Students Set Expectations for a Long-Awaited, In-Person Deltopia

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UCSB Returns Small Portion of Tuition Money From Spring Quarter 2020

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University, Law Enforcement and IVCSD Set Deltopia Safety Precautions

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Students who were enrolled during Spring Quarter 2020, with credits ranging from 0 to 120 units, received their money through their BARC accounts, and any alumni who had an associated student fee, and where appropriate and feasible, issue refunds or their equivalents.

This whole weekend is reserved for not being sober.

Meredith Johnson

The money was redistributed to students who had since graduated.

A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document from the UC regarding the financial redenomination, the amount of money UC Santa Barbara students received depended on the campus they were enrolled in, though the specific amounts were not specified.

Campus-based fees vary by campus and spring 2020 expenditure varied by campus as well. The comprehensive forensic accounting, applying the Guiding Principles, took into account those differences, which resulted in different refund amounts at different campuses and among different groups of students within campuses,” the FAQ document stated.

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Members of the UC Santa Barbara student community are looking forward to the return of Deltopia – an annual unsanctioned party in the streets of Isla Vista which occurs annually during the first weekend of spring quarter.

This year’s Deltopia will be the first at full capacity since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, though a smaller crowd of students still participated on Del Playa during the first weekend of the quarter in 2021. Now, many first-, second- and third-year students will be attending their first Deltopia this year.

Meredith Johnson, fourth- year statistics and business major, plans to take full advantage of the festivities.

“Deltopia was the best part of my experience here at UCSB,” she said.

Johnson attended Deltopia during her freshman year the only weekend in which she could describe it being: “It was really fun. I don’t remember it super well.”

To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, the University of California, Santa Barbara Police Department and the Isla Vista Foot Patrol will be patrolling streets according to their jurisdictions. Law enforcement will also provide a virtual briefing on April 2 at 10:30 p.m. regarding their mitigation efforts and how they responded to the events of the previous night.

The local community and university are promoting their annual message of “Keep it local, keep it safe,” discouraging out-of-towners from joining the weekend festivities.

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The fencing this year is placed depending on how the weekend progresses.

The university will place restrictions on student housing from 5 p.m. on Friday to 10 a.m. on Sunday. These restrictions include vehicle checkpoints, prohibiting parking next to student residential areas and prohibiting visitors in student residences.

IV beaches and the beaches on campus will be closed throughout the entire weekend. There will also be fences put up on Camino Majorca and near university student residences.

The fencing this year is significantly less in comparison to previous years.

During Deltopia weekend, the county festival ordinance is in place, prohibiting loud music from being played from 6 p.m. to 7 a.m. from April 1 through April 3. The Special Events in Public Rights-of-Way Ordinance will also be in place, prohibiting large crowds that block streets. Violation of either of these ordinances will result in fines as large as $500. Violation of the festival ordinance might also result in a misdemeanor on the violator’s record.

The Office of the External Vice President for Local Affairs (EVP/LA) – an office currently led by Shannon Sweeney – will be tabling on campus alongside other Associated Student entities to conduct outreach and discuss Deltopia Safety Precautions.

UC Santa Barbara Chancellor Henry T. Yang announced on March 19 that the indoor, public places mask mandate will no longer be in place beginning March 19 – with the exception of classrooms, where masks will be required till April 4.

Coming into Spring Quarter 2022, the Nexus asked the student body how they felt returning to campus with decreased masking regulations. Many students felt indifferent about the decrease in masking regulations, noting that the same people who wear a mask in class also go to parties without one. However, other students voiced concerns about not wearing masks in packed areas like classrooms, where they’d be directly exposed to hundreds of other students.

Second-year psychological & brain sciences major Shereen Golkar said that she noticed many students not abiding by masking protocols even during Fall Quarter 2021 and Winter Quarter 2022, and the decreasing regulations only seem to implement precursory practices among students.

