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THE USD VISTA

Crime increases both at USD and in San Diego

Student's car stolen from San Buenaventura parking lot and an increase in criminal activity at popular student spots off campus

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On Friday, Sept. 10, the USD campus community received yet another mass email from Public Safety regarding a serious theft that occurred on campus. For a second time, decidedly early into the fall semester, a robbery occurred not just in the vicinity of, but directly on campus. Returning students may be familiar with the occasional email notification about a car break-in across the street at the Pacific Ridge parking garage, but students are likely unaccustomed to threats so close to home, let alone such flagrant and frequent disturbances.

The first major incident of the semester, a break-in at Valley B during football's pre-season, ended with the apprehension of a suspect and praise for the football players who helped to detain the would-be thief until authorities could arrive. This past week's incident, however, may not be resolved so readily,



Outside San Buenaventura apartments, the location of where the car was stolen earlier this year.

since it was more covert in nature, albeit no less grave. This time, a vehicle, a yellow Acura Integra, vanished out of the parking lot of San Buenaventura residence hall, sometime between nighttime on Wednesday, Sept. 8, and the morning of Friday, Sept. 10. Unfortunately, no

new leads have come from the ongoing investigation, which is being conducted by both the Department of Public Safety and local law enforcement.

In the meantime, USD Public Safety offers some helpful safety considerations to reduce the likelihood of similar incidents

occurring in the future, specifically auto theft.

Besides the more obvious deterrents like closing/locking all doors and never leaving a running vehicle unattended, USD Public Safety Captain Quinton Kawahara recommended what students should do.

"Pick a parking spot where there is a lot of activity," Kawahara suggested. "Thieves are usually looking for the easiest target and prefer breaking into cars in isolated areas."

And while it may be true that alarms or anti-theft devices work, Kawahara noted a common mistake that people make.

"Don't make the common mistake of assuming that, because you have an alarm or anti-theft device, thieves won't break-in," Kawahara recommends.

To those willing to go the extra mile, one can install a vehicle tracking and location system that can be activated after the vehicle is reported as stolen, and finally, always report suspicious activity on campus immediately to the Department of Public Safety by calling (619) 260-2222.

Though all well and good, ideally students would not feel compelled to trade one form of hypervigilance for another: from concerns over COVID-19 to crimes like theft. This back-to-

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Should I drop out of college and become an influencer?

Being a college student and contemplating that lifestyle: seven-figure income, attending the Met Gala, and multiple Netflix deals

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I'm gonna set the scene: (POV) it's Wednesday, I'm finally coming home from a 12-hour day at school, where I spent seven hours running from class to class, from meeting to meeting to a 15-minute grab-go lunch in between meetings, and to my on-campus job where I earn roughly \$14 an hour.

Though life feels like a lot right now, I am happy. But, as I wind down, after a 12-hour day – which by the way, I only allowed

myself three hours of sleep for – and I begin to scroll social media mindlessly, I can't help but let the green-eyed monster pay me a visit (Alexa, play "Jealousy, Jealousy" by Olivia Rodrigo). I can't help but stand in awe of people, who are my age, namely social media influencers, who so seamlessly drop out of college, and have (almost) all their problems solved by their seven-figure jobs. Yes, I said that, seven-figures.

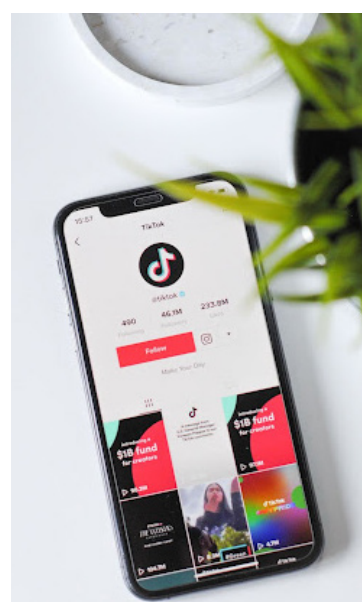
At this point, I can't help but ask myself: should I drop out of school and become an influencer?

Honestly, I've been weighing my options. Seeing these young

influencers at The Met Gala and the MTV Video Music Awards (VMAs) this year, and seeing TikTok influencers seamlessly transition into acting or music careers, makes me take a step back and look at my life, then theirs, then back at my own.

Everyone knows who 20-year-old, TikTok influencer, Addison Rae is. It's crazy to think that nearly a year ago, no one did. Rae was a 19-year old college student, attending Louisiana State University (LSU) in the fall of 2019, studying broadcast journalism. However, after three months at LSU, Rae decided to leave college and move to LA, where her life did a complete 180.

After three months at LSU, and nearly a year later, Rae became the no.1 TikTok Influencer on Forbes' 2020 "TikTok's 7 Highest-Earning Stars" list.



TikTok created a world for influencers. Photo courtesy of @helloimnik/Unsplash

Rae's estimated earnings was \$5 million.

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NEWS

Instances of crime and theft are on the rise

USD students trade one form of hypervigilance for another

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back sequence of events has some worried that the emergent pattern could stick, and the implications could be far more reaching than the campus community alone.

Two days before students arrived on campus, for instance, four people were shot and wounded near Belmont Park in Mission Beach, a popular attraction for students on the weekends and close to off-campus housing of USD upperclassmen.

Just one week later, a second shooting occurred in the area, injuring one, according to NBC San Diego. In both instances, the shooter appeared to have targeted random pedestrians, including two college-aged victims. The shooter or shooters have yet to be taken into custody, which could cause some to second-guess their next trip to the beach or

amusement park.

More frequent instances of crime, according to the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC), could become the reality of life in a post-COVID world, with an economic downturn on the minds of many Americans. While certain types of crime were reportedly down since last fall, other statistics point to the contrary, such as “a troubling increase of about 30% in homicides,” according to the PPIC.

“Property crimes, larcenies and residential burglaries declined, but both motor vehicle theft and commercial burglaries increased markedly, by roughly 20%,” according to the PPIC.

At the very least, crime rates seem to have returned to or surpassed pre-COVID levels and may necessitate further



Outside the Valley B San Luis Obispo building, location of previous crime.
Jaden Hauptman/ The USD Vista

investigation into the underlying causes, as well as counteraction, before they are brought back down again.

In the recent California gubernatorial recall election, Newsom’s challenger, Larry Elder, harped on rising crime rates around the state in his criticisms

of the current administration.

“...crime is up dramatically in L.A., in San Francisco, in Oakland and San Diego,” Elder said. “And by crime I don’t just mean thefts, I’m talking about shootings, homicides up 41% In L.A.”

Although failing to secure the governorship through the

California recall election, Elder’s words resonated with enough voters to gain him national attention and have the potential to outlast Elder’s candidacy, should current trends persist.

An uptick in crime is never a welcomed trend, least of all in the midst of getting settled into new classes and navigating the changed landscape of post-online learning; it could become a huge worry for students who had hoped to return to campus for a less anxiety-ridden semester than last. Fortunately, San Diego remains among the safest cities in California, with the lowest rates of both property and violent crimes, according to the PPIC. So while additional caution may be warranted, students can rest assured that authorities remain dedicated to tackling the issue and pursuing all reports of crime

The world through the eyes of a post-9/11 generation

How the war on terror shaped American culture for the last 20 years

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Saturday, Sept. 11, marked the 20th anniversary of the tragic terrorist attacks that left nearly 3,000 people dead in New York City, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C in 2001. Since then, an entire generation has grown up never knowing what life would be independent of the consequences unique to a post-9/11 world. Because of this, most of Generation Z’s perception of the world is significantly different than those who lived and remembered the tragedy that day.

