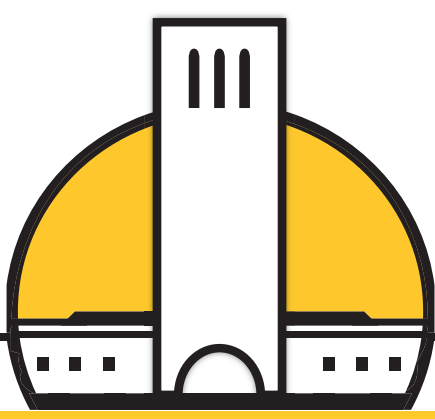


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Dear Incoming Students,

Welcome to the 2022-23 academic year! We are overjoyed to have you with us. As first-year and transfer students, you are embarking on an exciting journey at UC Santa Barbara, where opportunities abound for you to participate in all aspects of campus life. Our entire university community is eager to meet you, to experience your intellectual and creative vitality, and to help nurture your academic strengths, talents, and aspirations.

The past two and a half years have brought numerous challenges, not the least of which is the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Called upon to make sacrifices on behalf of the greater public health good, you have demonstrated resilience, resourcefulness, and an ability to adapt to changing circumstances. Though the academic year may yet hold some unknowns for us regarding the pandemic, we all must remain flexible and understanding amid a fluid situation.

Academic excellence and diversity are central to UC Santa Barbara’s mission, as demonstrated by our campus’s exceptional national and international rankings. To share just a few examples, U.S. News & World Report currently ranks UC Santa Barbara No. 5 among the country’s top public universities, and also ranks us among institutions with the fifth highest diversity index rating. We are ranked No. 9 worldwide for producing Nobel laureates in this century, according to Times Higher Education in London. UC Santa Barbara is a Minority-Serving Institution as well as the first member of the prestigious Association of American Universities to be recognized as a Hispanic-Serving Institution. Newsweek has ranked us the No. 1 Hispanic-Serving Institution in the country, and the New York Times College Access Index ranks us No. 2 among the nation’s top colleges most committed to economic diversity.

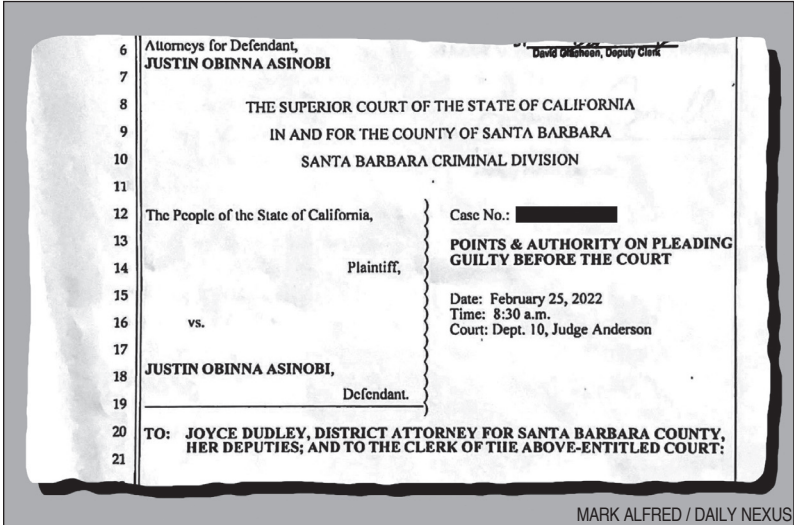
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My wife, Dilling, and I wish you the best for an academic year full of learning, discovery, and the joy of new friendships. We are proud and honored to have you on campus, and we cannot wait to see your smiling faces. Welcome to our UC Santa Barbara family!

Sincerely,

Henry T. Yang
Chancellor

Charges dismissed against student arrested for hiding cameras in I.V. bathroom, investigation continues



Asinobi is still under investigation stemming from material found on for possible future charges the hidden cameras.

Mark Alfred
Asst. News Editor

Warning: This article contains graphic content.

The UC Santa Barbara student arrested in February for allegedly hiding a camera in the bathroom of an Isla Vista residence had all charges dismissed, despite his attorney’s attempt to enter a guilty plea.

Former UCSB student Justin Asinobi is still under investigation for future charges as law enforcement continues to review footage from Asinobi’s multiple cameras, according to Isla Vista Foot Patrol (IVFP) Community Resource Deputy Justin Schroeder.

On Feb. 15, a UCSB student found a hidden camera in her bathroom, sparking an IVFP investigation that culminated in the arrest of Asinobi after the discovery of “several surreptitious recording devices” at his residence.

He was arraigned the day after his arrest on two misdemeanors: eavesdropping and unlawful electronic peeping.

While held in jail, Asinobi tested positive for COVID-19 and entered a quarantine. Due to the positive result, the court disallowed him from attending court proceedings in person or using a “Zoom room,” according to court documents submitted by Defense Attorney Lauren Gartrell, Asinobi’s public defender. As an alternative, the court held Asinobi’s arraignment via telephone on Feb. 16.

The jail’s telephone procedure required that a deputy be present with Asinobi during all phone calls, including with his defense lawyer. Gartrell argued in the documents that under the circumstances, Asinobi’s right to confidential communications with legal counsel, or attorney-client privilege, had been obstructed.

He was eventually bailed out on the morning of Feb. 24 after days of quarantine. Asinobi then contacted Gartrell, a meeting that concluded with his decision to plead guilty to both misdemeanors.

That day, Gartrell notified the court and the District Attorney’s office of Asinobi’s plea decision. Deputy District Attorney Sherwin Nadjim objected on the basis of an ongoing investigation, and Deputy District Attorney Megan Chanda argued it would create a procedural barrier to accept the plea, should more serious charges be filed.

Gartrell contested the objections, accusing the District Attorney of not accepting the plea due to ill preparation.

“Nothing prevents the court from accepting the plea agreement,” read a document submitted by the defense and obtained by the Nexus. “Rather, due to the district attorney not being prepared, they are asking the court to deny Mr. Asinobi his statutory right to plead guilty to the charges before him so that they may insure their lack of preparedness does not cause them

issues.”

In Asinobi’s Readiness and Settlement Conference, which he attended the following morning over Zoom, the prosecution moved to have the case dismissed. A handwritten comment on the document certifying the case’s dismissal read, “dismissal over defense objection.”