“I’m pretty indifferent. I feel OK coming back to campus, but I have, hopefully, faith that not all my fellow classmates are vaccinated yet,” she said.
Weekly Goings-on in Isla Vista

Isla Vista Community Services District Reflects on Past Accomplishments, Sets Future Priorities at Annual Board Retreat

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The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) Board of Directors and staff convened for their annual retreat on March 19 to review the past accomplishments and lay out their goals and priorities looking forward.

The IVCSD serves the unincorporated area of Isla Vista to provide local governance, community services and resources related to public safety, housing, parking, public infrastructure and quality of life.

The retreat included roundtable discussions of IVCSD’s staffing capacity and financial position, a review of its community services and ongoing projects and an assessment of the financial state of the district.

The following year, IVCSD established the role for an alternative policing model in I.V. when assessing the financial position of the community services district, IVCSD General Manager Jonathan Abboud classified it as “very strong,” quantified by their ability to fully implement and realize the 2021-22 budget rather than on more funding and energies on current projects.

"We always get more revenue than we plan to have," Abboud said. "This has been happening every year." Abboud said the reason is because the district has maintained its revenue, up to the actual rate of inflation, year by year. Their revenue, or how much they have grown by 6.8% per year, has grown by 2.5%, so this is the one year where their revenue has grown less than inflation.

"In a staff analysis of the mid-year financial report, IVCSD proposed that they focus their funding and energies on current programs, rather than adding new services."

"The 2020-2021 year saw significant investments in staffing and program expansion (SVI, Safety Stations, Compost, Community Engagement), it may be worthwhile to focus on fully implementing and realizing these investments in the 2022-2023 budget rather than on more expansion or ongoing costs," the report stated.

Brandt said that IVCSD greatly improved its communications and marketing to local residents within the last year, which he noted was critical in raising community awareness of and engagement with the district.

"We’ve made such great improvements on that, which I think is awesome, to see the year over year change," Brandt said. IVCSD Director and Vice President Marcus Aguilar said he hopes that they can generate further engagement, especially with local elections for IVCSD officials.

"In 2024, I would like to see greater engagement during the election process, so Isla Vista has more ownership over the district," Aguilar said.

Brandt emphasized that the “responsible, helpful, capable staff” and the community they serve add to the strengths of IVCSD.

"Our residents are diverse, energetic, smart, proactive and beautiful," Brandt said. "They make living here fun, and they make civic engagement happen easily!"
The University of California Santa Barbara’s Gaucho Underground Scholars Program — a campus organization composed of formerly incarcerated students dedicated to supporting formerly incarcerated and system-impacted students — voiced their frustrations with the university in light of their recent call to boycott the university’s sociology department.

The boycott was put forth after several of the program’s members who applied to the department’s doctoral programs were denied acceptance without opportunity for appeal or explanation.

Alongside professors, teaching assistants, students and others in the campus community, the Office of the Student Advocate also publicly supported this call to boycott.

Gaucho Underground Scholars provides support and resources for formerly incarcerated and system-impacted students, and the program began in 2012 as a book reading club at UC Berkeley. After receiving $1.75 million from the Mellon Foundation and Canary Family Foundation — as well as the University of California Berkeley. After receiving $1.75 million from the Mellon Foundation and Canary Family Foundation — as well as the Cesar Chavez Foundation, the program expanded to all nine UC campuses, with the UC yet to invest in the Gaucho Underground Scholars program …

In 2012, Rising started a book club at UC Berkeley: "Students would set aside 30 minutes a day to read 15 minutes of a book, then discuss it. It has turned into a book club," Rising said.

Later on, Gaucho Underground Scholars had a similar pushback from the administration and was relocated under a student organization under Student Engagement & Leadership (SEAL). "Mike Miller was no longer our direct supervisor, and we got removed from the SEAL. We were [originally] under enrollment services," Rising said. "We felt like we got canceled by Holly Woo and Mike Miller, and pretty much they didn’t even look our way or talk to us anymore."