USD junior, Natalie Cerf, explained how she feels about growing up in a post-9/11 world.

“When you get to the 9th month of the year, you always remember that 9/11 is coming up,” Cerf said. “I think it’s crazy because I was born in 2001 and I’m 20. It’s weird to think that’s how long it’s been. It’s really interesting that my life lines up with such a life-changing moment for so many in history.”

Cerf initially learned about 9/11 through her early education. Growing up outside of New York, Cerf studied 9/11 in a U.S. history class. She said it was a brief focus in class considering it was, at the time, still relatively recent history compared to other topics taught



The 9/11 Memorial Museum in NYC, where victims’ names are listed.
Photo courtesy of Redd/Unsplash

in the classroom setting.

Cerf believes that geography may also be a contributing factor to not learning much about 9/11 in her schooling.

“I do think it also had to do with the fact that we were in California. I went to high school in the Bay Area so it wasn’t in our backyard by any means, and I didn’t live in a big metropolitan area, so there wasn’t any special emphasis on it,” Cerf expressed.

Like Cerf, USD first-year,

Kaylin Polk, had a similar experience of learning about 9/11 in elementary school.

“It’s important not to forget history because we learn from the past so that we don’t repeat it,” Polk said.

While she was not born when 9/11 occurred, Polk recognized that her perceptions of the world around her were impacted by that day.

Polk optimistically pointed out in her observations that

after a major tragedy, what often surfaces among humans is a feeling of togetherness.

“I think there is this sense of belonging, like some form of camaraderie that exists between people who were there in New York when it happened, or alive to frantically flip on the TV and witness this horrible event,” Polk said. “Just like our generation experiencing COVID and with babies being born this year just on the cusp of it. They will never know what it was like.”

Part of growing up in a post-9/11 generation is seeing what changed culturally and politically as a result of that day. Though the events of that day were horrific and inhumane, 9/11 brought to light the importance of national security, as well as being a wake up call for change within the nation.

Polk shared how the effects of 9/11 has impacted her daily life.

“It’s interesting to see how 9/11 affected our day-to-day interactions, like everytime we go to an airport, or now there’s a sector of the government specifically for international security,” Polk said. “Just reminding ourselves that those things were never there, and that there are people actively working to protect us from these things. I’m very appreciative.”

Additionally, Polk mentioned

the rise of fear toward the Middle East and the Islamophobia that emerged in the wake of 9/11 that continues to be seen today.

“You hear comments, it’s hard not to,” Polk expressed. “But I also think it’s important for all of us, not just our leaders, to distinguish between a certain ethnic group or country and from terrorist organizations.”

When reflecting on the tragic events of 9/11, Cerf expressed the immediate sadness she feels, as well as her confusion for the inhumane nature of those behind the attacks.

“In direct regards to 9/11 it makes me really upset to think about those American citizens that didn’t deserve that by any means,” Cerf remarked. “They didn’t deserve to go to work one day and die. And their family members didn’t deserve to deal with that trauma. And I think that is a wound that will probably never heal.”

The events of 9/11 impacted not only those alive to witness it, but have forever changed the mindset of those growing up in a post-9/11 world.

It is now the responsibility of Generation Z and beyond to learn about the tragedy of 9/11 and to honor those who were lost so that we can go forward and create a better world for future generations.

Norm MacDonald

and his contributions to comedy

The unexpected passing of the beloved comedian

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Comedy fans around the world were shocked to hear about the passing of Norm MacDonald after it was announced that the famous comedian, actor, and writer lost his nine-year private battle with cancer at age 61 last Tuesday. MacDonald was best known for his role on NBC's "Saturday Night Live" in the '90s, in addition to comedic movie classics such as "Billy Madison" and "Dirty Work." While MacDonald's impact on the comedy world will live on forever, his sudden and unexpected death has made for a difficult reality to accept.

MacDonald is survived by his son Dylan MacDonald, a USD alum and graduate from the English department. Dylan MacDonald enjoyed great success as a writer during his time here at USD. In 2015, he was awarded 'Fiction runner-up' for an original piece in the '2015-2016 Lindsay J. Cropper Creative Writing Contest.' Dylan MacDonald also shared his father's interest in comedy, forming a sketch comedy



Norm MacDonald making an appearance alongside Adam Sandler.

Photo courtesy of my_southborough/Creative Commons

group with friends in 2011 and posting videos to their YouTube channel.

Dr. Dennis Clausen, USD English professor, shared his memory of Dylan MacDonald's talents.

"He was a student in my screenwriting course, and he wrote his screenplay about two comic slackers who could never get their lives together.

It reminded me a lot of the movie 'Dumb and Dumber,' and I thought it had considerable potential if he followed through with it and developed it into a full-length screenplay," Clausen said. "I did not know at the time who his father was, but perhaps the comedian background to his screenplay was inspired by his father's experiences as a stand-up comic. Some of the details in

Dylan's screenplay seemed very authentic and quite humorous."

Norm MacDonald is recognized by many as the "comic's comic." "Unapologetic" and "brave" are two words to describe his unique form of comedy. MacDonald had the courage to push boundaries that others dared not tip-toe.

Professor Scott Ripley, Department Chair and Associate Professor of Theatre at USD, expressed his adoration for MacDonald.

"I'm not interested in any art that's not brave, and Norm MacDonald was one of the bravest comedians I ever knew," Ripley said. "He was so true to himself. That kind of integrity is extremely rare because, as we know, we also have an ego, and we want success, and we want a quality life, and so we'll back down, and he never did."

Professor Jacob Bruce, Lecturer in Theatre, shared his take on MacDonald's individuality as a comedian.

"Norm would walk the line between doing stand-up comedy and doing performance art. He would really test the boundaries

of what he could do up there. And as a writer, too, it was the same," Bruce said. "He would push it a little bit out of comedy and into performance art, just to sort of buck against the obvious story setup, punchline, resolution formula that everybody else was making millions off of doing at the time."

Thanks to modern-day technology and media, future generations will get to enjoy MacDonald's contributions to comedy. His viral Saturday Night Live bits, movie scenes, and late-night television appearances will forever live on through our phone screens.

Professor Ripley shared a touching quote on MacDonald's legacy, and the impact he has left on not only himself, but generations to come as well.

"I know that I will never forget about Norm MacDonald. I've got my son watching him, and he's gonna have his kids watching him, too," Ripley said.

In the words of J.R.R Tolkien, "Moonlight drowns out all but the brightest stars," and Norm MacDonald was, and never will be, one to fade out.

A current update on USD and COVID-19

The state of the university and the pandemic

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It's a typical day at USD: sunny skies, in-person classes, long lines during peak hours at any dining hall. It almost feels like everything has gone back to normal. But in reality, the school has yet to completely shift back into normalcy due to the pandemic. This has led to questions about what USD is doing in regards to handling COVID-19.