Asinobi’s bail payment was returned and the case was ordered concluded. The multiple restraining orders filed against Asinobi expired in February.

Chanda defended the decision to not accept Asinobi’s guilty plea in an email statement to the Nexus, stating that after Asinobi’s arrest, the prosecution learned of evidence suggesting other potential crimes that had been committed by Asinobi, and had opted not to prosecute him to avoid jeopardizing a larger case should they pursue one.

“We opted to dismiss the misdemeanor case so as to not jeopardize any future case that may evolve from the initial reported conduct,” Chanda said.

The investigation into the other potential crimes is ongoing, according to Chanda, and will be reviewed by prosecutors upon its completion, who will determine whether to bring additional charges against Asinobi. She declined to elaborate on what the possible charges may entail, citing the ongoing nature of the investigation.

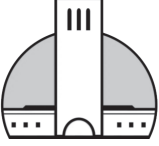
“Once that investigation is completed, we will review all of the evidence and make a filing decision,” she said.

In the weeks following Asinobi’s arrest, IVFP said they received a number of calls from students who believed they found similar camera devices in their residences. Law enforcement requested a warrant to search the contents of the cameras found in Asinobi’s home and will contact each victim individually, according to Schroeder.

As of Aug. 22, the investigation into Asinobi is ongoing, with possible charges stemming from the material found on the cameras in Asinobi’s home, as well as from the cameras that were found by other students, according to Schroeder. The District Attorney’s office declined to provide any update on the investigation. Asinobi is not enrolled at UCSB for Fall Quarter 2022.

UCSB Media Relations Manager Kiki Reyes said that while the university is unable to comment on individual student conduct, the university is able to enact security measures, should there be a threat to campus security.

Reyes said in an email statement to the Nexus, “In cases where there is a threat to campus safety and security interim measures may be put in place to ensure the safety and well-being of impacted parties and could include restrictions or exclusions from certain privileges or campus until the conduct process has concluded.”



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Letter from the Editor: Our past informs our future



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Atmika Iyer
Editor in Chief

My parents immigrated to the United States in 1999 in hopes of finding new job opportunities and raising our family. Our infrequent trips to India were the few times I could see my family and learn about my heritage and ancestry; but most importantly, they were the few times I could speak with my grandfather.

I was 12 years old during one such trip to India. By this point in time, my grandfather was mostly bed-ridden. Anytime we stayed at my maternal grandparents’ house, my thatha (grandfather) would always call us grandkids into his room. We’d sit by the foot of his bed and, together, listen to the wisdom he wished to impart.

As a kid, I would get very anxious when he called my name for any of his lectures, mostly because he was notorious for starting with one topic, then jumping to several more. Hours would pass before we left the room.

But this time was different. He called my cousins, my sister and me into his room and we hurriedly scrambled in. This time, he wished to share some career advice. One by one, he shared what career path he

thought we would excel in: doctor, teacher, lawyer, etc.

Then, he looked at me.

“Atmika, un yezhuthu da un balam. Ni journalism ku paddi.”

“Atmika, your writing is your strength. Study to be a journalist.”

Like most of his lectures, at the time, I shrugged it off. I was 12. I wanted to be a teacher, an artist. My thatha saw me for two weeks every three years. How could he possibly know what career path I should choose when I barely knew myself?

Two years later, I joined my high school newspaper, the Talon. The first article I ever wrote was an opinion article: “The Electoral College discourages democracy.” It wasn’t a new topic or even a fresh topic, but thatha was proud of me nonetheless.

Mani Venkatraman passed away on Aug. 19, 2022 at 10:40 a.m. Indian Standard Time.

I called my patti a day before my thatha passed away. The past few years, it was a miracle if he remembered my name. So I asked her, “Did he still remember me? “Before he draws his last breath, does he know who I am?

She said he kept a paper with all of our names near his bed. But that wasn’t the only document he kept.

He had a copy of the first article I ever wrote tucked away in his folders. I didn’t know that.

Thatha didn’t tell me to do journalism simply because I enjoyed writing. He saw himself in me: a rigid sense of morality, an exacerbated sense of integrity. They act as both strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and limitations, I admit, but they are invaluable to journalism.

As the new editor-in-chief of the Daily Nexus, I have given a lot of thought to what kind of values we wish to embody in our journalism. For the past few days, the only thing that comes to mind are the values imparted from thatha: integrity, ethicality, inclusion, compassion and outreach.

This upcoming school year, I hope to elevate the quality and accessibility of our content alongside our brilliant and committed staff. Moreover, I’d like for the Daily Nexus to not just be a trusted source for local journalism but a bustling venue of creativity for people of all backgrounds and talents.

Journalism is an evolving industry looking to meet the challenges of the 21st century, and I am committed to ensuring that our paper thrives in an age of digital media while still maintaining our integrity and quality of reporting.

Easier said than done, I suppose. But that’s where you, Nexus readers, come in— to hold us accountable to accuracy, timeliness and our promises to the public.

So, here is my promise to you: The Daily Nexus will be hosting workshops, community outreach events and plenty more efforts to be a community-driven space. We will be actively engaging in new forms of digital media to increase our presence, scope and accessibility. Most importantly, we will be a source of accurate and ethical journalism.

In high school, I knew I wanted to be a journalist, but it was the Nexus that proved to me that I could. My

two-year tenure on the news team proved to be incredibly enlightening, personally and professionally. I hope I can provide the same opportunity to anyone interested in being a student journalist at UC Santa Barbara – whether that is through writing, photography, videography, social media, art or any other service our paper offers.

As a third-year editor-in-chief, I am incredibly grateful for the trust the Daily Nexus editorial team has provided me to be at the helm of our paper. Though I consider it one of my greater accomplishments, I know that it took a village to get me where I am today.

My freshman year of college was the 2020-21 school year. In all honesty, I was not expecting to be very involved while operating completely remotely. Max Abrams and Evelyn Spence, you both proved me incredibly wrong, and I am so grateful to both of you for it.

Max, thank you for taking a chance on a bright-eyed freshman and supporting my ideas no matter how gargantuan or wacky they seemed. You taught me a great many lessons about compassionate leadership, and I carry them with me in hopes of extending the same grace and support you have given me.