This string of events led to the present boycott of the sociology department after eight members treated horribly this year, applied to various doctorate programs at UCSB — three of whom applied to the sociology department.

"When we applied, we’d call a really, really strong application," Rising said. "Two of the three that applied to sociology were senior leadership for the Gaucho Underground Scholars program … We have published work, we have academic research that’s published, and we created a whole program at UCSB bringing diversity, equity and inclusion for formerly incarcerated students on our campus from the ground floor up."

Rising said that this proposition felt insulting to the members of the program. As all of its members are formerly incarcerated or system-impacted students and have trauma with policing throughout their lives, the rejection came after a string of events between Gaucho Underground Scholars and the University of California administration in which the program was denied funding and silenced amid their efforts to support and平台 the formerly incarcerated and system-impacted student population at UCSB.

Fourth-year sociology major and Gaucho Underground Scholars founder Ryan ‘Flaco’ Rising echoed Murillo’s sentiments. "Especially in the sociology department where they’re studying mass incarceration, where they’re studying the globalization of the police state, without us being researchers," he said.

"How are we going to allow them to use us as research subjects, but when we make it a place where we worked tirelessly to get to this level, we’re denied entry?" Rising continued. "I got a 3.4 GPA. There wasn’t any reason to deny me, and I’ve done so much work. And that’s where we decide that they’re not truly about us, and instead they want to tokenize us and use us to make it look like they’re doing their diversity, equity and inclusion work."

Gaucho Underground Scholars set a list of demands in light of the boycott, among which are calling for Woo and Miller’s resignation, a handbook system for Gaucho Underground Scholars to help get into the doctoral programs on campus, more representation of formerly incarcerated faculty, administration and staff, and their own space on campus where they felt included in the campus community.

"We just feel like we don’t belong here, and with the recent actions towards us, we feel like all they’re trying to do is erase us and get us out of here," Rising said.

Murillo emphasized that this boycott is primarily for the betterment of the entire community, not just for the individual applications denied from the sociology department this year.

"I want this for the whole student population on campus because we are a community, and you can’t spell community without unity," he said.

Rising said that ultimately, this boycott is meant to raise awareness of the lack of accountability and transparency from the university and the sociology graduate division.

"We have a lot of mental health issues, and we come from a background where we’ve been treated really all our life," he said. "And finally, we make it to university and we’re here, trying to get ourselves together and trying to develop careers for ourselves, and we’re being treated like this. It’s messed up."
Isla Vista Youth Projects Partners With Veggie Rescue To Address Food Insecurity in Community

Due to COVID-19, GIVE Isla Vista was forced to cancel the 30th anniversary of the GIVE Benefit Sale in 2020.

The Isla Vista Youth Projects (IVYP) Community Outreach Editor VIVIANA MARSANO / DAILY NEXUS

Isla Vista Youth Projects recently opened a farm stand at the Isla Vista Children’s Community Center (IVCCC). The farm stand, called Veggie Rescue – a nonprofit campaign that collects excess produce to redistribute to those in need. The farm stand aims to address food insecurity within the local community and provide produce to those in need with healthy and fresh food.

The farm stand is located at 6842 Phelps Road in Goleta, CA and is open every first, second, and fourth Thursday of each month. The organization also holds food distribution on the third Thursday of every month in partnership with the Santa Barbara County Foodbank.

The farmstand event is located at the Isla Vista Youth Projects (IVYP)’s Family Resource Center and is by appointment only. All produce is free and open to UC Santa Barbara staff and faculty at any time.

IVYP Executive Director Lori Goodman said that IVYP – founded in 1991 – aims to address a variety of issues that affect Isla Vista through support and leadership.

"IVYP is very much focused on the effects of poverty, racism and trauma by providing high-quality, trauma-informed, culturally receptive and trauma-informed services to vulnerable individuals and communities," she said.

