The UC Santa Barbara men’s water polo team took part in the 2021 Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Invitational this past weekend and finished with a record of 3-1. The Gauchos finished in fifth place with their 14-6 victory over the Pacific Tigers — the No. 8 team in the nation.

The No. 5 Gauchos began tournament play against their Golden Coast Conference rivals, the No. 13 UC Irvine Anteaters. With the victory, UCSC advanced to the second round of the tournament and improved to 12-2 on the year. UC Irvine dropped to 5-3 with the defeat. After a closely contested first period which saw the Anteaters and Gauchos tied at 1-1, the Gauchos were able to shake off their rust and take control of the rest of the game.

In the second period, UCSC had four different players score, as the Gauchos took a 10-2 lead into halftime. After playing a 2-2 third period, UCSC dominated again in the fourth, as their 4-1 final frame capped off a 14-6 victory. Senior Cole Bresson led the Gauchos in goals scored with 4.

After defeating UC Irvine, the Gauchos moved on to play the No. 9 Stanford Cardinals. The Gauchos were not competitive to begin the match, as Stanford held a 5-1 lead in the first period. However, later in the period, UCSC was able to tie the match at 3-3 with 2 goals from senior Leo Yuno.

Even with those goals, UCSC still found themselves losing 3-4 at the end of the first. This score would stand until late in the third period when the match was tied once again. Even with this late push, the Gauchos were defeated by a score of 12-10, as they were shut out by Stanford in the final eight minutes of the match. The Gauchos outscored Stanford 30 shots in the match.

Senior forward Ansewuya Muntari set the tone for the Gauchos in the second half with his attempted bicycle kick that just brushed the top of the crossbar in the 47th minute. The Gauchos became more dominant with possession as they confidently moved the ball across the field and took more chances on goal. They racked up 16 shots throughout the second half while remaining defensively sound, only allowing 2 from the Mustang offense. Their build-ups became more purposeful, and the adjustment paid off.

The deadlock was broken in the 65th minute when a drive downtown ended with a cross from sophomore midfielder Jorge Aldana that was met by McBride with a header into the corner of the goal. After the goal, the field was bombarded with even more tortillas as fans began to celebrate. McBride netted the brace five minutes later, a successful play that initially began with a skillful dispossessing from junior midfielder Sam Fletcher on a Mustang fast break. The Gauchos instantly retaliated, and McBride capitalized on a through ball from Muntari and showed great composure with a shot across the net just past the Mustang goalkeeper to put the game away.

The Gauchos will look to build on this confidence as it will be essential heading into the first conference game of the season at Cal State Fullerton. The team will travel to Fullerton on Wednesday, Sept. 29, to kick off the regular season of the Big West Conference.

The Gauchos next host the Pacific Tigers on Saturday night at 7 p.m. at Harder Stadium. Both teams have already played each other this season of the Big West Conference, with UCSB winning 11-7 and the Tigers winning 13-9.

The Gauchos will come out of their bye week with renewed confidence as they are looking to secure their fifth MPSF Invitational title, a place they have held for the last two years.

Preston Espar
Sports Editor

-Men’s Water Polo Places Fifth in MPSF Invitational-
Weatherhuman is torn between wanting to be a welcoming part of the UCSB campus and hazing the littlest of the crop of fresh idioms. One must take the route of Gorgoth the Bike Gremlin and only seek out those who seek them.

Tomorrow's Forecast: Friendships growing out of the aftermath of bike crashes.
Daily Nexus Editorial Board

The Nexus believes that UC Santa Barbara is inadequately prepared for a fully-in-person school year after more than a year of remote instruction, causing a culmination of issues that directly impacts its students, faculty and staff.

On Jan. 11, the University of California announced an intention to hold in-person classes starting Fall Quarter 2021. The reason for the early announcement, according to the UC Office of the President, was to ensure that “students and their families have the latest information” for all plans relating to the in-person fall quarter. Despite the intention of the announcement, the Nexus believes UCSB largely failed in preparing adequately for students’ return to in-person instruction.

Despite the intention of this announcement, issues from the housing shortage to the current lack of courses show that UCSB is not meeting the basic needs of its students.

In the past, the university has participated in performative activism by sending emails after national events, like the Jan. 6 riots or publicly highlighted instances of police brutality in the summer of 2020. However, time and time again, UCSB fails to address the inequities within its own community. The housing crisis is one that the UCLA Vista community has faced every year of in-person instruction – a problem the university had almost 18 months to adequately address. The incarcerated nature of the housing crisis come Fall Quarter 2021 only deepened issues and temporary solutions from the university but no tangible changes to address the general lack of adequate housing in I.V.

