



# Revelations

The Official Newsletter of Revelle College, UC San Diego

## Food

### Staff Tips and Advices for Incoming Freshman!

#### **Looking for good eats at Plaza Café?**

The Spicy Buffalo Chicken Wrap from Plaza Café! Try it! It is possibly one of the best meals Plaza Café has to offer. While a bit on the spicy side, it will surely make your mouth water every time it is offered. Or, the Beef Fajita Wrap! With a kick of spiciness complimented with the fresh beef, this sandwich/wrap is always a great quick lunch!

#### **But that's not all...**

Don't feel obligated to always eat at Plaza Cafe. Every dining hall offers its own specialties and distinct flavors. Make it a personal goal to eat at all the dining facilities on campus by the end of freshman year (make sure you hit up Fine Dining too!). If you're ever down by Sixth College, the sandwiches at FoodWorx are the way to go. You can even build your own sandwich exactly the way you want it!

#### **Need a caffeine kick?**

The best coffee on campus is at Mandeville Coffee Cart. The cart is just next to Mandeville Auditorium, next to the bus loop in the middle of campus. They have the friendliest staff as well!

#### **Easy ways to keep things clean:**

Don't leave out any sort of food or dirty plates because you WILL get fruit flies and they are repulsive. Borrow the vacuum from your Residential Hall Cleaning Staff person instead of checking one out from Res-Life. They are much cleaner, less full of hair, and higher power. Also, learn the name of your cleaning staff person. They are real people, too!

## College Living

#### **Make a little extra cash!**

Start collecting recyclable bottles and cans from everybody. It's a great way to pay for textbooks or get a little extra spending cash. Keep them in your suite and research local recycling centers in La Jolla when you've collected enough.

#### **It's shower time! Or not.**

With 13 people sharing a bathroom, occasionally having to wait for the shower is inevitable. You are not going to have to wait for a shower EVERY single night/morning. Chances are, not everyone in your suite will have the exact same schedule as you; you will always be able to find a period of time when the shower is empty. Also, bring shower sandals. The showers are cleaned everyday and bleached once a week, but there are still over 10 people sharing the same bathroom!



## Academics

### **Getting the perfect schedule:**

When planning your schedule, always have a back-up plan. Or several. With thousands of students at UCSD, many classes fill up quickly. Be prepared to make a last-minute change in the event that you're still stuck on the waitlist when it closes. Also, DON'T make Monday your busiest day. You might find you'll burn out by Wednesday afternoon, making the rest of the week seem just that much longer.

### **Don't be lured into a false sense of security.**

Science classes are graded on a curve, but that doesn't mean you can slack off! Science classes are hard, and are quite different from high school classes. Professors grade their science classes on a curve, but don't take wrongful advantage of that! The curve is meant to help you, not promote bad study habits!

### **Go into HUM with an open mind.**

Undoubtedly, you've heard horror stories about the GPA-killing HUM sequence. But have no fear! HUM is definitely a hard class, but that doesn't mean it has to be horrible. The key is to go into it with an open mind, keep up with the readings, and most of all, work hard (get to know your professors and TAs!). HUM is definitely one of the most rewarding classes when you pull off that good grade at the end of the quarter.

### **Use your libraries!**

Take advantage of the numerous study spaces available to you. CLICS is blissfully close to Revelle dorms, and open until 1am on weekdays. It can get a little loud in CLICS, but nothing a good set of headphones and your favorite music can't block out. You will never have to worry about it being too loud or not being able to find a space in Geisel, with 8 floors available for studying. Additionally, Geisel houses the course reserves, so you don't even have to lug around all your heavy books! The BioMed library in the Medical School is another wonderful place to study. During Finals Week, take advantage of the fact everyone is in the library, and study outside in the sun, or in your room.

### **Speaking of studying places...**

Go to the beach! The beach is a wonderful place to soak up some Vitamin D and catch up on all your HUM reading. There are at least 3 beaches 10-20 minutes away (and within walking distance). Study while taking in the gorgeous view and without the distraction of the internet.

### **Go to discussion sections!**

Even though discussion may be optional for some of your classes, that is no excuse for you not to show up! Go to discussion every week, even if it is at 8am. Sections provide a useful time for you to ask questions and go over the material again. At the same time, get to know your TAs! They often have useful study tips and insights to share. If you show consistent effort throughout the quarter, your TA may even help take your borderline grade from



### **Keep your head up!**

The quarter system moves very quickly. With only 10 weeks, there's no time for slacking. Science classes will often have their first midterms by Week 3. If you're having a hard time keeping up with the fast pace, don't dismay! The fast pace takes a little getting used to but you'll find yourself getting more and more comfortable as the year goes on.

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