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Men's cross country qualifies for NCAA Championships



COURTESY OF AMANDA LOMAN

Eamon Smythe (center) was the top finisher for the Broncos, placing 10th out of 185 runners this past weekend.

By **KIMBERLY RAMIREZ**
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Cal Poly Pomona's cross country teams competed in the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) West Region Cross Country Championships this past Saturday in Monmouth,

Oregon, to earn a spot in the NCAA Championships.

The women's cross country team came in sixth place, earning 168 points overall. This score fell behind the championship winner, Chico State, who earned 75 points.

Still, the results of this meet will assure the team's third

time placing in the top six in the last four championships.

Sophomore Luz Garcia ran a 6 kilometer race in 21 minutes and 8.8 seconds, landing her 13th place out of 186 runners. This was followed by senior Araseli Servin, who came in 22nd place running the same distance in 21:21.1. Both

runners finished in the top 25 overall.

Head coach of CPP cross country teams, Wes Ashford, commented that the women's team "(is) in a good position." He claims the team "has a good chance to make it to nationals," which will be announced on
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Update on the Southern California wildfires

By **MICHAEL ACEVEDO**
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California's fire season kicked off to a busy start this year as over four local fires caused destruction throughout the Southern California area. By now, many Californians have become accustomed to the annual fires that scorch through brush and homes.

Like many areas in California, Cal Poly Pomona and its students were affected by the harsh smell of smoke and ash last week due to the proximity of fires. Many students experienced discomfort and health concerns as the strong, burning odor was present all across campus.

Bryan A. Tapia, a fourth-year psychology student, noticed the strong burning odor outdoors and inside the classroom. "Once I got onto campus and even once I got into class, the smoke and the smell was still there," Tapia said.

Listed are the current updates of the local fires:

Castlewood Fire

The Castlewood fire began Oct. 30 and forced nearby residents to evacuate their homes. According to the Fullerton Police Department's public information Twitter account, the blaze burned a total of 11 acres in the area of Gilbert and Castlewood in Fullerton.

Arson experts are currently investigating the fire as a flare gun was discovered near the fire. No injuries were reported.

The fire was fully contained on Oct. 31.

Hillside Fire

Reported in the early hours of Oct. 31, the Hillside fire quickly spread due to high winds in the northern area of San Bernardino. The fire caused temporary closures on Highway 18 from Highway 138 to 40th Street, according to Caltrans' District 8 Twitter account, but was shortly reopened as of 6:18 p.m. Oct. 31.

Burning for nine days

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My story matters: a student voice series

MY STORY MATTERS

EDUARDO RANGEL | THE POLY POST

By **LAUREN BRUNO**
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As of recent, the Cal Poly Pomona administration has been advertising diversity and inclusion as one of the campus community's main priorities.

As the The Poly Post previously reported in Issue 10, at the inclusivity and diversity town hall meeting held on Oct. 23 in the Bronco Student Center, Ursa Minor, many students took the opportunity to voice their concerns regarding the topic. One of

those students was third-year chemical engineering, African American student Usiomo Ujadughele, who was racially profiled by a dean on campus over the summer.

Ujadughele has chosen not to disclose the name of the dean who victimized him.

Taking a class this past summer at CPP, Ujadughele would regularly meet with his study group every Friday in the same building every week.

On July 26, Ujadughele arrived to the same building with only his cell phone and keys on

his person. Upon entering the building, Ujadughele entered the men's restroom where the incident occurred.

"While I was in the restroom, a gentleman walked into the stall next to me on my left hand side," Ujadughele said.

Ujadughele heard the person open the door again, however, no one entered the restroom. Ujadughele exited the restroom around three to five minutes later and saw a man leaned against a wall, standing four to five feet to his right, looking toward the exit to the men's

restroom. Ujadughele reports that he made eye contact, smiled at him and proceeded down the hallway back to the classroom.

Ujadughele began folding a poster to prop the building door open, with his back facing the door as a police officer approached from behind him.

"The cop asked me what I was doing there. I let him know that I'm a student, (and) I was just looking for a classroom for my peers and I to study (in) and

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ASI focuses on student life and well-being



ASI senators did not come to a decision about partnering with College Pad after the presentation of the platform.

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Associated Students Inc. (ASI) focused on improving student life by providing assistance with food insecurity and housing options during the ASI Senate meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7. The board of directors discussed and presented some updates from organizations on campus focusing on

making students’ lives easier and more convenient. The updates on the Poly Pantry were among the first discussion for the senators. The Poly Pantry is the on-campus pantry full of food and necessities available year-round for all Cal Poly Pomona students. Alyssa Christiansen, ASI care coordinator, lead the conversation with upcoming events and major progress the Poly Pantry has experienced this year. “We’ve distributed over 15,000 items,” Christiansen said. “Every day, I’d say on average, we have 45 students in four hours. Every student gets 10 items, so that is 450 items that are distributed every day in the pantry.” The Poly Pantry will be hosting Hunger and

Homelessness Awareness Week beginning next Monday, Nov. 18 until Nov. 22. This event aims to restock the pantry and supplies as well as educate students on food insecurity. “Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a nationwide campaign to bring the attention to hunger and homelessness on college campuses and within our community and across the nation,” Christiansen said. This event will include multiple ways student can help the Poly Pantry restock and how they volunteer on campus and in the community. It will include “Stock the Pantry,” which is a food and supplies drive that will be open all week long at various places on campus. The last discussion item was a presentation of College Pad with Steve Catlin, director of Strategic Partnerships. College Pad is an online platform that allows students to compare and find off-campus housing in the easiest way possible. College Pad will have no cost for ASI if it agrees to partner. The funds the company receives are directly from landlords that sign up to promote their open rooms. The online resource also acts as reviews and rankings board where past renters can comment on their experience with their stay and the landlord. The company has already signed with numerous colleges across the nation, such as Cal State Long Beach and the University of Minnesota. ASI did not come to a decision and will decide at a future meeting if it wants to partner with College Pad. Another announcement by Celeste Salinas, director of the Children’s Center, informed the board that the center would assist student parents on campus during the last weeks of the semester. During “the pre-finals week and the week of finals, we will be offering evening childcare services for student parents on campus,” Salinas said. “It doesn’t have to be children who are currently enrolled (in the program).” For more information on the finals week evening child services, visit <https://www.cpp.edu/~focus-on-finals/index.shtml>.

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New Community Resource Center opens in Pomona

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The newest Community Resource Center in Los Angeles County, which provides affordable healthcare and health planning, opened in Pomona Saturday, Nov. 9, following a ribbon-cutting ceremony held Wednesday, Nov. 6. The ribbon-cutting ceremony brought L.A. Care Health Plan and Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan together to improve L.A. County’s quality of healthcare. They were joined with local elected officials to introduce the newest Community Resource Center. Francisco Oaxaca, the senior director of communications and community relations for L.A. Care Health Plan, and Kristen Cerf, the vice president of Medi-Cal Growth Strategy for Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, welcomed the audience at the event. Oaxaca and Cerf together discussed the amount of work that was needed to create the Community Resource Center. “So many folks from both Blue Shield and L.A. Care have collaborated to bring this vision to life,” Cerf said during the opening speech with Oaxaca. The center is one of 14 locations across the county and the first one to receive the new model proposed by the two companies. A “what you need to know” section on the L.A. Care Health Plan website gives quick facts about the new Community Resource Center, including the types of resources available to members, locations of future Community Resource Centers and the total cost of the investment: \$146 million over the next five years. Both Oaxaca and Cerf thanked the board of governors that will oversee the Community Resource Centers before introducing the next speaker, John Baackes, the CEO of L.A. Care Health Plan. Baackes stated the goal of L.A. Care Health Plan’s original centers, called Family Resource Centers, is to provide adequate healthcare to communities that were in poverty. The new Community Resource Centers are to achieve the same goal, especially in



The Community Resource Center is now open and will provide affordable healthcare and healthy classes to Pomona residents.

