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Students attacked on Mildred & Goshen St.

San Diego Police Department takes the lead on the investigation

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Last Saturday at around 11:10 p.m., USD Public Safety received a call about an assault on two male, USD students. They were walking in the vicinity of Mildred and Goshen St. when they were attacked by another group of males. The two students were injured and received the medical support they needed from paramedics. Public Safety informed the USD community of the incident through an email sent out the next day.

The Assistant Vice President for Public Safety, Chief James Miyashiro, explained that after Public Safety received the call, they arrived at the scene with the paramedics already there. Shortly after, the San Diego Police Department (SDPD) arrived as well.

“We have direct radio contact with the SDPD, so when they’re responding to calls, we hear what they’re responding to. We end up going there too, especially when



The crime took place across the street from campus, next to the University Terrace Apartments.

it affects our students,” Chief Miyashiro said. “We wanted to identify if those were our students

and then find out the hospital, to notify where they’re going.” Last semester, The USD

Jackson Tamoush/ The USD Vista conducted a one-on-one interview with Chief Miyashiro in regard to crimes that Public

Safety has responded to. During this interview, a member of USD’s Public Relations (PR) team sat in on the meeting, listening to the questions and answers. This is a policy enacted by the USD PR Department to oversee student media’s reporting. Although this assault took place across the street, this was still an off-campus incident.

Since the attack occurred outside Public Safety’s range, Officer Paul Macintyre of SDPD is the lead investigator for this assault and battery case. The investigation is still taking place, so there is some information he could not disclose.

“We received the radio call of a male down in the middle of the street around 11 p.m. in the intersection of Goshen and Mildred,” Officer Macintyre said. “Paramedics rendered aid to the subject that was down on the ground and transported him to the hospital for further medical treatment because of the injuries sustained.”

He also shared a description of the suspect.

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Class of 2026: most diverse in USD history

USD first-years and administrators speak on the important achievement

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The University of San Diego’s class of 2026 breaks records as the most diverse class in the university’s history since its founding in 1949. The basis of this accomplishment stems from the statistic that there are more students of color than white students in the new class. However, this is no coincidence for the university as they have been making conscious efforts toward this remarkable achievement.

According to the USD News Center, of the 1,245 students that make up the 2026 class, 49% identify as students of color as opposed to 42% of white students. More specifically, 27% of the class identify as Hispanic, and 5.4% identify as Black, both of which are record highs for the university.



49% of the Class of 2026 identifies as a person of color, compared to 42% white.

Additionally, 24% of the class are first-generation college students. The university, specifically the administration team, is proud of this achievement of increased diversity, as it is proof of its dedication to creating a stronger

multicultural campus community. Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management Steve Pultz shared his excitement about the new accomplishment. “This has been a long-

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NEWS

USD students are victims of assault and battery

SDPD has no leading suspect

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“The suspect is described as a white male, early 20s, wearing a cowboy hat and a black-and-white flannel,” Officer Macintyre said. “We have yet to identify the suspect.”

Officer Macintyre emphasized that, while this is a serious crime, it was not directed toward these students because they are a part of the USD community. “We don’t believe this to be at all directed toward the students specifically,” Officer Macintyre said. “I don’t want to put the [USD] students in fear that people are targeting them specifically, because that is not at all the case with this incident.”

USD junior Ronnie Saenz, a contributor for The USD Vista, lives at the University Terrace Apartments (UTAs), which overlook where the assault took place on Goshen and Mildred St.

Although Saenz did not see the actual assault, he heard commotion both before and after. “I heard an argument around

11 p.m., but I didn’t think anything of it, until it was really quiet and I looked outside my window and saw a group of people around the [person laying] on the street,” Saenz recalled. “It looked like they were calling the police, and a couple minutes later there were sirens and officers putting caution tape around the area.”

The USD Vista will not disclose the names of the victims for safety reasons, as this is an ongoing investigation.

In a public post on a Facebook group for USD parents, the mother of one of the victims released an update on her son’s condition, urging potential witnesses to come forward. “My son and his friend were both knocked unconscious. My son is still in the hospital with multiple facial fractures and a very serious concussion. He may need surgery next week,” she wrote. “Please ask your kids to speak up. We are very lucky that my son does not have permanent brain damage.”

If anyone knows any information about the assault or the suspected assailant, they can contact the Public Safety Department at 619-260-7777 or the San Diego Police Department at 619-531-2000.

Anonymous tips or information can also be shared at: <https://www.sandiego.edu/safety/incident-reporting.php>.

Although both SDPD and Public Safety described this assault as an isolated incident, it is advised that off-campus students still prioritize their safety, especially when they are alone. Chief Miyashiro recommended every student download the app, “Noonlight.” This app is not owned by USD, but is free to download. By holding down on a button on the app, the nearest safety service is notified. If this feature is triggered, the alarm will send emergency services to the user’s location. Student safety, especially for those who live off-campus, is important for students to be aware of.



Goshen and Mildred are home to many off-campus students.
Jackson Tamoush/The USD Vista

Wastewater testing: a ‘natural progression’ of COVID-19 detection

USD’s new program to monitor COVID-19 cases on campus

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Over 30,000 COVID-19 tests were administered on campus last year, and this year University Operations inaugurated a new program to monitor COVID-19 levels before testing is necessary. This new program involves an unlikely component from USD students: their toilet visits. Wastewater, according to the USD News Center, is defined as “used water that contains various types of sewage.” The sewage relevant to the program is domestic, which contains human waste.

Every weekday, 23 samples of wastewater are collected from residential and academic areas on campus. These samples are sent to the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) for testing, and students can view the results of the tests online by navigating the COVID-19 Dashboard of the Onward USD website. This advanced method of virus identification permits students to see the areas on campus that contain a positive case.

“Data has shown that by screening wastewater, even a single infected, asymptomatic person can be detected from within a larger population, such as a dormitory,” University Operations said in an article from

the USD News Center. “Being able to detect positive cases allows the university to notify occupants of that area. Then, the campus community who may have been exposed can monitor themselves for symptoms or get tested.”

Ky Snyder, Vice President of University Operations, explained how this program reflects the evolution of COVID-19 response. “Wastewater testing is a natural progression of the science of understanding COVID-19 and how we can best detect and manage it as part of our lives,” Snyder said. “Wastewater testing allows us to know whether COVID-19 may be present, even before symptoms start to develop for the infected individual.”

Although this program can help minimize testing, Snyder emphasized that USD will still provide other resources for COVID-19 relief. “We are providing free COVID-19 test kits at the Torero Store so that our campus community may test themselves if they may have been exposed,” Snyder explained. “The County COVID-19 testing site located on the western portion of campus in Alcalá Park West continues to be open Tuesday through Saturday for testing as well.”

COVID-19 infections in San Diego County averaged around 406 case counts per day from Sept. 8-14, 2022, according to [SanDiegoCounty.gov](https://www.sandiegocounty.gov).



Wastewater from the Alcalá Vista Apartments being collected.
Salena Chacon/ The USD Vista

Sister Mary Hotz, a professor in the English Department, consistently tracks the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases in both San Diego county and at USD through the wastewater program, to make an informed decision about mask mandates in class. Since the numbers have been diminishing, she made the decision to let the individual students choose if they want to wear masks. As an essential worker, she wears a mask to protect her health, and she respects the decisions of her students if they wish to remain masked or not.

USD sophomore Madison Mai-Prasarnsuk noticed

differences between COVID-19 regulations this year compared to last year at USD, such as the removal of random testing and the move from PCR testing to self and rapid testing.

“None of my classes require masks. It definitely seems more relaxed,” Mai-Prasarnsuk noted regarding Covid regulations for the 2022 school year.