"Food insecurity is one of the highest needs that we see, and the way that we address food insecurity is with a monthly food distribution," Goodman said.

During remote learning amidst the pandemic, IVYP cooked meals for over 20 local non-profits and organizations that help address food insecurity, employing UCSB’s kitchens and facilities at staff with little to no experience. Goodman said.

"We are always looking for programs that are basically connecting with people in the communities that need food assistance and so we’ve always been trying to figure out who can do a good job of some of the rescued food to them," Goodman said.

"Then I move the whole process up. Then we do it on the Tuesday before finals week,” Marsano said. “They [students] have their roommates and housemates that they’re living with and it gives them a way to clear out their room and their belongings, and whatever is not sold is then donated to the Goodwill,” Marsano said.

"Then they go out to I.V. for big items [like beds], Marsano said. "The most common of items that come to IVYP [in I.V.] have to come and drop it off and we have a pickup service. Security will also be present at Embarkeros Hall 24 hours a day to prevent theft of safe items. This system will continue for 10 to 15 days until the sale opens to the public.

"We collect donations, we receive people, we weigh them, we test the electronics, we weigh them, we measure them, we display them, we sell them, we ship them, we transfer them, we make them available to the public and we donate to the Goodwill,” Marsano said. "We process over 40 tons of clothing every year." Clothing is sorted into 62 different categories, and 70 bikes on display at the sale for people to try on, test, and shop. The staff members express delight at working on the GIVE Benefit Sale and are excited to see the event come to fruition.

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"They get their produce from students and nonprofits, as well as farmer partners, food service, and other sources," Manovich said. "We distribute to over 60 nonprofits in the county, and almost 20% of the food we distribute goes to nonprofits in the Santa Barbara area and Goleta and Isla Vista," O’Connell said. "We offer whatever the farmers are growing; it’s very natural and seasonal."

Isla Vista Youth Projects (IVYP) Staff Writer YU-ON LI

O’Connell connected with Manovich through a county-wide group, and after learning more about the food distribution program, the two began to work together.

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Every weekend there’s a party, and this just seems a little more extreme than that. I hope everyone has fun!

Karen-Rasmussen added that he will most likely refrain from participating in traditional Deltopia. The sheriff’s office used to host informal town halls and forums in Deltopia for more than 10 years before it was stopped. “I really love walking down Deltopia and watching the party and it’s so much fun to watch what happens, but I don’t go to any of those anymore.”

Fourth-year statistics and immediate justice major Christian LaBord lives in a house on the 660 block of Del Playa Drive and intends to open his home to the public as part of the party’s festivities. “We’re definitely going to be having something, probably an open house. We’ll have the hot tub going and probably have some alcohol,” he said.

As a transfer student, LaLor said this marks his first year at UCSB with fully in-person instruction and his first opportunity to have these interactions where we listen to the students and form these new community organizations about what the Party’s role to teach this population is,” Ziek said.

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Sweeney also expressed her support for certain restrictions, such as closures of the beach.

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Mask Mandate Period

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Second-year paleobiology major Ellie Zahedi said that they “haven’t seen a difference” after the mask regulations decreased this quarter. Zahedi, who works at the UCSB Library Access Services Desk, said that she had to ask many UCSB Library users to put on a mask last quarter when the mandate was in place.

“There’s always a good amount of people that weren’t wearing them anyways. And we’d have to tell them, and now we just don’t have to say anything,” Zahedi said.

Zahedi added that the professors of the classes she attended thus far have not been wearing their masks during lectures.

“I have faith in science. And I think, you know, I’m in STEM and all my STEM professors aren’t wearing masks. I think they also are trusting [science]. And the people who wouldn’t get vaccinated or wouldn’t wear masks anyways, I’m not concerned about them. I’m sure they’ve gotten COVID a million times,” Zahedi said.

