Santa Clara Will Clear the Air

Residents
Wary of Local Trespasser

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2. Afghan president sworn in, paving way for US pact: Afghans swore in Ashraf Ghani, replacing former president Hamid Karzai. The change in embarking on a new era, with a unified national government vowed to end the Taliban insurgency by signing an agreement with the United States that would guarantee a continuing American military presence. As Hamid Karzai left the political stage, the new president was locked into an uneasy partnership with his defeated rival, Abdullah Abdullah, who became the country's first chief executive. The new Afghan government is expected to sign a security agreement that provides a legal framework for the US to keep about 9,800 troops in the country to train, advise and assist Afghan National Security Forces. The current international combat mission ends Dec. 31. That number of troops is expected to be cut in half by the end of 2015, and the U.S. would leave about 1,000 in a security office after the end of 2016.

Alcohol Related Medical Emergency

9/27: A campus resident was reported ill in his room due to drinking alcoholic-laced “jungle juice” while at an off-campus party. CSS and SCU EMS responded. He was allowed to remain in his room.

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9/27: A campus resident was observed intoxicated and being assisted by two other students to get inside Graham Hall. CSS and SCU EMS responded. Marijuana was found inside the resident’s purse and was disposed of. She was transported to O’Connor Hospital by paramedics.

9/26: A campus resident reported being struck in the face without provocation by a non-affiliate male suspect on the sidewalk between Swig Hall and Dunne Hall. CSS and SCU EMS located the assailant an hour later, but the resident declined to press charges.

Drug and Alcohol Violation

9/26: Approximately 25 students were reported having a party in a resident’s room which involved alcoholic beverages and marijuana. CSS and SCU EMS responded and identified the attendees. Alcoholic beverages, a vaporizer and marijuana hash were confiscated and disposed of.

Drunk in Public

9/27: Two non-affiliate males were observed causing a disturbance and damaging the landscape at the Benson Memorial Center. They refused to cooperate when questioned by CSS. SCU EMS was contacted and responded. They were taken into protective custody for public drunkenness.
Next year’s ban is intended to curb secondhand smoke

Naushaba Khan
ASSOCIATE REPORTER
Santa Clara will be a tobacco-free campus beginning in July 2015. President Michael Engh, S.J., announced in September that Santa Clara will be a tobacco-free campus. The decision was made in response to a proposal drafted by two Santa Clara faculty members, which calls for a tobacco-free campus.

Santa Clara biology Professor Craig Stephens and Katherine Santiago, assistant professor of biology and public health, helped establish the “Proposal to Enact a Smoke-Free Campus” policy in 2012. The proposal was drawn after the disappointing results of a survey conducted about secondhand smoke in California institutes of higher education. In 2010, the California Youth Advocacy Network, an organization aimed at curbing tobacco use in California, conducted surveys to determine the effects of smoking on college campuses. All California State University and University of California campuses were surveyed, as well as a select few private universities and community colleges.

When the survey was conducted in spring 2012, Santa Clara received a “D” grade for “a lack of enforcement and failure to protect students from secondhand smoke,” according to the CYAN report. Following the release of the report, two Santa Clara students conducted their own survey of their peers in spring 2012 about the impact of tobacco use on campus.

According to the survey, 7 percent of respondents said they were never exposed to secondhand smoke while on campus, and only 15 percent of respondents said they thought Santa Clara’s smoking policy was “very effective.” Santa Clara’s current smoking policy prohibits smoking inside of all university facilities and requires individuals to stay 25 feet away from the opening of any university building, such as a door or window, when they smoke.

The survey also found that 58 percent of respondents were in support of becoming a smoke-free campus.

“It seems that the majority of the student population is in favor of eliminating tobacco use on campus,” Stephens said. According to Stephens, the proposal to enact a smoke-free policy states that eliminating tobacco use on campus would reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and eliminate tobacco litter.

“Cigarette butts make their way through storm drains to streams and rivers, often ending up in the ocean,” said Lindsey Kalibbrem, Santa Clara’s director of sustainability. “From a waste standpoint, I think this policy can help us reduce litter and maintain a clean, beautiful campus.”

Exposure to secondhand smoke is the third leading cause of preventable death in the United States, killing over 50,000 non-smokers each year. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has found secondhand tobacco smoke to be a risk to public health and classified it as the most dangerous class of carcinogen.