Pomona. There are 13,000 members of the Community Resource Centers in Pomona, according to Baackes. The new center will provide better care and increase face-to-face contact between both patients and doctors. Following Baackes’s speech, Greg Buchert, president and CEO of Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan, took the stage. Buchert discussed the technological advancements at the Pomona location and the core mission of the new Community Resource Centers. “We’re taking care of individuals who live in families, who live in communities,” Buchert said. The remaining speakers in the event were public officials and representatives of public officials to

congratulate the L.A. Care Health Plan and Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan. Representative Norma Torres, D-Ontario, attended and spoke at length about what this resource center means to her as a Pomona native, as well as what it means to the rest of the state and nation, as centers such as this are part of the Affordable Care Act former President Barack Obama passed in 2010. The new Community Resource Center is officially open as of Nov. 9 and is located at 696 W. Holt Ave. For more information about the Community Resource Center in Pomona and all across L.A. County, visit activehealthyinformed.org.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Burglary - commercial 11:00 a.m., Oct. 8 Building #92- Animal Lab, University Drive, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Controlled substance - paraphernalia 10:31 a.m., Oct. 27 Parking Lot B, beat 4, Kellogg Drive, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Trespass Reported Oct. 29, 1:20 a.m. University Village - beat 4, 3400 Poly Vista, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest
Vandalism 11:00 a.m., Oct. 8 Building #93 - Animal Lab, University Drive, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Hit & run - damage only no suspect info 8:30 a.m., Oct. 23 Parking Lot F4, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Hit & run - injury 9:02 a.m., Oct. 29 Kellogg/Kellogg Drive, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended
Make fictitious check Reported Oct. 24, 4:16 p.m. Building #109 - PD, beat 2, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Hit & run - damage only no suspect info 2:30 p.m., Oct. 24 Parking Lot F5, beat 2, Kellogg Drive, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Drive without a license 9:41 a.m., Oct. 29 Cypress Lane/Magnolia Lane, Pomona Disposition: Information Only
Possession controlled substance - misdemeanor 10:31 a.m., Oct. 27 Parking Lot B, beat 4, Kellogg Drive, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Petty theft - vehicle 8:00 a.m., Oct. 28 Parking Lot E, beat 3, Citrus Lane, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Petty theft 6:00 p.m., Oct. 28 Building #15 - University Library, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended
		Burglary 2:45 p.m., Oct. 29 University Village, beat 4,

Burglary 1:15 p.m., Oct. 29 University Village, beat 4, 3400 Poly Vista, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Drive without a license 11:20 a.m., Oct. 30 Sycamore Lane/University Drive, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Disposition: Cleared by Arrest
Burglary 11:00 a.m., Oct. 29 Building #57 - Palmitas Hall, University Drive/ Camphor Lane, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Burglary 5:45 a.m., Oct. 29 Building #57 - Palmitas Hall, University Drive/ Camphor Lane, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Grand theft - other +\$950 12:37 a.m., Nov. 2 Building #107 - parking structure, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended
Possession of stun gun on campus 9:30 a.m., Oct. 30 Suites - Buildings #54, 60, 61, 62, 63, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Hit & run property damage - notified 5:30 p.m., Oct. 30 University Drive/Collins Street, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Make fictitious check Reported on Nov. 4, 10:41 a.m. Building #55 - Foundation Office, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended
Controlled substance - paraphernalia 9:30 a.m., Oct. 30 Suites - Buildings #54, 60, 61, 62, 63, Pomona Disposition: Cleared by Arrest	Burglary 11:00 a.m., Oct. 29 University Village, beat 4, 3400 Poly Vista, Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended	Hit & run - property damage Reported on Nov. 4, 4:24 p.m. Parking Lot B, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona Disposition: Inactive/Suspended
	Possess burglary tools 1:23 a.m., Oct. 31 University Village, beat 4, 3400 Poly Vista, Pomona	

MY STORY: Police called on student using study room

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then he asked if I was a Cal Poly student. I let him know ‘yes,’ I was, and then he asked for my ID....” Ujadughele then offered to have the officer follow him to his car so he could provide his ID.

The gentleman who Ujadughele had seen outside of the restroom before was now standing four to five feet away from the classroom door as he was escorted out of the building by the officer.

Once outside, Ujadughele heard “the subject is now exiting the building” from the officer’s walkie. Simultaneously a police car then pulled up to the building and two officers exited. One of the officers asked to further help in the escorting of Usiomo to his car before being waved off.

After asking to see his Brono ID, the police officer requested to see Ujadughele’s driver’s license. The officer then called in Ujadughele’s driver’s license number and, “After he got a ‘clear’ from whoever it was he called in my driver’s license number to, he then asked me where I usually have class. I let him know that I usually have class in Building 3 up the hill and my classmates and I (come) down here to study every weekend.”

“He then told me ... ‘I’m not exactly sure what would happen to you if you decide to return back to this building, so (you) should try to check up there (Building 3) and see if there’s any other open rooms on campus.’”

Ujadughele then texted his study group to inform them he had been escorted out of the building by police and asked not to return to the building.

After an hour and a half, Ujadughele returned to campus to find his classmates were still studying, so he met with them. His classmates - who were of Hispanic and Middle Eastern descent - informed him that they had not been approached by anyone the entire time they had been studying.

Frustrated and confused as to why the earlier incident took place, Ujadughele went outside to call his family and inform them of the situation. During this

time, one of Ujadughele’s classmates was also outside on the phone and had used a book to prop open the building door so he wouldn’t get locked out.

The following Monday, Ujadughele’s classmate that had been outside on the phone told him while he was outside, the dean who called the police walked out of the building, stepping over the book that was being used to prop the building door open. According to Ujadughele, during his conversation with the dean at the Dinner with the Deans event, the dean told him (Usiomo) the reason he called the police was because the building was supposed to be locked down and no one else was supposed to be occupying it.

In the days following the incident, Ujadughele had a conversation with the dean who called the police on him, during which, according to Ujadughele, the dean changed his story several times.

“When I met with the dean, and asked him why exactly it was that he called the cops, and exactly what it was he was doing closest to the restroom if he thought there was a threat in the restroom, his response was, ‘I had to make sure that I could show professionals exactly where the threat was at the time.’ Seeing as there are two entrances close to the restroom exit, I’d asked him, ‘Why didn’t you wait near the exit furthest away from the restroom, out of sight, if, in fact, I was a threat?’ and his response was, ‘You know, I was afraid; When you’re afraid, your judgment’s irrational. I can’t really explain why I did that, but I wanted to be able to make sure that I could show the professionals where the threat was.’”

Ujadughele’s mentor also had a conversation with the dean after the incident. The dean told him he called the police after seeing Ujadughele in the restroom because he was wearing red shoes and felt threatened. However, Ujadughele reports he was wearing black, white and blue shoes during the time of the incident.

“I didn’t understand exactly the reference to the red shoes, whether it was supposed to assume that I was gang affiliated ... or there was some kind of threat,” Ujadughele said.

Being that the dean claimed he felt threatened, Ujadughele asked why he was in the hallway near the classroom where Ujadughele was escorted out by a police officer.

“Anything could have happened. You could have resisted arrest, or the cop could’ve choked you, or handled you in ways that (wouldn’t) have been proper,” the dean said.

Now claiming he was trying to protect him, Ujadughele questioned the dean about this and he deflected the question and continued on about his irrational thinking due to fear.

According to Ujadughele, the dean has never issued an apology or shown any remorse for the situation. “It was more so ‘I feel’ statements and apologizing for the misunderstanding, which absolutely was not a misunderstanding,” Ujadughele said.

Ujadughele has since filed a formal complaint with Title IX, which handles matters relating to discrimination based on sex, gender identity, citizenship status and race. After filing his complaint, both Ujadughele and Title IX noticed inconsistencies between both recounts of the incident. “It was very clear to me that he had lied as to his presence, where he was and where he said he was at the time,” Ujadughele said.

The dean has since requested to speak with Ujadughele again, which Ujadughele declined. He is no longer interested in meeting with the dean since he has yet to acknowledge any wrongdoing.

Ujadughele remains unsatisfied with the university administration’s lack of acknowledgement or action as it relates to his incident as many similar incidents that have been reported around campus.

After filing the report with Title IX services on campus, Ujadughele has not felt as though his best interests

are being represented because he was questioned several times by Title IX case workers as to whether he was sure he wanted to file his complaint as racial profiling, as opposed to harassment.

“(During the Title IX process) I do think that my intelligence was being insulted and being challenged ... I was given the feeling that there was a certain level of protection that was trying to be had on behalf of the university just to ensure that the reputation the university upholds and the fallacy of how much they love, respect and admire diversity was true.”