Evelyn, I always wanted to tell you that you are the reason I started believing in myself as a journalist. I don’t know if you remember this, but before you graduated, you told me that you expected to see me as editor-in-chief before I graduated. That was the first time I believed I wasn’t just an eager new hire, but someone with talent and potential. Thank you for recognizing and helping me internalize my growth and for all the mentorship you’ve given me since.

Katherine and Melanie, thank you for trusting me with the paper you both dedicated four years to. Your confidence in Emily and me

remains a reassuring reminder of the greatness I follow.

Holly, Sindhu and Asumi, you showed me what it means to be a part of a team. Never have I met three souls whose meeting I have to believe the universe ordained. Even in my bleakest moments, during the toughest stories, we had each others’ backs. Thank you does not suffice what I owe you: a lifetime of gratitude.

Emily, my love, thank you for embarking on this journey with me and for giving so much compassion and understanding with no judgment. I am beyond excited to have you as my partner and even more excited to see what we are able to accomplish as a team this year.

Devanshi, Daniela and Hannah, our camaraderie and friendship

world to me, and I hope you know how much I value your input and willingness to help.

I’ve spent a large portion of this article making promises and offering thanks, so please bear with me for my final one.

Thatha, the last time I saw you was on a video call with patti, and I didn’t know how to say goodbye to someone who couldn’t physically or verbally respond to me. So I just yelled, “Thatha, thatha,” over the phone, hoping the words would come out, hoping you would open your eyes and recognize me, hoping you knew how much you meant to me.

But now I know what I want to tell you, I’m just hoping it’s not too little, too late.

All I’ve heard my entire life is that



Venkatraman rarely came to the U.S. During one of his last trips, he came to help take care of Iyer after she was born.

motivated me to be a better person and a better leader. Sharing in your joy and humor proved to me I belong at the Daily Nexus. I will forever be grateful.

Merc, Shomik, Sanya, Nick, thank you for setting the bar high and for sticking around long after you graduated to help set it even higher. Your advice and support means the

I talk like you, act like you. My mom used to say that as you neared the end of your life, you were reemerging through me. I’m proud that I innately carry your values: integrity, honesty, generosity and stubbornness.

His values don’t pass with him. They live on through me, and they live on through our powerful student journalism.

Historic housing shortage leaves students waiting for additional campus housing to be built



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During Fall Quarter 2021, UC Santa Barbara grappled with an unprecedented housing crisis as students returned for in-person instruction.

Asumi Shuda
Community Outreach Editor
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County News Editor

As the 2022-23 academic year approaches, the UC Santa Barbara community continues to grapple with the housing shortage that has affected the campus community for years and has left many students houseless or struggling to find housing during the 2021-22 school year.

UCSB re-introduces temporary housing program

UCSB’s Conference & Hospitality Services is resuming the September Temporary Housing program for the first time since 2019 – a program that existed for years to provide students with permanent local housing or temporary housing before their leases begin in the fall.

“September Temporary Housing, formerly known as the Student Hotel, has existed for years,” UCSB Media Relations Manager Kiki Reyes said in a statement to the Nexus. “This program is available to UCSB students with valid PERM numbers ... It provides UCSB

students with a comfortable and convenient place to stay while they seek permanent housing or wait for their fall housing to begin.”

The program this year will run from Aug. 27 to Sep. 17, and the maximum number of nights a student can stay is 21. The program will host students in the Santa Rosa Residence Hall.

“This program is available to UCSB students with valid PERM numbers who are seeking permanent local housing or while they wait for their fall housing to begin,” Reyes said.

For students interested in the program but searching for financial assistance, the Financial Crisis Response Team can award mini-grants to cover the cost of the housing. There may also be transitional spaces that the team may allocate depending on availability.

Reyes said it is difficult to anticipate the number of potential participants in this program, as it hasn’t been run since 2019, but said the program has assisted over 100 students at a time in the past.

The Conference & Hospitality Services Team expects this program

to run “for the foreseeable future,” according to Reyes.

“Temporary Housing assists students with a housing option between leases or contracts and helps those who are not able to return home during these periods of time,” Reyes said. “Students who haven’t secured housing can go visit potential housing options and speak with landlords/property management companies in person.”

Housing Justice IV. organizes to address housing crisis

Housing Justice Isla Vista is a community-based organization working to address the housing crisis in Isla Vista. At a June town hall, they outlined community-sourced demands to UCSB representatives and local governance.

“Housing Justice IV. is a collaborative with UCSB and IV. community members, more specifically Eco Vista,” Housing Justice Isla Vista organizer Amy Tran said in a statement to the Nexus. “We are a community-based organization working to highlight the history of the systemic housing crisis that has plagued Isla Vista since its inception, as well as the history of community organizing

and revolution that has resulted from this injustice.”

Tran spoke to the continuing threat of the housing shortage in IV. and the need for community organization to mitigate the crisis.

“As the worsening of the housing crisis further emphasized the need for more affordable housing for the community, Housing Justice IV. is working to create a safe space for students and community members to organize collective change and [to] heal,” Tran said.

They demand that “all students, faculty, staff, and community members in Isla Vista deserve safe and affordable housing,” and additionally state that “the current housing crisis in Isla Vista is systemic in nature and that the conditions were laid for this to happen when UCSB decided to leave Isla Vista ‘up to the free market’ while also viciously opposing attempts at city incorporation” and more, according to their website.

Rose Peterson, director of UCSB Community Housing Authority, added that Greystar Real Estate Partners will be designing, building, financing and also operating the development.

The for-sale townhomes will have resale price controls to maintain the housing community’s affordability, and the university plans to employ a tiered pricing strategy for the rental apartments to offer the units at varying levels of affordability.

During the July 26 Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) meeting, President Spencer Brandt said that costs in IV. and the greater Santa Barbara area have risen dramatically in the last few years.

“I know that our housing market right now is very challenging. What was market rate last year is now 10% higher this year. What was market rate when I was a student at UCSB is now 40% higher,” he said. “I know that one component of this

project that I’d love to see is stronger controls on the affordability of those units to make sure that our workforce can afford to live here.” Director Ethan Bertrand expressed his excitement for the project and its ability to enable UCSB staff and faculty to afford to live in the same community in which they work.