For starters, USD is still providing daily updates on their COVID-19 Dashboard. According to the dashboard, there are a total of 53 cases of COVID-19 as of Sept.21 at 4:59 PM: 10 residential students, 30 non-residential students, and 13 Employees. The dashboard also revealed that there were 17 new cases between Sept. 8 and 17. They do note that, "The

university will not disclose the specific location of the individual who was infected for privacy reasons and also because avoiding the physical location does not inherently lower a person's risk of infection."

If there is a possibility that one has been exposed to COVID-19, that student will receive an email from contacttracing@san Diego.edu titled "COVID-19 Exposure Notification." The email will reveal the date that the student was exposed to COVID-19 along with action steps that should be taken. According to the USD's Contact Tracing Fall 2021 Protocols, fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if they were exposed to COVID-19. However, unvaccinated students are required to quarantine for ten days. This number can be reduced to seven days if they provide a negative test result from days five



COVID-19 testing site at USD.
Jenny Han/The USD Vista

to seven of their quarantine. As of Sept. 13, 2021, 93% of students, 97% of full-time employees, and 94% of all employees (both full and part-time) are fully vaccinated.

Regardless of vaccination status, all students are encouraged to test for COVID-19 if they are

exposed to it. The closest testing location to USD is the former USD Electronics Recycling Center located at 5330 Linda Vista Rd, San Diego, CA 92110. It is important to note that although the testing site is on campus, it is not affiliated with the USD Health Center.

Therefore, one must make a reservation at <https://lhi.care/covidtesting> in order to get tested at that location. You can find other COVID-19 Testing locations from the San Diego County website. For those who are required to get tested weekly on campus (unvaccinated students and employees), USD provides a step-by-step guide on how to do so in USD Fall COVID Testing Guidelines using the Quickbase app.

As of now, there is no official policy on if and how students should be attending classes and

keeping up with schoolwork if they have gotten COVID-19. Corinne Hoare, Professor from the Department of Communications, is offering her quarantining students the opportunity to attend classes via Zoom if they feel healthy enough to do so.

However, she does note that this is only an option if she has received a letter from USD confirming that 1) one had been directed to quarantine or 2) currently having COVID-19 symptoms and waiting on test results. It is important to check the syllabus for all classes to check each professor's policy regarding attending classes and making up assignments due to COVID-19.

For additional information regarding USD's action plan against COVID-19 and updated information, visit Onward USD: USD COVID-19 Campus Action Plan.

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EDITORIAL

Rock bottom isn't the end

Sometimes passions can be hard to identify, but that's okay

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A distraction is different from a leisurely activity. A leisurely activity is different from a hobby, and a hobby is different from a passion. A distraction can be the smallest thing that takes your mind off of something, but it doesn't have to be enjoyable. A leisurely activity can be something enjoyable, but may not be something that you want to do over and over again. A hobby may be something you enjoy doing over and over again, but not something you have strong feelings about. A passion is when you love to do something so much that you are able to talk and think about it often. It is healthy to have all of the above in your life. They are all pretty attainable, except for a passion.

Do you have something that gets you out of bed in the morning because you're so excited about it? Is there something that you cannot wait to talk to your friends about and something you truly feel you could spend a lot of time doing? I know many people who had trouble figuring out that aspect of their life, including myself.

One particular person was able to help me realize how I should prioritize finding this out for myself. I am a fan of YouTuber Emma Chamberlain. Unlike other celebrities, I genuinely feel like I relate to her really well. I listen to her podcast

called "Anything Goes" whenever I am driving for a long period of time. When I was driving from my home in Northern California to San Diego, I listened to one of her podcast episodes called "rock bottom."

In the episode, Chamberlain brought up something that I never really thought about before: once you've hit rock bottom, the only way is up from there. She also talked about how she got out of "rock bottom" by honing in on what makes her happiest in life and figuring out what she is most passionate about. She had distractions, leisurely activities, and hobbies, but was still feeling unmotivated and unhappy.

I won't spoil the podcast for you, but Chamberlain figured out what her passion was by taking a break from social media. She was surprised to learn that her passion was an activity she used to do a few years back. Chamberlain believed that this activity was too time consuming in her past, but quickly found out that it was what she needed back in her life in order for her to feel motivated and happy.

Whenever I am especially stressed, I can identify distractions and hobbies that will cure me for the time being. However, I have yet to find a passion. But, I hope that is what college will uncover for me.

I went through a period over quarantine when I was obsessed with finding out what my passion was. It sounds stupid



Students on campus have found that art is something they love talking about and can do over and over again.

Jaden Hauptman/The USD Vista

now, but I tried everything: reading, yoga, cooking, and I even bought an embroidery kit. I got bored from each of those things after a while. I was stumped that I couldn't find what I was passionate about, but at least I had shortened my list of possibilities.

Even though many people may be like me, and are eager to learn what they are passionate

about, I realized it is something that comes naturally. One cannot "wait for their passion" or "follow their passion" because it is not natural.

I was reading an article by Forbes recently, which mentioned a study done by Stanford University. It read, "...those who follow the fixed mindset are much more likely to give up when obstacles arise." As

the authors said, "Urging people to find their passion may lead them to put all their eggs in one basket, but then to drop that basket when it becomes difficult to carry."

If you go out of your way to look for your passion, you are more likely to give up on it. I understand getting bored and tired of distractions, leisurely activities, and hobbies because I experience this boredom every day. But, anyone who is in the same boat as me should know that this boredom is normal and should become less prominent as we become older and wiser. As we go through our life experiences, our passions should arise.

The Forbes article and the idea of not following a "fixed mindset" does not apply to Chamberlain. She was lucky, if she truly did discover what her passion was, considering she looked for it intentionally. However, there are no concrete "rules" to finding a passion. Whether you are looking for it or letting it find you, it will come eventually.

What can we do in the meantime? Go through that major, change it if it gets boring, study abroad for a semester, join more organizations on campus, or reduce screen time. Living in the moment can change our lives for the better, but can also cultivate our passions in the future. And if you already have found your passion, I'm jealous.



Many students on campus have been able to identify their passion through sports, such as football.

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EDITORIAL

If Addison Rae can do it, so can I

How dropping out of school to become an influencer is starting to look more and more appealing

TAYLOR DEGUZMAN
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Influencer from Page 1 since the Forbes article came out and Rae has dipped her toes into basically every industry in Hollywood. This year, she was the star in Netflix’s reboot of “She’s All That” titled “He’s All That,” she released her first single “Obsessed” in March and was set to perform at the iHeartRadio Music Festival on Sept. 18. She launched her own cruelty-free makeup line “Item Beauty” and continues to add to her list of successful brand deals like American Eagle, Fashion Nova, and more.

If I had the opportunity to do all of this, I would. I would love to live that lifestyle of traveling the world for work, meeting and making so many friends, and attending big, prestigious events that people famously watch on television. When I begin to compare, what can feel like a monotonous school schedule with the glitz and the glamour

of being a college drop-out, social media influencer, there’s no question which one I would choose. But, it’s easy to assume that a certain lifestyle is ideal when all I see are the highlight reels, the dollar signs, the Met Gala invitations, and the fame.

I get so blinded by the lights (Alexa play “Blinding Lights” by The Weeknd) that I forget to take a step back, log off social media, and look at the life I have.

I don’t have to worry about hate comments or the awful, nasty things people say behind a screen – my biggest worries in life include whether or not I’ll find parking at school, or if I’ll have enough money to support weekly Trader Joe’s hauls.