To date, no action has been taken regarding Ujadughele’s Title IX case and it is still under investigation.

Ujadughele has been deeply affected by his experience. In recounting his story, he recalls the tragic story of the Central Park Five - five African American and Latino young men who were wrongfully accused of raping and beating a woman in New York’s Central Park in 1989. Ujadughele mentions Korey Wise’s story specifically.

“Someone spends 13 to 14 years of their life in jail after just going down to a police station to watch and look after their friend, and you think I shouldn’t be afraid that I’m being accused of doing something, or I’m accused of being a threat while walking out of a bathroom or being in a classroom by myself? Yes, I’m very much so afraid because (the dean’s) irrational or his scared or his frightened ideas and actions could have cost me my life.”

The dean in question could not be reached for a comment on the story.

The Poly Post will continue to report “My story matters: A series” to bring to light the discrimination and racial injustice many students are experiencing at CPP to further push the university to listen and begin taking action. If students have a story they would like to share for this series, we encourage them to contact managing@thepolypost.com.

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FIRES: 628 acres burned during the three-day Hill Fire



COURTESY OF JILLIAN COOVERT

Flames from the Hillside Fire erupted near a residential area in San Bernardino.

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thus far, the San Bernardino National Forest Service and San Bernardino County Fire have the fire listed as 95% contained. The fire has burned 200 acres, destroyed six homes and damaged 18 others.

Shane Massoud, California Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans) public information officer of District 8, stated Caltrans doesn’t have any expertise when it comes to fighting fires. “We are in the role of assisting the U.S. Forest Service by manning the road closure on Highway 18,” Massoud said.

There are currently no evacuations in the area.

Getty Fire
Started Oct. 28, the Getty Fire burned for nine days before the Los Angeles Fire

Department fully contained it on Nov. 5.

The fire burned a total of 745 acres in the Brentwood area. According to investigators, the cause of the fire was determined to be a tree branch that broke off and struck power lines.

A total of 10 homes were destroyed and 15 damaged according to the L.A. Fire Department website. The fire forced students at Mount Saint Mary’s University to evacuate in the early hours of the morning. According to the Los Angeles fire department’s website, mandatory evacuations were enforced upon residents from Mandeville Canyon Road to Sunset Boulevard.

All evacuation orders were lifted as of 10 a.m. Oct. 28.

Jim Medina, Caltrans’ public information officer of District 7, said there was initially misinformation circulating about the Interstate 405 freeway being shut down. “We corrected that online and noted that it was open; it was slow going, but it was open,” Medina said.

Hill Fire
The Hill Fire broke out Oct. 30 and burned 628 acres, according to the Riverside County Fire Department’s website. The blaze began at Granite Hill and Pyrite Street in Jurupa Valley and lasted three days.

No homes were destroyed, but several motorhomes were damaged, according to the Riverside County Fire Department. Mandatory evacuations for the Santiago Estates Mobile Home Park were set when the fire first broke out and State Route 60 (SR-60) was closed in both directions.

All evacuations have been lifted as of 6:45 p.m. Oct. 30, and the SR-60 was reopened shortly after the initial closure. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation and was fully contained Nov. 2.

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Iowa added to travel ban list

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California’s travel ban list continues to expand, with Iowa being the most recent state added to the boycott list. Under Assembly Bill No.1887, California restricts any state funding or state sponsoring of travel to states that enact laws discriminating on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

The following 11 states are currently included on the travel ban list for enacting discriminatory laws: Alabama, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Iowa.

The Iowa ban went into effect on Oct. 4. It was added to the list after the Iowa Legislature passed a law repealing Medicaid coverage for gender-affirming care, which includes sex reassignment surgeries.

In a press release from Attorney General Xavier Becerra issued Sept. 13, Becerra stated, “California has taken an unambiguous stand against discrimination and government actions that would enable it. That’s why my office is adding Iowa to the list of states subject to state-funded or sponsored travel restrictions.”

As the travel ban list grows, athletics, clubs and other organizations at Cal Poly Pomona are faced with creating solutions for funding their own transportation.

Though CPP sports teams are not allowed to schedule competitions in the banned states, when it comes to postseason games, the situation is unavoidable. In this case, the athletics department funds the transportation costs

itself.

“(To travel to banned states), we only use National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) championship distribution funds (and) fundraiser monies,” said Stephanie Duke, senior associate athletics director. “There are no state funds used.”

For smaller organizations on campus, funding travel to banned states is tricky.

A member of the CPP Kappa Kappa Psi (KKPsi) National Band Honor Society, who asked to remain anonymous, shared how the organization was affected by the state’s travel ban.

In July, a convention celebrating the fraternity’s 100th year, was held in Oklahoma — the fraternity’s founding state and the ninth state to be added to California’s travel ban list. All chapters from around the country were invited.

However, without the help of university funding, the chapter could only afford to send three of its members to the celebration, with travel expenses being around \$2,000.

“It was just really sad that only three people could go,” the member of KKPsi said. “We would’ve loved to have more representation there, but it just wasn’t economically feasible.”

The KKPsi member understands the purpose behind the travel bans, but wishes it was possible to receive any kind of financial help from CPP.

“I think the university first and foremost should help the students. I understand why the ban is important, I just don’t know if having this stand actually helps us.”

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ASI President Senaratne holds one-on-one discussion with students during golf car ride



Second-year communications student, Jaden Ellis (left), speaking with ASI President Pasindu Senaratne before starting their golf cart ride.

By JIZELLE SAUCEDO
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On Thursday, Nov. 7, Cal Poly Pomona students engaged in a one-on-one conversation during a golf cart ride as they enjoyed pastries with Associated Students Inc. (ASI) President Pasindu Senaratne at the pathway leading from the library to the Student Services Building.

Senaratne wanted to give an opportunity for students to voice their opinions regarding their experiences on campus by inviting them to have a chat with him.

“We were trying to figure out an event where students can have more face time with me. And ‘Pizza with the Presidents’ is always focused around President (Soraya M.) Coley, so it does not give me a chance to answer (questions),” Senaratne said. “A lot of questions are based on administration, parking and all things like that.”

“Passengers Eating Pastries with Pasindu” allowed Senaratne to interact with CPP students during an event that was different from the traditional “Pizza with the Presidents.” It created a chance for ASI to better understand the CPP community and receive feedback on how it can improve future events.

Third-year business administration student Fabio Taylor explained how he was unaware of the resources that ASI has to offer and how he can be more involved.

“(ASI) should be more direct with explaining how people can be involved with ASI, specifically working on campus,” Taylor said. “It was cool to get to know (Pasindu) during that golf cart ride and he answered my questions perfectly.”

Senaratne informed Taylor that he can apply to work for ASI with the position available, attend student government elections meetings,

volunteer for the Bronco Events & Activities Team (BEAT) and check out the activities hosted by ASI, BEAT and campus recreation.

Janidu Goonatilaka, a first-year electronics systems engineering technology student, has attended previous ASI events before “Passengers Eating Pastries with Pasindu,” and mentioned how much they helped him feel connected with the CPP campus.

“I learned a lot about what ASI does for the school and how to be more informed about what is happening on campus as a freshman,” Goonatilaka said.

As a freshman, Goonatilaka described his experience with Senaratne as informative because he was able to ask for advice for his classes and learn more about the campus.

Senaratne also wanted to make it clear that he is also a student and recognizes that it is important for students to help one another.

Being a member of ASI since his sophomore year, Senaratne wants students to feel comfortable to speak out and ensure that the CPP community works together to create a unified campus.

“After having the opportunity to speak with students on a personal level, this event helped me realize why I joined ASI three years ago, which was to make more friends,” Sernaratne said.

Senaratne intends to organize similar events in the future for ASI to allow students to feel that they belong at CPP.

The footage of Senaratne speaking with the students who participated will be available soon through the ASI Instagram TV (IGTV), which will allow the campus community to have a glimpse of the interactions between Senarante and CPP students.

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Students share their opinions on the two-week winter term

Cal Poly Pomona has recently announced the short, two-week winter term for the first time since the semester switch. With such a short amount of time to learn and very few classes offered, students were asked, “Are you going to take the winter term?”



