A Gaucho’s Guide to UCSB

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It’s Satire, Stupid.

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PORTOLA DINING HALL
OLD PEOPLE WILL KEEP REMINDING YOU HOW GOOD YOU HAVE IT.

ROCKFIRE
SOME PEOPLE FUCK HERE.

DEJA VU
THE FOOD’S ONLY GOOD WHEN YOU’RE DRUNK-
BUT WHEN YOU’RE DRINKING, IT’S REALLY GOOD.

CANJA BABY
WHERE BEER IS CHEAP AND EVERYONE LOOKS GOOD.

DOCS HUT
WHERE HOT PEOPLE PLAY VOLLEYBALL
AND SUPER HOT PEOPLE SELL JEWELRY.

STORAGE
THE CLOSEST THING GAUCHOS HAVE TO A RELIGIOUS MONUMENT.

THE LOOP
WHERE FIRST-YEAR ECON MAJORS TURN INTO COMM MAJORS.

CAMPBELL HALL
WHERE IF YOU’RE NOT ADDICTED TO YEBBA MATE YET,
YOU’RE ABOUT TO BE.

THE ARBOR
IF YOU’RE DESPERATE, YOU CAN NAP HERE.

UCEN
IF YOU’RE DEHYDRATED, YOU CAN MAAHP HERE.

LACON
LOCKNESS MONSTERS SUMMER HOME.

REEF
TOUCHING A STINGRAY HERE WILL BE THE MOST ACTION
YOU’LL GET ALL YEAR.

CAMPUS POINT
WHERE PEOPLE WHO LIVE OFF CAMPUS GO TO CRY
(ALSO COVERED IN TAR).

SANDS BEACH
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I’m gonna be inside you, just like that fucking vaccine.

The Weatherhuman is feeling extremely frustrated after getting stuck in 10 minutes of traffic on Los Carneros Rd. during move-in weekend. Thanks, Freshmen.

Tomorrow’s Forecast: desperately trying to cut through the move-in traffic to get to Trader Joe’s.
New York has been the most common state of origin since the 2006-07 school year. South Dakota was the least state of origin with only one student in the 2020-21 school year. The only two states that didn’t have any students attend since the 2000-01 school year were North Dakota in 2015-16 and West Virginia in 2016-17 and 2017-18.

Between the 2000-01 and the 2021-22 school year, there are 2,220 more students from California, an increase of 13%, and 560 more out-of-state students, an increase of 33.8%. The share of in-state students at UCSB peaked during the 2009-10 school year at 92.6%, and sank to its lowest point during the 2020-21 school year at 90.5%.

International Students
During the 2010-11 school year, 847 students came from counties outside of the U.S. In the years since, this number has been increasing each year except for the previous one. The number peaked at 4,342 students during the 2019-20 school year and 3,969 during the 2020-21 school year.

The number of counties international students are from is 131 in the past two decades, with 107 countries in the 2020-21 school year. While the number of domestic students has only increased by 270 since the 2010-11 school year, from 23,358 to 24,525 students, the number of international students has increased by 3,296, going from 3.5% of the student body to 14.6%.

The number of Chinese students went from 198 students in 2010-11, making up 23% of international students, to 2,270 students in 2020-21, making up 70% of the international students. This large increase over the last decade has made China the most common country of origin for international students, with India in second place with 157 students and Taiwan following with 106 students.

Where Students Are From

Santa Barbara County had the greatest student-per-county population for the past two decades, with Ventura County coming in second. In the 2020-21 school year, these two counties were followed by the Bay Area counties: Marin County, Santa Clara County, Contra Costa County and San Mateo County.

New York was the most out-of-state student county for the past two decades, with Santa Barbara and Humboldt County in second. In the 2020-21 school year, these two counties were followed by the following Bay Area counties: Marin County, Santa Clara County, Contra Costa County and San Mateo County.

The majority of students come from California, making up over 98% of domestic students each year for the past two decades. Of the 22,205 in-state students for the 2020-21 school year, the three counties with the highest number of students at UCSB are Los Angeles County with 5,670 students, Orange County with 2,065 students and Santa Clara County with 1,878 students.

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The California counties with the lowest number of students at UCSB are Alpine County and Sierra County, where no student from either county attended during the 2020-21 school year. However, the California counties with the lowest share of students per county population for counties having more than 30 students were Madera County, Shasta County and Humboldt County.

Out-Of-State Students
Outside of California, Washington State tied with New York as the most common state of origin during the 2020-21 school year. In the 2020-21 school year, these states were followed by Illinois, New Jersey and Texas.

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In light of the current housing shortage for Fall Quarter 2021 at UC Santa Barbara, along with COVID-19, students have been facing difficulties and stressors. The university has not announced any plans to provide a remote option for housing.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang hopes to alleviate stress by expanding UC San Diego’s housing and build new student housing. However, the university has not announced any plans to provide a remote option for housing.

Zhu supports UCSB’S decision to work with UC San Diego and other institutions to provide temporary housing for students. She hopes the university will address housing needs for the current academic year.