I don’t worry about paparazzi following my every move, or the world watching every single thing I say or do; I make mistakes, I learn, sometimes I don’t think before I speak because I’m human, something we forget that influencers and famous people are too.

The next four years of my life aren’t planned out to a

tee, bound by contracts and deals; I find peace where I am, doing things that a 21-year-old does, and spontaneously going out, planning adventures and experiences while I can in this stage of life.

And it’s here that I ground myself in gratefulness, that I stop comparing my life to others’ lives who I will never truly be able to understand. Because, I am so grateful for the life I live. Every day, I get to wake up in a beautiful home with four of my best friends. I get to experience life with them: booking random concert tickets, casually running to the beach after school, staying up way too late, having to get up way too early, and talking about nothing and everything altogether at once.

I might not be attending the Met Gala or the VMA’s and I might not be earning seven figures or signing contracts with Netflix; but, I realize that there are unforgettable memories I’ve made during college, that there are friendships and relationships I’ll forever hold on



Influencers make dropping out of college and moving to L.A. look glamorous.

Photo courtesy of Nathan DeFiesta/Unsplash

to, and a diploma with my name on it next year, that neither the Met Gala nor seven figures could ever replace.

So I ask myself once more: should I drop out of college and become an influencer?

To which I respond: I wouldn’t trade my 12-hour day at school, where I spend

seven hours running from class to class to three hour class, from meeting to meeting to a 15-minute lunch in between meetings, and to my on-campus job where I earn roughly \$14 an hour, for the whole world. I am more than happy here. I could never drop out of college and become an influencer.

After the Alcala Bazaar

The importance of joining clubs and organizations while also taking care of yourself

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Last Tuesday, Sept. 14, USD saw the jubilant return of the annual Fall Alcala Bazaar to campus. Dozens of organizations lined Colachis Plaza, eager to spark interest in students. Needless to say, the Bazaar was a success in recruiting new members to every club in the plaza.

Now that the Alcala Bazaar is over, the time has come to get involved in the USD community. This is certainly the more daunting part of the deal. Signing your name on a list is easy, but participating in a club, on a team, or with an organization is the challenging part. It requires time and effort, which varies from one extracurricular to the next.

Having other activities and hobbies is important for many reasons. They offer creative outlets, great experiences, connections, and even look good on a resume. However, it is also easy to become over involved, and that can have catastrophic effects on grades and mental health.

As upperclassmen may know – and students living



Hundreds of students went to the Alcala Bazaar to sign up for clubs/organizations that interested them.

on campus for the first year are sure to learn – college is a whole new ballgame in many ways. One huge difference is the level of independence that college students suddenly find themselves with, and that means balancing their own school work, extracurricular activities, and free time. All three are important and it can be easy to accidentally end up with too much of one.

If your coursework is too demanding, you will not have the time for clubs, or even to hang out with your friends. Not having enough involvement

leads to too much free time, and as fun as that might sound, it is also time wasted. As students are adding in new activities, they need to make sure that they refrain from taking on too much so that they are still able to manage school work and have time to relax.

I know that it is easy to see all of the intriguing options offered at the Alcala Bazaar and sign up, and it is good to test out several, but we all have limits of how much we can handle at once, and that is nothing to be ashamed of. I am the kind of person who is

Jaden Hauptman/The USD Vista constantly on the go. I love to try new things and keep myself busy. However, I have fallen into the trap of trying to do too much and I paid the price for it.

My first time attending the Alcala Bazaar was virtual, but even so I was still overwhelmed looking at everything USD had to offer. I wanted to join more clubs than I could count. Soon afterwards, the emails began to flood in, and I quickly realized that I did not have time for each activity I had signed up for. I could not balance school, work, and go to meetings every single

day, especially while I was still living at home. I found myself forced to sacrifice my grades or free time and then I became totally overwhelmed and stressed out. I learned that it is important to learn how much I can take on while still staying happy.

It can be hard to figure out what activities matter the most. As the next few weeks pass by, you might realize that there are two or three organizations that you are really excited and passionate about. Those ones should be priorities and others may have to take a back seat or you might even have to give them up.

Choosing which extracurricular activities you are most passionate about can be daunting. Think about where your passions lie, and what you would have fun putting work towards. What do you want to get better at? What do you look forward to attending? Where have you made strong positive connections?

It all depends on what you are looking to get out of the experience. And whatever that may be, remember to balance all of your responsibilities so that you are caring for your health, succeeding, and having fun.

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POV: FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE POST-COVID

Looking forward to a fun-filled and safe semester.

After a year without in-person events, or even any face-to-face interactions, Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) is more than ready to be together again. Just as excited as USD students and faculty are for the opportunity to start bringing the university's community together again, so is FSL.

USD senior, and president of Delta Tau Delta fraternity, Jake Ryan, is thrilled to be back on campus and is looking forward to an eventful semester.

"I'm looking forward to hanging out with everyone face-to-face. It's been a long time coming and I'm excited to be back in person," Ryan said.

Yet, Ryan knows that it is important that they maintain and uphold both university and the San Diego community COVID-19 guidelines.

"We are allowed two events by Interfraternity Council (IFC) guidelines. We plan to stay as up to date as possible with DJ Mahoney (Associate Director for FSL) and the others on the IFC executive team regarding COVID guidelines and protocol," said Ryan.

Similarly, Tyler Young, USD senior and Vice President of Brotherhood in Beta Theta Pi, is also extremely enthusiastic about everyone being back together again.

"We just had our first in person chapter which was really exciting. The energy in the room was unlike anything else I've seen since I've joined," said Young.

One of the most important things with coming back to the campus community for FSL are the in-person events. These range from "date dashes," where a fraternity or sorority is hosting members who are allowed to bring a date to a themed event. "Formals" are where everyone dresses up for an occasion, typically at an off-campus venue and dates are welcome as well. There are also philanthropy events, where each chapter will have an event for their charities of choice to raise money. There are also brotherhood or sisterhood events, which are smaller gatherings where members of the chapter bond.

"We have a date dash, a formal, and a bunch of brotherhood events, so I'm excited for the entire Panhellenic community to be involved again," Young said.

USD senior, Marti Fromm, is the president of Gamma Phi Beta sorority. She explained that she is ready to share the university's FSL experience with those who missed out over the past year.

"Having as much in-person activities as possible for the sophomores and juniors, especially, who haven't been able to have any in-person experience so far in the FSL community, is especially important," said Fromm.

Fromm explained that the sorority is ready to foster connections amongst members who have been apart for so long. She is also excited to be back with her executive team, fulfilling their leadership roles together at last.



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"I'm looking forward to making deeper connections with the women in my chapter and being able to have a much more hands-on approach to the way that my executive board and I felicitate everything in GPHI," said Fromm.

Fallon Judy is a USD senior and the president of Alpha Chi Omega sorority. She is thrilled for what in-person events bring in terms of sisterhood and in supporting their local and national philanthropies.

"In October, we'll be hosting our favorite philanthropy event, "Walk a Mile", which is held for domestic violence awareness," said Judy. "It's a lot of fun and it really brings out the best in our community."

Judy is prepared for "Walk a Mile" to return to its former glory, with as many people participating as possible and the men on campus wearing high heels in honor of the women that are survivors of domestic violence. Yet, she also noted how important it is to maintain COVID guidelines within the community.