“I’m encouraged by the potential for this to make a serious impact in our workforce housing shortage and provide people with a place where they can live locally,” Bertrand said. “Additionally, I’m really excited for the potential to have more year-round residents right on the border of Isla Vista.”

Housing crisis peaks during 2021-22 school year

During Fall Quarter 2021, UCSB grappled with an unprecedented housing crisis that shocked the community as students returned for in-person instruction for the first time since March 2020. Despite university efforts to mitigate the housing crisis with hotel housing contracts and housing projects like the Ocean Road Housing Project, IV. and the campus community faced a housing shortage that left countless students with rising rent prices and housing insecurity.

As fall quarter approached, UCSB was left with “all available spaces” in university housing filled and a waitlist of over 1,000 students who were still in search of housing. With the community push to provide housing for students amid the housing crisis, UCSB moved forward with the plan to work with hotels to temporarily shelter unhoused students in September. The cost of housing accommodation at the hotel was the same as university housing for the 10 weeks of fall quarter and, at the time, the University & Community Housing Services described the hotel solution as a

temporary, emergency solution only for fall quarter.

However, the housing crisis persisted through the quarter, and during a public town hall meeting, the university announced its intent to extend hotel housing contracts for students into winter quarter.

UCSB unveils new student housing: Munger Hall

Munger Hall – an 11-story dormitory building designed by billionaire Charles Munger – is projected to house an additional 5,000 students with design input and partial funding provided by Munger.

This new project, however, quickly gained local – and eventually national – controversy over its lack of windows and compact design, voicing concerns over the lack of natural ventilation and access to the outside world, as well as the dangers that come with packing a large volume of students into a single building with two exits.

“Many of the bedrooms have windows, and many more do not,” Munger Hall architect Navy Banvard said in response to a public commentator’s question during a meeting held by UCSB’s Design Review Committee to review Munger Hall.

Protest over the building’s design came internally as well, with former Munger Hall architectural consultant Dennis McFadden resigning in protest of its construction on Oct. 24, 2021, in a letter to the Design Review Committee co-chairs.

“I was disturbed by both the process and the content of the Munger Hall design presentation,” McFadden wrote in his letter of resignation. “The basic concept of Munger Hall as a place for students to live is unsupportable from my perspective as an architect, a parent and a human being.”

Resources for marginalized students

Asumi Shuda

Community Outreach Editor

The Nexus compiled a list of UC Santa Barbara resources available for students of marginalized backgrounds as the campus community prepares for Fall Quarter 2022. The following resources are categorized into resources for non-men, non-white, first-generation, LGBTQIA+ students and more.

Disclaimer: This is not the complete, exhaustive list of all on-campus resources available to all marginalized students at UCSB. Please email news@dailynexus.com if there are any additional resources to include in this article.

General resources

The following is a list of general resources for all marginalized students at UCSB.

UCSB Office of Financial Aid: provides students with financial resources and services like scholarships, grants and loans.

Education Opportunity Program (EOP): an organization that provides support and education for students of all backgrounds and cultures.

Associated Students (A.S.): a UCSB campus department that provides direct resources to students through undergraduate student fees.

Food Security and Basic Needs: a list of resources for food security and basic needs that students can utilize at UCSB and in the greater community.

The LGBTQIA+ community

On-campus centers and services

The primary resource for students of the LGBTQIA+ community is the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) – UCSB’s LGBTQIA+ center that is located on the third floor of the Student Resource Building.

The center offers a plethora of resources, from education on different identities within the community, to seminars and events open to all UCSB students like Bi Us For Us, Trans Empowerment Hours and IdentiTeas. RCSGD also provides a lounge for students to study and socialize in, free safer sex and menstruation supplies, and more.

UCSB’s Student Health Services also offers LGBTQIA+ care services. Transgender Health Care provides “gender-affirming services,” including gender-affirming hormone therapy and estrogen and testosterone blockers. No letter of recommendation is required to start hormone therapy at UCSB.

Group counseling services – like TRANSformative and True Selves – are available at UCSB’s Counseling and Psychological Services.

Student organizations

The following is a list of the LGBTQIA+ student organizations on campus.

Associated Students Trans and Queer Commission: a group that advocates and provides for transgender and queer communities.

oSTEM Santa Barbara: a UCSB organization that aims to support LGBTQIA+ students pursuing S.T.E.M. fields.

La Familia de Colores: a UCSB queer and transgender organization for Latinx students.

Keshet at UCSB: a LGBTQIA+ club for Jewish students at UCSB.

LGBTQIA+ Staff & Faculty Collective: a community of LGBTQIA+ staff and faculty at UCSB.

Queer and Trans Graduate Student Union: a space for queer and transgender graduate students at UCSB.

UCSB Black Quare: an organization for LGBTQIA+ Black and African students at UCSB.

FUQIT UCSB: a group under RCSGD of undergraduate LGBTQIA+ students.

Queer Trans Asian Pacific Islanders: a

campus organization that gives space for queer Asian and/or Pacific Islander students.

UCSB undocuQueer UndocuTrans: a collective that works to support undocumented students who identify within the LGBTQIA+ community.

Black/African student community

On campus centers and services

Black and African students at UCSB can utilize the following entities within UCSB’s departments.

Office of Black Student Development: an office of eight staff members housed in the Student Resource Building working to support the education and learning environment of Black undergraduate and graduate students.

Black Resource Committee: a campus taskforce that works with the Black Student Union to identify opportunities and deficits in the academic progress for Black students.

African Diasporic Cultural Resource Center: a center that educates and encourages interaction and dialogue in the African Diaspora, focusing on academics, culture, leadership, social involvement and civic engagement.

Center for Black Studies Research: a center that supports interdisciplinary research on the African Diaspora and community engagement.

Black Student Engagement Program: a student-led initiative of the Black Resource Committee that connects Black students to resources and support.

Student organizations

The following is the list of Black and African student organizations on campus.

Black Student Union: an organization that unifies students of the African diaspora to create a safe space and supportive community. BSU puts out a [weekly/monthly/ etc] newsletter called Blackwatch.

UCSB Black Grad Student Union: a community and safe space for Black graduate students at UCSB.

National Society of Black Engineers: a group that works to increase the number of Black engineers and scientists at UCSB.

Black Pioneer Renaissance Organization: a Black men’s support group on campus.

Black Reign: a Black hip-hop dance team on campus established in 1998.