According to third-year geographic information science major, Stone Shi, attending remote classes this year from her home in China was difficult due to the 16-hour time difference.

"We have to go to sleepMaybe around 5 a.m. or 6 a.m. in China, that will be some courses are finished or there are some deadlines. And even with no courses, I had to keep this schedule to ensure I get use to remote classes basically showing up on time.

Like other international students, Shi still does not have housing for the 2022-22 school year. Despite searching for housing every day on various websites, such as Zillow and Apartments.com, she and her housemates still have not had any luck.

"We open Zillow and Apartments.com every morning, checking every option possible. It will be a long wait before we can offer campus housing options."
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IVCSD Swears in New County-Appointed Director

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The Isla Vista Community Services District swore in county employee Carrie Topliffe as the new county-appointed director on the board during their Sept. 15 meeting. Topliffe was appointed following the retirement of the former county-appointed Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) Director Robert Geis. Topliffe has worked for the county since 2000, and coincidentally, was hired by Geis. She previously worked with the child support, public health, auditor-controller, human resources and behavioral wellness departments. Topliffe also has experience working for government institutions within Isla Vista, as an Isla Vista Recreation and Park District (IVRPA) director.

Topliffe said she is excited to join IVCSD in improving the quality of life and infrastructure in I.V.

"From what I've watched of you after this very long attempt to get local control of governmental services in Isla Vista, I'm so impressed with all of you and the heart and intelligence you're bringing to the task. I'm thrilled that I can be a part of it," Topliffe said during the meeting.

"I am a very passionate enthusiast about Isla Vista," Topliffe said. "I had so much of the formation of my life happen in Isla Vista because Isla Vista is such an exciting community with so much energy, so much passion, so much opportunity for creating a better world."

IVCSD Director Jay Freeman said that he is grateful that Topliffe was the candidate appointed by the county to IVCSD.

"I'm extremely happy seeing that [the county] has chosen to select Carrie who has all of this rich background in the area, and such an interest and excitement in our operation and the people here. Thank you so much for doing this Carrie," Freeman said during the meeting.

UCSB Dean Alleges Insufficient Number of Courses Prior to Fall Quarter 2021

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UC Santa Barbara Dean of Undergraduate Education Jeffrey Stopple wrote an email to Chancellor Henry T. Yang and other university officials on Sept. 10 saying that there is an insufficient number of courses for the student population for Fall Quarter 2021, the Santa Barbara Independent reported. According to Stopple, the fall quarter course crisis has been an annual issue since 2015. Students at UCSB are required to take 12 units to be considered full-time students — a requirement many students are having difficulty meeting this quarter.

Not being a full-time student can have disastrous consequences for many students, including impacts to financial aid, housing and — for students in the U.S. on F-1 student visas — their ability to stay in the country. Consequently, several UCSB professors have been emailing students enrolled in their classes, asking them to drop the course sooner rather than later if they don't intend on staying so that those who need the credit can take their place.

In an email acquired by the Nexus, Kathleen Bruhn, a professor in the political science department, asked students with more than 12 units to consider dropping the class so students with insufficient credits may take their spots. "Due to circumstances beyond our control, the department was forced to cancel a large class (PS 7), which has 240 students. We are trying to find spaces for as many of these students [as soon] as possible," Bruhn wrote. "Meanwhile, if you are thinking you might want to drop this class, or already have enough units for full time enrollment status, you might be able to help another student who could lose financial aid and housing if they drop below 12 units."

The Nexus will continue reporting on the insufficient number of courses for fall quarter in a later article.
Governor Gavin Newsom won the Sept. 14 California gubernatorial recall election, securing his place in office for the remainder of his term. The recall was called after months of outrage from some Republican state residents regarding Newsom's handling of the COVID-19 pandemic in California.

In order to start a recall, citizens must gather signatures that amount to at least 12% of the votes cast in the previous election for that office. Based on data from the 2018 election, that number had to be at least 1,405,709.

Every California governor since 1960 has faced some sort of attempt at a recall — Newsom himself has faced five before this — but with the required number of signatures met, this was the fourth gubernatorial recall election in United States history.

Isla Vista residents cast their ballots at UC Santa Barbara’s San Nicolas Hall, UCSB Sierra Madre Villages, the I.V. Community Center, Saint Michael’s University and the Santa Barbara Student Housing Cooperative.

As of Sept. 21, 7,301,100 people voted against the recall across the state, while 4,317,983 people voted for the recall, according to the unofficial election results posted on Secretary of State of California Shirley Weber’s website. A total of 11,619,083 people voted.

Across Santa Barbara County, 68,185 people voted against the recall, and 36,713 people voted for the recall, according to the Santa Barbara County Election website. A total of 105,213 people voted across the county.

Newsom beat out several replacement candidates, including front-runner Republican candidate Larry Elder who received 26,953 votes across the county. Elder conceded on Tuesday night as election results began leaning in favor of Newsom.