"All of our chapter events are mask-mandatory and anything indoors we do as required by nationals (the national sorority level in which a team of executives make decisions and protocol for other chapters around the nation)," said Judy. "We're happy to participate in keeping our community safe and healthy."

FSL is ready, more than ever, to enjoy each other's long awaited company. The community is happy to be back to what they have all missed so much; serving their philanthropic causes, attending events together, and strengthening their communities.



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FEATURE

USD takes greener steps toward change

Uncovering USD’s achievements in sustainability and the collective effort behind it

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As more people continue to try and find new solutions to help mitigate the environmental crisis impacting the world, USD has proven itself to be a committed player in the collective fight toward environmental justice.

Just this year, the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) awarded USD with a gold star ranking for its efforts in sustainability. AASHE uses The Sustainability Tracking, Assessment, and Rating System (STARS) to measure the success of higher education establishments in their individual endeavors toward becoming more sustainable.

The ranking system focuses on five key categories: academics, engagement, operations, planning and administration, and innovation and leadership. The gold ranking is one below the highest-ranking of platinum, which is an achievement that USD hopes to earn by 2024, according to Director of Sustainability at USD, Trey McDonald.

The Sustainability Club President, USD senior, Hannah Phelps, shared her excitement on this achievement and her optimism for USD’s future in sustainability.

“USD just recently earned the STARS gold rating, which

is a big deal. Universities are assessed and ranked on a scale of sustainable efforts and actions, and we improved from our previous silver rating,” Phelps said. “The highest is Platinum which is an aspiration, but we are headed in the right direction.”

There are various organizations at USD focused on making more sustainable changes within their line of work. For example, Auxiliary Services made great strides toward sustainability in dining.

One of the most notable contributions made to dining was the introduction of the Ozzi Box. The Ozzi Box is a reusable to-go box that helps limit the waste caused by single-use to-go boxes. These boxes are found in both Student Life Pavilion dining and Tu Mercado, and the program has grown in popularity since the beginning of this academic year.

Other behind-the-scenes contributions from Auxiliary Services include the implementation of the BioHiTech Digester machine located in the dish room. The BioHiTech Digester takes food scraps and waste and breaks them down with enzymes, converting it into liquid that can be put down drains rather than having the food end up in the landfill.

Loryn Johnson, Auxiliary Services Marketing and Licensing Director, shared that the BioHiTech Digester helped reduce our campus’



USD Dining services offer Ozzi boxes as a more sustainable alternative to use for to-go meals.

waste production, a major goal for Auxiliary Services.

USD also works with New Leaf Biofuel, a company that collects the dining hall’s cooking grease and filters

it to create biodiesel, an alternative transportation fuel.

Social and academic resources also made their own contributions toward increased campus sustainability,

earning USD the gold star ranking. Student outreach and engagement can be as important as the work done by higher-authority organizations such as the Office of Sustainability.

McDonald additionally emphasized the importance of collective action.

“One thing that a lot of people still believe is that sustainability is just about the environment, and it’s not,” McDonald said. “It really is about how our approaches involve environmental stewardship, but also social responsibility and fiscal responsibility.”

However, McDonald gives all due credit to USD’s mission to commit and devote efforts to pressing matters and to those individuals who help execute the plans.

“USD has a lot of strengths in those areas, particularly the social. I mean, look at the anchor institution and the changemaker emphasis. So all credit needs to go to those departments and those organizations on campus. It’s a nod to the faculty,” McDonald said.

With great strides already made toward sustainability and even more exciting plans for the future, students, faculty, and community members alike have much to celebrate. Moreover, with the current sustainability and food waste issues that the world faces, it is more relevant now, than ever, that USD has begun to chip away at the work that needs to be done.



The BioHiTech Digester is a tool that utilizes food waste and repurposes it to be broken down into waste water.

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ARTS & CULTURE

Trendy boba shops to visit near campus

How USD students can get their boba fix all around San Diego

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“Hey, wanna get boba?”

For some USD students, this is a rather common question, to which many would immediately agree.

Why? Because boba is sweet and refreshing, and it’s so easy to get a group of friends together for a quick boba run. But what is it, exactly?

Bubble tea, more commonly referred to as boba, is a popular drink consisting of milk tea and tapioca pearls.

Although the exact origins of bubble tea remain unknown, it is believed that the popular drink originated in Taiwan and migrated to the U.S. in the late ‘80s, where the tasty drink soared in popularity over the next few decades.

Now, boba reflects a huge part of Asian-American youth culture and is consumed on the daily by any and all ages.

The drink itself even evolved, with options for fruit tea available in addition to more traditional milk tea flavors.

Toppings like lychee jelly and crystal boba were added to menus as well.

Luckily for USD students, San Diego is home to several different boba shops; some are even within walking distance from campus. During breaks between classes, check out these cool spots to go for a fun drink with friends.

VISTA LEGEND:

\$ - Affordable

\$\$- Splurge a little

\$\$\$- Absolutely ball out

Tan-Cha - \$

5375 Napa St #108, San Diego, CA 92110

Located right down Linda Vista Road in the Mission Valley Plaza is the relatively new boba shop, Tan-Cha. With its primary location on Convoy Street, Tan-Cha’s bright interior and aesthetic sign make for a great area to take pictures or hang out with friends.

The boba shop is popular for those who like cheese foam or tiramisu on top of their milk tea. Tan-Cha offers a variety of milk teas, including matcha, brown sugar and oolong.

They also have some tasty fruit teas like Strawberry Green Tea and the Super Fruit Tea. Or, to really mix things up, customers can order brulee teas and creamios. Regular teas average from \$5 to \$6, while specialty drinks are usually \$6 to \$7.

USD junior, Kenneth Manlapaz, is a former employee of Tan-Cha and certified lover of boba. He recommended ordering the Super Lemon Tea.

“It’s exactly as the name says. It’s super lemon-y, but you can really taste the freshly brewed roasted oolong tea. It’s sour, but in a good way,” Manlapaz explained.

Manlapaz also recommended Feng Cha located in Liberty



Manlapaz can make anything from Matcha to Lemon Yakult boba teas.

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Park Plaza for those who are already fans of Tan-Cha.

Sharetea - \$

5265 Linda Vista Rd Ste 201 San Diego, CA 92110

Right down the street from USD is Sharetea, a perfect spot for those who are unfamiliar with boba.

Sharetea is located right next to J&T Thai, which makes it a great option for dessert. With a wide array of fruit teas and milk teas to choose from, Sharetea also offers customers the option to adjust the ice and sweetness levels of their drinks.

Toppings include boba pearls, pudding, ice cream, lychee jelly and aloe vera. Boba pearls and other toppings are available as add-ons for \$0.75, while the average milk or fruit tea costs around \$4 to \$5.

Caitlyn Parel, a USD sophomore, currently works at the Sharetea located in Mira Mesa. Although the list of tea choices seems endless, Parel suggested ordering the Taro Ice Blend with Oreo.

“Taro has been my favorite flavor since I was little, and cookies and cream flavor is always really good. So I just wanted to try them together. The results are delicious,” Parel said.