Black Women’s Health Collaborative: an educational advocacy forum that works to distribute financial resources for Black non-men students.

East African Student Association: an organization that advocates for UCSB’s Black community and works to unify the students of the East African diaspora.

Nigeria Student Association: an organization that works to create a community of Nigerian students at UCSB and connect those interested in learning about the culture of Nigeria.

ucsBlack!: a space for Black faculty and staff to build community on campus.

Red Jooce Project: a Black student led project that supports mutual aid efforts and expresses joy through art, culture and music.

Indigenous/Native American student community

On-campus centers and services

The primary center for resources and support Indigenous students at UCSB can utilize is the American Indian and Indigenous Cultural Resource Center, which works to assist the academic, cultural, leadership, social and civic progress of Indigenous students and provides guidance in the community’s holistic development.

There also is a department for American Indian Student Support Services, which directly supports Native American students with retention programs, scholarship and research opportunities, and support on general higher education, professional

development and career planning.

Student organizations

The following is a list of campus student organizations that work to provide space, community and support for Indigenous and Native American students.

American Indian and Indigenous Arts Collaborative: an organization that works to celebrate, create and educate about native art throughout history and the present.

American Indian & Indigenous Gardens Alliance: a group that promotes health and wellness through growing native and indigenous plants.

American Indian and Indigenous Student Association: a student organization that works to promote cultural awareness and provide connections and community for UCSB’s American Indian students.

Collective of Pueblos Originarios in Diaspora: a collective that works to reclaim the identities of the Indigenous students of Latin America.

Mauna Kea Protectors: a community of students that supports the protectors of Mauna Kea and calls for UCSB to divest from the Thirty Meter Telescope project.

Society for Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science: the UCSB undergraduate chapter of a national organization that encourages Chicano, Hispanic, and Native American students to pursue higher education in S.T.E.M. fields.

Society for Advancement of Chicanxs/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science Graduate Student Chapter: the graduate student chapter of SACNAS.

American Indian Science and Engineering Society: an organization that provides peer support, workshops, financial assistance and career and professional guidance for Native American students pursuing the science and engineering fields.

American Indian and Indigenous Collective Research Focus Group: a collective created by those in UCSB’s Indigenous community to build research relationships between different academic departments and projects regarding issues within Indigenous communities globally.

American Indian and Indigenous Collective Academic Council, an organization formed by the American Indian and Indigenous Studies Program to provide leadership on all academic matters related to the department and advocate for Indigenous students’ needs.

AAPI community

On-campus centers and services

There are two primary centers within the Educational Opportunity Program for the AAPI community – the Asian Resource Center and Middle Eastern, North African, South Asian Resource Center, which both support the Asian American community.

Student organizations

The following is a list of student campus organizations that provide space and support for students in the Asian American and Pacific Islander communities.

Asian American Christian Fellowship: an organization that fosters a community of Asian American Christians and educates others about Christianity.

UCSB Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA) International Cultural Exchange: the UCSB branch of CSSA that works to spread international understanding on Chinese culture.

Chinese Student Association: an organization that provides networking opportunities for students and promotes cultural awareness of the Chinese community.

Hong Kong Student Association: a group that promotes Cantonese and Hong Kong culture through social bonding events.

Iaorana Te Otea: a dancing club that focuses on Polynesian dance and drumming at UCSB.

Burmese Student Association: a student organization established to promote awareness of Burmese culture and create community on UCSB’s campus.

Indus: a South Asian club that promotes cultural awareness and creates community through social events.

International Student Association: a student organization that provides community within international students.

Japanese Student Association: an organization that raises awareness of Japanese culture and language through events and activities.

Jasmine Echo: a club that focuses on traditional Chinese instrumental music.

Kapatirang Pilipino: a mass organization that encourages political involvement, cultural awareness about the UCSB Filipino



American community and academic progress at UCSB.

Korean Student Association: an organization that celebrates and spreads awareness on the Korean community at UCSB.

Korean American Student Association: UCSB’s multicultural organization that works to connect students in the Korean American community at UCSB and provides community for the campus community.

Nikkei Student Union: UCSB’s Japanese American social and cultural organization that promotes awareness of Japanese American culture and fosters community through social bonding events.

Pacific Islander Student Association: an organization that serves the interests of the Pacific Islander community at UCSB.

Queer Trans Asian Pacific Islanders: a group that provides a safe space for Queer Asian and Pacific Islander students at UCSB.

SS805: a dance team that focuses on creating dance covers to K-pop music at UCSB.

Seoul’d Out: UCSB’s second collegiate K-pop organization.

Southeast Asian Union: an organization that creates space for students to learn about the Southeast Asian American community.

Taiwanese Student Association: a non-profit, student organization that promotes and celebrates Taiwanese culture.

Taiwanese American Student Association: a social and cultural organization that brings together a community of Taiwanese Americans and anyone interested in Taiwanese culture.

Vietnamese Student Association: an organization that preserves and shares the Vietnamese heritage to the campus community.

Ravaani at UCSB: an award-winning team that focuses on South Asian fusion a cappella.

Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers: a non-profit dedicated to supporting Asian students in their pursuit of careers in science and engineering.

In Between: the UCSB chapter of In Between National that unites and supports students in between Asian and American culture.

RaaSBindaas at UCSB: a dance team at UCSB that focuses on Raas/Garba, a genre of Gujarati folk dance.

UCSB Taara: an all-female Bollywood fusion dance team on campus.

Filipinx Association for Health Careers: an organization that provides professional development and academic resources for Filipinx students pursuing healthcare at UCSB.

Indian Association @ UCSB: a South Asian culture group that spreads the culture of India and South Asian as a whole through virtual and in-person events.

Chicanx/Latinx community

On-campus centers and services

As a Hispanic serving institution, UCSB offers multiple centers that create space for Chicanx/Latinx students on campus. The primary resource from the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) is the Chicanx/Latinx Cultural Resource Center, which serves to “educate and unify” the Chicanx/Latinx community at UCSB through art, language, dialogue and more, according to its website.

Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS) Student Center is another entity for Chicanx/Latinx students, funded by the Department of Education Title V Hispanic Serving Institution grant that supports the academic success of UCSB’s first generation students, as well as faculty professional development.