Though the university was able to provide a housing option for every undergraduate student who applied, according to an email sent out on Sept. 24, half of this housing is in local hotels, leaving students separated from their community and without easy access to public transportation and dining halls. Regardless, UCSB has not followed through in its promises of building university housing for 1,000 more students and 1,800 new faculty units for faculty under its 30-year Long Range Development Plan, with only 1,500 new beds, 80% for saleable faculty housing units and 35 rental apartments for faculty and staff according to Executive Vice Chancellor David Marshall’s response to Sustainable University News’s July 19 letter.

Additionally, some students are facing major repercussions due to the apparent gaps in courses offered, including lacking financial aid, housing and even student visas, the Nexus reported. Several professors have been urging those with enough units to drop their classes to leave room for students in need of units. The university has not yet announced plans to address this course shortage.

Amid the lack of courses available to students this fall, professors and teaching assistants (TAs) feel trapped between the policies of the university and the needs of students, according to religious studies lectures Gregory Hillis.

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Hillis described the current course crisis as the result of a multitude of factors: the general lack of adequate housing in I.V. The administration knows there aren’t enough classes, but they admit the students anyway.

The housing crisis, course shortage and even the consistent issues with the campus Wi-Fi, moreover, have only been met with empty words of sympathy and camaraderie by the university, who insist that we’re all in this together while not providing tangible, concrete paths of action to take toward solving these problems. “We do not want to just crises, however. From the COVID-19 pandemic and the issues the university has faced in light of the new school year, UCSB can still take actions to start addressing these arising and long-term problems for the future.

The Nexus advises that the housing task force established by Chancellor Henry T. Yang should address the housing shortage in the long term, as this issue, though exacerbated this past summer, has been going on for years. The housing crisis is not an issue that can be neatly solved through temporary hotel housing — there needs to be concrete policies, decisions and conversations about this recurring, endemic issue in I.V. to ensure that students do not have to worry about securing a roof over their heads in the midst of the course crisis for fall quarter classes.

In response to the course crisis, the Nexus also advises that the university redact its budget toward more funding for courses. This means increasing the employment and wages of professors and TAs, the number of TAs to accommodate a higher number of students and the number of courses offered each quarter as well as providing more adequate funding for class resources. The tuition money students pay for to attend UCSB every quarter should be given back to students.

According to Hillis, the administration is knowingly admitting more students than they have capacity for in classes. “The administration knows there aren’t enough classes, but they admit the students anyway.”

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Next Hearing Date for UCSB Student Charged With Sexual Assault

Asami Shuda Assistant News Editor

Warning: This article contains graphic content relating to sexual assault.

A second-year UC Santa Barbara pre-medicine major is set to have a hearing on seven felony charges of sexual assault on Nov. 9, following his arrest by the UC Police Department at the Oakland Airport. The student, Ariam Eteghaei, is facing seven felony charges, one misdemeanor charge and two enhancements — or additional charges within the Penal Code that could possibly increase his prison time.

Eteghaei has been charged with the following: two counts of rape by force, fear, etc.; two counts of sexual penetration by a foreign object; two counts of forcible oral copulation, false imprisonment with violence; etc.; and battery with a knife.

Eteghaei pleaded not guilty of all eight charges on Aug. 10, and his bail was set to be $100,000, and he is currently out on bail. His next court date is set for Nov. 9.

SBCC Student Faces Four Felony Charges of Sexual Assault

Atmika Iyer University News Editor

Warning: This article contains graphic content relating to sexual assault.

First-year Santa Barbara City College student Peyton McDonald was arrested for four felony charges of sexual assault on Sept. 8 and is scheduled to appear in court for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 25.

The arrest occurred at Santa Barbara City College, in connection with a sexual assault that occurred Aug. 27 on UC Santa Barbara property. McDonald was charged with four felony counts of sexual assault: rape by force, assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury and two counts of forcible oral copulation.

McDonald — represented by Catharina J. Swysen — filed his plea as not guilty on all four charges on Sept. 15.

He is set to appear in court on Oct. 8 for a preliminary hearing in Santa Barbara Superior Court, and a judge may adjudge the defendant’s preliminary hearing date — ahead of his bail hearing on Oct. 3.

The Nexus will continue to report on this case as more information becomes available.
National Hispanic Heritage Month: A Celebration With La Santa Cecilia

As students made their way through bike traffic between classes on the first day of school on Sept. 23, 2021, Storke Tower echoed with music performed by La Santa Cecilia.