Newsom’s current term ends in 2023, and a California gubernatorial election will occur in 2022.
**Extremite Risk Protection Order Act of 2021**

*Providing federal funds for states that adopt red flag laws.*

**Law enforcement and family members must provide evidence for courts to consider whether or not an individual poses a risk to themselves or others.**

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Richard Martinez

New Civic Engagement Scholars Program Seeks To Provide Accessible Routes for Student Activism

Emily Risha
Staff Writer

Beginning Fall Quarter 2021, UC Santa Barbara will offer a Civic Engagement Scholars Program to encourage active citizenship among students and provide them with the tools and resources to affect local, social and political change.

The instructors affiliated with the program include Maure Devoy, associate director of the Walter H. Capra Center; Katya Armistead, assistant vice chancellor of Student and Dean of Student Life; and Vertana Manzaro, director of Civic & Community Engagement.

Isla Vista resident and social worker, Arden Cappello.

In creating the courses, Devoy approached Armistead and Manzaro to bring together their contacts with existing and new agencies, departments, and organizations. They wanted to make sure the students will be able to access the resources throughout the program. They will all teach the courses, though they are not necessarily faculty of the university.

It was a group effort, just meeting and brainstorming and dreaming and scheming and thinking about what we each bring to the table," Armistead said.

Third-year sociology major Ryan Risingho cross-enrolls in the Social Science Interdisciplinary Perspectives Community Services District (IVCSD) and Erwin Chemerinsky, dean of the Berkeley School of Law.

Devoy will teach from “Free Speech on Campus” by Free Speech on Campus, “The Disadvantages of a Civic Engagement Scholar Program,” and instruct on how goals become action plans, and Marsano will provide the necessary tools, information, and resources for students.

Other guest speakers include the founder of the Underground Gaucho Underground Scholars Program.

In the winter and spring quarters, students will bring what they have learned into the community, working in pairs or small groups to design and disseminate a program that will be beneficial to the community and the students.

It’s important to see civic dialogue with people who are a part of the political spectrum or the community spectrum. There are processes to go before you can actually come up with a program, and there are set dialogues and materials," Manzaro said.

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to every undergraduate student including first-year, second-year and transfer students throughout the months of July and August.

According to Yang, there are 545 students still without housing as of Sept. 12, but 483 students were sent offers.

Regarding in-person instruction and COVID-19, Yang said that UCSB has been monitoring the COVID-19 case rates in Santa Barbara County and reassured viewers that the university is taking campus protective and preventative measures.

As of Sept. 13, there is a 94% overall vaccine compliance between students, faculty and staff. Yang said. Additionally, there is a mask mandate for indoor public spaces, a daily symptom screening, a COVID-19 testing program for those who are vaccinated, and seeking tests, and building ventilation that exceeds state requirements.

Organize I.V. and UCSB COLA are urging transparency and flexibility from the administration to ensure better communication between the university and its students in the future.

“In the future, one of our goals is for people to not be scared to ask for things from the administration to get what they need. The administration needs to be willing to change and talk to people and make the college experience better for people wanting to attend,” Rose said.

Overall, OISS is hopeful of the plan to negotiate with local hotels to provide additional, temporary housing for students on the university housing waitlist. The university also prioritized providing on-campus housing to first-year, transfer and graduate students. International students were not on that list.

"The university is working tirelessly to accommodate as many students as possible, both international and otherwise," Leachman said. "We look forward to the entire UCSB community joining us to welcome our international students back to campus.”

UC SANTA BARBARA
September 23, 2021

Dear Guuchos:

Welcome! We are so glad to have you as part of our UC Santa Barbara community! The past 18 months have been challenging and our hearts are with you. As we come together in person, please be patient with one another. We are all reacclimating to an in-person university experience, but together, we can ensure that this is a great year! As the pandemic continues to evolve, UCSB will maintain its COVID-19 information site (https://www.ucsb.edu/COVID-19-information) to keep students and their families informed.

As a consequence of the past year and a half, we have witnessed the many challenges of the pandemic. We’ve also seen xenophobia, increases in racist incidents against Asian-identified people, and the senseless killings of Black Americans that sparked protests and spurred a call to action for anti-Black racism across the nation. These remain important issues, and you will be invited to continue our on-going discussions and to adopt our values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

At UCSB, we value respectful dialogue. We value civility, dignity, and differences of opinion that help us to learn and grow. We value freedom of expression, and we respect academic and personal freedoms. You may find, however, that there are times when your free expression offends or causes discomfort in others, just as there may be times when you become offended or uncomfortable after hearing someone else’s thoughts or opinions. It is in these times that we ask you to take a moment to listen and express your views empathetically, keeping in mind our Principles of Community (https://diversity.ucsb.edu/about/principles-of-community).

Undoubtedly, free expression nurtures innovative thinking and the creation of new knowledge. However, free speech is not unconditional. Speech in which a direct threat is made, or that harasses a particular individual is not protected speech; it is a violations of our Student Conduct Code. Additionally, our Campus Regulations have time, place, and manner restrictions that ensure that free expression does not disrupt classes or the orderly operation of the campus. UCSB also values respectful interpersonal interactions. This is more than a value; it is an expectation. There is no tolerance for sexual violence or assault of any kind, including sexual activity without fully informed and conscious consent, dating or domestic violence, or stalking. These actions, whether committed by one or both parties, are violations of UC policy, campus regulations, and the law. We are committed to providing education to help prevent sexual violence, as well as resources that support survivors and encourage reporting. Ending sexual violence is a goal we must all work towards by confronting actions and attitudes that perpetuate such behavior.