Third-year physics major Daniel Perry said that though he currently feels comfortable being on campus without a mask mandate, changing COVID-19 infection rates and the fluctuations of COVID-19 will ultimately determine his comfort level.

“(COVID-19) wavers so frequently. Fall quarter seems like, ‘Oh, everything is fine again,’ but winter quarter, of course, with the new strain, things change all over. So, you know, at this point, I feel more comfortable, but that could change in a week. So who knows?” Perry said.

However, Perry added that with the high vaccination rate on campus, he appreciated being able to see his peers’ faces on campus again.

“It is kind of wild to see people’s faces again. The fact that everybody on campus, for the most part, is vaccinated and boosted does make me feel pretty comfortable,” Perry said.

“I’ve been around a bunch of people in the library last quarter, I would still see a few people,” Perry said. “Between this quarter and last quarter, of course, with the new strain, things change all over. So, you know, at this point, I feel more comfortable, but that could change in a week. So who knows?” Perry said.

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“I feel kind of indifferent about the decreasing masking regulations. I feel kind of indifferent about it. Honestly, just because I feel like this is a party school. You aren’t wearing masks at parties; I haven’t, I haven’t worn a mask,” Quezada said. “I do wear masks when I have to. But in situations like that, what can we really do about it? It’s a tradeoff.”

Third-year film and media studies major Manzhera Sekhon said that she understands why the mandate was lifted but still feels somewhat concerned.

“I get the mask mandate being lifted. But sometimes I’m also like, ‘Is that the best decision?’ It is still scary, especially if you never know how a person is and if they actually have COVID-19 or not.”

Sekhon added that regardless, she felt comforted knowing that some professors are still requiring masks in their classrooms.

“One of my professors [was] saying that we still need to wear masks and stuff. So I’m pretty sure that class is still gonna enforce it,” Sekhon said.

Quezada added, however, that he questions how far professors will go to enforce their respective masking rules.

“How far [are] professors really gonna take it?” he questioned.

“Because I’ve walked into class already, and I’ve seen people without masks, and we’re supposed to wear it this week,” Quezada said.

Post-Mandate Period
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In the final years and months leading up to the Bike Shop breaking ground on its new location, Pineda and the rest of the employees also succeeded in getting all of the necessary approvals for the new building, Hernandez said. These approvals came from the planning, design and budget committees, the architects and Chancellor Henry T. Yang.

With administrator approval secured, there was still the issue of cost. The funds the Bike Shop accrued since 2006 — now $3.8 million altogether, according to Jahnke — were still not enough to pay for the project.

"We still were short," Pineda said. "Building a new building is very expensive.

To ensure the project would move forward, the Bike Shop had to ask for a loan from A.S. and remove several items from the new building, Pineda said. These items included a stone bench and fencing by the back patio staff lounge.

A.S. President Yuval Cohen had few reservations about the Bike Shop's request for a loan.

"I think that we're moving on a really good track to have the building done by when it's supposed to be done," she said. Pineda said that she hoped the new building would encourage regular students to take initiative in learning about and fixing their own bikes.

"I hope that we can expand the Bike Shop to be somewhere that students can come to learn about bikes," she said. "You don't have to work at the Bike Shop to learn how to fix your bike and be in this space."
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CAMPUS OF THE YEAR AWARD

Additionally, the office lobbied the state for $22.5 million for outreach and retention programs for students of color, queer and trans students and those of marginalized identities, fought to establish system-impacted resource centers on all nine undergraduate serving campuses and distributed over 600 days' worth of menstrual hygiene products at UCSB, according to the email.

Two other UCSB students — EVPSA Legislative Director Alexander Niles and EVPSA Organizing Director Marvia Cunanan — also serve as elected members of UCSA.

They fundamentally are the reason why I'm able to do this work because they keep me balanced, they educate my opinions and they critique me. They definitely pushed back on me, my opinions and my statements in ways that help us round out the office,” Quintero-Cubillan said of Niles and Cunanan.