Tea n More - \$

7380 Clairemont Mesa Blvd #111, San Diego, CA 92111

Right in the heart of Convoy is Tea n More. Notorious for being the unofficial designated boba shop for the Ugnayan Student Organization’s (FUSO) Boba Night, Tea n More has a relaxed atmosphere

is when it comes to ordering.

She also loves their Iced Jasmine Green Tea.

Bautista noted, “For me, I just like it simple. I get it with the lychee jelly. I just like the floral paired with the fruity when I’m not feeling anything with milk.”

Honorable mentions

For more specialty drinks and other drink options, try Ding Tea, Happy Lemon or Mngo. If it’s a fruit tea kind of day, browse the selection at Kung Fu Tea or R&B Tea.

And for those who are milk tea aficionados, definitely visit Rare Tea or the Wushiland inside the 99 Ranch Market. All of these boba shops are located on Convoy Street or within the surrounding areas.

So, when someone starts craving something sweet, suggest visiting a fun boba shop.

There are so many in San Diego just waiting to be discovered and enjoyed. Boba really does cater to any and all taste preferences, even the pickiest of eaters. The drink can be as sweet, fruity, or flavorful as someone wants to make it. There is always something new to try, too!

Also, who doesn’t love some fun toppings that will totally elevate this drink. These boba shops will have something for everyone to enjoy, and it’s always a fun, new experience for any foodie out there.



Tea n More is the boba shop of choice for FUSO’s Boba Night event.

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The taro ice blend with boba pearls and Oreo toppings.

Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Parel

Making statements at the Met Gala

Celebrities who made people’s heads turn on the white carpet

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Since 1948, the Met Gala continues to serve fashion, fame, and history. Each year, the elite of the world gather in Manhattan’s own Metropolitan Museum of Art. After there was no event in 2020, this year the world watched on the edge of their seats to see the famous flaunt what we don’t have and say what we need to hear. Each year the Met Gala embraces a different theme for attendees to follow. Each individual uses their creative freedom to interpret the theme on their own. Many designers and elite decided to use this year’s theme of “American Independence” as an opportunity to make a statement, and some definitely made an impactful one. The most famous and iconic politicians, musicians, and actors all came together to put on a “PR Super Bowl.”

Cara Delevingne

Cara Delevingne is a model, feminist activist, and an advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. Her Met Gala looks for the past nine years have flattered many dedicated fans. Her 2021 outfit was an all white ensemble with the words “PEG the PATRIARCHY” written in red on a bulletproof vest. With such a large following, Cara Delevingne

knew that if she wanted to say something to the public, this is where she could do it. Some used the Gala to break boundaries and start a conversation, but Delevingne didn’t need to say anything at all. Dior’s head designer, Maria Grazia Chiuri, wanted to collaborate with Delevingne to make a simple statement that didn’t call for much imagination. “PEG the PATRIARCHY” stands for female empowerment and gender equality. They wanted to literally “stick it to the man.”

NikkieTutorials

Nikkie de Jager (NikkieTutorials), a Youtube sensation from a young age, was inspired to represent Marsha “pay it no mind” Johnson. In Jan. of 2020, NikkieTutorials came out as transgender after

a lot of media speculation. Now, she is an icon for the transgender community. For the Met Gala, NikkieTutorials wanted to pay homage to Johnson, who was at the forefront of the Stonewall riots and an icon for the LGBTQ+ community. NikkieTutorials’ dress is created by Edwin Oudshoorn Couture, and it’s filled with pink, yellow, and red flowers. 18k gold flowers, leaves and buds surround the crown, which was created by goldsmith Digna Gorkovoi. The flower crown was the main characteristic that connected her to Johnson’s legacy. Johnson’s death is widely known as a tragedy and that is why there is still a great amount of attention on this historic figure. NikkieTutorials’ beautiful tribute is the true meaning behind the Met Gala’s theme

this year: to honor those who changed society and made America a better place.

Dan Levy

Dan Levy, the star of Schitt’s Creek, wore the designer Loewe, created by Johnathan Anderson. This particular piece featured an outline of two men kissing over a background of world maps. It also had enormous puff-sleeves and pants, which continues the theme of the world map. This design was based off of the late artist and LGBTQ+ activist, David Wojnarowicz. In Loewe’s design, Wojnarowicz’s drawing was hand stitched with beads onto a polo. The message behind this beautiful statement was to look away from hate and celebrate LGBTQ+ love and visibility. The imagery of this clothing

AOC - Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez

The Representative of New York City arrived at the Met Gala in a custom Brother Vellies ivory wool jacket dress with the message “Tax the Rich.” This particular look at the Met Gala caused a lot of buzz in the media. Each seat at the Met Gala costs \$35,000, which according to critics pulls from the focus of the message AOC is trying to send. Designers and corporate sponsors paid \$35,000 for her seat. There is still a lot of speculation and critiques stating how “hypocritical” it was to make such a strong statement. Many socialists were stunned by her message because so many believe the Met Gala is best to be shunned. On the other hand, there is still a large amount of Met Gala viewers who support her message. The Met Gala brings together a group of diversified figures under the public eye. Attendees use their platform to start a conversation, pay homage to icons, support all forms of love, promote gender equality, and inspire fashion enthusiasts everywhere. This year’s Met Gala left a great impact for the next years to follow.



The infamous Met Gala white carpet, where celebrities show off their looks.

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The USD Vista reviews the Rooftop Cinema Club

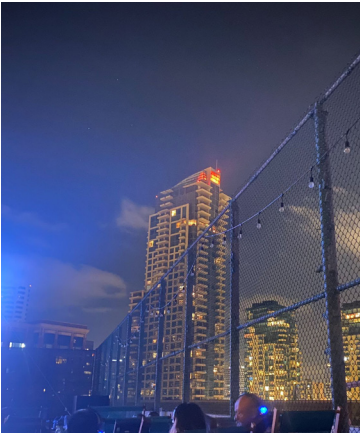
Watch a movie under the stars in Downtown San Diego

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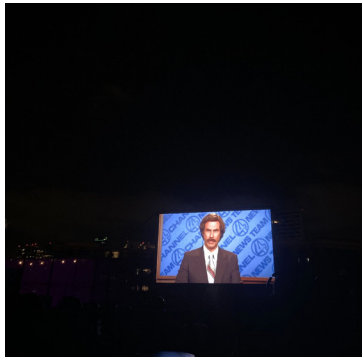
As drive-in movies and boujee, full-dinner service theaters start gaining greater popularity around the U.S., it seems like the perfect time to try out one of San Diego’s best-kept secrets: the Rooftop Cinema Club downtown. This experience of watching a movie is unlike any other, considering a turn of the head puts the Coronado Bridge or Petco Park into view. While “Pulp Fiction” or “Black Panther” reverberates through the big screen, patrons can lean back in comfy lounge chairs, munch on buttery popcorn, and zone out as the stars begin to illuminate the night sky. However, this begs the question: is it worth it? Is it worth facing a possible fear of heights or worrying that the wind may topple the popcorn and the \$5 that goes down the drain to venture to the Rooftop Cinema Club? Time to find out. **Where:** Rooftop Cinema Club Embarcadero on the 4th floor terrace at the Manchester Grand Hyatt San Diego.