Like our greater society, UCSB is not immune to acts of intolerance, sexual violence, or other misconduct. Please report any incidents and seek assistance from campus resources if you are affected by or become aware of an incident.

- CARE Advocate Office for Sexual and Gender-Based Violence or Misconduct (confidential), 805-893-4613 (24-hour advocacy line) or http://regov.sa.ucsb.edu/CARE or http://sexualexperience.ucsb.edu
- Title IX/Sexual Harassment Policy Compliance Office to officially report incidents of sexual violence, sexual harassment, dating or domestic violence, or stalking to the University, 805-893-2701 or https://titleix.ucsb.edu/
- Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS)/24/7 Counseling, 805-893-4411 or https://caps.sa.ucsb.edu/
- Bias Report Form, to report a hate or bias incident: https://studentinfo.sa.ucsb.edu/bias

Campus and local law enforcement can be reached in an emergency by dialing 911. Additional resources for addressing campus climate issues are available from the Dean of Student Office, Educational Opportunity Program, Multicultural Center, Office of Black Student Development, Dream Scholars Resource Team, the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, and the Veteran’s Resource Center. We hope you will join us in making sure our campus is a safe, healthy, and welcoming place for all.

Sincerely,

Margaret Klawunn
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Katya Armistead
Assistant Vice Chancellor/Dean of Student Life
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UCSB Sets COVID-19 Protocols Beginning Fall Quarter 2021

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With UC Santa Barbara students moving on campus for the upcoming year, the university has set a series of COVID-19 protocols that students must follow to access campus resources and buildings beginning Fall Quarter 2021.

The university is yet to announce when the protocols will no longer be required.

Daily Student Protocols
Students must log into their Student Health Service (SHS) portal to take a daily COVID-19 screening survey, which is sent via text message and email every morning at 1 a.m. Students are required to take these surveys every day prior to accessing campus resources and campus buildings.

All faculty, staff members, students and visitors to campus are required to wear face masks in all shared indoor spaces in response to the Delta variant.

Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be contacted by UCSB’s COVID-19 Medical Response Team and given advice on how to proceed through the required 10 days of isolation after their positive test or when their symptoms began.

Quarantine Measures
Those living in the residence halls and needing to be separated from their roommates can be moved into the quarantine and isolation (Q & I) housing in two facilities separate from campus residence halls. There is space for up to 60 students in Q & I housing, with the ability to expand if necessary. These rooms are also offered, if space is available, for students living in university apartments or in Isla Vista who need to quarantine. Alternatives can also be explored with students of need. All rooms dedicated to Q & I housing have their own bathrooms.

An alternative to Q & I housing for students is returning to their parents’ home, but this is not recommended by the university, according to UCSB Spokesperson Andrea Estrada, as they may spread COVID-19 at home. Regardless, students choosing to return home will be followed up by UCSB’s COVID-19 Medical Response Team to assess whether they need any campus services during their time in isolation.

Q & I housing is only available for students, while faculty and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must work with the county to gain additional support, Estrada said.

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The Services Desk is now back in operation. However, pickup and mailing services, as well as the HathiTrust Emergency Temporary Access Service, will be discontinued.

UCSB’s Recreational Center is also open to students, faculty and staff – along with their spouses – and no reservations are required as of June 24.
New Student-Regent Designate Marlenee Blas Pedral

UC Santa Barbara alums Marlenee Blas Pedral was elected to the UC Board of Regents to become the 2022-23 student regent in July. Blas Pedral has several years of experience within the UC system through her undergraduate education at UC Berkeley, her staff position at UC Riverside and her ongoing graduate education at UC Berkeley.

As a student-regent designate, Blas Pedral will be involved in meeting proceedings and underwriting training for the upcoming 2022-23 academic year but without voting rights on the board. She set to become a student regent with voting rights for the 2023-24 academic year.

Blas Pedral said the process — which included over 100 applications being reviewed by a steering committee, then narrowed down to three candidates who were interviewed and voted on by that year’s Board of Regents — was “less intimidating” and faster due to it being over Zoom.

Blas Pedral said her reaction to the appointment was twofold: “I was so overwhelmed by it. It’s a great honor. The second part of it is how learning to [lead in the position] comfortably.”

“I feel like it’s a great opportunity to apply for the student regent position because of my extensive experience in advocating for students in the UC system since from my time at UC Santa Barbara. “I’ve been a student leader and a student advocate … that’s been my work as an undergrad, as a staff member and now as a law student,” Blas Pedral said.

Blas Pedral — currently a student regent with voting rights during her time and also trying to reopen the student regent position with law and communication skills — is what I’m trying to be supportive of things that they hope to see in the short term and long term. They want to see something that we can do from down one day to the next.” Blas Pedral said.