“It is an individual’s right to smoke,” Stephens said. “It is not an individual’s right to impose secondhand smoke upon someone else.”

When the policy is enacted, electronic cigarettes will be prohibited on campus in addition to traditional cigarettes, according to Stephens. E-cigarettes are battery-powered vaporizers that simulate tobacco smoking by producing an aerosol that resembles smoke.

“I plan on living off campus next year, but my initial reaction was ‘that sucks,’” said freshman Sean Leeper, who smokes electronic cigarettes. “I don’t smoke traditional cigarettes, so I thought this didn’t affect me. However, I suppose it is good that Santa Clara is going healthier. It might get me to cut back on smoking.”

Santa Clara will be joining over 650 colleges across the nation that are already completely tobacco-free.

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2020 Expansion

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faculty, potentially add more majors. (and) create more opportunities for clubs and other organizations,” Jacobs said. Another aspect of the plan outlines the additional facilities that will be constructed, such as classrooms and residence halls, in order to accommodate for the increased student population. Two new residence halls will be built to house an additional 600 students added to the undergraduate population. One will be constructed where the current art and art history building is located, and the other will be built in place of the parking lot adjacent to Sobrato Hall.

In order to fund this ambitious development project, the comprehensive campaign will raise endowment money, or funds that are gifted to the university and designated for future growth. The endowment will increase the amount of financial aid the university will offer, Jacobs said.

“We are not building this plan on the back of tuition,” said Jacobs. “We’re really looking for benefactors for gifts and donations to help us achieve this.”

With the aspirations to build a more humane, just and sustainable world, the university will continue to refine “Santa Clara 2020” through the end of this year.

“We are still working on what goes in the plan,” said Michael Hindey, vice president for finance and administration, who is involved in working out the cost. “There have been hundreds of ideas, needs and wishes of people, and we are narrowing those down to what our priorities are.”

According to Jacobs, the Board of Trustees will be meeting later this month to discuss the cost of the 2020 plan.

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“Plan to increase undergraduate student body from 5,400 to 6,000.”

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almost as if he was singing something.”

After hearing stories from her peers about Gonzalez and being followed by him, Collins compiled a list of stories alleged by students about Gonzalez’s actions over the past few months. Collins gave it to the Office of Student Life, and her list was passed onto the Santa Clara Police Department. She said she also gave a copy of the suspected assailant’s ID to Campus Safety Services.

“My friend currently has his ID because (Gonzalez) was napped in (my friend’s) driveway, and when he was running away he dropped it,” Collins said.

Collins said she is worried that Gonzalez is dangerous to students because he seems to be under the influence of drugs.

“My concern is that he is going to do something to a student and by that time it will be too late for the police to take action,” Collins said.

According to Lieutenant Kurt Clarke, an SCPD spokesperson, Gonzalez was arrested in Santa Clara on Sept. 22 for being under the influence of a controlled substance and on Sept. 24 for the same offense.

Gonzalez is set to appear in court on Oct. 16 at the Palo Alto Superior Court, and will appear in court at the San Jose Hall of Justice on Nov. 3, Nov. 6 and Nov. 10, according to the Santa Clara Superior Court’s Office.

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Room Offers Calm in the Midst of Chaos

Students seek refuge in quiet space on campus

John Flynn
THE SANTA CLARA

The most peaceful room on campus is in the middle of Benson Memorial Center.

Located on the side of the information desk near Campus Ministry, the Meditation Room is a silent, sacred sanctuary for students of all faiths.

Although the room is clearly labeled and has the same hours as Benson, hundreds of students pass within feet of it everyday, never noticing this sacred space. The room’s “hidden-inplain-sight” nature allows it to blend into the background. Upon entering, the bustle of Benson disappears and one soon becomes immersed in a quiet calm.

The feeling of passing the threshold into the silent space is like diving underwater at a pool party. First, one takes a moment to remove their shoes, gather their breath and then they go right in. “It’s such a peaceful place to reflect and think about the past week or even the week to come,” said senior John Flynn.

In the room, students have space to connect with themselves and the divine on a deeper level. Julia Claire Landry, director of resident and graduate student ministry, said, “We wanted to offer the opportunity for students to connect with God, however, they connect with God.”