Because the UCSA board has three students from UCSB and three from UC Berkeley — an unequal delegation compared to other campuses — the Campus of the Year award was decided by the EVP’s from each campus, who were encouraged to vote for a university other than their own, according to Quintero-Cubillan. Quintero-Cubillan voted for UC Irvine, but said they were proud of the work the UCSB office has done in the past year.

“I can only represent so many intersections. And while I represent a lot of different intersections and identities, I have my limitations. So does my office, but the very least that we could do is try [our] best to represent as many people as we can in as many ways that feel fulfilling, and in many ways not performative,” they said.

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**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) allows continued funding for the MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of $19.91 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to maintain the current level of services for the MCC, such as, tutorial groups, drop-in centers, and associated facilities, for a total of $105.07 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter.  If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2026.

**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

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Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of $1.42 per undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to continue a fund available to students to fund Recreational Sports?  The fee is in addition to the $2.69 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter currently collected by CAPS through other campus and student government fees to support their services, for a total of $40.59 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter.  If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2026.

**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

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**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

The fee allows for funding for students and community members who are looking to develop a volunteer service project on campus or in the surrounding community and allows for the creation of new groups and drop-in tutorials (Broadsheet: $14.78 is for COLA*, $9.16 is for return to aid, and $0.10 is for administrative fee). The fee also includes a cost of living adjustment (COLA)* every five years and associated facilities, for a total of $28.14 per undergraduate and graduate student per quarter.  If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2026.

**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

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Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of $22.86 in summer) including summer, to help meet operating and facility costs of undergraduate student per quarter (including summer), to maintain the current level of services for the MultiCultural Center (MCC) Support Fee

Do you wish to continue a mandatory fee of $9.00 per undergraduate student per quarter (excluding summer) to support the MultiCultural Center’s (MCC) operating and programming expenses? The fee is in addition to the $2.52 in summer currently collected by the Department of Recreation through other campus and student government fees for a total of $13.98 per undergraduate student in summer.  If reaffirmed, the fee will continue to be collected until subject to reaffirmation in spring 2026.

**YES ** NO ** ABSTAIN**

University Center (UCen) Support Fee

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UCSB Hosts First Track and Field Meet of the Year

Garret Harcourt
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Gauchos Miss Out on March Madness

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UC Santa Barbara’s basketball team concluded the regular season with a 9-2 start to the season. They dominated by No. 5 Houston, and No. 11 Michigan, No. 4 seed Tennessee was upset by No. 4 UCLA team and ended the 2021 runner-up and No. 1 seed Kansas. Many upsets occurred in this region, with No. 11 Iowa state beating Louisiana State and Wisconsin and No. 10 Miami winning upset victories against the University of Southern California and No. 2 Arizona. Miami and Iowa State then faced off, with Miami prevailing and moving on to face Kansas in the Elite Eight. Kansas needed two rallies to hit their stride, and we’re expecting to see Big West Conference and regional qualifiers coming out of this round of every meet we do,” Bendor said.

Next on the Gauchos’ meet schedule is the Aztec Invite at San Diego State, starting Friday March 25.

A National Outlook for UCSB Softball

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UCSB Athletics

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The last and most shocking stat is that UCSB’s 250 win percentage is one of the worst in the country, ranking third 246th in the country, just below mid-major schools not known for their sports such as the University of Holy Cross, Sam Houston State University and Columbus University.

With that said, there are still many bright spots in the Gauchos’ starting lineup. Beginning with sophomore infielder Matthew McNally, who is batting close to 0.400, McNally is second on the team with 34 hits and leads the team with 9 stolen bases. Leading the team in stolen bases is senior infielder Mic Fields, with 35 hits and a team-leading 14 stolen bases. In the field, senior infielder/offsider Rayna Cohen and sophomore catcher Ashley Anthony Donaldson have been stellar, committing only one error each in the series.

