven
6615 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

If you can get past the begrudging host that’s inevitably at the door, then you’ve essentially got the fast pass on the road to break up with your partner. If you don’t fill up on their large selection of packaged hors d’oeuvres, 7-Eleven has some house-made delicacies to try. Cast your gaze just left of the register to the heat box where the ever-rotating ‘meat’-filled, deep-fried, crunchy, droopy, somehow stale-tasting taquitos. We can almost guarantee that a couple of those things for a Valentine’s Day dinner will both painlessly end your relationship and result in a painfully long night on the toilet.

7-Eleven
6615 Linda Vista Road, San Diego, CA 92111

Ambiance: 2.12 - Food: 1.4 - Price: $ - Service: Dynamite
Level 1: Life’s good as is.

Price: $ - Service: Average

Filippi’s Pizza Grotto
962 Garnet Ave. San Diego, CA 92109

With 14 locations across San Diego, Filippi’s Pizza Grotto is the perfect way to show how average your feelings about your partner are. The food offers enough calories to get you through the night, but it’s bland, just like your relationship. Mario from Yelp said it best when he wrote “spaghetti not that great but chicken fettuccine was good, waitress was not friendly.” You’ll leave satisfied, but not ecstatic. Content, but not overjoyed.

Filippi’s Pizza Grotto
962 Garnet Ave. San Diego, CA 92109

Ambiance: 4.48 - Food: 4.87 - Price: $$$ - Service: Impeccable
Level 2: Life’s good as is.

Ironside Fish and Oyster
1654 India St. San Diego, CA 92101

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Toreros defeat the Cougars

USD women’s basketball moves into second place in the WCC after upsetting BYU

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the Toreros scored eight of their 17 first-half points.

The Toreros maintained their lead through the second quarter as they led at halftime 43-36 in a low-scoring first half. USD had a lead for over 12 minutes as the Cougars only led for a short two minutes. Soares scored nine points and pulled in seven rebounds and junior guard Myah Pace grabbed five rebounds and drew four fouls. The Toreros shot only 10.4% from the floor in the first half, but went 5-6 from the free-throw line.

The third quarter started off hot as just 30 seconds in, redshirt-junior guard Jordyn Edwards nailed the Toreros’ first three-point shot of the game. She finished the game with two threes, shooting 2-6.

San Diego jumped out to a 28-21 lead with about five minutes to go in the quarter. But after a timeout by the Cougars, BYU went on a 10-0 run of their own and took a 31-28 lead with just under two minutes to go in the third quarter.

Guard Paisley Johnson provided a huge spark for the Cougars as she finished the game with 10 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Head Coach Cindy Fisher talked about Soares’ performance in the victory.

“When she comes in she provides a huge lift. She’s one of the best post players in this conference and she’s always a nice spark for us off the bench. She is very talented.”

The Toreros went 15-18 from the charity strike — shooting a spectacular 83.3% as a team. Pace helped contribute going 7-8 from the line and Pollock went a perfect 4-4.

San Diego’s defense was outstanding,” Fisher said. “This is one of the best-scoring teams in the conference and to hold them to 1-10 from the three-point line is absolutely unbelievable. It’s just a credit to our defense, they were locked in, they defended, and they did everything we asked defensively.”

Edwards talked about what it meant to beat a tough BYU opponent.

“We have been looking forward to this game all week,” Edwards said. “We really wanted this game. We kind of wanted our revenge, we didn’t play our best at their place and so we wanted to get them back at home. It was really nice.”

Soares knows how good the Toreros can be after defeating the Cougars.

“Like Jordyn said, we didn’t play that well last time,” Soares said. “So we just came here and proved that we are a good team and we came here to win this game.”

Edwards and the rest of the Toreros heard the loud cheers from the fans toward the end of the game.

“We want to say thank you to everyone who does show up,” Edwards said. “Because it really does help and gives us energy when we are tired. We love to have a crowd and we really appreciate it.”

The Toreros’ next home game will be against Pacific University where they will take on the Tigers on National Women and Girls Sports Day. USD defeated the Tigers 66-64 in their last matchup on Jan. 18. Tip-off is at 6 p.m. in the JCP on Thursday, Feb. 13. Tickets are free for all USD students.