Two issues in particular that Blas Pedral wants to be supportive of during her time and also trying to reopen.

“I think those are the two things that are front and center because they’re happening as we speak,” Blas Pedral said.

“House was an issue when I was a student many years ago, and the issue only became exacerbated by our enrollment momentum and student elections, which are happening as we speak,” Blas Pedral said.

“I want to make sure that the UC system is fully informed about what’s happening as we speak,” Blas Pedral said.

“Now, Blas Pedral is a second-year law student at UC Berkeley. She will be participating in current student regent, Alexis Daelyn Einhorn, in fulfilling her ongoing graduate education at UC Santa Barbara, her staff position at UC Riverside and her ongoing graduate education at UC Berkeley.

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The UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team secured a hard-fought 1-0 victory last Sunday, against a strong University of San Diego side with a strong defense. This helped break a 5-game streak without a win, signifying a potential change in momentum as the Gauchos prepare for conference play.

Over those last 5 games, the Gauchos found the back of the net only 3 times, while letting in 13 goals to the opposition. Despite these numbers, the 'Chos turned out a strong outing Sunday, producing a clean sheet and 5 shots on goal. With the first Big West tournament game scheduled for Sept 23, a change in pace was critical.

"Today, I feel like we didn't make the same kind of massive mistakes [as the team had in previous games]," UCSB head coach Paul Stumpf said, according to the UCSB Gauchos website. "Pitching a shutout for the first time in a while is almost as important as getting a goal."

Optimism appears on the rise, as a win against USD is no easy task. The Toreros took down Cal State Fullerton, Army, UC Irvine and Long Beach State in their 4-4 start to the season, all of which are formidable opponents and three of which are Big West divisional contenders.

"USD has had a strong preseason and has beaten three of our Big West competition this year so it was really awesome to hold a team to zero goals and close out with a win," sophomore midfielder Lauren Moss said. "I feel like the win against USD is just what we needed for our confidence."

The Gauchos made this win happen by capitalizing off of their chances and holding fast defensively. They kept the pressure on USD throughout the first half, as freshman forward Leila Emmenson found the net twice with several well-placed shots before freshman midfielder Lauren Hidieg notched one into the right side of the goal to give the Gauchos the lead in the 34th minute of the match.

From there, the Gauchos defense starred, despite an aggressive offensive half from the Toreros. They were able to maintain the shutout, despite only having 35% possession. USD continued to push for the equalizer, managing to obtain 6 corner kicks and 3 shots in the second half, but a combination of some excellent saves by junior goalkeeper Evan Smith and a team effort on the defensive side of the ball kept the Toreros at bay.

Following this win, the team can look forward to an exciting matchup against UC Riverside on Sept. 23. The team has big aspirations for the coming season, beginning with this game, as they look to compete for a division title for the first time since before the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our team's goal that we set forth at the beginning of the season was to make it to the NCAA tournament," Moss said. "The culture within our team this year is something special so I'm super excited to see what we can do as a team during conference play!"

Slow but Promising Start For the Gauchos' 2021 Volleyball Season

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Sports Editor

This year's women's volleyball team has a similar story to the men's team. Over the last two years, they've hit their stride.

Although they started out 1-6 in the 2021 season, they have won their last two at the UniWyo Invite.

The team is building off of a 2020 season and is only two years removed from winning a NCAA tournament. In 2019, this loss is misleading, as the team had 24 errors. However, their Week 2, only seven unforced errors remain.

The defending champions, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the Los Angeles Rams are the only 2-0 teams that made the 2020 postseason, while the other five were mediocre at best last year and were on the outside looking in when the playoffs rolled around. One of the more impressive comebacks out of the remaining undefeated teams looks to be the Las Vegas Raiders.

After the opening of their state-of-the-art stadium in Vegas— which ended their 25-year stay in Oakland— the Raiders had a disappointing year as they finished the season 8-8 after starting 6-3.

To start the 2021 season, the Raiders had a wild overtime victory against the Baltimore Ravens on Monday Night Football. Vegas continued their momentum against the Pittsburgh Steelers in Week 2 as their consistent offense, especially from quarterback Derek Carr, and improved defense combined for a complete team effort.

At 2-0, the Raiders are tied for first place in the AFC West with the Denver Broncos. However, the reigning conference champion Kansas City Chiefs are not far behind at 1-1.

After starting the season at 14-4 with a comeback victory against the Cleveland Browns, Kansas City came out with a disappointing effort against Baltimore, as a late fumble by running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire allowed for the Ravens to run out the clock and escape with a 36-35 win.

The defeat for Kansas City marks quarterback Patrick Mahomes' first loss in September since he was in college, as well as Ravens quarterback Lamar Jackson's first victory against Mahomes and the Chiefs, Jackson was previously 0-3 against his conference rivals. Both teams will look to improve to 2-1 as the Chiefs take on the Los Angeles Chargers while the Ravens play the Detroit Lions. The Lions will look to get their first victory of the season after coming up short on a comeback effort against the San Francisco 49ers in Week 1 and losing on “Monday Night Football” to the Green Bay Packers 35-27.