Christian Espinoza | Third-year mathematics student

“If the winter session had more courses, I would for sure take some course because it is kind of difficult to get classes, especially in math. I would love to take more winter classes in upper-division math if offered.”



Alex Zapata | Third-year urban regional planning student

“The main problem for me is the price. It doesn’t seem reasonable to pay that high price for the two weeks offered. Like if only GE classes are offered, then why not just go to a community college and get it done there, then just transfer it over.”



Josie Vargas | Third-year accounting student

“I was considering taking one, but when I checked only computer science was available to take. So that will push me back to take it next year instead. I agree that putting GEs only to be a smart idea because upper-division will be more complicated.”



Lalo Campos | Third-year accounting student

“I definitely looked into winter classes because I was trying to find courses to do in the break. I did find it surprising that CPP only offered a two-week session because of other CSUs offer at least four weeks. My needed classes aren’t offered, but if they were and I get the same credit from a 16-week semester, I would have given it a shot.”



Yani Ramirez | Fifth-year Spanish student

“I will not take any classes for winter, but I do feel they should put a variety of more classes. Like the courses that get filled up fast should be more available because I know classmates and friends (who) get waitlisted. Winter should be that time to make up for the lost time.”

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13th Annual Chalk Art Festival goes Pop



The Shaun Diamond Plaza is now transformed into a beautiful gallery featuring the works of Pomona locals, students and artists.

By **JOANNE GUINTU**
Staff Writer

The once-empty concrete pavements and sidewalks of downtown Pomona are now temporarily filled with a vast variety of bright colors and animated characters. Artists, Pomona locals and students have transformed the plaza into a now beautiful sidewalk gallery.

On Nov. 9, the City of Pomona’s Cultural Arts Commission hosted their 13th Annual Chalk Art Festival in Shaun Diamond Plaza. The event is free and open to the public.

This year’s theme was

Pop Art or open category. Students from Pomona Unified School District, City of Knowledge School, Pomona Catholic, School of Arts & Enterprise, Cal Poly Pomona and more were invited to take part in their community’s event. No skills or prior art experience were required to participate in this event.

To participate in the Chalk Art Festival, participants had to register online a week prior to the event at no cost. Once the participants have registered, a square would be reserved for them. On the day of

the event, they were provided with a free chalk set.

Pomona’s middle and high school students, families and professionals came as early as 7:30 a.m. to start sketching and planning their murals.

Students were huddled around the squares in groups working together to create the perfect art piece. Families set up picnic blankets and chairs to watch and support their kids.

Professional artists were only allowed to work individually.

“They don’t really care about winning, the students just come

for the spirit and to spend time together,” said Rowena Buchan, a Pomona resident.

The City of Pomona’s Cultural Arts Commission strives to make this event not only for the competition, but for the gathering of families and residents of Pomona. Lively music was playing to keep the energy high and spirit up, while the participants worked continuously. They also had a raffle going on throughout the event to keep the guests engaged and entertained.

The City of Pomona Water Resources tabled at the event to provide

water stations for the participants. Mi Cafecito, the café across the street from Shaun Diamond Plaza, partnered with the event to provide guests with the option of coffee as well.

The participants designed and colored in their space for hours in the heat until the end mark of 1:30 p.m. By 2 p.m., the judges started to walk around and vote on their favorite pieces. The winners for each category received cash prizes.

Many of the participants that came out last Saturday have been coming for years now.

“I’ve been doing this since I was in middle school ... (in) seventh grade, and now every year I come back,” said Julie Krisfield, Cal Poly Pomona student. “I always try and bring more of my friends (to the Chalk Art Festival) out with me.”

Every year, the Pomona residents look forward to this event and encourage more people to show off their artistic skills.

For more information on next year’s event, updates are posted on Instagram @downtownpomona.

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Vocal ensembles rocked the Music Recital Hall

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The Polytonix Vocal Jazz and Kellogg Soul Music ensembles rocked the house during their concert last Thursday night.

This concert marked John Proulx’s first concert as a solo director at Cal Poly Pomona. Proulx is the director of both Polytonix and the Kellogg Soul Music Ensemble. This semester is his first as a director and lecturer at the university. Proulx has worked both nationally and internationally as a jazz musician, composer and educator.

The concert started with the Polytonix Vocal Jazz Ensemble with the song “Old Devil Moon” by Burton Lane and Yip Harburg. With the soulful and soothing rhythm of the song, it set the tone of the group’s performance.

The group then continued with the song “Art’s Groove” by Steve Allee, which was performed at the jazz concert last month. This performance showcased every singer’s a cappella abilities through different solos.

The Polytonix took a break as a group to feature some of its singers with full solo song.

Grace Engleman, a Polytonix singer, took the stage first with a powerful performance of “At Last” by Harry Warren and Mack Gordon. The audience was left speechless and awed by the strong voice Engleman had and the range of vocals

she possessed.

The next couple of songs were performed by Danise Kuang, who sang “Summertime” by George and Ira Gershwin. Kuang chose her solo song because

the song “his way” with his unique voice.

The group came back together to end its set before the intermission. The group sang the a cappella version of “I’ll Be Seeing You” by Sammy

After the short intermission, it was the Soul Music Ensemble’s turn. The group brought out a burst of energy as the singers skipped and jogged on stage with their denim outfits.

“What you are hearing tonight is actually the songs they auditioned to get into the group,” Proulx said.

The Soul Music Ensemble did not just feature its amazing singers during their solos, the group highlighted the singing abilities of pianist Isaac Jimenez and even the rapping skills of drummer Zion Guerrero.

The ensemble brought Jimenez out on the stage to sing a mash-up of “Sunny” by Bobby Hebb and “Just Friends” by Musiq. The pianist highlighted his unique voice and even showcased his beat-boxing skills to remix the song, leaving the crowd surprised and shocked.

The Soul Music Ensemble introduced Guerrero as a featured rapper while he drummed in the song “On My Mind” by Jorja Smith. Singer of the Soul Music Ensemble, Kriziel Mendoza, sang this song alongside Guerrero, since she auditioned with it. The original song does not include a rap, so Guerrero wrote his own rap to this song. His part fit perfectly with the song and had the audience grooving to his words.

Both ensembles gathered on stage to sing one last song together. The combined group sang “You’ve Got a Friend” by James Taylor. The song fit the closing of the concert, leaving the audience satisfied and content with the night full of soulful music.

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Polytonix sings energetically and soulfully as the members take the stage after intermission.

of her childhood memories connected to the song.

“My parents used to sing me lullabies, so I will sing a lullaby for all of you tonight,” Kuang said.

The song changed the pace of the concert to a soothing and alluring tune.

The next notable song performed during the Polytonix’s set was “My Way” by Frank Sinatra. Singer Nicholas Huffman performed

Fain and Irving Kahal.

Polytonix performed the song beautifully, giving the song both a haunting and enchanting tone. This song left the audience in awe, with shivers down their spines.

The Polytonix wrapped up with the jazz rendition of “Look for the Silver Lining” by Jerome Kern and B.G. DeSylva, which highlighted the members’ jazz a cappella abilities once more.

CPP Philharmonic presents: ‘Kaleidoscope’

By **DANIELA AVILA**
A&E Editor

At 8 p.m. Nov. 5, the Cal Poly Pomona community came together to enjoy classical music put on by CPP Philharmonic as the ensemble performed its first concert of the semester, “Kaleidoscope.”

The concert hall quickly became a full house, leaving the audience eager to hear what the ensemble had to perform.

According to The Philharmonic website, these students dedicate their time to music as an outlet, and as an opportunity to obtain their passion for music as they are in the pursuit to gain their college degrees.

“We recognize the importance of continuing to play after high school, to keep balance in a person’s life.”

The concert began with the Opus String Ensemble, a smaller group of students who share a love for music but dedicate a little bit less time than the Philharmonic. They played the songs Concerto “alla Rustica” in G major and “Inferno,” providing a warm opening before the Philharmonic went

on stage.

The Philharmonic opened with Concerto for Bass Trombone and Orchestra, featuring Kevin Truong, co-winner of the 2019 CPP Philharmonic Concerto Competition. The song had a slow and soothing beginning with the bass trombone solo, followed by an energetic entrance by the Philharmonic.