La Santa Cecilia, a group from Los Angeles, plays a modern-day creative hybrid of Latin culture, rock and world music. Their mix has a variety of rhythms, including cumbia, bossa-nova, rumba, bolero, tango, jazz and klezmer.

The band is composed of Miguel “Oso” Ramirez on percussion, Jose “Pepe” Carlos on guitar and accordion, Alex Bendaña on bass guitar and vocalist “La Marisoul.” They have been nominated in the 2011 Latin Grammy Awards and were named as having one of the best albums of the year by NPR’s Alt.Latino in 2012.

The concert is the first of the UC Santa Barbara Arts & Lectures series presenting free UCSB community concerts at Storke Plaza. The next concert will be Las Cafeteras on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at 12 p.m., also underneath Storke Tower.

Lead singer walked in the crowd to dance and sing along, “Viva la estudiante!”

Students dancing to La Santa Cecilia as they watch the band perform.

Jose “Pepe” Carlos on the accordion for La Santa Cecilia.
Students, Faculty and Community Members Organize Protest Over Housing Crisis

Holly Rusch
University News Editor

Student group UC Santa Barbara 4 Cost of Living Adjustment — also known as UCSB 4 COLA — protested UCSB’s housing crisis on Sept. 27, organizing over 40 students, faculty and local community members to voice their concerns and anger over UCSB administration’s handling of the housing shortage.

The protestors — which included COLA organizers, Food Not Bombs community leadership and Union United Auto Workers 2865 (Union UAW 2865) members — first rallied at the base of Storke Tower at noon before marching to Chancellor Hall.

“The decisions made by the university scope over many thousands of people, as they also have a role as major landlords in the area,” said Micah Pedrick, fifth-year mathematics graduate student and UAW 2865 Santa Barbara unit chair. “(They own) the various dormitories, graduate student housing, faculty housing, family housing, the university is offering these new housing opportunities — has a major impact.”

Ralph Armbruster-Sandoval, UCSB Chicano and Chicana studies professor and department chair, spoke at the protest in front of Storke Tower. According to Armbruster-Sandoval, the reason behind the creation of COLA lies on in the current housing crisis. “COLA for one, COLA for all. The reason why that took off was it’s not just a grad student thing, undergraduates understood that very clearly and even professors understood that,” Armbruster-Sandoval said. “The administration acts like (the housing crisis) is an accident ... COVID-19 didn’t cause the housing crisis. That’s a bold-faced lie.”

“Those problems didn’t fall down from the sky. They’re structural, endemic crises that have been happening for 20 to 30 years,” Armbruster-Sandoval continued. “Students have been living in cars, they’ve been couch surfing, they’ve been doing all that shit for decades.”

In a Sept. 24 email sent to the campus community, UCSB administration informed students and community members that as of Sept. 26, all students who have not applied for a housing contract had been offered housing through the university. In addition to campus housing, the university is offering students temporary housing in nearby hotels. However, some students, like one third-year speaker, said that hotel housing feels inadequate for students struggling to find long-term housing.

“This housing agreement that they have with the hotels is temporary. In three months, what will we do? Then we’ll be stuck in the exact same position, UCSB will be stuck scrambling for another short-term solution,” they said. “They need to give us a long-term solution now.”

The speaker said they had been looking for housing since March with no university support.

“This is my first full year back on campus. This was supposed to be what I’ve been looking forward to, to take another year of being stuck, alone, isolated, to come back to school and feel safe,” they continued. “I’m in Santa Barbara because I have to be to attend school. And if I had a choice, I wouldn’t be here. If I had a choice, I would be somewhere safe, where I know that I could go home and have a place to stay where I was certain I could have a stable roof over my head. And I have none of that. I’m couch surfing, I’m living with friends. And I don’t know what roof is gonna be over my head next week, or if I’m even going to have one.”

UCSB Ranked Among Top Schools in the Nation

Molly Wright
Guest Writer

UC Santa Barbara tied for fifth place — alongside the University of Florida and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill — in the U.S. News and World Report’s list of the 2022 top public colleges and universities in the nation.