After losing to New Orleans in spectacular fashion last week, Green Bay, reconsidered and played a solid game in all three phases, while crushing an inferior divisional rival they expected to defeat. Aaron Rodgers returned to his MVP form last year while throwing 3 touchdowns and running back Aaron Jones. Jones added a touchdown in the running game in addition to 115 total scrimmage yards. Green Bay will look to continue their NFC North title defense on “Sunday Night Football” against San Francisco.

Other heavily anticipated matchups in Week 3 include the Indianapolis Colts against the Tennessee Titans as well as the Tampa Bay Buccaneers against the Los Angeles Rams. The Colts have had a disappointing start to their season, as they've lost their first 2 games after making the postseason, while the Titans shook off a disastrous opener to beat the Seattle Seahawks in overtime for their first victory of the season. The winner of this matchup will be in the drivers' seat of the AFC South early on in the season.

The LA Rams and Buccaneers game is an NFC matchup of two teams who are looking to be in the Super Bowl conversation. A high-accurate and balanced game by the teams' respective quarterbacks, Matthew Stafford and Tom Brady, would not be surprising and could be one of the most exciting games of the week.
Powerhouses Collide This Weekend, Alabama and Georgia Remain Unscathed

By Jacob Davis, Sports Editor

Week in year out there are powerhouse college football teams expected to be in the Top 25 college football rankings. The first that comes to mind is the dominant University of Alabama Crimson Tide, coached by the legendary Nick Saban. With Mac Jones and Devonta Smith entering the NFL, the next group of future superstar players, including John Metchie and Bryce Young, Alabama remains unfazed on the year after surviving a scare from the University of Florida Gators this past week.

The University of Georgia, ranked second in the nation, boasts an elite defense that held the national runner up, the University of Oklahoma Sooners, to a mere three points. They are led by NFL hopeful and USC transfer JT Daniels, who led Georgia to success the past two seasons. The new rise in the rankings is the University of Oregon Ducks, who, upon the potential powerhouse, the Ohio State Buckeyes, Oregon State lost their main facilitator Justin Fields, so Oregon, returning with most of their talent, was able to upset the Buckeyes in Week 2.

Nest in the rankings comes the offensively air-raid playstyle of the University of Oklahoma Sooners. Led by the top recruit of the 2018 class, Spencer Rattler, the offense was expected to be a force, with the defense much improved. Three games in, both sides of the ball have had troubles living up to expectations, but have managed to win nonetheless.

A notable name at No. 5 in the rankings is the University of Iowa who has sent numerous players to the NFL over the years. Specifically their tight ends have been standouts in the NFL, such as Noah Fant. Iowa is hoping current tight end Sam LaPorta, who leads the team in receiving, will continue to dominate for Iowa at the tight end position.

Another surprising school outside of the Power 5 conference schools is the University of Cincinnati Bearcats, who improved to 3-0 with a victory over the Indiana University Hoosiers of the Big Ten Conference. The victories allowed for the Bearcats to rise in the national rankings, as they are now the highest ranked team outside of the Power 5 and are No. 8 in the nation overall. The Bearcats look to continue their undefeated season after a bye week against No. 12 University of Notre Dame.

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are also 3-0 and are looking to make a statement on the road against No. 18 University of Wisconsin Madison. This matchup is one of the most anticipated in all of college football and will play a huge factor in the race towards the playoffs for these national contenders.

Teams that should not be counted out include Texas A&M and Penn State. Penn State has survived two nailbiters to other ranked schools this season, No. 18 Wisconsin and No. 23 Auburn. Texas A&M will be a great football team as long as their great coach Jimbo Fisher stays at the helm of the college football powerhouse.
In Review: Kacey Musgraves’ “Star-crossed” Tragedy Ends in Hope

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Staff Writer

Katelyn Stewart. Kacey Musgraves has released her highly anticipated fourth studio album, “Star-crossed,” which is a reflection of the dissolution of her marriage to Ruston Kelly, a fellow singer. It was the dissolution of her marriage to Kelly, mentioning that he’s a “good wife,” rewinds the story of fantasizing if things were different. The album ends with her place in her husband’s life. The experiences, zones times and imagined scenarios all combine to make it a stand-out, even playful song that puts Musgraves at a higher vantage point than her victim but shows she has a good heart about it. She’s done similar songs like this before (“Stupid,” “High Road” and “Sup CHG”), which are some of her best work. The song brings the listener back to the way she feels after / Healin’ doesn’t happen in a straight line,” she says. “It brings back the clever songwriting and instrumentation could find a home in “breadwinner,” a plucky, even upbeat, high-energy song that happens when moving on. The song is classic Musgraves, combining a country twang with modern instrumentation and features.

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“I swear to god if I see McKkaeleigh in the line at the Arbor, I am grabbing her by the backpack and leaving her in the middle of the snack aisle like a desolate turtle,” said Stacy Testx, a fourth year who wanted to clarify that she “would never do that to a real turtle.”