According to the program, this song was the “centerpiece” of the performance. “This delightful and energetic excursion truly allows the soloist to demonstrate his skills on the instrument, and I am sure you will be as impressed as the judges were,” the program said.

Followed by this, the ensemble played movement one of “The New World” by Antonin Dvorak. Antonin was a composer from Czechoslovakia, which is now known as the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

He spent a summer in Minnesota where he studied folk music, and this piece is a sort of imitation of the music he explored, Janine Riveire, director of the ensemble, explained.

She also gave her own anecdote on what the piece meant to her.

“For me, even though he didn’t intend to paint a picture, it’s like waking



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The CPP Philharmonic playing classical music for the audience to hear at its first concert of the semester.

up early in the morning when things are just starting to move around; the birds just start to tweet a little bit, and you’re in a small world.”

The piece was loud and intense, yet in perfect synchrony as the

ensemble’s bows swayed up and down.

The group continued by playing “Alacran” by Orlando Otey, and “Selections from Pictures at an Exhibition” by Modeste Mussorgsky.

When the concert was over, there was a loud round of applause from the audience.

If you missed the CPP Philharmonic this time around, its next concert will be held on April 21, 2020 and will

feature Jeff Sweede, another co-winner of the 2019 Concerto Competition, as a soloist on Gershwin’s Rhapsody in Blue, according to the program.

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Broncos love bouldering at the BRIC



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The bouldering community is rooted in encouragement, and fellow members help each other enhance their skills.

By **GEORGIA VALDES**
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During week two of fall 2018, the Bronco Intramural Recreation Center (BRIC) introduced bouldering-only hours set Monday through Wednesday, 6-11 a.m. and 9 p.m. to midnight and Saturday through Sunday 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. and 6-11 p.m., respectively. This addition has proven helpful, as over 200 people have utilized the time by week 10.

Bouldering is a form of climbing without equipment such as ropes or harnesses. However, climbing shoes are still required. During these hours, students with the appropriate clearance can access the Bronco Peak’s bouldering section unsupervised.

There are a few advantages to bouldering

over top rope, or sport climbing. For one, there lies an ease of access without needing a belay partner or equipment to attach to. Another is that the height is much less daunting, capping at about 10 feet. Bouldering can be described as more technical, allowing for climbers to train their strength.

In order to be cleared for bouldering, students must first attend the climbing wall orientation and belay class (CWOB). This class is offered at least once a day, every day. Once completed, climbers will receive a green belt, indicating that they may utilize the boulder area and can also be assisted with a sport climb.

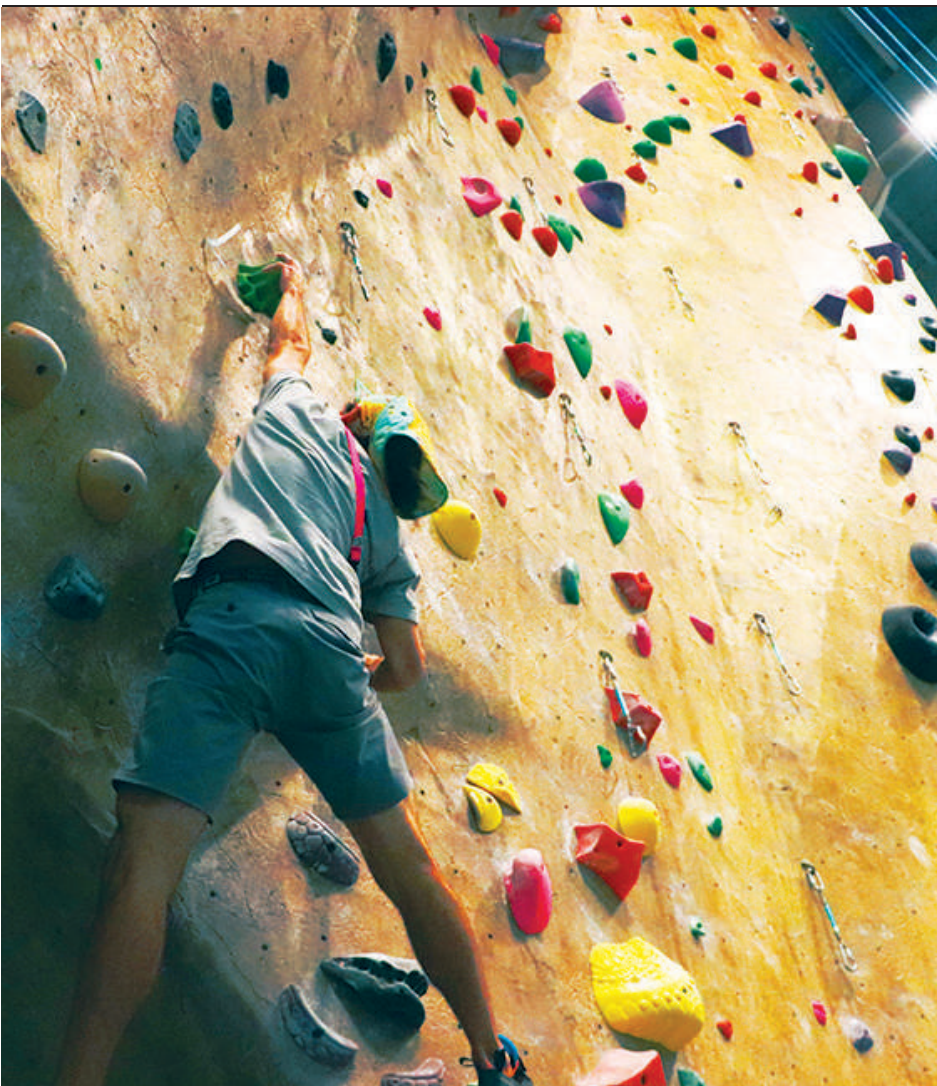
With more students interested in bouldering, Adventure Education

Coordinator Ian Navarro felt that the addition was a long time coming.

“We find that it greatly benefits students to work out in the morning before their classes. (Bouldering) allows (students) to focus in on a problem without feeling like they’re being watched or (without feeling) distracted.”

This week marks the end of Boulder League, a competition in which teams are scored based on overall improvement, rather than speed. During this 6-week league, the routes were changed in preparation for Friday night meets. With the season ending, students can expect route changes about every month.

Testing these routes is what draws climbers to try bouldering. To solve a bouldering problem



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Geography senior Nate Satrape reaches for the final hold in a complicated route.

is to follow a specified path, marked by a single color. So, if climbers start on yellow, they can only use yellow holds to solve the problem. It’s much easier said than done.

Fifth-year computer science student Brent Tsuji is an avid climber and works as a route setter for the BRIC. His artistry first lies in aesthetics that catch the eye of climbers and excites them to get past the crux (the most difficult aspect of a route).

“I’m trying to set something complicated and nuanced, so that someone really has to think about the climb,” Tsuji said. “(Other routes), I’ll make really straightforward, but

physically demanding so that somebody can really train on it.”

The boulder-only hours serve students like Juan Lim, who just can’t get enough wall time. Lim spends anywhere from three to six hours a day at Bronco Peak.

“I am (at the BRIC) for a large portion of the day, but being able to climb while there is no attendance is amazing,” Lim said.

For many, outdoor recreation is more than just exercise, but a lifestyle and community. Adventure supervisor Marshall Feilding encourages anyone with access to the BRIC to try the wall.

“The climbing wall is where I come when I

need to refocus and gain faith in myself I watch climbers who are working really hard and loving what they’re doing, and doing it because they love one another just as fellow humans. It’s really refreshing,” Feilding said.

Newcomers who are interested in bouldering, and have the proper clearance, can attend the Techniques and Movements workshop hosted by the BRIC.

For more information on the Bronco Peak’s new bouldering and general climb times, visit asi.cpp.edu/campusrec/programs/adventures/indoor-rock-climbing.

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Under the night light in downtown Pomona

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If you're ever on the search for an escape and night out filled with people to meet, delicious food and art to explore, the Downtown Pomona Art Walk and Market Night is the place for you.

This event is located at the Downtown Pomona Arts Colony and occurs on the second Saturday of every month from 6-9 p.m., giving local artists and vendors a platform to display their work under the night light.