What movie: “Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy.” First of all, the location of the Rooftop Cinema Club is quite unbeatable. Nestled on the 4th floor of the Manchester Grand Hyatt hotel, this spot caters to anyone not looking for your typical movie experience: crowded in a room with uncomfortable leather chairs and stale popcorn. Not only are you watching a film literally under the stars, you are also looking out at an insane view of downtown San Diego, which you don’t come by often. Thankfully, though, the screen is big enough that I was never really distracted

during the movie. The Cinema Club offers multiple different seating options, as well. The basic lounge seat comes with an adjustable deckchair, which is surprisingly comfortable and large; this ticket goes for \$17.50, with the ability to add on popcorn for an additional \$3. Better yet, they also have student discounts, bringing down the price to \$18.45 versus \$20.50. My group and I bought the student lounge seat and popcorn option, and were extremely satisfied with our choice. We didn’t feel like we were missing out on the “love seat” or bean bag chairs because we had a great view of the movie and got to sit all together. In comparison, the “love seat” chairs are double-width deckchairs, which are meant to be shared by two people. For students, these would be \$21.60 with popcorn. Similarly, bean bags chairs provide a larger, more comfortable seating option, and these go for \$19.80 with popcorn. The “love seat” and bean bag chairs are only different from the basic lounge seat in that they are larger options and placed closer to the movie



Downtown San Diego in full view. Anna Valaik/The USD Vista



Ron Burgundy on the big screen. Photo courtesy of Riley Weeden screen. If you are concerned with being comfortable or not being able to see the movie, maybe consider these two options.

Considering we bought the tickets that come with popcorn, we were incredibly excited to try it out and see how it compares to the classic, buttery movie theater popcorn. Thankfully, it did not disappoint. It was super easy to navigate their concessions and receive our popcorn. The employee informed us that they use vegan butter, which is great for those with allergies and dietary restrictions. The portion size was perfect to munch on throughout the movie. They also sell candy and have a full bar to indulge in for those 21+. The Cinema Club also

provides you with headphones, and that is how you listen to the movie. We loved this because we weren’t distracted by outside noise. It literally felt like you were fully immersed in the movie. In terms of COVID-19 protocols, they sanitize the headphones for the customer’s safety. Also, they recommend patrons bring blankets and sweatshirts as the rooftop can get cold, and they can no longer provide blankets due to COVID-19 protocols. I would highly recommend listening to their suggestions so you do not get cold and uncomfortable during the movie experience. All in all, my group and I agreed we would all go back to the Rooftop Cinema Club, and maybe next time during Halloween when they are showing iconic Halloween-themed movies. Their October movie calendar was just released, so act quick if you want to watch “Hocus Pocus” under the stars during the holiday season. We truly felt we got our money’s worth, and more. Now we can say we watched an iconic Will Ferrell movie while looking out on all of beautiful downtown San Diego. What’s better than that?

SPORTS

Toreros unable to bear Bruins' talent for 90 minutes

Women's soccer falls to no. 3 UCLA in hard-fought game

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The University of San Diego women's soccer team was back at home on Thursday evening, coming up against the University of California, Los Angeles Bruins.

The team knew they were going to have a tough game ahead of them going into Thursday night's match. Redshirt junior defender and team captain, Michaela Foster, prepared her team for the challenge.

"We knew what we were up against, they're ranked third in the country at the moment, so it was always going to be a big challenge," Foster said.

The Toreros played through a tough first half, conceding two goals to the Bruins. The goals were scored in the 36th minute and immediately before halftime in the 45th. Both goals were scored by UCLA's junior forward, Mia Fishel.

The second half was a defensive battle by the Toreros to keep the score at 0-2.

Senior goalkeeper, Ellyn Casto, made four saves to deny the Bruins. Good defense by first-year defenders, Mia Castillo and Tiana Eglund, kept USD in the match until the final whistle.

However, the Toreros couldn't find an answer to the Bruins' first half. The UCLA



Senior goalkeeper Ellyn Casto makes a save against UCLA during the second half.

Photo Courtesy of USD Athletics Communications

defense limited USD to three shots total over the course of the game, and the Bruins' senior goalkeeper, Lauren Brzykcy, saved both the Toreros' shots on goal.

In the 83rd minute, a free kick was awarded to USD and a yellow card was given to UCLA junior defender, Kylie Kerr.

The ball was lifted into the box, but the Toreros couldn't control it, and it was eventually cleared away by the Bruins.

The game ended with a Torero attack. A final attempt at a cross was sent into the box, but it was missed by both the

UCLA and USD players. The loss put USD's record at 4-3 on the season.

Foster, who played the full 90 minutes on Thursday, was positive, even in defeat.

"I'm proud of the effort that went into tonight. I'm proud of all the girls. We never gave up. We ended up chasing the ball a lot, but we were always in it and even in the last minute we were pushing," Foster said.

Head coach Louise Lieberman agreed with Foster on the positives of the game.

"I'm really proud of our girls, they executed in terms of work

rate, our attacking and defense game plan. I'm really proud of them," Lieberman said after the game.

Lieberman knew her team could hold their own against a team like UCLA.

"I did expect us to play as hard and as well as we did. When you're playing against a very talented team like UCLA there are going to be moments where they capitalize, and they did," Lieberman said. "My expectation was that it would be a fairly even match, but there were times where UCLA had some really good moments."

Both Foster and Lieberman are excited to continue their season and learn from their games against the best.

"There's a lot of work ons to move forward into our next game on Sunday. We're looking to have more possession because you gotta have the ball in order to win," Foster said.

There is still time to improve for USD women's soccer, and Lieberman is planning on taking lessons from the game against UCLA into the rest of the season.

"In many moments it was an even match, and where it wasn't, that's where we're going to try and grow from in order to apply it to the next game and the next game and continue to grow and develop," Lieberman said.

Lieberman also emphasized the commitment of her athletes to the pursuit of reaching their goals for the season.

"In every single game that we've played we've grown as a team. But it's because I'm dealing with some incredible student-athletes, who are intelligent, hardworking, and passionate about Torero soccer and this team," Lieberman said.

After taking on University of California, Santa Barbara on Sept. 19, the Toreros will move on to their last game before their West Coast Conference schedule begins, playing the University of Denver here at home on Saturday, Sept. 25.

Weekly Recap

Volleyball splits games in LA, men's and women's soccer attempt to get points on the road

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Torero Athletics is a busy program, and it's hard to attend every game you might want to see. Every week, we will provide a quick recap of the rest of the athletic schedule that you couldn't make it to for the past weekend. This week, volleyball, football, and men's soccer played away — check in with how their seasons are progressing.

Men's Soccer

The University of San Diego men's soccer team played the University of California, Irvine Anteaters on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at home and recorded their sixth loss of the season.

UC Irvine scored two goals in the first half and one in the second half to put the Toreros down 0-3. Senior goalkeeper

Berk Watson made two saves but couldn't keep out Irvine's other three shots during the game.

Sophomore forward Nicklas Clausen was able to get his third goal of the season and pull one back for the Toreros in the 66th minute, making the final score 1-3 in favor of the Anteaters.

The Toreros recorded 20 shots total with 10 shots on target during the course of the game, but other than Clausen's goal, they couldn't get the ball over the line.

USD rounded out the weekend's games with a 1-3 loss on the road to California State University (CSU) Fullerton Titans on Sunday, Sept. 19.

First-year forward, Luke Pardoe, opened the scoring for the game with his strike in the 22nd minute, but CSU Fullerton was able to level the score six minutes later in the 28th.