Unlike Mai-Prasarnsuk, USD first-year Michaela Garcia could only compare her experience with COVID-19 rules between USD and her high school. “Last year in my high school, it was enforced that we wear masks and social distance. Going to USD,

they don’t enforce masks in most of my classes and there isn’t really any social distancing. It’s a lot more relaxed at USD,” Garcia said.

Both Mai-Prasarnsuk and Garcia are comfortable without wearing masks in class, but they are willing to put one on if necessary. When making the decision whether or not to wear a mask in class, students should monitor their symptoms, and wear a mask to class if they feel unwell. Also, students can consult the outcomes of the wastewater testing.

“You can go to the SanDiego.edu/onward site and review daily wastewater data on COVID-19’s presence on campus. Buildings are highlighted if COVID-19 has been detected in the wastewater of that building. In addition, if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 and has been in a campus building in the last 24 hours, a small red dot will appear on that building,” Synder wrote in an email.

Wastewater testing demonstrates the advancement of COVID-19 detection technology and how the environment can be used to indicate the presence of COVID-19 as opposed to testing individuals. If students reside in a building that has reported a high number of COVID-19 cases, they may consider taking extra precautions and wearing a mask to class, or taking advantage of the COVID-19 tests provided by the school.

Club sports face budget cuts

Club sports leaders deal with the repercussions of less ASG funding

ABIGAIL CAVIZO
NEWS EDITOR

Coming out of lockdown and returning to the “new normal” of open businesses, relaxed mask mandates and open travel, inflation has become the latest factor to impact business expenditures. Due to increased demands of certain goods and services, this inflation caused the prices to rise. In the USD community, the Associated Student Government (ASG) lowered their budget allocation for club sports due to the burden of inflation, and club sports are taking a hit.

The revenue for sports clubs comes from three different outlets: membership dues (paid by the students), ASG allocations and fundraising. Since most club sports members do not want membership dues to be raised, sports clubs are advised by Campus Recreation to rely more on fundraising than they have in previous years. Most clubs have kept their dues low in the past, but lately they are off-setting the cost of inflation by putting additional pressure on their members to fundraise.

Alec Parks, Business Services Supervisor of Campus Recreation, explained that increased participation from the students, as well as increased demands for new club sports teams, also plays a role in the ASG allocation cut.

“Inflation is more of an issue than the ASG side of things; we received roughly a 20% cut across the board from ASG,” Parks said. “From an administrative side, we’re excited about this because it’s also due to increased participation, with increased club sports on campus.”

Although Parks is excited for the increased student participation, it’s important to note that the sports clubs’ budget is 15% of ASG funds, which is the maximum amount ASG is



Club sports must rely more on fundraising in order to participate in travel tournaments.

Photo Courtesy of Cameron Lynch

allowed to provide. A 20% cut of 15% of the total budget would not normally be an issue; however, combating inflation alongside the ASG budget cuts creates additional financial burden.

The sports clubs’ process for figuring out budgeting for the year is managed by a minimum of three student leaders: a general manager, a finance manager and a risk manager. In April 2022, the then-leaders met with the 2022-2023 school year leaders to develop the budget for the year. Since the ASG allocation was not yet available, they drafted an allocation for these funds based on the data from the previous years. From mid-April to mid-May, all six student leaders from each team met with Campus Recreation for advice about their prospective budgets. After talking with Campus Recreation, these are considered “budget drafts” before the final budget is set. ASG allocations are given out in approximately early-mid June, and the final budget is due Sept. 15. Shortly after the school year began, Campus Recreation gave a workshop on budgeting to



This year, the ASG allocations make up 15% of every club sports budget.

Photo Courtesy of @usdclubpickleball/ Instagram

these leaders, allowing them to make further edits, if necessary.

Although there’s a timeline for budgeting, Parks wants the students to know he is a resource to come to, if they ever need help with additional monetary needs.

“The budgets are never

locked; they’re very much live, working documents,” Parks said. “If someone has concerns about funding, they can always come to sit with me, and we can look at options about increasing revenue or look at fundraising.”

Additionally, ASG funds can cover anything outside of staffing for the team, but Parks advised clubs to take out gas reimbursements for traveling from their ASG budget request due to high gas prices.

USD junior and captain of the Men’s Volleyball Club Team, Cameron Lynch, had to make difficult decisions in

regards to travel for his team.

“Some things we cut down on includes us having less money for travel and less money for tournaments, with most of our tournaments located in the Irvine area or San Marcos,” Lynch said. “It’s a bummer because we’re going to have to reconsider how much we have to travel and not everyone can, so we’re probably going to have to create a travel team with less of our boys, due to financial restraints.”

For fundraising, Parks is a resource that club sports teams can utilize. He recommends at least one change-funding campaign per year, which draws in a more wealthy crowd to donate. Another event that all club sports are encouraged to participate in is “Torero Tuesday,” a benefit in which every club sports team can campaign for more money. Alumni, parents and friends get together to help raise money for the different club sports, including sports-related scholarships.

Although he does not blame anyone for the financial situation, Lynch expressed that ASG should have communicated their vote faster.

“I’m sure ASG is facing financial restraints as well, because of inflation, so I understand that, but I do wish they’d given us more time for considering our budget,” Lynch said.

On July 22, every club sports team received an email from Parks, explaining that the budget cuts are due to inflation. ASG had previously made the vote to cut club sports funding on May 12.

The PR Chair of ASG, Kayley Norman, spoke on behalf of ASG’s decision.

“Due to a smaller budget and increasing requests for this academic year compared to last year, we unfortunately had to make cuts across the board for ASG Budget allocations,” Norman said. “The budget for this year was unanimously passed by the ASG Senate last May.”

While cost-efficiency is a difficult issue to handle in times of inflation, the primary goal for all parties involved is to give the students a chance to participate in club sports activities. Regardless of potential cuts, students will still have the opportunity to take advantage of club sports, even with the increased pressure to fundraise as a team for the extra funds.

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OP-ED

Queen Elizabeth II controversy

The Queen’s death leaves behind a complicated legacy

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Correction:

In last week’s issue of the USD Vista (9/15/22), the two articles in the opinion section, *The ‘write’ prescription for my mental health* and *The Biden Administration’s flawed attempt at loan relief* were mistakenly labeled as Editorials. These articles should have been labled as Op-Eds, not Editorials. We regret this error.

As the whole world has been made aware by now, Queen Elizabeth II, the United Kingdom’s longest-reigning monarch, passed away at age 96 on Sept. 8, 2022. The Queen reigned for 70 years, beginning her rule in 1952. While the death of any public official as big as the Queen of England is sure to garner reaction from the public, Queen Elizabeth’s passing has sparked wild controversy across the globe, which can be found — of course — plastered all over the internet. The Queen’s death leaves much for people to think about and discuss, but the world’s reaction has made it clear that we must learn to draw a line, distinguishing the public figure from the person.

Much like the infamous 2022 Oscars slap, the Queen’s death created a wave of material for social media in an instant. I must admit that I found out she died through a meme page I follow. As the day went on and I jumped on and off of Instagram, I was surprised by how many tribute posts I saw celebrities make for the Queen and how many people I know were reposting memorial posts on their stories. I was surprised mainly because they were all Americans. England’s royal family holds no real significance to the American people at all, yet many Americans are completely enthralled by the lives and drama of the monarchy. Perhaps it is because the idea of a monarchy is so foreign that it intrigues us, or perhaps it is thanks to Netflix’s hit series “The Crown.” Either way, it is clear that many people idolized the Queen in some form.