To determine the top public universities in the country, U.S. News and World Report used graduation and retention rates, faculty resources and undergraduate academic reputation as its three heaviest weighted measures. "U.S. News No. 5 ranking is one place higher than its No. 6 2021 ranking and two places higher than its No. 7 2020 ranking. Other UC campuses also fared well in the list, with UCLA taking first place, UC Berkeley taking second and third and other UCs making the top 10. U.S. News and World Report ranked UCSB at No. 28 among national universities, with UCLA at No. 29 and UC Berkeley at No. 22. U.S. News and World Report rankings are calculated 22% by graduation and retention rates, 40% by academic resources, 20% by faculty resources, 8% by student selectivity, 10% by financial resources per student, 3% by average alumni giving rate and 3% by graduate indebtedness, according to their website. UC campuses have been among the highest-ranked universities in the country — and in the world — for decades. As their rankings climb, so does their competitiveness. UC Santa Barbara had an admissions rate of 30% for the 2020-21 school year, according to the U.S. News and World Report. The school received a record-breaking number of over 126,000 applications for the 2021-22 school year that resulted in a decreased admission rate of 32% for Fall Quarter 2021. The undergraduate programs at the university are also part of the minimum criteria Forbes Magazine uses to create its annual America’s top colleges list, where UCSB ranked No. 39. We first selected colleges and universities that educate undergraduates, based on their Carnegie Classification, a higher education framework that categorizes schools by their degree offerings, research output and specialty focus,” Forbes said about its selection methodology.

The UC system has also been recognized recently by Sierra, the official magazine of the Sierra Club. UCSB ranked No. 16 this year on Sierra’s annually released “Cool Schools” List and was credited specifically for its efforts in promoting a green, sustainable campus. Similarly, UCSB was ranked No. 13 last year on the Princeton Review’s annual Top 50 Green Colleges list, which will be updated again in October.

UCSB ranks No. 5 on U.S. News and World Report’s list of 2022 Top Public Colleges and Universities in the Nation.

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UCSB ranks No. 16 on the Sierra Club’s List of “Cool Schools” for its efforts in promoting a green, sustainable campus.

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The protestors first rallied at the base of Storke Tower at noon before marching to Cheadle Hall. Barbara chanting, “No more Exxon, no more oil. Keep the carbon in the soil.” The protestors marched through downtown Santa Barbara chanting, “No more Exxon, no more oil. Keep the carbon in the soil.”
Atmika Iyer
County News Editor

The Isla Vista Community Services District committee in charge of planning Halloween 2021 is continuing its annual tradition of local programming in downtown Isla Vista, hoping to provide an alternative to partying during their Sept. 28 meeting.

The committee — composed of Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) Directors Spencer Brandt, Catherine Flaherty and Ethan Bertrand — said that in recent years, there has been an “imbalance between the public safety response and the needs of the community.”

For the past few years, Isla Vista has been largely shut down during Halloween weekends due to increased police presence and the festival ordinance, which prohibits amplified music between 6 p.m. and 7 a.m.

“For Halloween, when talking about the imbalance, in the dorms freshman year in our residence halls, we were encouraged not to enter I.V. at all, and it’s almost made to seem like immediately we will be confronted by law enforcement,” Flaherty said during the meeting. “I was very surprised by that, and that is a culture we are trying to change.”

In a statement to the Nexus, Bertrand agreed with Flaherty’s analysis, adding that it’s impractical to expect Isla Vista residents to stay home for Halloween and that providing safe alternatives to partying is a good way to make sure people can enjoy the holiday.

“For many years, much more attention has been given to containing Halloween, as opposed to creating a safe and fun Halloween experience that Isla Vista residents can be proud of. The focus on containment has centered around law enforcement, parking restrictions, fencing and other efforts. Many Isla Vista residents are unsatisfied with this approach,” Bertrand said.

“When UCSB has done a lot to provide programs for students to enjoy Halloween on campus, there is a lack of options for residents who want to safely celebrate Halloween within Isla Vista. We can’t just tell people to stay home or go to campus during Halloween; we have to provide people with safe and fun options to enjoy Halloween at night in Isla Vista,” he continued.

Historically, IVCSD has provided alternative programming on Halloween. Isla Vista residents may remember the “Haunt the Loop” event from 2019 or the virtual “Halloween at Home” event from 2020. This year, IVCSD is hoping to put on pop-up events in downtown I.V. near businesses like the Isla Vista Food Cooperative or even with local businesses to put on pop-up events such as a costume contest, photo booth and giveaways. IVCSD has identified the Isla Vista Food Co-op as a potential pop-up location for their Halloween programming.

In a unanimous vote, IVCSD decided to pursue next steps for Halloween programming by developing a budget and facility-use agreement for future board approval, creating a public outreach campaign and more.

IVCSD directors virtually discussed Halloween programming for 2021. This photo was taken as a screenshot of the Sept. 29 IVCSD board meeting.