In the marketplace area, you will find vendors selling items such as handmade jewelry, clothing, vintage records and eccentric pieces to decorate living spaces.

Jose Romero, a Cal Poly

Pomona alumnus who graduated in 1990, along with his wife, sells glass liquor bottles with twinkling lights inside as small lamps.

"One day we just decided it would be a good idea to put lights and bottles together...it sort of just worked," Romero said.

Their small business began with a simple hobby of theirs but is now available for purchase at every art walk.

Another vendor stationed at the art walk was Claudia Flores. She runs a honey business and dedicates her life to going to market places such as these to sell her honey.

Her step-brother is a beekeeper and together they work to make natural honey to sell to the community.

According to Flores, making the honey is fairly simple and the different types of honey that she carries actually just depend on what flower the bee had visited.

While making your way down the market place area you will find that all vendors you come across are amiable, creating such a positive and welcoming environment as they share their work.

Meanwhile, people enjoyed local musicians such as Frances Livings.

Crowds of people stopped and noticed a British woman dressed in a beautiful, red dress. She had a soothing voice, making it impossible to not want to stop and listen as she sang songs in both English and Spanish.

Some of the food items that are available for purchase are kettle corn, bacon-wrapped hot dogs, funnel cakes, fried Oreos and more.

Aside from the marketplace area of the art walk, local stores and businesses also open up to hold events for people to walk around and explore.

Vital Pomona, a boutique in the Arts Colony, displayed the work of "penclique," poetry that belongs as art in a canvas. Meanwhile, DJ Nickiboi Ilagan was spinning his tracks for people passing to hear and for some to dance around to.

Cafe con Libros, which is right next door to Vital Pomona, was holding a poetry open-mic event. Guests walked around the

store to check out the books they had for sale and waited to hear the original work of local poets.

"We love the beautiful energy of (the) community sharing together the art of spoken word," wrote Cafe con Libros on its Instagram.

The Downtown Pomona Art Walk and Marketplace is filled with genuine people and allows you to appreciate the locals artists around you.

Pomona is overflowing with people with hidden talents and the event allows them to come out and display their work.

If you didn't make this one, you can always go to the one happening next month on Dec. 14.

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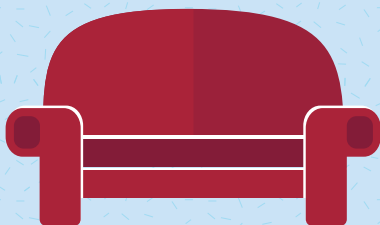
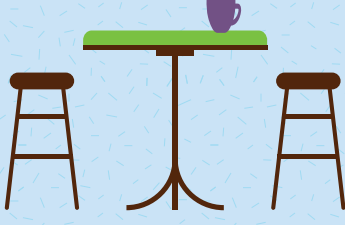


Various vendors come together to the Downtown Pomona Art Walk marketplace to display their work and share it with the community.

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CAPS waiting list discourages students



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It takes courage to admit one’s mental health is not “OK” and to ask for help. In this day and age, where emotional exhaustion and stress are normalized, society has created a stigma around the idea of seeking help and verbalizing mental health issues. Reaching out for help is not a sign of weakness, and vulnerability it is bravery.

However, when students can’t receive the help they need in a timely matter, it can be a dangerous problem.

With the two-week long

waiting lists at Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS), it is obvious that CPP is failing to keep up with the mental health needs of its students.

In a sense, student problems are being ignored. Scheduling an appointment at CAPS is a hassle. I have been turned away numerous times, as I once called on a Tuesday morning asking if I could schedule an appointment. They told me to call back next Monday because there was already an extensive waiting list; I couldn’t even add my name to the list.

Being turned away from even scheduling an appointment or getting your name added

to the waiting list can lead students to feel discouraged to reach out again for help.

Fortunately, CAPS offers walk-ins for emergency crisis situations, which is definitely a resource worth utilizing if you need to speak to someone right away. However, the flaw with offering emergency crisis walk-ins as the only other face-to-face option if you cannot land an appointment, is that many students downplay their own problems. Unless our thoughts are immediately life-threatening, we are typically in denial about the extent of our issues or the weight we are carrying.

We may not believe our problems or situations qualify as “emergency crisis” worthy, therefore preventing ourselves from getting any help at all, even though we may potentially need it.

With a waiting period as long as two weeks, it also begs the question of what happens to the students in between the time they get put on the waiting list to the time they see a counselor.

Though two weeks may not seem that long, consider it through the eyes of a college student who is already at an emotional breaking point, balancing deadlines,

academics among other pressures. If they’re asking for professional help, chances are they have been thinking about it or needing it for a while. So time is of the utmost importance.

More funding needs to go toward mental health resources on campus. It is clear we need more counselors. It’s not acceptable for CAPS to turn away those who seek help, or make them wait long periods. As this waiting list grows, so does the list of students whose problems go ignored and unaddressed.

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What happens when an anticipated video game leaks?

By **STEVEN EVERETT**
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On Nov. 15, “Pokémon Sword” and “Pokémon Shield,” two Nintendo Switch video games, are set to release worldwide.

Ever since Halloween, a group of people on many social media networks (primarily Twitter and Discord) posted content about the upcoming Sword and Shield games.

Posted content included story spoilers, new Pokémon, the final forms of the three starter Pokémon and how many (and which species) of the Pokémon from previous generations made it into the new games. Reactions to these leaks ranged anywhere from gratitude to angry retaliation. In regards to the latter, even the Nintendo social media accounts retaliated by erasing the accounts of everyone responsible for the leaks.

While the leakers were around, many noticed a multitude of reactions. It’s only natural that people have different opinions on spoilers.

This has happened too many times to count with popular games before. Last year, “Super

Smash Bros. Ultimate” and “Kingdom Hearts III” were the biggest victims of spoilers. Fandom reaction of both gratitude and anger was exactly the same last year for those games.

Bearing in mind everything that comes about from leaks (reaction from excited fans seeing them whether they wanted to or not, retaliation from officials, etc.), there ought to be some etiquette implemented for times when an anticipated game is close to launch day.

There is no problem with spoilers or leaks; however, one who does not always actively seek them out may still accidentally come across them.

That’s why there should be obvious warnings for content that is leaked, as to not ruin others’ expectations of the game before the release date.

On the other hand, at times, fan reaction can be blown out of proportion. Regardless of the spoilers, it does not take away from the enjoyment of actually playing the game when it is released.

For the crowd who prefers to have a fresh experience with a new game, there are ways to avoid getting spoiled by the mannerless leakers. Twitter allows its users to mute certain words to avoid related tweets in one’s timeline.

Should that fail, there’s no shame in taking a break from social media hangouts until the hype has died down, or until you finish the game yourself and can, therefore, no longer be spoiled. Social media breaks do wonders in general, but that’s especially true in times of new-game hype. This goes for the Discord crowd, too.

The new Pokémon games are only the latest victims of leak culture. This is going to happen again to next year’s big game. So, to the leakers: Keep your spoilers to yourself. To people who don’t mind them: Don’t ruin it for people who want a fresh experience. And finally, to people who want to avoid spoilers and leaks: Stay safe. And to all of you: Enjoy your game!

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Broncos headed to CCAA Semifinals

By **GRACE MIKURIYA**
Sports Editor

Seven minutes into overtime of the last regular season match, senior midfielder Cyro Oliveira netted a golden goal to give the men’s soccer team a 2-1 victory against the Sonoma State Seawolves last Wednesday.

After six straight home games, the Broncos were back on the road to finish out their conference play, ending with a record of 10-1-1.

On Wednesday, both teams battled until the 40th minute when the Broncos were able to take the lead.

Senior midfielder Jimmie Villalobos was responsible for the goal after an assist from junior defender Garrett Jensen.

“It was pretty hard to get the ball because defensively (the Seawolves) had a lot of players behind the ball,” Villalobos said.

“Garrett got the ball on the right side and crossed it over the defenders. I brought it down with my chest, struck it and it went in. I am just thankful as always.”

The goal marked Villalobos’ 17th of the season, as he continues to lead the league in goals scored.

He is currently four goals ahead of the second-place goal scorer Walmer Martinez from Cal State Monterey Bay, who has 13 goals.

With five minutes

remaining in the second half, the Seawolves scored the equalizer, which sent the game to overtime.