Then there is the other side of social media that revealed the low regard that many other people had for Queen Elizabeth II. There were countless memes featuring the Queen and the topic of her death. One meme made by @hellicity_



Queen Elizabeth II is seen as a celebrity, an aid of colonization, a controlling monarch and more.

Photo courtesy of @queen.victoria.roses/Instagram

merriman on Instagram read, “we only made this post so that someone out there finds out the queen died via american girl doll meme account.” That joke became a reality when their account announced the event to me before the ‘News’ app on my phone even did.

Memes such as the ones featured on an Instagram post by @siberianbeardog sport an array of jokes aimed at the Queen. Did they make me laugh? Yes. But I do find the range of reactions on social media interesting. While some mourned the passing of an icon, others made jokes out of the situation.

One of the most viral memes that went around was a rumor that internet personality, Trisha Paytas, gave birth to her daughter the same day that the Queen died and that the Queen was reincarnated as Paytas’ baby. Many people went so far as to state that Paytas had named her child “Elizabeth” after the Queen, creating a hilarious situation. However, Paytas posted an announcement the day following the Queen’s death, confirming that she was very much still pregnant and the rumors were false.

She wrote, “I almost felt sad yesterday to tell people this. The internet is a weird place. I don’t know how any of those rumors started or why?” Paytas is certainly right; the Queen’s passing has demonstrated once again how bizarre the internet can be.

But why are so many people making memes as a response to the Queen’s death? At the end of 2021, renowned actress and beloved American icon Betty White passed away at age 99. However, when she died there were no memes or wild rumors run amok. The two women were similar in age, both were incredibly famous, and both died



The Diana (above) controversy tainted the Queen’s reputation.

Photo courtesy of @memory_of_lady_diana/Instagram

within a year of each other, yet the responses from the internet were very different. I believe we find our answer to the Queen Elizabeth memes here: the Queen was a very controversial figure, so people are inclined to act with more humor and less remorse in comparison to when Betty White died.

As some people mourned the death of a beloved celebrity and some made memes about the Queen, other people — both online and off — were busy raising awareness about the dark history behind Queen Elizabeth II’s reign. The U.K. has a long history of invading and colonizing countries on nearly every continent. This long-standing practice of British colonization has made lasting repercussions that affect governments, economies, cultures and people of countries around

the world, even after Britain decolonized under Elizabeth II.

On Instagram, @impact shared a post with further information about these issues. The post featured screenshots of tweets shared by people affected by these horrible actions. Mukoma Wa Ngugi tweeted, “if the queen had apologized for slavery, colonialism and neocolonialism and urged the crown to offer reparations for the millions of lives taken in her/their names, then perhaps I would do the human thing and feel bad. As a Kenyan, I feel nothing. This theater is absurd.”

I believe it is important to note the political actions Queen Elizabeth participated in or stood behind during her reign and the impact those policies had on people around the world. Those affected by such actions are certainly justified in their critique of her time as monarch.

There are many other dissenters of Queen Elizabeth, not because of her policies, but rather due to drama within the royal family during her reign. The most major conflict that comes to mind is that of Princess Diana, King Charles III’s first wife and mother to Prince William and Prince Harry. Diana captivated hearts around the world with her glamor, her grace and — perhaps most notably — her activism. It is no secret that Diana’s time as a member of the royal family was not easy. Documentaries, films and television series alike tell the story of her difficult marriage and the emotional struggle that accompanied her experience. Many people claim that Diana and the Queen had a rocky relationship throughout that time. Numerous conspiracy theories circulated around this situation since Diana’s untimely death in 1997, causing much of the public, including many Americans, to be suspicious of the Queen and her possible involvement in Princess Diana’s death.

Some glorify the Queen as a celebrity and hold her in the same regard and fascination as many people hold celebrities such as the Kardashians. Many other younger people on social media jumped on the scene creating memes. Some took to the internet to share her many flaws as a monarch.

I think that in some form all of these reactions are valid. It is okay to be interested in the royal family and perhaps inspired by certain members thereof. It is okay to find humor in a situation that, despite the Queen’s age, almost seemed like it would never come, and, of course, it is not only okay, but important to acknowledge the wrongs committed by this monarch and how that affected others.

The range of reactions and endless chatter on the internet involving the Queen leads to one conclusion: she was human, just like any of us. Yes, she was royalty, she was wealthy beyond imagination and she held a certain degree of power over the world, but at some point we must separate the powerful monarch from the woman who passed, leaving behind family members and loved ones who will mourn. It is easy to dehumanize people on the internet. That dehumanization can be harmful, and we must acknowledge both her celebrity and her humanity.

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OP-ED

Contagious misconceptions

How Monkeypox affects the LGBTQ+ community

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Monkeypox is a growing concern for many Americans, but for gay and bisexual men it is already a harsh reality. As cases spread throughout the U.S., this disease is primarily affecting male members of the LGBTQ+ community. Now, public health officials are struggling to raise awareness and prevent the spread of the virus, while also avoiding the stigmatization of those who contract Monkeypox. Currently, the conversation about Monkeypox focuses on gay and bisexual men. This needs to change. As officials confront this challenge, it is crucial that they are mindful of the narrative they create around the disease and its consequences.

Although this disease has been around since 1970, this is the first time it has spread throughout the U.S. According to the Center for Disease Control (CDC), Monkeypox is a virus from the same family as smallpox. The main symptom is a rash that resembles pimples or blisters, but it also causes symptoms such as a fever, headaches and body aches. As of Sept. 15, there were 23,117 reported cases of Monkeypox in the U.S. In California, there were 4,453 reported cases, as well as one death, which occurred in Los Angeles County. Compared to COVID-19, Monkeypox is less widespread and significantly less fatal.

The CDC reports that the disease is spread through direct contact with someone who has the disease. This includes touching the rashes or scabs of an infected person, touching objects or fabrics that an infected person has used or making contact with respiratory secretions from someone who has the disease.

Currently, Monkeypox is disproportionately affecting gay and bisexual men and is commonly spread through sexual encounters. According to the World Health Organization, in cases where sexual orientation was known, 95% of those who contracted Monkeypox were men who have sex with other men. In cases where the type of transmission was reported, sexual encounters made up 90.5% of all transmissions. The other 9.5% was reportedly transmitted through “person-to-person” contact, which is nonsexual contact such as



The spread of Monkeypox is forming harmful stigmas about the LGBTQ+ community.

hugging or massages. It was also transmitted through contact with contaminated materials. Given the magnitude of these statistics, the approach to limiting the spread of disease is centered around gay men and sexual contact.

Resources such as vaccines are primarily being offered to gay and bisexual men. The California Department of Public Health released a statement that created tiered groups explaining who should be prioritized for the Monkeypox vaccine. Tier one, those who are the top priority for vaccination, includes gay and bisexual men, as well as trans women who have sex with men. To be in this tier, individuals must meet certain criteria, including having been diagnosed with a bacterial STI in the last three months, engaging in group sex with other men, engaging in anonymous sex with other men and other high-risk sexual behaviors. Tier two includes the same demographics as tier one: gay and bisexual men. However, these individuals are considered tier two if they do not engage in the activities mentioned in tier one’s criteria.

While it is important that America’s most vulnerable demographics are prioritized for preventative measures and treatments, it is risky for officials to focus the majority of their resources and messages toward one group. According to the CDC, “focusing on cases among gay and bisexual men may inadvertently stigmatize this population and create a false sense of safety among those who are not gay and bisexual men.”

This stigmatization already began among conservative commentators. In response to the CDC’s advice for limiting sexual

contact during a Monkeypox outbreak, conservative commentator Kathy Barnette tweeted, “Chastity. Celibacy. Modesty. Disciplined. Not being gross. Keeping your legs closed. All viable options, people.”