Halloween 2021 Parking Information

Isla Vista Parking

Parking in Isla Vista will be subject to potential closures beginning at 4pm on Friday 10/29/21. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department advises you to relocate your vehicle from the following locations:

- 6500-6700 Blocks of Del Playa
- Camino Del Sur between Del Playa and Trigo
- Camino Pescadero residents between Del Playa and Trigo
- El Embarcadero residents between Del Playa and the top of Loop
- Camino Majorca between Del Playa and Pasado
- Trigo Road residents living in the 6500 block will need to relocate their vehicles parked on the street. Signs will be posted notifying residents (SBSO 805-681-4179).

UCSB Campus Parking

No Overnight Visitor Parking is allowed on the UCSB Campus on Friday October 29th and Saturday October 30th

- Registered UCSB Students with an Annual Night & Weekend parking permit can park in designated lots on campus beginning at 9am Friday, October 29th until 7:30am on Monday, November 1st. Parking is allowed only in Structure 22, and parking lot 30. All other campus lots are subject to closure.

- Apply/purchase online by going to tps.ucsb.edu/epermits. Permit verification can take up to four days, so purchase by October 25th.

Order online today!

Cost of the N&W Permit is $52.50 - valid through June 30, 2021.

One permit per registered student; vehicle must be linked to permit.

http://www.tps.ucsb.edu
Women's Volleyball
Inconsistent in Thunderdome Classic and League Play

Garrett Harcourt
Sports Editor

The UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball team has shown resilience throughout the season following a string of losses. Although they didn't do well in the Thunderdome Classic, they rebounded opening up league play with two victories.

The Gauchos were one to forget for the Gauchos as they were routed from the start against the Washington State Cougars. Throughout the 3-0 loss, the Gauchos made far too many errors, ultimately leading to their loss.

Game two of the Thunderdome Classic against Virginia Commonwealth University was another game where errors led to UCSB's main problems. Although the Gauchos lost the first set against VCU, they were able to make up for their errors by gaining more kills than VCU. So, the Gauchos reversed the Rams, leading to a 3-0 victory.

In the rematch versus Washington State, the Gauchos fell behind early to the Cougars due to a less superior kill percentage. The Gauchos lost the first set against VCU, but in the second set, they were able to make up for their errors by gaining more kills than the Anteaters.

This was attributed to the Gaucho's commanding 3-1 victory versus the UC San Diego Tritons. The Gauchos had 14 errors, making no errors while having 14 kills, a .478 attack percentage, along with a team-high 14 kills.

Offense Stalls in Women's Soccer 1-0 Loss to CSUF

Max Sommerfeld
Staff Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 26, the UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team took on the Cal State Fullerton Titans. The match was a defensive battle resulting in a 1-0 loss for the Gauchos. Going into the game, the Titans were 3-2-0, whereas the Gauchos were 3-2-5.

The two teams combined between the two teams for 250 fans in attendance saw a slow game in the beginning of the match. The Gauchos struggled to put up any shots on goal. On the other hand, UCSB began the match on the attack as they fired 5 shots. However, none of these shots found the back of the net. With only 5 corner kicks combined between the two teams in the first half, the action was minimal. The frustrated Gauchos fell behind 1-0 in the 32nd minute due to a header from Katrina Gourley.

In the 87th minute, the Gauchos put up 7 shots to the Titans' 2 when things got going. The Gauchos put up 7 shots to the Titans' 2, but the only shot of the game from Fullerton midfielder Karla Rodriguez's head ball crossed the goal line, making all the difference. Her goal in the 72nd minute was all Fullerton needed to defeat UCSB. It seems the yellow card issued to freshman goalkeeper Alyssa O'Neil in the 70th minute fueled Cal State Fullerton.

Fullerton's goalie DeAura Jackson played at a high level, saving all 5 shots the Gauchos put on target. The offense for the Titans provided the bare minimum, but it was enough to secure a tough win on the road. Despite UCSB outshooting the Titans 12-6, one of Fullerton's 4 shots on goal that past UCSB goalkeeper Emily Smith was the fatal blow. Even with the goal allowed, UCSB Head Coach Paul Stumpf had high praise for his goalkeeper and the rest of his team.

"I thought our goalkeeper [Emily Smith] played very well," Stumpf said according to uscbgauchos.com. "She dealt with a number of longer-flighted balls, a lot of set pieces and corner kicks, and she was solid. I thought Sophia Viret had a pretty good day, and I thought Lauren Helweg did well when we were down, and of course Emma Vanderheyden as well.

The Gauchos will look to get back in the win column as they take the next road game as they take on the UC Davis Aggies, while Cal State Fullerton will match up against the UC Irvine Anteaters.