With many players producing at a high level, it does not look like the Lady Gauchos are struggling. In fact, they are batting close to .300 for the entire season.
Cacio e Pepe — A Simple Pasta Two Different Ways

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A blend of cheese, pepper and pasta makes cacio e pepe one of the most simple pasta dishes that you could make. We did our research and analyzed many trials, we have found the little tricks and techniques to correctly make this simple pasta dish in two different ways.

Classic Cacio e Pepe

Serves 2

Ingredients:
• 1/2 pound bucatini
• 1 tablespoon white or yellow miso
• 1 teaspoon garlic
• 1/2 teaspoon dried oregano
Instructions:
1. Boil a few cups of generously salted water. Add the pasta noodles to the pan. Cook the noodles for 9-10 minutes.
2. Once the noodles are done cooking, scoop them out. Reserve about 2 cups of the pasta water and set aside. 3. Turn off the heat and toss the friedly ground black pepper for about 1-2 minutes. 4. In a medium-sized bowl, combine the cheese. Slowly add in some of the reserved pasta water until well combined. 5. Add a 1/2 cup of the pasta with the toasted black pepper. Add in the majority of the pasta water, mix well. 6. In the cheese mixture to the pan and toss the ingredients. Toss in Fennel. Drizzle with olive oil, and serve.

Vegan Cacio e Pepe

Serves 3

Ingredients:
• 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
• kosher salt
• black pepper
• 1/2 cup mushrooms
• 1/2 cup zucchini noodles
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Add another tablespoon of olive oil to the empty pot and heat over medium. Add in the chopped black pepper and season with salt and pepper. Add in the noodles for 2-3 minutes. Toss in the mushrooms and reserved pasta water, stir until smooth. Add the grilled vegetables and season with salt and pepper. Serve with a side of cooked pasta water.

Dressing:
1. Bring large pot of slightly salted water to a boil. Add the olive oil and mix to a small bowl and use as a dipping sauce.
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Is Freedom Really Free? Class Crush Ugly Under Mask

Lucas Briaca
U.C. Santa Barbara

"Hi, are you a registered voter in California?" Few UCSB freshmen expect that such an innocent question can quickly lead to several minutes of your precious time (and years of your life) sucked away by proKYCALPIRG signature-seekers. So, rather than refer to The Question, such as "Do you want your front teeth knocked out?" or "I have my headphones in and I'm clearly scientafic research and a part of the prestigious University of California system, but we are ranked by one thing, and one thing only: our pure animal magnetism.

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It remains to be seen whether CALPIRG will take the hint and stop swarming students with forms. At this rate, Santa Barbara could become a cringe-worthy vision of the future.

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N. F. Turner assures you none of this is a scam and you should stop talking.
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of the main sources of sustenance for a crop that would become one years ago and who may have brought down a group that would become one of the main sources of sustenance for one of the ancient world’s most famous cultures – maize. Corn has always been known to have played an important part of Maya culture, but until recently, researchers had little just how critical a role it played in the birth of Maya civilization. Researchers have unearthed more than 88 preserved skeletons from shallow graves in the Bladen Nature Reserve in Belize. This discovery allowed researchers to analyze DNA samples from the skeletons and compare them to the DNA of both ancient and living inhabitants of certain regions throughout Central and South America. They found that the more recent skeletons, dating from about 3,600 years ago, contained DNA closely resembling that of a group of Indigenous people who today live from northern Colombia to Costa Rica. Further findings suggest that approximately 3,000 years ago, there was a massive migration of people from further south up into the northernmost part of Central America, an area which would eventually become the homeland of the Maya people. As for the relationship between the influx of migrants and the origin of maize cultivation, UCSB archaeology professor Douglas Kennett has an answer. From analyzing the teeth of these ancient hunter-gatherers, it has been found that maize likely accounted for less than 10% of their diet, while skeletons dating from the post-migration period reveal maize accounting for about 50-60% of the average diet. These findings indicate that the early hunter-gatherers likely introduced new and improved m a i z e plants, as well as a novel system of cultivation, into Central America when they migrated, ultimately influencing the development of one of the largest cultures of the Mesoamerican world.