Shaming individuals who contract Monkeypox is counterproductive. It ultimately discourages people from coming forward and getting treatment, potentially causing more spread. It is imperative that public health officials emphasize to the public that the disease can be transmitted in a nonsexual context as well. Afterall, Monkeypox isn’t just spread through sex; it can also be spread through hugs and sharing clothing. Emphasizing this information would alleviate stigmatization, while better educating the public about how Monkeypox is spread.

Public health officials must also highlight the fact that anyone can get the disease, regardless of sexuality. Although gay and bisexual men make up the majority of Americans who contract the virus, women, heterosexual men, and nonbinary individuals can still catch the disease. Framing Monkeypox as something that affects the LGBTQ+ community gives other groups a false sense of security and can lead to a lack of preventative action. To prevent this stigmatization, it is crucial that officials emphasize how this disease also affects women, heterosexual men, and nonbinary people. To overlook this fact is irresponsible.

This framing issue has historically plagued the LGBTQ+ community, specifically during the 1980s amid the AIDS crisis. Monkeypox has been compared to AIDS by commentators and

health officials alike, but this comparison is a risky one. Unlike AIDS, Monkeypox is not a new disease. At the beginning of the AIDS crisis, there was no known cause or method of treatment. Today, health officials know about the origins of Monkeypox and have a vaccine to help prevent it. The death rates between AIDS and Monkeypox are also incomparable. Despite this, there are still parallels between the diseases.

In an editorial titled “Monkeypox - Past as Prologue,” Dr. Anthony Fauci discussed the similarities and differences of Monkeypox and AIDS. “The emerging epidemiologic pattern of these cases bears a striking resemblance to the early cases of HIV/AIDS,” Fauci writes. Both diseases are hallmarked by a disproportionate amount of cases affecting gay and bisexual men. On top of this, both diseases were met with stigma toward gay men. Examining these similarities allows us to learn from past mistakes.

In the 1980s the approach to AIDS was political and highly moralistic. According to a study published in the National Library of Medicine titled

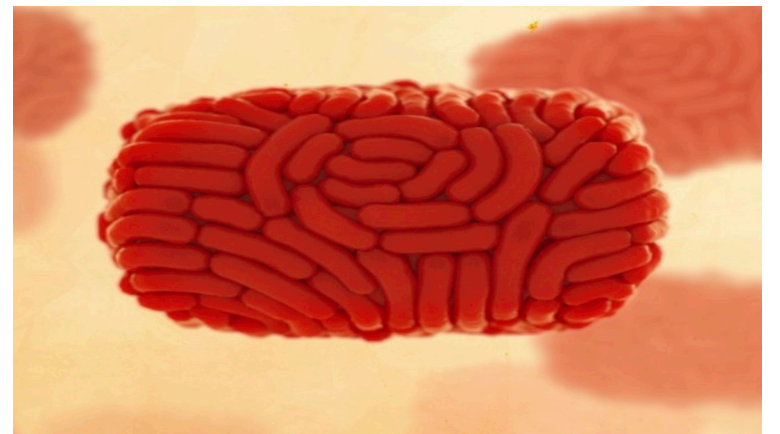
“Good Politics, Bad Politics: The Experience of AIDS,” AIDS became political because it highlighted social injustices, like marriage inequality, a lack of legal protections against discrimination and an inability to access healthcare for low-income Americans. This politicization resulted in moral and political judgments being tied to information about the disease. This information then contributed to further stigmatization of the LGBTQ+ community.

Officials know from the AIDS crisis that stigmatization can be oppressive and deadly. According to a study by Turen et. al published in the National Library of Medicine, “In the case of people living with HIV, stigma has negative effects on health outcomes, including non-optimal medication adherence, lower visit adherence, higher depression and overall lower quality of life.” Comparing AIDS to Monkeypox emphasizes the danger of letting history repeat itself. Approaches to the disease cannot include pushing moral judgment. Officials must share information about how the disease is spread, without shame or judgment.

By overemphasizing the role of sexual contact and the affect on gay men, health organizations shape how we view the Monkeypox virus.

While much of the information we have about Monkeypox focuses on the role of sexual contact in transmission, it is inaccurate to communicate information about Monkeypox as if it were an STI that only affects men who have sex with other men.

Public health organizations have an obligation to tell the full story about Monkeypox, and to do so they must expand the conversation to include all types of transmission and all demographics of people.



Monkeypox is a virus from the same family as smallpox.

Photo courtesy of @cdcgov/ Instagram

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How USD provided and
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Message from Student Wellness:

“Student Wellness wants every student at USD to know that they matter deeply to our community. For any student experiencing a challenging moment or crisis, Student Wellness is here to support you in navigating through. Help is never more than a phone call away, by calling the USD Counseling Center at (619) 260-4655, press ‘1’ for after-hours support. The TimelyCare app also offers no-cost, 24/7 TalkNow and scheduled counseling for all USD students directly through your phone or other device. If you are ever concerned that a friend or peer might be in distress, you are encouraged to check in with the person and know that Student Wellness is here to support you in doing so. You are a valuable member of this community and YOU are USD!”

The Steve Fund

Service description:
The Steve Fund provides a 24/7 crisis text line for young students of color. The service aims to address the unmet mental health needs of college and university students of color and improve accessibility to crisis counseling.

How to access:
If a student is struggling with mental health, texting “STEVE” to 741741 will connect the student with a trained crisis counselor.

Group Counseling

Service description:
USD’s Student Wellness offers free group counseling sessions to currently enrolled USD undergraduate, graduate and professional students. Some of the spring 2022 wellness groups include: Coping with Stress, Supporting Change: Substance Use Support, Be You: Womxn of Color Discussion Group and many more.

How to access:
If interested in joining a group counseling session, students can visit the website [https://www.sandiego.edu/wellness/programs-and-services/group-counseling.php] and read the descriptions of the different groups offered. Students should contact the group facilitator of a specific group to learn how to join. Contact the Counseling Center at (619)-260-4655 with any questions.

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QPR Gatekeeper Training

Service description:

QPR Gatekeeper Training teaches people how to recognize the signs of a suicide crisis and assist someone in need. QPR stands for “question, persuade and refer”: the key three steps to saving a life from suicide.

When becoming a USD, QPR-trained gatekeeper, participants will learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, how to offer hope and how to get help at USD and in the community to help save a life.

How to access:

Training opportunities are available for students, staff, faculty and administrators, and training certifications are considered active for three years. To register for a fall 2022 training opportunity, visit the website [<https://sites.sandiego.edu/youareusd/suicide-prevention/qpr/>] or email youareusd@sandiego.edu for more information.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

Service description:

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline is a national network of local crisis centers that provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in the United States. The service also provides prevention and crisis resources.

How to access:

Users can call the suicide and crisis hotline at 988 or use the “Lifeline Chat” service found on the website 988lifeline.org, which connects individuals with counselors for emotional support and other services via web chat.

TimelyCare

Service description:

TimelyCare is a telehealth program free for all USD students. Insurance is not required. The service provides 24/7 medical and mental virtual healthcare from anywhere in the United States. Students can talk to licensed physicians and counselors over the phone or through secure video visits by smartphone or any web-enabled device. The organization offers five programs, including “TalkNow,” which provides on-demand access to a mental health professional to talk about anything.

How to access:

Students can go to timelycare.com/USD to register with their preferred name and school email address to begin using the program's services.

FEATURE

USD welcomes most diverse class *49% of first-year class identify as POC*

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standing and long-time effort, a very intentional effort for us to become a more diverse and welcoming and accessible community,” Pultz said. “It is the seventh year in a row we have welcomed a more diverse class than we did the year before.”