2021 MLB Award Predictions

Garrett Harcourt
Sports Editor

As the Major League Baseball regular season is coming to an end, there are many candidates to take home the top awards the league has to offer. Some awards are more certain than others, but there’s always something that tops the list of resting as their teams. The Gauchos played a near-flawless set making no errors while having 14 kills, on route to a 25-8 third set victory. In the end, the Gauchos lost the fourth set narrowly 21-25, due to the Cougars converting more of their chances.

On the other hand, the Gauchos responded with this loss with a commanding 3-1 victory versus the UC San Diego Tritons. The Gauchos had to rally from an opening first set loss. In the reverse sweep of the Tritons, outside hitter Abrielle Bross and middle blocker Dori Wilson led the charge with the highest kill percentages and most kills in the match. The Gauchos ended the match with 10 more kills than the Anteaters with 10 total kills and 17 errors, 4 fewer than the Anteater's 25 errors.

The second match of League play against the UC Irvine Anteaters was one of the most impressive wins of the young season. The Anteaters had started off the season 8-4 with an opening league loss. This makes the Gauchos' performance that much more impressive, as they swept them in three straight sets.

This was attributed to the Gauchos' great blocking and defense as they only allowed Irvine to get 26 kills as opposed to their 59 kills. Right side hitter Tahalah Foxley was the standout performer in the match, having a .493 attack percentage, along with a team-high 14 kills.

The Gauchos will be moving into conference play 2-0 and taking on rivals Cal Poly Sun Lakes on at their home stadium, Cal Poly Field. Core into this game is a 4-9 overall record, but like the Gauchos, are on a hot streak, taking their first two conference games against Cal State Fullerton and Long Beach State. The Gauchos will be looking to stay away from the unforced errors, stay hot in conference play and open up October on the right foot this Friday.

With the impressive numbers of all these players, it would make the deciding factor could be Harper's. If they were to put up another .348 slugging percentage and a .577 on-base percentage. Soto has bounced back from a mediocre first half of the season to putting up ungodly second half numbers.

He is a second in batting average, first in walks, first in wins above replacement and second in on-base plus slugging. On the other hand, the National League MVP race is a little more uncertain with these names thrown in the mix.

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With injuries taking a toll on his first two major league seasons, Ohtani has broken into this season with 45 home runs, 91 runs batted in and 24 stolen bases. On top of that, Ohtani has been one of the best pitchers this year, racking up 15 strikesouts and pitching to a 3.18 earned run average.

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The western snowy plover (Charadrius alexandrinus) once roamed widely through the West Coast, from Baja California to Southern Washington. Instantly recognizable to anyone who has ever strode down Sands Beach, the small, white birds waddle about the shoreline and coastal dunes, foraging for invertebrates among beach sand and wrack, which is a resource-rich helipad that washes up from the ocean and provides shelter for the plover’s prey.

However, with coastal development throughout their range— and particularly rampant development in Southern California— their numbers began to dwindle during the mid-20th century as their habitats became increasingly fragmented. Being held in rely on relatively undisturbed beaches to nest and reproduce, coastline management throughout California served to impede the species, as even forms of recreation like sunbathing, dog walking and beachcombing made many beaches untenable for nesting.

By the year 2000, there were only 1,500 breeding snowy plovers nesting throughout all of California, a precipitous drop for a species which once numbered in the thousands. However, there are still refuges throughout California where the species continues to nest. One of the most important of these is at Sands Beach on Coal Oil Point Natural Reserve, less than a mile from UCSB campus.

Here, the conservation program for the snowy plovers seeks to protect the plovers nesting on Sands Beach to perpetuity.

The western snowy plover is a small, white, shorebird which nests in sandy habitats along the western coast. Their nesting grounds include beaches, dunes, and estuaries. They are known for their distinctive black bands around the bill and legs, which are used to make their nests more visible to predators. They are also known for their high reproductive success, with as many as 10 eggs per nest. However, they face many threats, including habitat loss, human disturbance, and climate change.

The conservation program at Sands Beach is supported by UCSB and is funded by a grant from the Department of Defense. The program involves a team of researchers who monitor the plovers’ nests and protect them from disturbance. They also work to increase public awareness about the importance of protecting these birds.

As of Sept. 28, a booster shot of either vaccine is not yet available. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as more data becomes available, additional populations will be recommended for the booster.

Booster shots will become an important part of our local strategy to protect our most vulnerable communities and end the pandemic," said Barbara Audubon Society Public Health Director Van Dool and said in a press release last Friday.