In the 97th minute, Villalobos sent Oliveira a pass up the middle, who then knocked it past the Seawolves’ goalkeeper to end the match.

“There was a turnover in the middle of the field and the ball got to Jimmie,” Oliveira said. “I made the run and he gave me the pass, and I proceeded to score.”

The two teams were each tied with nine shots, five of which were on goal. Junior Jordan Aldama was in the goal for the Broncos, making a total of three saves to help land the team its victory.

“We had a lot of chances to put the game away a little bit earlier,” head coach Matt O’Sullivan said. “I thought defensively, we did pretty well and didn’t make too many mistakes. Just one little mistake in the box and they scored. We went to overtime and just kept plugging away and we ended up getting the win out of it.”

Despite a slow start to the season, the Broncos’ are now second in the California Collegiate Athletic Association’s (CCAA) Division II standings. Their current overall record is 11-4-2.

“The (team’s) evolution has been brilliant. I am really excited with the group,” O’Sullivan said. “We



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Senior midfielder Cyro Oliveira’s golden goal on Wednesday marked his fifth goal of the season.

obviously started very slow in the season, but since that point, we have been fantastic. I can’t say much more about their performance and I couldn’t ask for any more from the guys; they have been incredible.”

Last week, senior defender Ori Kenett was named to the 2019 Academic All-District Men’s Soccer Team.

The Collegiate Sports Information Directors of America selected this honor and it takes into account both his performance on the field

and in the classroom.

Kenett is an international student-athlete from Tel Aviv, Israel, who is currently studying business administration at Cal Poly Pomona.

This is his second consecutive year being honored with this award and he is only the fifth to be recognized in program history.

“It’s a big honor. I had no idea this was coming,” Kenett said. “I heard that nobody has ever received it for two consecutive years.

I actually found out when my dad sent me the article — he’s a big Bronco fan. I’m glad I’m able to help the program both on the field and in class.”

After competing almost twice every week since the start of the season, the Broncos received a 9-day gap before their next match. The team secured a first-round bye in the CCAA Championship Tournament, sending them straight to the semifinals, which will take place Friday in La

Jolla.

“It will be a good rest for us. We will have time to train, get our bodies underneath us and prepare for the tournament,” Oliveira said.

The Broncos will compete to win the CCAA Championship title, which they won last season.

The Broncos enter the tournament as the No. 2 seed, right behind Cal State L.A.

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NCAA: Women’s team finishes 6th out of 27 teams

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Nov. 11.

The Ash Creek Preserve in Monmouth also hosted the men’s cross country race, where the CPP men’s team took home second place out of 28 teams, with an overall score of 115 points. This was behind championship winner Chico State, who took home both the men’s and women’s regional title.

This is the team’s best regional result since 2004-6, when the CPP men’s team placed second for three consecutive years.

Ashford was pleased with the men’s team performance, stating, “They ran a great race. They showed out to be the good team we had been expecting, they came together at the right moment.”

Eamon Smythe was the top finisher for the Broncos, coming in at 10th place, running the 10-kilometer race in 30:14.3. He commented, “I think I personally did well. Tenth place, and I didn’t start feeling bad until about three-fourths



COURTESY OF AMANDA LOMAN

Luz Garcia was the top finisher for the Broncos, placing 13th out of 186 runners on Saturday.

of the way through.”

Sophomore Nicholas Albro came in 17th (30:32) and junior Jeremiah Suzara came in 25th (30:45.8) place. They both made the top 25 finishes alongside Smythe.

When asked about the

team’s performance, Smythe said, “We finally started working together.” He explained how he felt the team worked at its expected potential, despite its rough start in the early season.

Finishing in the top

three automatically qualifies this year’s CPP men’s cross country team to nationals. This is the second year in a row the men’s team made it to the top three teams and the sixth time in the past seven championships.

Smythe said the team was “stoked” about finding out it qualified for the nationals, about five to 10 minutes after the race had ended. Last year, the Broncos placed 25th at nationals.

This will be CPP’s 21st

time attending the NCAA Championships. They will take place on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Haggin Oaks Golf Complex in Sacramento.

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Volleyball defeats Monterey Bay 3-2



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Saturday marked the volleyball team’s first home victory at Kellogg Arena in the 2019 season.

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The women’s volleyball team took on the Otters from Cal State Monterey Bay on Saturday night at Kellogg Arena.

The Broncos were pumped and ready to redeem themselves after last weekend’s losses.

As both teams started the game with high energy, the Otters ended up taking the first set, 25-20.

The Broncos knew they had to get back in the

game and not fall behind. With their determination, they clinched the second set with an ending score of 25-23.

The Otters didn’t let the Broncos get ahead of themselves and took the third set 25-17.

With the Broncos down 1-2 in sets, they weren’t going to go down without a fight.

The Broncos ended up winning the third set with a score of 25-17.

Tensions were running high from both teams as they approached the final set.

The Broncos’ energy was radiating throughout Kellogg Arena, which reflected the way they played in the last set.

The Broncos got in an unstoppable momentum and took full control of the last set. The Broncos dominated the last set, 15-4.

The Broncos came back in full force from a 2-1 deficit and snatched their first win at home.

The Broncos defeated the Otters 3-2 in sets.

Junior middle blocker Ally Wilder led the Broncos with 18 kills and one block for the night.

Freshman opposite-side hitter Daisy Duke trailed behind Wilder with 17 kills and had three blocks for the Broncos.

Freshman outside hitter Jazminn Parrish had a successful game with 14 kills and two blocks.

As Parrish reflected on the memorable moments of the game, she said her “back row kills and lefty hit” were the highlights of the game because they were “not normal plays.”

Sophomore setter Kira Zimmerman recorded 47 assists during the game against the Otters.

Zimmerman has had successful games but this one was a little different.

Head coach Traci Dahl praised Zimmerman’s offensive plays and her focus on “dumping,” when the setter returns the ball over the net on the second hit, rather than setting up the ball for a spike or attack on the final hit.

With that strategy during Saturday’s game, Zimmerman said, “I didn’t even notice in the beginning and I looked at the board and (the assists were) much higher than other games.”

“Zimmerman had one of her best games all season,” Dahl said.

Dahl was more than happy about the team’s first home win. Reflecting back on the game, Dahl said, “I felt like at the beginning, it was up and down and a little inconsistent.

“After the third set, I thought that we started to put everything together. We were producing more in both ... back rows and front rows. But when we were ahead, we stayed ahead.”

As the Broncos’ end to their season approaches, Dahl wants to not only take the fifth set’s success, but the whole match into next weekend in hopes to win at home again.

“We have two really big games ahead of us and a chance to move up the ladder in conference,” Dahl said.

“We’ve got a nice schedule toward the end of the season, so I really want to have the team chemistry that we had tonight. I want to take that into the week with a nice last week of practice also.”

The Broncos’ conference record now stands at 5-10, with an overall record of 7-15.

The Broncos end their season this weekend at home court as they play the Warriors from Stanislaus State at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 15 and the Chico State Wildcats at 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16.

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Broncos end in 0-0 draw against Seawolves

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Women’s soccer traveled north to Rohnert Park Wednesday afternoon and was held to a 0-0 draw against the No. 10 Sonoma State Seawolves.

The draw pushed the Broncos’ overall record to 12-3-3 and 8-1-3 in the California Collegiate Athletic Association (CCAA) conference.

“(Wednesday’s) game was a playoff game. We knew going into it that it was going to be a physical contest, so we knew there were going to be a lot of moments where we had to be brave,” head coach Jay Mason said.

“I was really proud of the kids. It’s a tough place to get a result, and for them to go in there against the top team in the region and tie, and not concede any goals, is great.”

The Broncos had a total of eight shots, two of which were on target.

The Seawolves on the other hand had 11 shots, five of which were on target.

The intensity of the match was evident as both teams totaled 14 fouls.

Despite being on the road, the Broncos’ desire to win was clear as the team quickly put up its first shot.

The shot came



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The Broncos secured the No. 3 seed in the CCAA Tournament. Pictured is No. 2, Ambria Pogue.

from senior defender Cassidy Overstreet, but went just out above the Seawolves’ goal.

The Seawolves answered right away, and put up back-to-back shots.