UCSB also offers financial aid through its Dream Scholars program for undocumented students who are ineligible for standard

financial aid options. For undocumented students looking for general support, Undocumented Student Services offers programs, services and resources to provide equal opportunity for undocumented students at UCSB.

For those looking for community, El Centro de UCSB provides space to create community and bondship through recreational, social activities. Finally, the Las Maestras Center has a multi-disciplinary programming that blends the arts into education to help return students to their roots.

Student organizations

The following is a list of the Chicanx/Latinx serving student organizations on campus:

Brazilian Student Association (BRASA UCSB): an organization that creates space for Brazilian students and for those interested in learning about Brazilian culture.

Comunidad Latinx Graduación (CLG): a student-run organization that funds its own graduation that accommodates and serves its Chicanx/Latinx community through Spanish translation, CLG sashes, cultural entertainment and more.

Destino: a religious organization that unifies Latinx Christian students at UCSB.

El congreso de UCSB: an activist organization that advocates to empower marginalized students and create community for the Latinx community through events like their annual Latinx College Day.

Hermanas Unidas de UCSB: a female-oriented campus organization that provides leadership opportunities and resources for Chicanx/Latinx students through academics, community service, and professional networking.

Hermanos Unidos: a male-oriented campus organization that uplifts Chicanx/Latinx students through academic scholarship, social interaction and community service.

Latino Business Association: a group interested in supporting Latinx students pursuing careers in Business and that is a part of the Larger Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

Los ingenieros: the UCSB chapter of the larger Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and Latinos in Science and Engineering (SHPE-MAES) that works to advocate for and support Latinx and other underrepresented students pursuing careers in S.T.E.M.

Making adventures possible for all students (MAPAS): a social organization that creates outdoor recreational opportunities for Chicanx/Latinx and other underrepresented students.

Mujeres unidas por justicia, educación y revolución (MUJER): a support group and activist organization that advocates for Chicanx/Latinx women and promotes gender awareness within the Chicanx/Latinx community on campus.

Salsa bachata kizomba club at UCSB : a performing arts organization that fosters a social environment for students to practice salsa, bachata and kizomba styles of dance.

Society for advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in science: the UCSB chapter of the larger National SACNAS organization that supports Chicanx, Hispanic and Native American students pursuing S.T.E.M.

Latina/o UCSB Network Association : a group that unifies UCSB’s faculty and staff who work toward the advancement and well-being of Latinx students on campus.

La familia de colores: UCSB primary Queer and Trans Latinx organization that creates community for Latinx/Chicanx LGBTQIA+ students on campus.

Los curanderos: UCSB’s pre-health organization that serves Latinx/Chicanx students on campus.



County, university dicuss monkeypox public health emergency



Monkeypox has been declared a national public health emergency.

Holly Rusch
Lead News Editor

Santa Barbara public health officials and community leaders discussed the possibility of monkeypox as an ongoing threat to the local community at an online town hall hosted by the Pacific Pride Foundation last week.

Monkeypox, a disease in which the afflicted person presents symptoms of fever, cough, swollen lymph nodes and the disease’s signature rash, has been declared an international public health emergency by the World Health Organization.

The assembled group—which included representatives from UC Santa Barbara, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD) and Planned Parenthood California Central Coast, among others – gave general context on the burgeoning disease and fielded questions from viewers about how to stay safe.

As of Aug. 23, there are six confirmed cases of monkeypox in Santa Barbara County. Experts were quick to reassure attendees that while monkeypox can be transmitted through close contact, it is not a sexually transmitted disease.

“It is spread when people who have monkeypox have close contact – perhaps intimate contact, in the case of sex – but it’s close contact with another person. That’s when the disease is spread,” Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital infectious disease specialist Dr. Lynn Fitzgibbons said.

According to Fitzgibbons, monkeypox is far less deadly than its relation, smallpox, and most patients afflicted with the ailment in Santa Barbara County are making full recoveries. Despite this, she issued caution when taking on new sexual partners – her colleague, Dr. Charles Fenzi, suggested “mutual, individual masturbation” as one way to stay safe.

“I think remembering that there is a lot more of this disease likely circulating than we’ve been able to confirm is a great starting point,” Fitzgibbons said. “This is undoubtedly the tip of the iceberg.”

UCSB Student Health Service (SHS) sent an email to the campus community about the potential spread of monkeypox on Aug. 23,

reminding students that California has declared the illness a statewide emergency and offering resources for those who are experiencing symptoms.

Currently, SHS can send samples from students experiencing monkeypox symptoms to the laboratory for testing, the email said.

Additionally, a limited number of vaccines are available for eligible students.

The following groups are eligible for vaccination: those who are known close contacts of monkeypox cases; those with certain risk factors who are likely to have been recently exposed to monkeypox even if they do not have documented exposure; and gay or bisexual men and transgender persons 18 years or older who have had multiple or anonymous partners in the last 14 days.

“We did recently receive a limited supply of vaccines for students who are considered at-risk that will be prioritized,” Dr. Erin Moore of SHS said during the town hall. “There’s a lot of groups on campus that are currently working together to make sure that we meet this emergency, and that we’re really there for our students.”

In terms of medication to prevent symptoms, there is a limited amount of medication utilized to treat smallpox that monkeypox patients experiencing a severe reaction can be authorized to receive, according to SBCPHD public health officer Dr. Henning Ansorg.

“With regard to prevention, obviously there are behavioral interventions that will prevent getting the disease,” Ansorg said.

There are two smallpox vaccinations that can be utilized to effectively vaccinate against monkeypox: ACAM2000 – a more “old-fashioned” vaccine, according to Ansorg, that can cause severe side effects – and JYNNEOS, which is the highly preferable option.

“Unfortunately, smaller communities did not receive that much vaccine,” Ansorg said. “Santa Barbara is relatively fortunate that we have 220 vials of the vaccine in our fridge, and we’re giving it out at certain clinics.”

The vials will amount to around 1,000 vaccines. Currently, 260 people in Santa Barbara County have been vaccinated against the illness.

UCSB hosts free children’s COVID-19 vaccination clinic, set to give second doses this week

Siddharth Chatteraj
Reporter

UC Santa Barbara’s Early Childhood Care & Education Services is hosting a free COVID-19 vaccination clinic at Orfalea Family Children’s Center for children from ages 6 months to 11 years old.