This high percentage of diversity within the new class is due to the university’s efforts, as well as a shift in demographics and access to education. On USD’s part, it is a combination of two plans put in place and various continuous actions toward progress in diverse enrollment.

The first plan is USD’s “Envisioning 2024,” created by the university’s President James T. Harris III during his first year at the school. The plan’s overarching goal is to work toward setting the standard for a contemporary, Catholic university aimed at confronting the urgent challenges of humanity.

As stated on the university’s website, one of the more specific goals of the plan is to “provide greater access to prospective students from underserved populations in our own backyard and to fully embrace the diversity of humanity on our campus.”

From Envisioning 2024 emerged another plan named “The Horizon Project,” which is more explicitly focused on increasing diversity on campus.

Director of Admissions Minh-Ha Hoang discussed the plan’s intentions.

“The Horizon Project was much more narrowly focused on diversity: us becoming an HSI (Hispanic Serving Institution), us having a high percentage of Black and African American students,” Hoang said. “That one focuses even more on the diversity pathway.”

Another notable action the university has taken toward diversity is the “Torero Promise,” launched in 2017.

“The Torero Promise is a guaranteed admission process, where we meet full financial need for students that attend one of the Catholic High schools in the diocese of San Diego,” Pultz said. “These high schools are tremendously diverse in terms of their first-generation students, their Hispanic students, of course many of them are Catholic, they represent a variety of many different backgrounds.”

Hoang spoke on the university’s partnerships with various outside programs that focus on college access and retention, specifically in underserved populations.

“We work with College



USD’s “Envisioning 2024” and “The Horizon Project” plans intend to increase diversity in future first-year classes.
Jackson Tahmoush/The USD Vista



In terms of diversity, USD compares well to other small, Catholic universities in the nation.

Jackson Tahmoush/The USD Vista

Bound Opportunities (CBOs) like Upward Bound and Reality Changers, organizations that work in underserved communities to promote a college-going culture, provide support and guidance on getting these students to graduate high school and then apply to college.”

Hoang attributed part of the class of 2026’s record-breaking diversity to outside factors.

“It is true that there is a shift in demographics of our high school population, the main area of growth is with our LatinX population, especially

in the western parts of the U.S.,” Hoang said. “However, our administration has been very deliberate in making sure our recruitment goals of having more underrepresented students really match our changing demographics of San Diego and the United States.”

USD first-year Reece Burke shared her thoughts on the class’s diversity.

“I personally think it is very important, because you get different experiences, and you can hopefully connect with different people,” Burke said.

USD first-year Alyssa Weaver discussed the enrichment the class’ diversity could add to her college experience.

“I think inside the classroom it’s great we have this diversity, because we are learning different things from each other, and not only that, but we are challenging ourselves to be better than we were when we came into the school,” Weaver said.

USD first-year Jordan Bayon spoke about whether his class’ notable diversity would have impacted his decision to attend USD.

“Personally, I would have been reaffirmed in my decision to attend USD, had I known I would be joining its most diverse class,” Bayon said.

Pultz discussed the approaches he and his team utilize to ensure a future of a more diverse campus community becomes a reality.

“We are constantly seeing what worked well and what didn’t work well,” Pultz said. “We talked to our incoming students and worked with them. “There will always be new things that we are trying to do to improve our recruitment of first-year students but transfer students, and new graduate students as well.”

Compared to Gonzaga University — a religious university similar in size — USD’s diverse class holds strong. Gonzaga’s class of 2026 is composed of 1,330 students, with only 30% of those students identifying as people of color.

Compared to other small, religious universities, USD is also nearly equal to counterpart Fordham University, which welcomed a class of 2,600 first-year students, with 46% students of color. While USD outperforms or matches some similar universities regarding diverse demographics, other universities have even stronger diversity in their 2026 class. For example, Santa Clara University outperforms USD with an incoming, 2026 class of 1,660 students and 55% identifying as a person of color.

Hoang expressed how the incoming class’ astounding diversity, impressive academic success and extracurricular involvement make them an exciting new addition to the university.

“It’s not just because this is the most diverse class in our history, but these students are academically really strong and are highly involved in their community as well,” Hoang said. “They reflect the holistic approach in evaluating applicants, and we couldn’t be more thrilled.”

The college experience is an opportunity for students to learn more about themselves and the world around them. Having a class that is as diverse as the class of 2026 means that there is a new populace of students on campus who can contribute their different stories and experiences, which will benefit the whole community in turn. This ground-breaking achievement in diversity is not only bound to open up new conversations and deeper understandings, but also promote empathy for one another that is pivotal for progressing as an institution, especially an institution that prides itself on changemaking.

Bold designs on the runway

Toreros react to trends from NYFW 2022

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Here in San Diego, New York Fashion Week (NYFW) came and went without much commotion. However, the fashion world was buzzing with excitement for many upcoming collections. This year, many of the biggest brands presented their Spring/Summer wardrobes prior to the actual NYFW event, which lasted from Sept. 9-14.

Houses like Balenciaga and Louis Vuitton had already moved on to producing their future collections, while more independent designers stole the show.

While this may have been a disappointment for some, it allowed smaller brands to occupy center stage. Designers new and old lit up the runway with unique takes on current trends in over 100 shows in six days.

A standout among these shows came from Who Decides War: a Black-owned brand known for their streetwear roots and military-garment-style cuts. Their Spring 2023 ready-to-wear collection was marked by flagrant, loud color palettes in an attempt to bring the spirit of the Caribbean to the runway.

In an interview with Hypebeast magazine, Tela D'Amore, one of the brand's co-directors, explained their goal was to create a different vibe from past collections.

"We wanted to create something that was lighter this time around," said D'Amore. "Also to create something that was colorful and fun, and people can feel a bit of nostalgia, while also seeing something new."

In addition to color, Who Decides War embraced gender-fluid style on the runway. The majority of their other collections present a more masculine image, but the gratuitous use of makeup, bags and other accessories popular in womenswear gave their most recent show an air of androgyny. This style of dress has become especially trendy on the streetwear side of fashion, where the frequency of mixing aesthetics and items is on the rise.

Here on campus, some students are looking toward a future with less emphasis on conforming to a certain gender.

USD sophomore Katie Tuguin was already on board with gender-neutral fashion before the show took place.

"I'm all for the androgynous 'thing' going on," Tuguin said. "Like Harry Styles, I feel like he was a platform for that and kind of normalized it. [He] kind of made people feel more comfortable doing it, if they want to do it, they should just do it."

Another brand that highlighted the popular contemporary movement in fashion and sustainability is womenswear line Collina Strada. For them, being eco-friendly isn't so much a trend



Designer, Collina Strada featured pastel colors and unique silhouette.

Photo courtesy of @Collinastrada/Instagram

as it is an identity. Their Spring 2023 show was marked by shapeless silhouettes, color and the crowd favorite: sustainably-produced footwear.

The show's loafers and boots were part of a collaboration between Collina Strada and vegan footwear company Virón; the sandals, made from recycled materials, were produced and designed with the brand Melissa. Each model donned a different pair of these shoes while walking a "runway" through a park in South Williamsburg, NYC.

Creative director of the brand, Hillary Taymour, told Vogue that Collina Strada is trying to establish themselves as a more permanent fixture in the fashion industry.

"I just feel like now that we're a 'trend,' I really wanted to push it and be like, 'We're not just [sportswear],' said Taymour. "I can make these dresses for you and elevate it."

The brand's transition from sportswear to high-fashion parallels the rise in demand for sustainability in fashion. Buying second hand, re-using certain garments, and upcycling have become popular ways of reducing

negative impacts that fashion has on the environment. Even here at USD, some students are intent on creating long-lasting changes with these methods.