The Titans struck twice in quick succession in the second

half, scoring thirty seconds apart in the 77th and 78th minutes, to put the game out of reach for the Toreros.

Men's soccer returned home on Wednesday, Sept. 22 to play the University of California, San Diego for the first time since UCSD became a Division I school. The first edition of the newest San Diego college rivalry began at 7 p.m. at Torero Stadium.

Volleyball

On Friday, Sept. 17, USD volleyball traveled to Los Angeles last weekend to play the University of Southern California (USC).

The Toreros won the first set 25-22, and then dropped the next two sets, 25-20 and 25-13 to put USD down 2-1. However, the Toreros were able to make a comeback in the last two sets, winning 25-19 and 15-13 to take

the game against USC 3-2.

Junior opposite/setter, Grace Frohling, led the team in kills and aces against the Trojans, with senior libero, Annie Benbow, leading in digs.

USD volleyball continued their road trip against Long Beach State University (LBSU) on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Despite the Toreros' best efforts, LBSU took the first two sets 20-25, 18-25. USD came back to win the third set 25-19, but couldn't hold on in the fourth set, losing to LBSU 23-25, and dropping the match 1-3 overall.

Frohling and Benbow led again in kills and digs respectively. Sophomore middle blocker, Leyla Blackwell, led the Toreros in blocks.

Volleyball opens play in their West Coast Conference schedule this weekend, playing Saint Mary's University on Thursday, Sept. 23, and the University of

the Pacific on Saturday, Sept. 25. Both games will be played at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Football

University of San Diego football fell to the Montana State University (MSU) Bobcats on Saturday, Sept. 18.

Montana State scored three times in the first quarter to put the score at 0-21.

Graduate student and quarterback, Mason Randall, threw two interceptions in the second quarter that Montana was able to turn into touchdowns to put the Bobcats up 35 points.

The Torero defense couldn't find a way to stop MSU, with the Graduate student and running back, Terrrence Smith, rushed for a total gain of 30 yards during the game. Redshirt sophomore running back, Rhyle Hanson, and first-year wide receiver, **See Weekly Recap, Page 12**

Servin’ aces with the Toreros

Getting to know USD tennis student athletes

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There is a new stadium on campus and Torero athletes and students can’t wait to be in attendance. The Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center is set to host some of the nation’s best talent this year and USD has no shortage of great athletes.

The full renovation equipped the arena with a brand new sound system, electronic scoreboard, a new concrete structure, and plenty more. The anticipation of seeing Torero athletes playing at the new stadium is buzzing all over campus, and no one is more excited than the USD athletes.

Players from both the men’s and women’s tennis teams shared some of the challenges they faced this past year and what they are most excited about this upcoming season.

USD redshirt sophomore, Elizabeth Goldsmith, who was given the nickname “EG” by her friends and teammates, sat down to share what she’s done to stay focused with training and academics.

“It’s tough, it’s really really tough. For me it was eliminating social media. Last semester I deleted TikTok, and then Instagram started looking like TikTok so I deleted that too,” Goldsmith said. “Now

this semester I’m so much more focused on school, with determination and motivation to get a really solid education here at USD which I think is just incredible.”

Being a good student requires immense sacrifice, and to be a good student athlete you must make those sacrifices and much more. Goldsmith currently ranks 21st in the nation’s doubles play with her partner, USD redshirt junior, Solymar Colling. In addition to her stellar doubles play, Goldsmith is also ranked no. 117 in singles play. Rankings are based from the International Tennis Association (ITA).

Goldsmith has her sights set on bringing a championship back to the trophy room this year. She already has big moments in her career and plans to add to that list of achievements.

“For me, one of my proudest moments so far was clinching the match against USC and Washington St. in the same year,” Goldsmith said. “People talk about how crazy it must feel to have all that pressure on your shoulders, but until you’re in the moment you can’t quite explain it. I had a chance to help my team to a victory and I am very proud of myself for stepping up and getting it done.”

USD graduate student, Gui Osorio, is also waiting patiently to get back into action after



USD redshirt sophomore Elizabeth “EG” Goldsmith sets up for a serve at the new USD Tennis Center.

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suffering a severe injury that kept him on the sideline this past year, after an outstanding 2019 season that ended with Osorio winning the West Coast Conference Player of the Year award.

In addition to his stellar

performance on the court, Osorio is also a four-time ITA Scholar-Athlete Award winner. To be named an ITA Scholar-Athlete, one must meet the following requirements: 1) have a GPA of at least 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) for the current academic year and

2) be listed on the institutional eligibility form.

Osorio found a very good method of maintaining his academic career as well as athletics at the highest level.

“I am very lucky because I really like the academic part. I know that it is hard sometimes for other people but for me it helps me to be better at prioritizing,” Osorio said. “I go to class, I go to practice, and when I get home I take the time to recover my body. I stretch, and then I get right to doing my homework and anything else I need to do for school.”

Having the mentality to put school first is something all students struggle with, but when you don’t let the distractions get the best of you, the results are extremely worth the hard work and dedication.

The next individual play for the women’s team is Oct. 4 at the ITA Women’s All-American Championships in Charleston, SC.

As for the men’s tennis team, their next individual play is Oct. 1 at the Hagedorn Hidden Duel in San Diego, CA.



The Skip and Cindy Hogan Tennis Center is ready and waiting for USD athletes to win championships on its courts, and for spectators to cheer on the athletes.

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Ja’sseem Reed, made important positive catches to move USD forward during the game.

USD’s only touchdown came in the third quarter with less than four minutes to go.

Redshirt senior tight end, Michael Gadinis, caught graduate student and quarterback, Judd Erickson’s pass to score six points. Junior kicker, Brandon Eickert, converting the extra point to

make the score 7-45.

The Bobcats scored once more in the fourth quarter to widen the gap to 7-52, but Eickert made a field goal with nearly seven minutes to go in the game to make the final score 10-52 to Montana State.

USD football will head to Davidson, North Carolina on Saturday, Sept. 25 to play Davidson College in their first Pioneer Football League (PFL) game of the season.

The Toreros will be looking for their first win of the season and to start off their PFL championship campaign strong, after missing out on the league last season.

Women’s Soccer

After a hot start to the season, USD women’s soccer has played a tough run of games in the past couple of weeks.

They continued their season

on Sunday, Sept. 19, coming up against the University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB) Gauchos on the road.

UCSB scored in the 34th minute for the only goal of the game, causing the Toreros to lose 0-1 and their record to drop to 4-4 for the season.

Head coach Louise Lieberman made several attacking substitutions in the second half to try and level the score with the Gauchos.

The UCSB goalkeeper saved all three of the Toreros’ shots on target.

Women’s soccer returns to Torero Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 25 at 7 p.m. to play the University of Denver.

The following weekend, the Toreros will begin their West Coast Conference schedule, playing Santa Clara University on Saturday, Oct. 2. Men’s soccer also starts WCC play against Gonzaga on Oct. 1.

COMING UP
THIS WEEK

USD VB vs Saint Mary’s
Thursday, Sept. 23
7 p.m.
Jenny Craig Pavilion

USD FB vs Davidson
Saturday, Sept. 25
10 a.m.
Davidson, NC

USD WSOC vs Denver
Saturday, Sept. 25
7 p.m.
Torero Stadium

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