After all this time away from campus, it’s nice to know some things never change. Storke Hall still looks like a nice place to spend a summer. Whether it’s the rambunctious know-it-all from section, that sloppy frat star who finished faster than the gubernatorial recall election or the ex-roommate that cultivated an environment so inhospitable that Death Valley started looking like a nice place to spend a summer.

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Basque Burnt Cheesecake With Pomegranate Molasses

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Generally — while I love it to a fault — cheesecake tends to be pretty heavy. In this recipe, the tartness of the lemon and pomegranate serve to lighten the flavor, as well as add a little more variety! The burnt exterior of this cheesecake acts as its own caramelized crust, and the interior is soft and classically creamy. The finished result is absolutely delicious, and I cannot recommend it enough! The burner’s audience are sure to impress, with only the best ingredients this cheesecake is made with. The sour cream topping can be mixed by hand, but everything can be mixed by hand. I used an 11-by-5-by-3-inch pan, but this recipe would work in a 9-by-5-by-3-inch pan as well. If you want to assemble the cheesecake in a springform pan, I recommend a 9-inch size.

This recipe was adapted from Bon Appétit’s “Burnt Cheesecake” recipe.

Ingredients:

- 2 pounds cream cheese
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 tbsp heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
- Pomegranate Thyme Molasses:
  - 2 cups pomegranate juice
  - 2 cups thyme
  - Juice of half a lemon
  - 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 lemon
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 pounds cream cheese
- Unsalted butter (for pan)
- Honey, to drizzle (optional)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tablespoon finely shredded coconut
- 1/2 cup unsalted butter (room temperature)
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon (if using)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup shredded coconut
- A few sliced pears
- A little bit of cream

Directions:

1. Preheat the oven to 400 F. In a stand mixer or by hand, beat cream cheese with sugar until the mixture is smooth and the sugar has dissolved. You can rub a little between your fingers — it should be smooth, not grainy.
2. Add the eggs to the mixture one by one, making sure to incorporate each egg fully before adding the next one. Add the vanilla, salt and heavy cream. Make sure that your stand mixer, if using one, is on low speed before mixing in each additional ingredient.
3. Turn off the mixer. Using a fine mesh sieve, sift flour evenly over the mixture and beat mixture until flour is incorporated. Scrape down the sides of the bowl and beat again until smooth.
4. Butter the pan, then line it with parchment paper, making sure that the parchment paper comes 2 inches over the top on all sides. Tip: As in the original BA recipe, use 2 overlapping sheets of parchment paper to achieve this. Pelt the edges to make the parchment paper stand on its own and fit the circular pan.
5. Pour batter into the prepared pan and bake until the top reaches a deep golden brown, and the cheesecake is still very jiggly in the center (60–65 minutes).
6. In a small saucepan, combine pomegranate juice, sugar and the juice of half a lemon. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and let simmer until the mixture has reduced by half and thickens the back of a spoon. Turn off the heat and add the thyme. Leave for 20–30 minutes, then remove.
7. For the sugared lemons, slice the lemon thinly, remove seeds and coat in a thin layer of sugar.
8. Once the cheesecake is done, let it cool slightly and unmold. The center of the cheesecake will fall as it cools. Let it cool completely, then peel away the sides of the parchment paper.
9. To garnish, pour pomegranate thyme syrup over the top of the cheesecake. Let the cheesecake sit for a few minutes to soak (small incisions can be made on the top to allow the syrup to soak further into the cheesecake). Arrange sugared lemons and mint however you prefer. Optional: Sprinkle a few thyme and/or basil leaves.

While this recipe is a little bit more time consuming, it easily yields a gorgeous cheesecake that tastes delicious too. This cake also pairs well with any citrusy drink or a light and spring-y cocktail. It’s a really nice, spring-y cocktail. You can use 2 overlapping sheets of parchment paper to achieve this. Pelt the edges to make the parchment paper stand on its own and fit the circular pan.

Coconut Banana Bread

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This recipe makes an incredibly nut-heavy banana bread for when you really want to impress someone. Or yourself. The toasted nuts and coconut complement the banana flavor really well and add a lot of texture. Don’t worry — it’s not all nut. They’re spiced out quite nicely!

I used an 11-by-5-by-3-inch pan, but this recipe would work in a 9-by-5-by-3-inch pan as well. If you want to accentuate the coconut flavor, feel free to swap the butter for unsalted coconut oil.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups flour
- 1 1/2 cups crushed walnuts
- 1 cup shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 large eggs
- 1 shredded coconut
- 1/4 cup melted butter (room temperature)
- 1/2 cup pomegranate juice
- 1/2 cup unsweetened coconut milk

Directions:

1. Toast the crushed walnuts and shredded coconut separately. Wait for them to get light brown to dark brown (it can be hard to tell on nuts) but not black. The coconut will only need a few minutes. Set it aside.
2. Preheat the oven to 350 F. Butter the pan and set it aside.
3. In a bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda and salt. In another bowl, whisk the eggs and vanilla extract.
4. In a stand mixer with the paddle attachment (or a bowl), cream the butter and sugar together until light and fluffy. Slowly pour in the eggs and vanilla extract and mix until incorporated.
5. Mix the three bananas with a fork in a small bowl and add them to the stand mixer (or bowl containing the butter-sugar-egg mixture). It will look curdled this way.
6. With a spatula, mix in the dry mixture (flour, salt, baking soda) until just incorporated. Fold in the nuts and coconut. Set aside.
7. Pour the batter into the pan, garnish with the nuts and coconut on top and place the pan into the oven for 55 minutes. A toothpick inserted in the bread will come out clean if the bread is ready.
8. Once ready, let it rest for 5 minutes, then turn out of the pan and let it rest for another few minutes. Slice and enjoy!