The center gave its first doses on July 27 and will administer second doses of the vaccine on Aug. 24 between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. No insurance is required and walk-ins are allowed. The initiative aims to fully vaccinate children in the greater Santa Barbara area, according to UCSB Early Childhood Care & Education Services (ECCES) Director Annette Muse.

As of Aug. 18, 31.4% of children ages 5-11 years old in Santa Barbara County completed their primary series of the COVID-19 vaccine, per data from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). However, only 200 children – 0.8% under 5 years of age in Santa Barbara County – have finished their two-shot vaccine series.

Muse said she hopes that the clinic increases accessibility to COVID-19 vaccinations for local children.

“I’m hoping, one, that [community members] not only see that the university has opened its doors

and is providing to the community but also, two, to just make it a lot easier on families to secure the vaccine if that’s what they would like for their child or their children,” Muse said.

“To definitely educate parents and create awareness is an important part of our responsibility to families, and I also feel that anything we can do to make it easier for families to get the vaccine for their children is important,” Muse continued.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention currently recommends that everyone age 6 months and older receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Muse said the CDPH approached ECCES to conduct the free COVID-19 vaccination clinic for children. If the need arises, she said that ECCES would be open to hosting more clinics to help standardize the child-vaccination process.

“Some of the pharmacies are able to give the vaccine, but they are not licensed or permitted to give the vaccine to children under 3 years of age,” Muse said. “A number of families were also having a difficult time getting an appointment with a pediatrician that was able to give the vaccine, so the vaccine was not quite as available to the younger children as it was to adults earlier on.”



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MARGINALIZED STUDENT RESOURCES

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La escuela: a non-profit that advocates for higher education for young Latinx/Chicanx students in the Isla Vista and Goleta community since 1969.

Raices de mi tierra: a folklorico group that educates and enriches students on Mexican culture through dance.

undocuQueer UndocuTrans Collective: an organization that supports students at the intersection of being undocumented and being a part of the LGBTQIA+ community.

Middle East/Arab community

On-campus centers and services

There are two cultural resource centers that serve Middle Eastern and Arab students: the Middle Eastern, North African, South Asian Resource Center (MENASA) and the Middle Eastern Cultural Resource center, both of which provide support and community for Middle Eastern students at UCSB.

Student organizations

The following is a list of student organizations that provide support, guidance, community and more for the Middle Eastern and Arab student community at UCSB.

Persian Student Group: a student organization that hosts Persian social and cultural activities, educates students on Iranian culture and creates a community for Persian students and those interested in Persian culture and history.

Student for Justice in Palestine at UCSB: a group of students that work toward the justice and the recognition of rights for the residents of Palestine.

Arab Student Group: a club that provides a safe space for UCSB students, staff and faculty of Arab descent, as well as allies.

Armenian Student Association: a club that educates students on Armenian culture, traditions, heritage and more.

Iranian Graduate Student Association: an organization that serves Iranian graduate students and post-doctoral researchers and lecturers at UCSB through social events, cultural activities that appreciate Iranian culture and providing resources.

Iranian Jewish Student Association: a club that creates community for UCSB students of Mizrahi, Middle Eastern and/or Persian Jewish descent.

Lebanese Social Club: a professional, academic and social organization for Lebanese students and those interested in learning about Lebanese culture.

Muslim Student Association: an organization that creates a safe space for Muslim students at UCSB through prayer spaces, social events and more.

Salaam: a group that provides space for students of Middle Eastern descent to engage in faith and scripture.

Students Supporting Israel: the UCSB chapter of the greater Student Supporting Israel organization that is a pro-Israel campus movement.

Jewish community

Chabad at UCSB: a religious organization that provides a safe space for Jewish students at UCSB through weekly Shabbat dinners and other social events.

Santa Barbara Hillel: a nonprofit student life organization that creates a safe space for Jewish students at UCSB and in the greater I.V. community.

Women-identifying community

On-campus centers and services

UCSB offers the following resources to female-identifying students on campus:

Women's Center: UCSB's primary organization that provides education and information on women's issues, feminism, healthy masculinities, gender and social equity.

Wellness Vending Machine: a vending machine operated by the Women's Center that provides wellness products like Plan B, tampons and pregnancy tests.

Women, Gender & Sexual Equity: a department that supports UCSB students, faculty and staff who identify as women or non-men.

Student organizations

The following is a list of campus organizations that support the women of UCSB's campus community.

Alliance of Women in Media Arts and Sciences: an organization that empowers women pursuing careers in the arts, sciences and technology.

American Medical Women's Association: a professional organization that fosters support for women in the science and medical profession and provides education on women's health issues.

Her Campus UCSB: a UCSB branch of HerCampus.com, which is an online magazine for college women in UCSB.

Period Chapter at UCSB: an organization that works to get free menstrual hygiene products in every women's and gender neutral restroom on campus.

SexInfo at UCSB: a group that provides resources pertaining to gender and sex and engage to activism around gender and sexual health advocacy.

UCSB Feminist Collective: a feminist organization that advocates on education, visibility and solidarity.

Housing

Women-identifying students at UCSB can be housed in the Women in STEM LLC at Manzanita Village if looking for a space dedicated to women pursuing S.T.E.M.

First-generation community

On-campus centers and services

The following is a list of resources from UCSB that first-generation students can utilize.

First-Generation Community website: which compiles an extensive list of resources and services available for first-generation students at UCSB.

McNair Scholars Program: a program that prepares first generation, low-income and other underrepresented undergraduate students to enter graduate programs through research, courses, seminars, workshops, projects and more.

Promise Scholars Program: a financial aid and support program that empowers first-generation students from low-income households with \$120,000 in grants and scholarships to first-year students over four years and \$60,000 to transfer students over two years.

Campus Learning Assistance Services: a service that helps students with their course material through group instruction, individual tutoring and general skills training.

Resources for students with disabilities

Disabled Student Program (DSP): lists the services, accommodations and more that students with temporary and permanent disabilities can utilize on campus.

Commission on Disability Equality: an A.S. organization that empowers students in the disability community and through emotional and hands-on support, educational opportunities and peer mentorship.

Non-traditional resources

The following is a list of centers, resources and more from UCSB for non-traditional students, including transfer students, student parents and students with disabilities.