The room was first conceived to offer Muslim students a place for daily prayers. However, it has taken on a larger role since its construction in 2009.

Freshman Liv Johnson visits the Meditation Room twice a day to practice transcendental meditation. Johnson said, “I go in there and within 10 seconds I can go from being furious to having my mind cleared and into transcendence. I walk out of the room feeling refreshed, like a whole new person.”

A guestbook invites students to offer their thoughts on the experience in the room after spending some time in serenity. Students seem to share similar effects from the calmness of the room as the book is dominated by expressions of revival and gratitude for the break from daily life and grief.

For example, one student wrote, “Needed a place to cry, thank you.” Perhaps what makes this room so special was the lingering air of support and love, as exemplified in the comment added just below, “Don’t cry, you’re beautiful and I love you.”

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Career Fair Creates Opportunity

Students connect with employers at networking event

Samantha Nitz
THE SANTA CLARA

With over 1,300 students attending, Santa Clara’s largest career fair since the economic recession took place yesterday.

Students had the opportunity to connect with over 160 employers in Malley Center, who were in attendance specifically to meet with Broncos and share job and internship opportunities. Many students saw the event as their chance to learn more about employers, hand out resumes and make lasting impressions that could lead to a future after graduation.

Eager students crowded Malley Center clad in their best business professional attire looking to set themselves apart from their classmates.

Though it feels as if the year has just started, it’s already necessary to think that this could be the make or break.

Santa Clara students prioritize summer internships that help strengthen their resume and make lasting connections. Students such as Wenker made their rounds amongst the hundreds of tables and recruiters hoping to find a prospective employer who would make use of their unique skills, education and qualities.

Recruiters represented a variety of companies, such as Gap, Texas Instruments and Visa. The list of employers at the fair has been steadily growing every year.

Whether an engineering, business, arts or sciences major, there were positions available. Half of the employers present at the fair had positions available for all majors.

Career Center Director Elisabeth Rossetti said, “Many students define themselves by their major, but you get to a career fair and you see that it’s really your interests and your skills that employers care about.”

With the workforce becoming more competitive, students are beginning to question what makes them stand out among their classmates.

“It’s hard to find what employers want these days,” said junior Claire Parchem. “The Career Center has given us so much help with resume editing and critique, yet there is no magic formula. In situations like these, you need to come prepared to impress, even if you don’t know what.”

When asked about what she sug-

gests to appeal to recruiters, Ros-
setti said, “Dress to impress and do some research on the companies before you meet them. When you show up and you’re informed and prepared, that’s what will set you apart from other students.”

In addition to career fairs every quarter, the Career Center offers a variety of services to Broncos looking to make their way into the professional world.

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What do you think of the Bronco statue?

Sofia Avila, ’16

“It’s a little out of place right in front of Graham (Hall).”

Jose Jimenez, ’17

“It looks really cool.”

Troy Thomas, ’18

“I think it will be great for school spirit.”

Sammi Yamashita, ’17

“I thought that it was really cute.”

Question of the Week

by Malu Veitze

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Tolentino shared her experiences and what motivates you to have an impact in the Santa Clara community?

Tolentino: My biggest personal fear is not accomplishing something meaningful, not just for myself, but for my community.

TSC: In relation to goals and accomplishments, what are your plans for ASG as president this year?

Tolentino: I plan for ASG to focus on commuter students and the resources available to them. I want communication with students to be as transparent as possible. My plan is that ASG will be available to help students bring whatever change they want to see. I also want to focus on community relations with the city of Santa Clara, with and for the student body.

TSC: Becoming an ambitious president didn’t happen overnight. What helped you to grow as a student leader?

Tolentino: I would say my role as ASG senate chair was the largest leadership position I was overseeing 40 students involved in ASG. It challenged my individual leadership style.

TSC: You get elected to this position and you have duties and responsibilities, but at the end of the day anyone can get elected to a position. There’s no value in that if that person doesn’t improve or enhance that position and make that organization better. Every year that position will be open and filled, but leadership isn’t filling positions—it’s growing and improving the organization you serve.

TSC: You have given so much to the Santa Clara community. What do you think your legacy will be?