SBCUSD said that the vaccines are approved and administered in the U.S. extremely effective, but that protection slightly reduces over time.

The booster shot maximizes that protection. CDC studies show that COVID-19 vaccine effectiveness is decreasing, partly due to waning immunity as well as the evolution of COVID-19, particularly with the severity of the delta variant. The approved distribution of booster shots to at-risk individuals in the U.S. follows a worldwide moratorium on boosters called by the World Health Organization (WHO).

At a media briefing earlier this month, World Health Organization General Director Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus called the push for boosters an inequitable distribution of resources that could aid mitigation efforts of COVID-19 worldwide.

The program, which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, has been responsible for maintaining and monitoring the snowy plovers at Sands Beach, the long stretch of coastline between Ellwood and Devereux Point. It is the largest aggregation of these birds in the U.S. and the largest aggregation of any bird in the world.

"It is a remarkable result to get," said O'Loghlen, a researcher at UCSB. "It is the largest aggregation of any bird in the world."

The program has grown over the years, with the number of plovers increasing from an average of 35 pairs during the breeding season to an average of 300 pairs today. The program has also helped to increase the number of plovers nesting at other locations along the California coast.

The conservation program in collaboration with the Santa Barbara Zoo, released nine snowy plovers back into the wild at Sands Beach on Sept. 21. This follows years inciting and rehabilitating them there after decades found eggs and an abandoned chick earlier this year.

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In Review: Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine Revisit Past Stories To Forge Their Own “A Beginner’s Mind”

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Reporter

After proclaiming he was a “new minimalist” on his last two albums, Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine are reflecting on the past, and connecting their own lives, in their new LP, “A Beginner’s Mind.” The album is a collection of songs inspired by the 1969 novel by A.E. Osworth, “A Beginner’s Mind,” about a young man named Remy who is a software coder at a company called Fancy Dog Games, where he meets a woman named Eliza. Eliza is the lead of a gamer-type group that envies the inspiration for the hivemind infectious positive attitude. On “A Beginner’s Mind,” the hivemind is called the Sixsterhood, a collection of feminist, liberal minds called the Sixsterhood, which features a group of women trying to become successful in the tech industry. The group is inspired by the polarizing national ethos that they’ve basically force-feeds Junior his right lifestyle and upward social mobility. But, of course, there are private struggles and personal triumphs — a youthful mind filled with innocence.

Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine recorded ends. Is there a recurring theme of self-actualization and a youthful mind filled with innocence? — a youthful mind filled with innocence. The album’s opening track, “The Wizard of Oz,” features Sufjan Stevens and Angelo De Augustine exploring the iconic film that was made in 1939. The track is a reflection of the polarizing national ethos that they’ve basically force-feeds Junior his right lifestyle and upward social mobility. But, of course, there are private struggles and personal triumphs — a youthful mind filled with innocence.

The book’s fast pacing and dramatic situations include: an action movie in my mind, and Gozon agreed it could translate to the big screen. “A couple studios have expressed interest,” he said. “But if it doesn’t work out, I’m plenty content with the opportunity [Henry and Junio] had to live in real minds. That also seemed to have a sort of appeal to me and is now a rare privilege that makes me huddle up every single time.”
**Little Lad’s Berries and Cream**

**Alice Bilyk**
Staff Writer

Hey little lad's of UCSB! Welcome back to class. To get you through these first weeks of in-person classes, here’s a recipe for berries and cream (little lad dessert optional). You can do it just in case, for mommy. For any vegan or lactose non-friendly littlest lads, there's an included berries and vegan chia cream recipe! 

**Ingredients:**
- 2 cups blackberries
- 1 cup blueberries
- 1 ½ cups raspberries
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1 ½ cups blackberries
- 1 cup chia seeds
- 1 cup raw honey
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional)
- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon almond milk
- 2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup coconut butter
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder
- 1 tablespoon stevia sweetener
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional)

**Instructions:**
1. Take a bowl, add the berries, and let it sit for a few minutes. You can also add lemon juice of you would like to.
2. While the berries are resting, toast the sunflower seeds and shredded coconut until golden brown and fragrant. Set them aside to cool.
3. Add the sour cream to the berries and stir until evenly incorporated. Garnish with the shredded coconut and sunflower seeds. Zest some lemon on top to taste.