This recipe yields a gorgeous banana bread. Apparently you’re supposed to leave banana bread in the fridge for a day (or something?) in plastic wrap, but I ate this immediately after taking it out of the oven, and it was delicious. Great with vanilla ice cream and bananas and cream! Whatever you little lads desire.
As Oceanic Oxygen Levels Drop in Warming Seas, Fish Flee to Shallower Waters, Researchers Find

Professor Mostofi Uses Wi-Fi Signals for Crowd Counting

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The customers require a service "for an entity that includes a number of servers," Mostofi said. "We then showed how the CSVs are similar to the times when a customer is at a queue that has infinite servers, while the CPFs resemble the times when at least one customer is being served at such a queue."

This relation allowed Mostofi and her team to borrow mathematical tools from queuing theory to develop an entirely new technique to count the number of stationary people, conducting 47 experiments in different areas. In those experiments, up to 10 people sat in different positions, engaging in different activities like reading or watching TV. Twenty of the 47 experiments were conducted through walls in which the Wi-Fi transceivers were placed behind a wall and counted the number of people on the other side.

"In non-through-wall scenarios, our counting error was zero or one in 96.3% of the experiments, while in through-wall scenarios, our counting error was zero or one in 96% of the experiments, showing a very good counting performance," Mostofi said. "These results show that it is possible to count a stationary (or seated) crowd, using cheap, everyday Wi-Fi signals."

According to Mostofi, this is applicable to several scenarios in everyday life, as well as optimizing more sensor-centric technologies.

"The ability to count the number of people in an area is important for smart buildings, in order to optimize heating, cooling and lighting." Mostofi said. "Crowd counting can also be very important during a pandemic (such as COVID-19), as it can provide an early warning if the public safety and crowd count limitation guidelines are being violated. Business and events can also benefit from crowd counting for planning purposes."
Why the Fight for Legal Weed Is Not Over

Nathan Lee

It has been a little over three years since cannabis was made legal for recreational use in California. Since then, it has become a source of healing for many – including my own – who suffer from chronic pain, depression, and anxiety; especially during the pandemic. We can guarantee a lot more benefits to the world, in turn, saved countless lives by easing feelings of panic, pain. However, we can also keep this civil liberty that many of us fought long and hard for. While it's great to push for legalization, many Californians realize that it is a critical need to push the legal marijuana legislation on a federal level, especially given the terrible record of President Joe Biden on weed.

While weed is legal under California law, it is not federally legal. On a federal level, the Drug Enforcement Administration prohibits the possession of any substance, and people who use, sell or cultivate marijuana in California can face harsh prison sentences.

Nathan Lee believes that we should make efforts to legalize marijuana on a federal level, and ensure these drug laws are helping people. A major component of the modern war-on-drugs is taking the lives of the poor. Even if the DEA and FDA agents, and they would rather go after legal drug companies than a tiny part of the population

The World Is Literally on Fire, and Here's Why

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For the past few weeks, I've been trying to keep my plants alive as I look at the ash and the view of fog from my home in Athens. Since the fire started, there have been smoke-filled days and smoke-filled nights. Additionally, Greece has been experiencing one of the worst heatwaves this year, reaching the highest recorded temperature. The combination of these events has led to some of the most dangerous and devastating wildfires in the Mediterranean world in the past year, and I’ve barely used any public transportation, not even the metro. That’s why climate change makes an appearance. Maybe we have no way of trying to defend ourselves, but I’m right there, just waiting for the fire to start. The cause was just an arson. That’s where climate change makes an appearance. Maybe we have no way of trying to defend ourselves, but I’m right there, just waiting for the fire to start. The cause was just an arson. There are these all actions that don’t have such an impact on their own, but imagine the impact they have when most people on this planet have behaved like myself in the past year – only that this impact is no longer an imaginable scenario but a reality for the whole world.

Greece wasn’t the only country that experienced an unbearable heat wave this summer. Sicily hit a record temperature of 40.8°C, Europe’s highest temperature ever recorded. This extreme weather has caused small and those entire villages would still exist today.

So, as a human living on Earth, I also am taking responsibility for these fires. As much as I couldn't understand it right away, I can now see that we have very much contributed to the loss of those villages this summer. For example, I’m doing much better with my TV and computer when I'm not using them. Also, I've never been on more meat-based diet than this past year, and I’ve barely used any public transportation, not even the metro.

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