Tolentino: I would like to think that my legacy will have been formed through my personal relationships. You can hold as many positions and get involved in as many initiatives as you want, but if you’re able to pass on that passion and excitement for change to other individuals in your organizations, they can do the same work tenfold and that ripple effect is so much more meaningful than that one project you involved in. I’d like to think the Santa Clara community has been this wonderful web of great relationships.

TSC: What’s been the most rewarding experience at Santa Clara?

Tolentino: Orientation leader aligned with my personality so well and there’s so much you get out of giving yourself to a community that you get so excited about. Orientation really sets the tone for your college career.

TSC: What insightful advice do you have for the freshman class just beginning their college career?

Tolentino: I have two pieces. Here’s the first. Be open to challenges because as you go on to post-college thinking, you realize that everything would be boring if challenges weren’t thrown at you. Everything happens for a reason. It’s your attitude that directs how you’re going to grow.

Secondly, for four years of your life, everything is just beyond your fingertips—these challenges and these opportunities. We are surrounded by people who challenge your thinking and make you better. We all got accepted this university, but at the end of the day you have to ask yourself ‘Why are you here? How will you make this place better?’

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October at Santa Clara

10/2 | THURSDAY

APB Frappy Hour
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Library Lawn
Why Go?: Refuel with refreshments and meet the Activity Programming Board.

10/3 | FRIDAY

Comedy Night
Time: 9 p.m.
Location: Locastelli Student Activity Center
Why Go?: Enjoy a night of an interactive comedy of improvised scenes, games, operas, and musicals.

10/4 | SATURDAY

Mass of the Holy Spirit
Time: 12:05 p.m.
Location: Mission Church

Dedication of the Bronco Statue
Time: 10:05 p.m.
Location: Graham Lawn
Why Go?: Rouse your school spirit with the statue dedication.

Acoustic Music Night
Time: 9 p.m.
Location: The Bronco, Benson Memorial Center
Why Go?: See your fellow Broncos showcase their musical talents.

10/5 | SUNDAY

Sunday Liturgy
Time: 10 a.m., 6 p.m., 9 p.m.
Location: Mission Church

Defense Class
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Locastelli Student Activity Center
Why Go?: Learn how to be prepared and stay safe.

10/7 | TUESDAY

Awaken Your Potential
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Recital Hall
Why Go?: Former SCU teacher Clint Pardoe shares his life-changing message.

10/8 | WEDNESDAY

Faculty Recital - Hans Boepple
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Recital Hall
Why Go?: Be swept away by a night of transcendent piano.

Dedication of the Bronco Statue
Time: 12:05 p.m.
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Associates Student Government Anaisy Tolentino reflects on her Santa Clara career and imparts her wisdom to the readers of The Santa Clara.
University Silence Speaks Volumes in Ordinance Fight

While students, residents and landlords spoke passionately regarding the proposed housing policy during last Monday's city council meeting, university representatives conveniently remained absent from the podium.

Santa Clara students are facing a challenging time and university administration is leaving us to fight for ourselves. The optimism in me believes that the university will stand in solidarity with its students to fight the discrimination of the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance Committee, an organization that wants to involve itself in students' personal matters. However, the realist in me is afraid that administration won't step up to the plate and bat for its students.

The recently proposed housing ordinance has been on many students' minds. If passed, the proposition would force property owners to obtain a permit before leasing to five or more people paying rent separately.

However, many landlords will not risk renting to more than five students because of the "unruly gatherings" clause in the ordinance that would permanently revoke permits if tenants repeatedly cause a disturbance. If this proposal passes, scores of students may be forced to find housing in accordance with the new law. For many students, off-campus housing is a more affordable alternative that makes attending college possible. For others, it's an opportunity to become independent and grow as an adult.

Administration currently holds no stance on the issue because the ordinance is still being drafted. Regardless, once the ordinance is edited and fine-tuned, it will still accomplish the same thing: Students will face discrimination in limited housing options.

The fact that the university has repeatedly said it holds no stance is an insult to its students. The university should have been among the first to publicly oppose and strike down such a ridiculous and oppressive proposal.

It is foolish to say that the university is unaware of the consequences students could be facing, regardless of whatever editing process the ordinance is in. Santa Clara has an influential voice in this city and has been present far longer than any Betty or Joe who lives down the street.