USD sophomore Julia Schnieder is among these Toreros leading the charge. She is the Vice President of the newly-formed Fashion Forward student organization, whose goal is to "give underprivileged youth in San Diego the resources and opportunities they need to express themselves through fashion, design and other creative outlets."

Schneider was adamant about the relevance of sustainable fashion both in the industry and her personal wardrobe.

"Sustainable fashion is the apple of everybody's eye right now," Schneider said. "Lots of companies are taking those steps to not only be sustainable but to showcase that they're being sustainable [...] I've always been drawn to secondhand, special stuff because everything is unique and beautiful."

Lastly, it's impossible to talk about this year's NYFW without mentioning The Black Tape Project. In the brand's Instagram



Many models donned streetwear-inspired looks on the runway.

Photos courtesy of @Whodecidesswar/Instagram

bio, creator Joel Alvarez claims that he's been "empowering women since 2008" by covering them in designs made of skin-safe body tape by hand.

His show, titled "SEX TAPE 2022," was arguably one of the most avant-garde of the week. 27 female models walked the runway covered in body tape, creating unique, textile-like designs.

Pictures from the show can be viewed on the Black Tape Project's website.

Models wore crisscrossed pieces of black and white body tape adorned with studded-spikes across their chest and stomach areas.

One model even suffered a wardrobe malfunction when her high heel detached from her foot. The model, however, remained unphased by the incident as the audience continued to cheer while she finished her catwalk.

In the caption of a video of this same incident, Alvarez wrote about his ethos for the show on Instagram.

"Probably our most provocative show ever," Alvarez said. "This show was an act of rebellion during NYFW. I'm no

designer. I'm an artist. I'm here to make you feel some type of way."

In another post, he addressed those who might not agree with his take on fashion.

"Everyone was amazing, the energy was perfect and I was rebellious by only doing minimal at the more conservative shows of fashion week," Alvarez wrote. "I did this on purpose to start some [expletive]. Mission accomplished."

Reactions to the show ranged from outrage to bewilderment.

USD sophomore Anastasia Lomtadze was extremely confused after seeing a video of the show on TikTok.

"I saw this girl wrapped in duct tape or something like that," she said. "It was black, literally just duct tape. It was interesting, because they made it look like accessories and it was really just tape."

Innovative fashion is all about pushing boundaries: a concept embraced at this fall's New York Fashion Week.

From near-full nudity to flamboyant colors, designers from all over will make the upcoming seasons a time to remember.

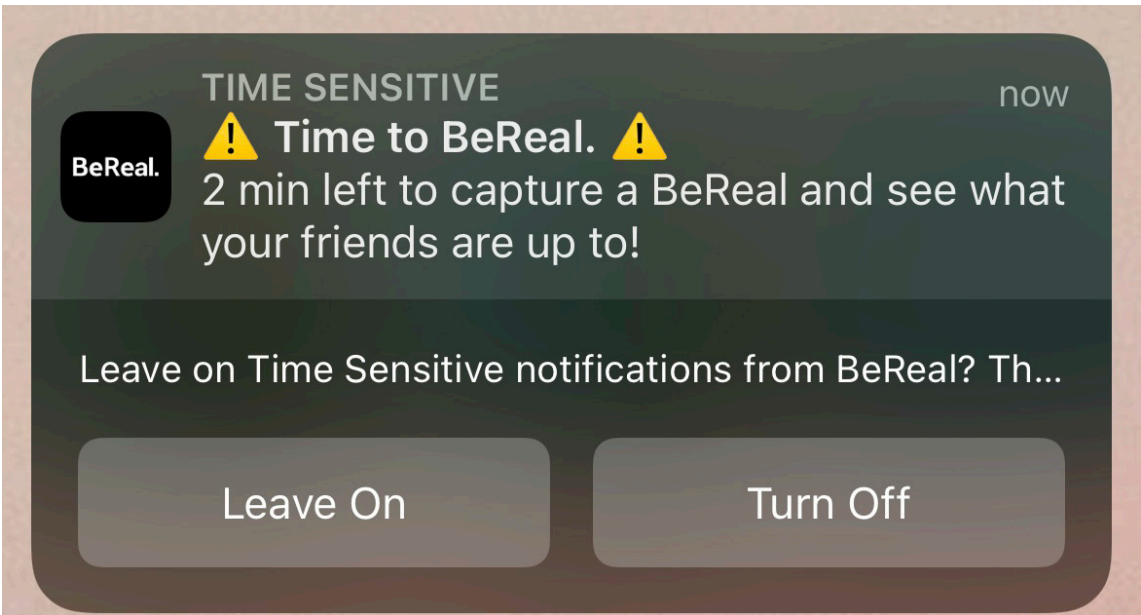
It's time to 'be real'

How BeReal became the latest Gen Z trend

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It's not often that a new social media app takes the world by storm. It's even rarer that the app remains popular for years to come. Among Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok, BeReal may prove to be a new social media staple. BeReal, created by former GoPro employee Alexis Barreyat and released in late 2019, didn't gain much attention until early 2022. The app skyrocketed to popularity, with a monthly active user increase of 315% since January, according to Apptopia.

BeReal sends a notification to its users once a day to take a live photo and post it within a two-minute time frame. The user can take both a front-facing and a back-facing picture with their phone camera. Only approved friends can view these posts, and users cannot see their friends' posts unless they also post for themselves. This feature adds an extra sense of safety and comfort for users to post whatever they want. Once it's time for the next daily post, each post is automatically saved to a user's "memories," which are only visible to the original poster. BeReal does not allow any photo editing but instead offers a behind-the-scenes look at people during their daily lives. USD first-year Katrina Zhang likes this aspect of the app. She thinks BeReal is more



BeReal sends its users a notification to post on the app.

fun and less stressful compared to existing social media. "There's no pressure to 'be real'; it's literally just what you're doing in that moment. You can fake it and not post on time, but it's the opportunity to post every day and just have no pressure," Zhang said. Zhang believes the social media app is timely for Generation Z (Gen Z) because of the push for authenticity, rather than photo editing. She mentioned that Instagram, a social media app known for users' heavily-edited posts, is also becoming more "casual" in terms of user content. "Even Instagram is going toward the vibe where you post whatever. I think it will carry down to the younger Gen Z just

because social media is very impactful in the sense where representation is more of a big thing now, and people want to see more of themselves in the media, but they don't necessarily want to see the Photoshop," she said. Not everyone is a fan, however. USD sophomore Angelus Almera shared why he didn't hop on the BeReal trend. "I personally think it's stupid. I find it to be like another chore, or something else that I need to keep up with," he said. Almera doesn't like the notifications BeReal sends its users to remind them to post. He still views BeReal as if it were any other social media, and it's only popular because it's just another social media trend for everyone to follow. Nevertheless,

Mei Flory/The USD Vista he predicted that it will continue to grow throughout the year. "I only have Instagram, because I just grew up with Instagram. But the way the trend is going, [BeReal] will blow up like TikTok. I don't think it will be as powerful though, because it seems boring in comparison," he said. Older generations are perplexed by how the app became so popular among younger users. Some articles point to the aftermath of COVID-19 as the reason. According to Forbes, the popularity of BeReal could be because "as life is returning to normal [...] people could be excited by what was once mundane. It could also be that the constant flow of 'perfect' has lost its shine." Like Forbes, USD senior JD Guirnalda also attributed the app's popularity to the effects of COVID-19. "I think perhaps because people are doing more activities now, with everything that went on during the pandemic, it would be

pretty boring without something like this [BeReal]," he said. Guirnalda believes BeReal offers a more intimate experience for social media users than other platforms. "I honestly think it's popular because it provides an outlet for subtle flirtation. You send a photo reaction [to others' posts], which is more intimate than commenting. I think that's more genuine in that sense. I also like the randomness of the notifications, because you don't know when the alerts will come in," he said. In the age where authenticity matters more than looking perfect, Guirnalda pointed out some downsides to how others may use the app. "I don't like when people are not real, and they retake their BeReal or take it hours later after the notification. The point of the app is to 'be real' with your friends, because that's who you should be able to be yourself around," he explained. If the user wants to retake the photo, their friends can see how many times the photo was retaken. Friends can also see when the BeReal post is taken 'late,' meaning that it was taken any time after the two-minute window users have to post their picture. Taking the BeReal photo multiple times or waiting to post until an event defeats the purpose of the app, which is to post what's happening at the given moment, regardless of how boring the moment may seem. Though it may be too soon to tell if BeReal is here to stay, those who have the app are happy with it, and those who skipped out don't feel like they're missing much. In any case, BeReal is simply about 'living in the moment.'