Fortunately for the Broncos, sophomore goalkeeper Sydney Williams was able to contain the second shot, after the first one went out left of the goal.

Seven minutes later, the Broncos almost

got on the board, after sophomore midfielder Amanda Duran took a shot that went just left of the goal.

Following Duran’s shot, senior forward Ambria Pogue took a shot to the bottom left corner of the Seawolves’ goal, but it was saved by the goalkeeper.

A minute later, senior defender Daniela Paiz pushed forward in search of breaking through for the

Broncos, but her shot was just out right of the goal.

After Paiz’s shot, the Broncos had a total of two shots to end the first half.

Despite being the better team in the first half, the Broncos in the last 20 minutes of the first half struggled offensively, as the team did not put up any shots.

“Overall, I think the team did a really good job,” Paiz said.

“We talked in the beginning about this match being a tough battle and what we wanted to set our goals as and shutting down their key players. And I think we did a good job of doing that.”

During the beginning of the second half, the Broncos continued struggling offensively and did not put up a shot until minute 70. Pogue, once again, had a shot but it was unsuccessful.

Minutes before, the Seawolves almost broke through after they had back-to-back shots, but Williams denied the attempts.

In the last 15 minutes of regulation, the Broncos had another shot, but it was saved by the Seawolves’ goalkeeper.

As the clock was winding down, the Seawolves, in search of the win, pushed forward and almost broke through after they had three shots in the final five minutes.

The Broncos’ defense was able to keep them at bay to send the game into overtime.

“I think we were just unlucky with a couple of our chances,” junior defender Taylor Rasmussen said.

“We got really close a couple times; I just think today it wasn’t going our way and it was a tough field to play on. So I think that affected us.”

For the first overtime half, the match was only played 10 minutes because of the lack of light, ending the match in a draw.

The Broncos will be back in action at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday when the team will face the Cal State L.A. Golden Eagles at Kellogg Stadium in the first round of the CCAA Championship Tournament.

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Broncos win home game opener, 81-71

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The women’s basketball team defended its home-game opener in a win against the Point Loma Sea Lions Nov. 8 in the Kellogg Arena.

The Broncos controlled most of the game as their defense expedited them to an 81-71 victory over Point Loma.

The Broncos held the Sea Lions to only 20 points, while they combined for 44 points in the first half.

Broncos’ head coach Danelle Bishop said the team both focused on communicating and locking in on defense, which can help win over top teams in their conference.

“When this team really wants to play defense and they focus on that, we’re really good,” Bishop said.

“You saw how our transition offense off of those steals was clutch.”

Unfortunately for the Broncos, senior forward Monica Todd had to exit the game late in the third quarter due to an apparent knee injury.

Todd was a factor on defense with a total of three steals and six rebounds, all in three quarters.

Bishop hopes Todd’s injury is not severe and that her vital efforts will return for their upcoming games after a week’s rest.



Kasey Smit, right, made a total of 14 points and eight rebounds in Friday’s game against Point Loma Sea Lions.

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“She’s key to our team. She was getting steals. She had six rebounds, she was just all over the place,” Bishop said.

“She played great, so we’re going to pray for her and pray that hopefully it’s something like a fluke thing and she’ll be out — I’m sure tomorrow — and hopefully get some rest next week.”

On the offensive end, star players senior forward Kasey Smit and senior point guard Jackie Ricketson combined for 32 points and 13 rebounds to give the

Broncos a comfortable lead through the end of the third quarter. Ricketson, who dished out a team-high of six assists, thinks the team did well on both ends of the floor and stayed composed through a tough second half.

“I think we really came out hot in the first half and I think it really stemmed from our good defense,” Ricketson said.

“The second half, since our defense was a little bit slower and they were coming at us a lot harder, it slowed us down a little, but

we came back and held them from coming back all the way up.”

Point Loma was able to cut into the lead in the fourth quarter off 3-point opportunities from finishing contact layups and fast-break points. This led to 28 points to end the quarter.

Smit said coach Bishop called a timeout in between the run by the Sea Lions to refocus the team and finish the game out strong.

“She was in our ear making sure that we’re focused and that we finish the game even

if we were up by a lot,” Smit said.

“She was always saying ‘Hey, pretend we’re still down by 10’ and to always keep going and get after it.”

On Saturday, the Broncos headed to Felix Event Center to take on the Azusa Pacific Cougars.

The Cougars entered the game after a blowout win against Cal State San Bernardino with a final score of 75-47.

“(On Friday), we crashed the boards super hard. We moved a lot better on offense

and we’re going to have to do that (against APU),” Bishop said. “I know our players will be up for the challenge.”

Despite the Broncos’ strong efforts, they could not get past the Cougars, falling 45-63.

This week, the Broncos will return home to take on Cal State San Bernardino at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. The team will then hit the road as it takes on Cal State Monterey Bay at 1 p.m. Saturday in Seaside.

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Men’s basketball opens season on the road

By **HECTOR AMEZQUITA**
Staff Writer

Men’s basketball kicked off the 2019-20 season with a 62-66 loss versus Azusa Pacific University on Friday night in Seattle, Washington, for the Sodexo Classic.

The Broncos shot 42 percent from the field and 46 percent from the 3-point line.

“I liked the heart we showed at the end coming back from a 10-point deficit that we dug ourselves into,” head coach Greg Kamanksy said. “And this is a good team, but we have room for improvement. Some of the things I thought we were weak at were exposed tonight.”

The only Bronco with double figures in scoring was junior guard BJ Standley who had 16 points along with four assists and three rebounds. Seven of the 16 points came in the first game, after going 2-for-4 in that span.

The second Bronco with the most points was senior forward Justin Young who chipped in with nine points and four rebounds.

In the first half, right off the bat, the Broncos got on the board thanks to a jumper from senior guard William Christmas.

The Cougars then quickly answered with back-to-back 3-pointers to take the lead.

Moments later, Standley initiated a 4-0 run after he drove into the paint for a layup. As the game proceeded,



Senior guard/forward Riley Schaefer made a total of 27 points to close out the Sodexo Classic.

both teams struggled to shoot the ball until junior guard Mason Dickerson made a layup to pull within one.

After an exchange of shots, the Broncos finally took the lead thanks to both good free throws from Standley. Seconds later, when the Broncos seemed to start pulling away, the Cougars pulled back and took the lead thanks to a dunk from Selom Mawugbe.

With four minutes left

in the first half of the game, the Broncos took their largest lead of the night with four points after back-to-back shots. The first basket came from a layup made by junior guard Phoenix Shackelford followed by a 3-pointer from Standley.

Despite being down, the Cougars quickly answered with an 8-2 run to take the lead 28-26. Before the end of the half, Young drove

into the paint and made a layup to tie the game, and was quickly followed by senior guard Nikhil Peters with a 3-pointer that saw the Broncos take the lead 31-28 going into halftime.

Coming into the second half, the Cougars came out red hot and went on a 14-0 run that saw them take their largest lead of the night by 11 points.

During the first five minutes of the second

half, the Broncos struggled significantly and were not able to score. The first points for the Broncos in the second half came thanks to a jumper from Christmas.

Williams’ jumper would initiate a 15-5 run for the Broncos, which pulled them within one point from the Cougars with nine minutes left in the game. Despite the Broncos’ attempts, the Cougars quickly pulled

away and took an 8-point lead.

With six minutes and six seconds left on the clock, the Broncos put together a strong 11-2 run that helped them take the lead 57-56 going into the final minutes of the game.

Minutes later both teams exchanged baskets, and with 29 seconds left, the Broncos made a layup to take a 1-point lead. The Cougars answered right away with a 3-pointer that led them to the win.

“I thought we defended well. In the beginning of the second half, we didn’t come out with enough energy when they went on that big run, and that was kind of the big difference,” senior guard/forward Riley Schaefer said. “Luckily, we were able to get back in the game but mental lapses like that was the difference tonight.”

On Saturday, the Broncos defeated the Seattle Pacific Falcons 64-58 to finish out the Sodexo Classic.

Schaefer ended the match with 19 points and an impressive five rebounds.

Christmas made his mark on the court with 16 points.

The win increased the Broncos’ record to 1-1 as they finished out their season opener in Seattle.

The Broncos will return to action Tuesday, Nov. 4 when they travel to Bellingham, Washington, to take on Western Washington.

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