It's one thing for a group of students to voice their displeasure to a committee that sees them as the root of the problem. It's quite another thing for a 150-year-old institution to be a vocal proponent of its students and not tolerate the blatant discrimination that is being proposed.

Many Santa Clara residents question students' reasoning for opposing the ordinance, seeing that it will only affect our lives for four years. While we may spend only four years at this school, we will spend a lifetime as a Bronco.

We students want to leave a positive legacy for the classes after us. We want to leave this university better than how we found it.

It would be a shame for the students of the 2014-2015 school year to be the ones who let the Neighborhood Protection Ordinance Committee take away our housing options.

The reality is that many of us Broncos aren't registered to vote in this city, so we can't do this alone. We need help from the administration.

If Santa Clara does not become vocal against the ordinance, it may very well become law and interfere with students' lives. Conveniently, Santa Clara is expanding its campus. Numerous lots are just waiting to be transformed. For a university that manages to build entire residence halls in a year, it doesn't seem out of the realm of possibility for Santa Clara to construct residence halls for the influx of students who may have no other place to go.

As a result, Santa Clara will have a monopoly on the market of student real estate. If you want cheap housing within a reasonable distance to campus, the only choice will be what the university offers at whatever price they determine. No other choices.

Even if the ordinance passes, I want to look back and know without a doubt in my mind that Santa Clara had my back, that the administration did everything in its power to protect the well-being of all its students, both current and future, regardless of the financial ramifications.

The optimism in me hopes that the administration will realize how many prospective students will lose interest in Santa Clara once they learn that they will be trapped on campus for four years. I pray that administration will listen to the students' voices of displeasure and act on our behalf. The realist in me is terrified that the optimism in me will be disappointed.

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Men's Water Polo

Pacific @ Santa Clara	 Sat. 10/4	 6:00 p.m.
Alumni Game	 Sat. 10/4	 1:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Brigham Young	 Sat. 10/4	 7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ San Diego	 Thu. 10/2	 7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Pepperdine	 Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

San Diego @ Santa Clara	 Sun. 10/5	 2:00 p.m.

UPCOMING GAMES

Men's Soccer
Santa Clara @ Loyola Marymount Fri. 10/3	 4:00 p.m.
San Diego @ Santa Clara Sun. 10/5	 2:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer
Santa Clara @ Pepperdine Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Loyola Marymount Sun. 10/5	 1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball
Santa Clara @ San Diego Thu. 10/2	 7:00 p.m.
Santa Clara @ Brigham Young Sat. 10/4	 7:00 p.m.

Men's Water Polo

UC San Diego Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
Loyola Marymount Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
California Baptist Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
UC Davis Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
Air Force Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.
Fresno Pacific Fri. 10/3	 3:00 p.m.

BRONCO BRIEFS

The No. 13 men's water polo team went 2-1 in the Aggie Shootout in Davis. They defeated California Lutheran University 12-7 by not allowing the Kingsmen to score in the fourth.

The Santa Clara women's volleyball team defeated the University of Pacific on Tuesday with set scores of 25-22, 25-20 and 25-21. This match opened up the West Coast Conference schedule for the Broncos. They now sit at 1-1 in conference and 11-4 overall. They travel to the University of San Diego for their next match on Oct. 2.

Runners Split Full Weekend

Cross-country competes in California and Minnesota

The men and women's cross-country teams made strong showings in two different venues this weekend.

The women's team stayed local and competed at the Stanford Invitational, while the men's team split the team in half, running at both Stanford and the Roy Griak Invitational in Falcon Heights, Minn.

The women had standout performances from two freshmen, Hannah Wood and Grayson Murphy. Wood and Murphy, competing in the 6K, crossed the finish line within a second of each other and were followed by senior Kelly Ryan.

"I think it was a really good experience," said Wood. "You have to go out strong and fast — you'll see Kelly Morgan and El Tawil were in charge of their races. I made me think about how we can better race against (Stanford University) in the future."

The men's team was led by senior Sean Roe who ran a time of 25:56 in the 8K. Freshman Andrew Melendez crossed the finish line six seconds after Roe with upperclassman Tony Ferrari and Leland Wong close on his heels.