Butting the Heat

While there is substantial existing data on the effects of extreme heat on human productivity and health, as well as new data on the health implications of COVID-19, researchers have been curious as to the joint effects of both of these factors. UCSB geography professor David Lopez-Carr, along with other contributors, helped lead research studying the effects of extreme heat and COVID-19 specifically on farmworkers, as they are one of the most susceptible communities to COVID-19, the least likely to get immunized and the most exposed to extreme heat. Although the paper has only been provisionally accepted into “Frontiers in Public Health,” Lopez-Carr and his team present questions regarding future research on this topic as well as outline potential policies, which if implemented could lead to enhanced wellbeing for farmworkers through increased unemployment benefits and better labor regulations.

Michael D. Young Engaged Scholar Award Knowledge and Values that Inform Principled Leadership This award is presented annually to one senior or graduate student who skillfully integrates their scholarly knowledge and values into action. It recognizes the legacy of former Vice-Chancellor Michael D. Young and his commitment to empowering students toward principled leadership. Nominees must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A staff or faculty letter of support should be attached to each nomination.

University Service Award Service in Several Areas of Involvement These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who demonstrate a deep commitment to different areas of campus life. Nominees must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.147 or above, the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body. University Award of Distinction Service in a Particular Area of Involvement These awards are presented annually to graduating seniors and graduate students who demonstrate outstanding contributions to a particular area of campus life. These awards recognize in-depth or focused involvement and the commitment in campus or community activities. Nominees must earn a cumulative GPA of 3.147 or above, the scholastic average of the undergraduate student body.
Publishing in a Pandemic: How Authors Virtually Write, Publish and Promote

Sam Franzini
Staff Writer

Caleb Horowitz, the protagonist of Andrew Lipstein’s 2022 novel, “Monarch,” wakes up one day not able to look past it. As an organization and reflection of beauty queens, secret government agents have been released a short story collection published March 2 by Dutton Books and Soft Skull Press, here is always nice, I find reading...
Isla Vista locals, have you ever dreamed of the snowy snow?

If the answer is no, rest assured you are not alone in the matter. It was not until a strange, warm spell in February that I stumbled across this species of bird, whose home just happens to be at the Coal Oil Point Reserve at Sands Beach, right on Del Playa Drive. Aside from these staples, however, I have left the Isla Vista area and Goleta area for a year of reflection.

That February afternoon, I had been following a local trail and just happened to stumble upon Sands Beach, where I found myself nose to nose with a pair of white fluffy darting around piles of seaweed on the sand. To paint the picture, snowy plovers are fast, white, about 6 inches tall and are able to fit into the palm of your hand. I found myself losing all sensibility that day, as I instantly wanted to scoop up one of these creatures and announce to the world how they are, for people to go and see how they are plowers, for they are a species of threatened bird due to rapid habitat loss. I soon went home and fell asleep in my room, as I should jot awake and wrote this piece, and had showed it to myself.

As I rolled around in bed, restless, I continued to ask myself, “How have I never heard of the snowy plowery before?” followed by, “How have I never stopped foot on Sands Beach, where their habitat lies?” As music came on the radio, I was humping through my walls that night. I realized that the answer to these questions is the same as the answer to the question of how anybody can listen to the same 2010's throwback songs every weekend without noticing. The answer lies close to home, right on Del Playa Drive, UCSB's party culture. Once ranked as the No. 2 party school in the U.S., UCSB's strong party heritage is the dominating characterization of UCSB as a “party school” clearly holds great agency. When Saturday night rolls around, one of the first things I think of is that I have a week's worth of goals to accomplish in order to be able to say I have a party the next day. But, how likely are you to accomplish those goals?

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