

UCSD Guardian

On the job during the first hours of the San Diego wildfires

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On Sunday, October 26th the editorial staff of UCSD's student-run Guardian reacted like all other professional news media in the area - dropping their plans for a relaxing Sunday to cover one of the most devastating disasters in San Diego county history. Editorial staff immediately began to gather information, monitor the news media and press conferences, and interview sources on-campus. Photographers were dispatched to capture dramatic images of the wildfires.

But developing the coverage was only part of the story. The Guardian's printer, located in El Cajon, couldn't be reached about the new material until late in the evening. Guardian Editor Evan McLaughlin wasn't able to physically get the material to the printer until nearly midnight, and yet Monday the UCSD Guardian appeared on-campus in the racks with significant coverage of the fires compiled by Evan McLaughlin; Senior Staff Writer Jessica Kruskamp, News Editor Gaëlle Faure, Photo Editor Rachel Garcia and Photographers Travis Ball And Victor Ha. Coverage has continued throughout the week with additional Guardian staff. To view the Guardian's coverage of the San Diego fires go to www.ucsdguardian.org.

Possible Photos to include:

Travis Ball/Guardian: Observer: A passerby watches the fire from the Scripps Poway Parkway.

Victor Ha/Guardian: On duty: San Diego firefighters put out flames on Interstate 805.

Lori Drahota/Guardian: Aftermath: A Scripps Ranch resident searches for any salvageable items on Oct. 29 after the Cedar Fire destroyed his house on Handrich Drive. The Cedar Fire, which ravaged over 280,000 acres, was the largest fire in San Diego County history.

Amie Hrabak/Guardian: A singed flag floats over the remains of a house in La Cresta.