Several states away, the other half of the men's team duked it out with cross-country powerhouse universities such as Colorado State University, University of Texas at Austin and University of North Carolina.

Santa Clara entered the 8K race with a seven-man team comprised of Bryan Crook, Kurt Ruig, Noah Westfall, Ryan Greenough, Adrian Hinjosa, Peter Stephens and Joey Berriatua.

Greenough, a junior, cruised into the finish of the 8K race with a time of 25:55 putting him 50th out of 301 runners.

"I didn't run cross-country at all last year, so it's still pretty new to me," Crook said. "It helps to have (Ruig) on the team. He has championship experience and he's just a great guy overall. He trains right and is a good leader on and off the race course."

Bragg and Crook also placed in the top 100 runners at the event, taking 60th and 76th place respectively. These top finishes, combined with solid races by the rest of the squad, put the Broncos at 25th place out of 31 teams.

The men's team will travel to Missoula, Mont. on Saturday, Oct. 4 to compete in the Montana Invitational, then join the men's team, who continue to train for San Francisco State Invitational on Oct. 10.

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Weekend Games End in Wins

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The women’s soccer team swept the weekend, winning both road games against California State University, Northridge and California State University, Long Beach in the final games of their non-conference season.

The Broncos shut out Northridge 1-0 on Friday before topping Long Beach 2-1 on Sunday. The weekend puts the Broncos at 7-4 going into their first West Coast Conference game against No. 8 Pepperdine University this Friday.

“At the end of the day, we are more confident with our formation and style of play,” said senior Sofia Huerta. “There is a different energy going into conference that isn’t there during pre-conference. (Friday’s game versus Pepperdine) will be a very good test for us.”

The Broncos traveled down south to CSU Northridge on Friday to kick off their month of road games.

A tight first half kept the game scoreless, but Northridge ousted Santa Clara 6-3 and 2-1 in shots on goal.

Despite the heat, Santa Clara put up a solid offense. Red shirt sophomore forward Brittany Ambrose tried to put a point on the board in the 11th minute of the game on a free kick that Northridge’s goalie just managed to block.

Santa Clara rallied again in the 19th minute with a free kick by midfielder Jordan Jesolva that flew over the right side of the net. Northridge next put up a score of their own in the middle of the first half from a header off a Northridge forward that hit the post and was recovered by Bronco goalie Andi Tostanoski.

Huerta got the offense going in the second half with her eighth goal of the season after taking off with the ball from midfield and sending it into the left corner of the goal to put Santa Clara up 1-0.

The Broncos fought off Northridge and ran out the clock to pick up the weekend’s first win. Sunday’s game started with a goal by Long Beach State, putting the Broncos behind for the first half. But Santa Clara didn’t stay down long, coming out firing in the second half.

Huerta tied the game in the 70th minute off an assist by red shirt freshman Mariana Galvan to keep the Broncos in the game. Tied and down to the last minute of the game, Ambrose put up her second game-winning goal of the year with the help of senior Katie Speidel to put the Broncos ahead 2-1 and seal Sunday’s win.

The weekend wins serve as a good segue into the team’s WCC season.

“Our non-conference season has definitely prepared us for conference,” said Ambrose. “We faced some tough opponents, but none that we weren’t able to compete with. Although we lost a couple games, we have learned from them and improved tremendously.”

After making it to the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA Championships, the Broncos are looking past their season but maintaining focus on how they can continue improving today.

“Our goals are just to take (it) day by day and improve every game,” said Huerta. “Obviously a conference championship is always a main goal, but as of right now, we want to take baby steps.”

Huerta has been an integral part of the women’s soccer team since her freshman year back in 2011. Now entering her final season with Santa Clara, Huerta has vowed to give it her all.

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It being my last year, I am going to leave everything I have on the field,” said Huerta. “There are only so many game days, so I won’t take any of them for granted. The team, coaches and the university have provided an amazing home for me the past three years.”

The Broncos are now ready to take on Pepperdine University this Friday in Malibu to kick off their WCC season.

“After winning two games on the road this weekend, the team is feeling very determined and ready for conference play,” said Ambrose. “Going off the momentum we created in Southern California, we are hoping to bring that energy to our games this weekend. If we continue to improve and play like Broncos, we will reach our goal of being WCC and national champions.”

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