The USD ViSTA
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The USD men’s basketball team ended their four-game losing streak against the Portland Pilots 88-81 in an intense, nail-biting double-overtime (OT) contest Saturday night at the Jenny Craig Pavilion (JCP).

Both the Toreros (8-17, 2-8 WCC) and the Pilots (9-16, 1-9 WCC) entered Saturday’s game hungry for a win. With both teams fighting to earn their first win in weeks, one thing was clear: one team would leave the JCP victorious, and the other’s losing streak would continue. The stakes were high, and with over a thousand fans in attendance, the faceoff between the Toreros and the Pilots was stacking up to be a battle.

The gymnasium was buzzing as the Toreros won the jump ball. But after two missed jump shots and a foul by redshirt-senior forward Alex Floresca, the Pilots jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead. USD managed to close the gap to 5-5 by the first media timeout; however, and a momentum shift was in the air.

Coming out of the timeout, the Toreros took the lead 11-9 and held it for the rest of the half. After the first twenty minutes of play, USD led UP 30-22 with both teams shooting under 40% with three point percentages under 20%. But despite the low shooting accuracy, the Toreros would enter the second half with an eight-point lead.

The Toreros were able to fend off the Pilots for the first five minutes of the second half. But slowly UP was able to close the gap and tied the game at 41-41 before retaking the lead.

The pressure was on for USD as they were forced to play from behind for the majority of the second half. As the clock wound down with the Pilots still maintaining a lead, it seemed as though the Toreros’ losing streak would continue. But USD wasn’t going down without a fight. People had come to witness a battle, and were about to see a war.

After the last media timeout, redshirt-sophomore guard Joey Calcaterra tied the score at 61-61 with just under four minutes left to play. Both teams exchanged baskets, with the Pilots able to stay just ahead of the Toreros. As the last minute started counting down, two fouls by the Toreros on junior Tahirou Diabate and redshirt sophomore Takila Fahrensohn gave UP a three-point lead with just 13 seconds left.

The Toreros sprinted down the court with six seconds remaining. Calcaterra, who scored 19 points in just the second half, launched the ball from center court and nailed a three-point field goal to tie the game at 68.

The crowd erupted as every Torero fan jumped to their feet and cheered. The game was going to overtime.

Overtime started as the Toreros and Pilots went back-and-forth scoring for the first few minutes of OT. Redshirt-junior guard Braun Hartfield gave the Toreros a 73-70 lead after nailing a three-pointer. Although, the Pilots took control back as they scored on consecutive possessions, making the score 74-73. Hartfield sunk a free throw with 32 seconds remaining to send the game into double overtime.

Saturday’s contest wouldn’t be decided in the first round of overtime. Neither team was able to silence the other as the score remained tied 74-74 after five additional minutes of play.

But after the second round of overtime, someone would be crowned victor. The Toreros were able to jump to an early lead, outscoring the Pilots 11 to 5, finally closing out the game after just under two and a half hours. USD out-rebounded Portland 21-18 in the second half and OT to help secure the victory.

The USD men’s basketball losing streak ended as the Toreros advanced to 9-17 (2-9 WCC) on the season.

Junior forward Yauhen (Squirrel) Masalski surpassed his career high in points by scoring 19 to help the Toreros defeat the Pilots. His previous career high was 17. Hartfield finished with a game-high 23 points in 48 minutes. Calcaterra scored all 19 of his points in the second half and overtime, including the game-tying shot in the final seconds to force OT. Redshirt-first year guard Marion Humphrey had a career-high eight assists and only one turnover. Junior forward James Jean-Marie also contributed with 11 points on 5-9 shooting.

USD had nine steals as a team, which is the most since they had 10 against Stanford earlier this season in December. San Diego will go on the road this Thursday, Feb. 13. The next home game for the Toreros is against Brigham Young University (BYU) this Saturday, Feb. 15 and will be streamed on CBS Sports Network.

USD defeated BYU 80-77 in the WCC tournament last season, but the Cougars defeated the Toreros earlier this season 93-70.

Tickets are free for all USD students.

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