USD students, Allister Quizon, Emily Mendel and Zach Zhuang take their BeReals no matter where they are. Photo courtesy of Zack Zhuang



JD Guirnalda shared a sneak peek into daily life activities. Photo courtesy of JD Guirnalda

Men's golf tee off for 2022-2023

The golf team travels to the USF Intercollegiate tournament

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The University of San Diego men's golf team packed their golf clubs for northern California to compete in their first tournament of the 2022-2023 season. The multi-day USF Intercollegiate tournament took place from Sept. 12-13 at the Olympic Club in San Francisco.

This was the first tournament since the 2018-2019 season that teams returned to this course to compete in USF's anticipated tournament.

A total of 10 teams were invited to compete, bringing in a final count of 57 players, who went head-to-head to make an early season statement.

USD's starting lineup included six players: Andi Xu, Kelvin Si, Carson Enright, Kevin An, Harrison Kingsley and Evan Kawai.

As a team, the USD Toreros became the underdogs of the tournament after finishing tied for ninth, with the University of Mary, California, at the end of day one.

USD junior Andi Xu quickly became a player to watch at the USF Intercollegiate. He finished day one in the top 20, at No. 12.

Xu exceeded his own expectations for day two. Not only did he break into the top 10, but he finished in second, only four strokes behind University of



Andi Xu sets up for his next shot.

Nevada's golfer, Peyton Callens.

For one round, the par for this course was set at 71. The tournament scores totaled three rounds together, for a total par for the three rounds of play set at 203.

Xu finished the tournament with a three-round total of 208, which was five-under

par. His three rounds were scored separately at 69-74-66.

His second place finish marked a record for the program and matched closely with a record Xu set himself. The last time a golfer from USD finished that high was in the spring, when Xu took home first place at a tournament



Harrison Kingsley watches ball after completing his swing.

Photo courtesy of @usdgolf/Instagram

at Riverside Country Club.

The rest of the team followed Xu in standings. USD junior Kelvin Si finished in the top 20 and tied for 17th with USF's Benjamin Partridge. He finished two-over par with his three rounds totaling out to 215. His final two rounds were one-under par and at par, which separated out to three round scores of 74-70-71.

USD sophomore Carson Enright finished 36th out of the 57 players in his first tournament as a Torero.

He tied with three other players in that position. Enright ended the tournament at nine-over par with a final score of 222. His rounds showed improvement, and he finished his last round two-under par (74-79-69).

USD first-year Kevin An came six positions behind Enright

and tied at 43rd with five other players. His three rounds totaled out to 225, 12 over par (78-72-75).

USD senior Harrison Kingsley ended the tournament in 49th, with a total of 226: 13 over par. His three rounds produced steady scores that separated into 76-75-75.

USD senior Evan Kawai tied with Harry Brown from USF in 57th. He finished 19 overpar at 232 with improving round scores of 79-80-73.

Collectively, the USD golf team did not improve their day - one standing. They closed the tournament out in ninth place.

The men's golf team only has four tournaments scheduled for their fall season. Their next tee off will take place Sept. 23-24 at the William H. Tucker Intercollegiate tournament at the University of New Mexico's Championship Golf Course.

Women's swim travels to SDSU

Swim opens their season with a special pentathlon meet

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The USD women's swim made the short commute to local competitor, San Diego State University (SDSU), for their first splash of the 2022-2023 season.

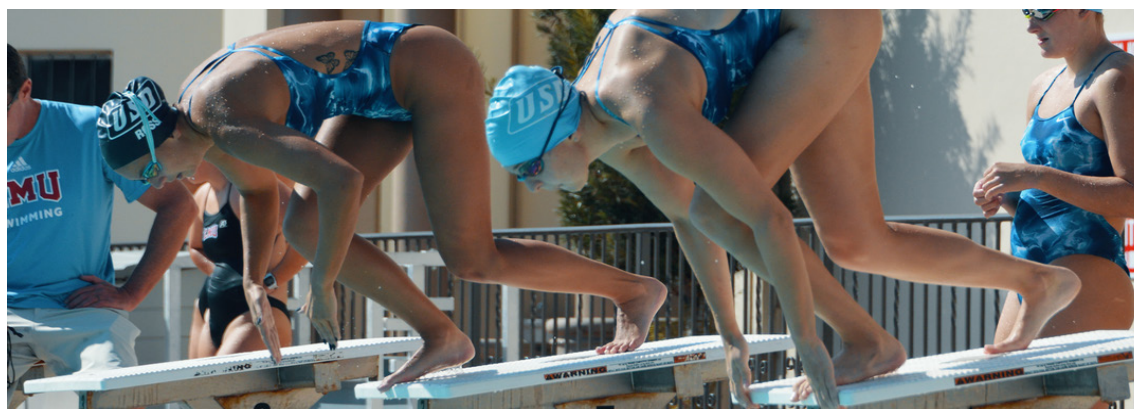
The two Division I teams compete in different conferences but come together twice a year — once at the beginning of fall, and once at the beginning of spring — for a special pentathlon meet.

A pentathlon meet is a different type of meet that does not follow typical race days. All of the pentathlon athletes that compete are signed up for the same five events: the 100-yard backstroke, the 100-yard fly, the 100-yard breaststroke and the 100-yard I.M.

The time results from these five events are then totaled together to create a combined time. Swimmers are scored based on their totaled time.

This year, SDSU hosted the 18th bi-annual pentathlon meet between the two teams on Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Aztec Aquaplex. A total of 41 athletes participated in the pentathlon meet.

The SDSU Aztecs dominated the top-10, but first-year Penelope Leonard put USD on the scoreboard at number 10. In



USD swimmers diving off the block.

Photo courtesy of @usd.swim.dive/Instagram



Sam Eason propels herself down the pool in the race on meet day.

Photo courtesy of www.usdtoreros.com

her first meet as a Torero, she led the team with a combined pentathlon time of 5:12.68 after touching the wall at 59.96 in the 100-yard freestyle, 1:00.30 in the 100-yard fly, 1:00.90 in the 100-yard backstroke, 1:12.14 in the 100-yard breaststroke and 1:02.54 in the 100-yard I.M.

Three other USD swimmers placed in the top 20: Hannah

Hintermeister, Audrey Gingras and Callie Johnson.

Hintermeister finished five places behind Leonard, in 15th. Her combined time came out to 5:20.43. Her 100-yard breaststroke time was the 11th-fastest recorded time of the day for that event.

Gingras and Johnson finished 18th and 19th. Gingras

was only 0.23 seconds away from taking 17th from the Aztecs' Jessie McMurray.

