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Isolation in Community

Kong's analysis did not change my views on UCSD. His analysis simply gave me more insight to what I have already experienced during my first quarter on campus. My experience of the campus thus far has been very warm and welcoming from both freshman students such as myself and continuing upperclassmen and faculty. While I walk along Library Walk when going from class to class I have encountered many clubs and organizations that have been very welcoming and open to sharing ideas. But at the same time there are also times when clubs will be targeting specific types of students to join their events such as gender, major, race, etc. This act gives some organizations a feeling of exclusiveness. While joining the clubs that I have, I have found it to be very inclusive but at the same time, there is a feeling of isolation because it takes time to get to know people within the club.

Also because of the vast varieties of organizations and clubs, it becomes difficult to fully unite as a community. With so many choices, it becomes hard to choose a club to represent your voice and it is easy to get lost in the crowd. Unless you are very strongly opinionated, it is easy to just agree with the majority although that may not go with your own beliefs. Especially when you

are Asian in a predominantly Asian campus, it is hard to associate yourself with a club that best fits you. Among other cultures that are less represented in numbers, having your needs met is not a priority because the majority of what you are associated with can be satisfied and you can simply be one of the few who is not satisfied. Due to the many choices of representation, my experience on campus has been more of isolation rather than community.