Homecoming celebration welcomes alumni back to USD

Alumni return to USD for homecoming festivities including the tailgate before the football game.

Over 20 USD student organizations set up booths advertising their organizations and many of them had games for kids to play. The wide range of represented organizations included Associated Students, Young Democrats, T.R.E.E Club, Students for Life, AMSA, Invisible Children and many Greek organizations. The student booths were a great way for alumni to get a sense of what current students are involved in and to see how things have changed or stayed the same in some cases. For example, Young Democrats’ current members were able to meet the club’s founding member who started the club in the early 1960s. Senior Simona Capisani, member of T.R.E.E Club, said “It was a great opportunity for current students to reach out to alumni and connect to future generations of potential USD students at the same time. The variety of clubs showed the diversity of USD’s campus organizations, and it also

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Hate ends here
Heidi Beirich speaks on hate awareness

A keynote speech was the headline event during Hate Crimes Awareness Week, which was headed by the Associated Students and the United Front Multicultural Center. The speaker, Heidi Beirich, spoke on behalf of the Southern Poverty Law Center about the rise of hate in San Diego, in the media and around the country.

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Empty readership racks spell disappointment for news lovers.

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VP hopefuls face off
Palin, Biden clash on key debate topics

Sen. Joe Biden (D-DE) and Gov. Sarah Palin (R-AK) faced each other in the first and only debate involving vice presidential candidates at Washington University in St. Louis. The moderator, Gwen Ifill, a journalist and a moderator for the 2004 vice presidential debates, began her questioning of the candidates by asking their opinion on the failure of Congress to pass the $700 billion bailout bill earlier that week.

Biden responded that “The economic policies of the last eight years have been the worst economic policies we’ve ever had.”

Palin similarly answered, “The federal government has not provided the sound oversight that we need and that we deserve, and we need reform to that end.”

Continuing on the focus of solutions to the current economic crisis, Biden was adamant about helping the middle class grow by increasing taxes for those making more than $250,000 per year and decreasing taxes for people making less than $150,000 per year. Palin pointed out that small businesses would be negatively affected by the tax increase proposed by Barack Obama. John McCain, on the other hand, plans on proposing a $5,000 tax credit for families to purchase their own health care coverage, a move supported by Palin.

After discussing the economy, Biden turned to alternative energy sources to which Palin stated we cannot wait for technology to solve the energy crisis and must solve the problem now by drilling for the oil in America. Biden retorted that it would take 10 years for the American citizen to actually receive the benefits

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