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**Berries and Vegan Chia Cream**

**Ingredients:**
- 2 ounces unsweetened coconut cream (or your preferred creamer)
- 1 tablespoon chia seeds
- ½ cup shredded coconut
- 1 tablespoon sunflower seeds
- 4 ounces strawberries
- 3 ounces blackberries
- 2 ounces raspberries
- 1 gram stevia sweetener or 1 tablespoon brown sugar or coconut sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice (optional)
- Honey or maple syrup to taste
- Lottom zest to taste

**Directions:**
1. In a blender, puree the coconut cream with the chia seeds. Mix and let sit for at least 10-15 minutes. Store the mixture in a bowl, cover with sugar, mix and let sit for a few minutes. You can also add lemon juice if you would like to.
2. While the berries are resting, toast the sunflower seeds and shredded coconut until golden brown and fragrant. Set them aside to cool.
3. Layer the fruit on top of the chia pudding. Garnish with the coconut and sunflower seeds. Zest some lemon on top and add honey or maple syrup to taste.

I hope you and your little lad friends enjoy these recipes! They are both relatively healthy and filling! Berries and cream is a great morning breakfast to fuel your little lad adventures for the day.
I'm sure most of you can relate to those awkward post-quarantine interactions, such as painful small talk with a barista or a Freudian slip over Zoom with a peer, as well as the obligatory bashful explanation as some of the worst parties ever, and they're often made worse by the combination of watered-down conversation while you both stare at your shoes is perfectly normal and a typical sign of a bad social streak.

Permanent Freak: "Fill-et Mig-nun," those are the marks of temporary social faux-pas.

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Bumping Into a Friend in Public
Bad Social Streak: We've all been there; do you say hello and make terrible awkward small talk about what they're doing and where they're going, or do you bow your head and pretend you didn't see them? If you do end up making the wrong choice by stopping to say hi, the occasional lapse in conversation while you both stare at your shoes is perfectly normal and a typical sign of a bad social streak.

Permanent Freak: Look at all that fucking piss running down your leg, you filthy cumbucket. How about you crawl over here and lick Mommy's boot, you gross little freak? You're good for nothing except passing your fucking pants and you know it, don't you?

Going to a Work Party
Bad Social Streak: Work parties are right up there with low dinner parties and middle school dances as some of the worst parties ever, and they're often made worse by the combination of watered-down office sangria and the fact that you hate all of your coworkers. With all of this in mind, the occasional forgotten name ("Oh you're Gary? I'm so sorry, I thought your name was Larry?") or a drunken conversation with your boss can be excused as just a bad social streak.

Permanent Freak: Yeah, lick it up you little fucking slut. Lick it all up. I know you're fucking thirsty; you better not stop till you can see your reflection in this floor. Not only have they fixed housing, but students have been saved from the pervading feelings of loneliness and isolation that Zoom school breeds! With up to 10 students in one room, incoming freshmen will never feel alone again! After the wildly successful smiley face initiative, Counseling & Psychological Services worked with the university to ensure their wellness programs breeds! With up to 10 students in one room, incoming freshmen will never feel alone again! After the wildly successful smiley face initiative, Counseling & Psychological Services worked with the university to ensure their wellness programs

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"We're so excited about the opportunity of having a baker's dozen students in one dorm," the Director of Student Friendship Susan Poleman told NEXUSTENTIALISM. "Students show physical touch is crucial for human relationships, and in our new configuration, you're bound to be touching at least two random body parts at all times."

UCSB To Combat Student Loneliness By Stuffing Seven Roommates In One Dorm

Students everywhere are celebrating the decision and getting to know their new roommates. "Me and my 14 new besties do everything together!" first-year Rebecca Jillian said. "Sarah D, Sara J, Sarah L, Sarah M, and I call ourselves the fridge girls because we're always smashed in that area. It's always a competition to see who can get to the Brita first," she said, laughing.

However, there are some slight disadvantages to the new program, including questions on if this is enough space for a college-aged adult to occupy. "When Matt's 8:45 a.m. alarm turns on, it wakes everyone up because it takes him a while to crawl over the mass of bodies that are in the room at all times," Kyle Damon said: "It's especially confusing when my girlfriend's over. She's like, 'Hey Kyle!' and all three of us answer."

Despite minor setbacks, freshmen are bound to notice how much happier and less lonely they'll be in the months to come. UCSB assures you that you'll never go to the dining hall, lectures or the gym alone with their new slogan: "The only campus where you'll never have to step foot in a dorm again."
The Deep Invasive Root of Christian Nationalism

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A small Christian American town could be the perfect utopia for white Christians with its superior and amazingly virtuous golden values and devotion. But let’s be real, the Bible is not a desirable destination. When I see extreme evangelical Christianity in the United States, it’s not utopic. It’s reminiscent of a dystopia for a “Get Out” Stephford-esque countryside.

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