Gingras' 54.79 in the 100-yard freestyle, 1:01.37 in the 100-yard fly, 1:04.23 in the 100-yard backstroke, 1:15.77 in the 100-yard breaststroke and 1:05.03 in the 100-yard I.M brought her pentathlon time to 5:21.19. Johnson followed

Gingras with a time of 5:23.82.

Outside of the pentathlon, the meet scheduled other short -distance events for athletes to compete in, including short -distance events that are not normally seen at a regular conference collegiate meet.

In the 50-yard freestyle, two Toreros finished in the top 10. Analeis Vos recorded a time of 25.68, and Gingras clocked in 0.16 seconds after, at 25.84 seconds. Sam Eason recorded the highest finish of the meet and swam a 26.94 in the 50-yard fly, which earned her a position of No. 5 in the whole event.

Leonard continued to dominate the field and finished in 7th place in the 50-yard backstroke. Gingras made another top 10 finish and hit the wall at the same time as SDSU's Lyndsey Weber, for a tied, 10th-place finish in the 50-yard backstroke, with a time of 29.35 seconds.

The University of San Diego women's swim team has yet to win in a match up against SDSU. They will face the Aztecs again at the beginning of next year, on Jan. 27, and will host them at the Sports Center Pool. In the meantime, USD will head to Malibu, California, on Oct. 8, and go head-to-head in their first conference, away meet, against Pepperdine University.

Can't stop winning

Volleyball wins three straight matches at USD invitational

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Correction:
Last week, the USD Vista (9/15/22) incorrectly printed the name of the author of *USD athletics kick off fall sports*. It should state that the article was written by TJ Joseph, Asst. Sports Editor. We regret this error.

The University of San Diego women's volleyball team had a successful weekend at the USD Invitational, where they won three consecutive games. The Toreros started off their weekend with a home opener against the Southern Methodist University (SMU) Mustangs. In the first set, the Toreros battled the Mustangs. They tied 11 times throughout the set, which led to a score of 20-20 for a close finish to the set. With the combinations of errors from the Mustangs and a kill from Grace Frohling, the Toreros took this set away 25-22. In the second set, the Toreros and Mustangs traded points early, tying 4-4. This pattern disappeared as the Toreros took off from this point by not allowing less than a five-point lead over the Mustangs. The lead continued to grow, as USD dominated with their winning margin of 11 points. Frohling sealed the deal on this set with a kill and a final score of 25-22, securing the Toreros



Team celebrates after winning the point against opponent in USD Invitational.
Photo courtesy of @usdvolleyball/Instagram

a 2-0 lead over the Mustangs going into the third set. In the last set of this game, the Mustangs fought for a comeback with an early lead of 6-3 over USD. This didn't last long. Katie Lukes completed a successful kill and service ace to bring the game home. From there, the Toreros continued to deliver while the Mustangs could not keep up. USD finished this set 3-0, securing their first win of the USD invitational. The Toreros second game of the invitational was against the University of Connecticut (UConn) Huskies. In a similar fashion to the first game, USD came out strong in this game with a lead of 6-3. From there, the Toreros handled business and kept the Huskies at a four-point lead for the remainder of the

set. They won the first set 25-15. USD maintained their pace to start the second set. San Diego took an early 4-0 lead, which eventually amounted to a 11-4 score to start off. San Diego kept the momentum going and ended the second set with a score of 25-12, putting them up 2-0 in this match. In the third set of this game, the Toreros battled closely with the Huskies all the way through. The set began with a back and forth game, with both sides scoring one after the other. This brought the teams to a score of 19-19 before Frohling made a kill, giving USD enough momentum to win the third set with a score of 25-22. Looking to win a third game in a row, USD faced a hard challenge against the University

of Utah. The first set started off as a back-and-forth game, leading to a 9-9 score. The Toreros fell behind by as many as six in this game before cutting the deficit to two points near the end of the set. San Diego fell just short to Utah in this first set, losing 25-22 and starting off the match 0-1. Starting the second set, the Toreros came out swinging, putting up a score of 12-7. As the set came to a close, Utah trailed by as many as 11 points which led to a 25-11 win for San Diego in the second set, putting the match score to 1-1. The Toreros continued their fight in the third set going for a competitive beginning. With the score 11-11, the Toreros began to pull away yet again for a 25-18 set win, putting them up 2-1. The Utah Utes showed a

sense of urgency and started the final set off strong with a 9-2 lead. The Toreros chipped away at the deficit down to 11-8, but Utah pulled away again, giving them a 19-10 lead. The Toreros got as close as 24-17 before it slipped out of their fingers. San Diego lost this set with a score of 25-18, tying the game up 2-2 to enter a tie breaking fifth set. In the last set, Frohling helped the Toreros with three early kills to put them up 3-2. After more rallying between the two teams, three kills by Breana Edwards and a Utah error, the Toreros were up 12-7. The score reached 12-9 before San Diego pulled away for good, ending the set 15-9 in a gritty, 3-2 victory. Reflecting on the game, Katie Lukes said, "This weekend is another example of how much resilience and fight our team has. We have continued to work hard each day and it is amazing to feel how much synergy we have together on the court. Winning three tough matches in a row proves to us that we have put in the time to grow physically and mentally." The Toreros are currently on a four game winning streak. They will begin their West Coast Conference games on Thursday, Sept. 22 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion against No. 2 seed in the WCC league, Pepperdine University.

One point down

USD football team nearly tops Cal Poly

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After a home win against the University of LaVerne the previous weekend, the Toreros traveled to California Polytechnic University on Saturday, Sept. 10. In the first half of the game, San Diego started off strong against the Mustangs, with a lead of 17-0. These points came from a field goal by Aiden Lehman in the second quarter, as well as two trick play touchdown passes from Re-al Mitchell to Judd Erickson and Dylan Lawson. The Mustangs responded at the end of the second quarter and scored a touchdown, leaving the score 17-7 at halftime. Early into the third quarter, USD gave up another touchdown to Cal Poly, putting the game at 17-14. Things remained stagnant until the end of the third where Judd Erickson connected to TJ Roelen on a reception for a 40-yard touchdown. With only seven seconds left in the third quarter after his touchdown, the Toreros held a lead of 24-14 going into the final quarter.



USD football team sets up for the next play.
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Early in the fourth, Aiden Lehman scored a 29-yard field goal to give the Toreros a solid lead of 27-14, in hopes of closing out the game. However, things would not go in favor of USD. Halfway through the final period, Cal Poly scored a touchdown. This brought the score to 27-21, which meant the Mustangs needed a touchdown and one conversion point to pull out the win. With a little over three minutes left in the game, the Toreros could not stop the Mustangs from their 80-yard drive down the field, resulting in a touchdown.

This last run ended with the Toreros falling just one point behind the Mustangs with a score of 28-27. San Diego fought hard in this game, but they could not close this one out. Some notable players of the game included David Ambagtsheer, who led the Toreros with 10 tackles, and TJ Roelen, who recorded a 40-yard touchdown on his first career catch. San Diego will continue on their road trip and will match up against Valparaiso University on Saturday, Sept. 24 with a kickoff scheduled for 10:00 a.m. PST.



Defensive team tackles rushing opponent, Cal Poly.
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Wide receiver, Michael Carner, rushes ball down the side of the field.
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COMING UP THIS WEEK	USD VB vs Pepperdine	USD MSOC vs Cal Poly	USD FB vs Valparaiso	USD WSOC vs NAU
	Thursday, Sept. 22 7 p.m. Jenny Craig Pavillion	Saturday, Sept. 24 5 p.m. San Luis Obispo, CA	Saturday, Sept. 24 10 a.m. Valparaiso, Indiana	Sunday, Sept. 25 1 p.m. Torero Stadium