Non-Traditional Student Resource Center: the primary source of information, resources and support for non-traditional students at UCSB.

Gaucha Underground Scholars: a campus organization that supports formerly incarcerated and prison-impacted students through peer-driven guidance, events and more.

Transfer Student Center: provides space for students who have transferred to UCSB through community events, academic advising, peer mentors and more.

Associated Students Emergency Loans: a short-term emergency loan that all registered undergraduate students can request through the A.S. office. The loan is interest-free and may not exceed \$600.00 per academic quarter.

Lactation Support Program: a program that provides support to UCSB community members in need of resources to breastfeed or wish to have a private space to do so, including a list of all lactation room locations on campus.

Early Childhood Care & Education Services: an early education, all-year and full day program that serves the children and families of UCSB's community.

A.S. Childcare Grant Form: provides grants to UCSB undergraduate students with a dependent.

Graduate Student Childcare Grant: provides grants to UCSB graduate students with a dependent.

Veterans and Military Services: UCSB's support center for veteran and military students at UCSB that provides financial aid and more. More information on financial aid for veteran students can be found here.

Family Housing is also available at UCSB through one and two bedroom single-family units at the Storke and West Campus apartments, which can be rented on a month-to-month basis.

LOCAL HOUSING

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McFadden addressed the concern of the density of Munger Hall in this letter, noting that this “single-block design” is meant to “hold 4,500 students with two entrances.” “The project is essentially the student life portion of a mid-sized university campus in a box,” McFadden wrote in the letter.

This letter – as well as national media spotlighting the controversial Munger Hall – cultivated more community pushback, with hundreds of students, faculty and other UCSB community members gathering on campus on Nov. 5 to protest Munger Hall. With the protest taking place on Parent’s Weekend, the participants marched in front of the countless parents visiting the university and chanted, “Don’t send your kids here.”

Such opposition against Munger Hall did not sway the university, however, as UCSB continues to stand by the building’s design.

“The Munger Hall project and design is continuing to move forward as planned,” UCSB spokesperson Andrea Estrada said in a statement to the Nexus in October 2021. “We

are delighted to be moving forward with this transformational project.”

As part of the design process, the university developed a mock-up of Munger Hall to showcase the building’s “design features in a way that cannot be accomplished through renderings alone,” according to Estrada. Images from inside the mock-up were leaked to the Nexus last November, and the Nexus was granted a tour of the facility in June.

UCSB is still working on Munger Hall, with little change to its design, creating a dormitory building with artificial windows, limited access to terrane-style balconies on a few floors, no dining commons and a compact design of a single-block building with two entrances. The university also revealed that Munger Hall’s construction is unlikely to meet the 2025 opening goal, which would violate the conditions of the Long Range Development Plan (LRDP).

The project team is currently working on an Environmental Impact Report for the project that will precede the public comment

period according to Reyes.

UCSB’s plans for new faculty housing are underway

The Ocean Road Housing Project – a housing project on the border of IV. and the university that aims to provide accommodations for UCSB’s faculty and staff – is tentatively slated to begin construction in 2023.

Originally proposed in 2007, the project reflects the university’s aim to fulfill its commitment to the LRDP targets to provide housing for staff and faculty, a community greatly affected by high housing costs in Goleta and Santa Barbara.

The project was, however, halted in 2009 amidst public outcry against its environmental impact, as it would require demolishing a row of eucalyptus trees that line the street bordering UCSB and IV.

The project has a proposed unit mix of 360 rental apartments – 52 studios, 146 one-bedrooms, 143 two-bedrooms and 19 three-bedrooms, and 180 for-sale townhomes – 92 two-bedrooms and 88 three-bedrooms, all with two-car garages.

The project was reintroduced during a University of California Board of Regents meeting in 2020, and the Nexus filed a Public Records Act in 2021 that unveiled more information about this long-run project. Now, the project continues to aim to fulfill the LRDP.

The Ocean Road project received approval from the UC Regents in May 2022, where the environmental impact of this project was also brought onto the floor. According to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) report, it was determined that the Ocean Road project would not have significant environmental impact that had not already been addressed by the LRDP. In lieu of the eucalyptus trees, it was noted that 17 of the trees were already taken down and that the currently existing trees “were mostly planned to replace fallen trees or trees removed for safety issues.”

Peterson addressed the IVCSD Board of Directors at its July 26 meeting. Peterson provided updates on the project, addressing issues regarding affordability, parking and

environmental and community impacts.

During the July IVCSD meeting, Peterson said the project is currently in the due diligence phase, during which the buyer examines the financial and physical condition of the property.

“We are in the process of drafting a series of agreements with our development partners to move this project forward,” Peterson said.

Peterson said that with the Regents’ approval, UCSB can move forward with the next phases of the project: drafting contracts and design schematics with development partner Greystar, preparing for California Coastal Commission review and beginning site studies. Construction may tentatively begin in 2023, according to Peterson.

“Our goal is to break ground, at least on the infrastructure portion, sometime late 2023 if we achieve all of the milestones and approvals we’re looking for,” Peterson said. “We’ve got a busy year-and-a-half coming up before we ever have a shovel in the ground.”

University runs out of campus

housing in April

Looking into the coming school year, the housing crisis still persists. UCSB’s University & Community Housing Services sent a mass of emails on April 1, rejecting students who applied for university housing for the 2022-23 academic year.

“At this time, we have completed our contract offers for continuing students. As in past years, we were not able to offer a contract to every continuing student who applied for campus housing. University-owned housing has historically accommodated approximately 40 percent of our total campus enrollment, while 60 percent of our students live in privately-owned accommodations in the community,” the email stated.

This left another group of students with no secure housing from the university for the upcoming academic year. To this, Shelly Leachman, the university spokesperson at the time, said that “students need to start their housing search early and be persistent with a plan.”

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I.V. attempted kidnapper sentenced to 7 years in state prison

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

Michael Angelo Auclair, the Port Hueneme resident who endangered the Isla Vista community in February by committing four attempted kidnappings, sexual battery and assault, and several acts of indecent exposure, was sentenced to seven years in state prison on April 20.



After evading police capture for nearly a week, Auclair was arrested in Lompoc on March 5 and booked with a \$1 million bail.

According to court records obtained by the Nexus, Auclair currently has 12 protective orders served against him. Police first responded to an attempted kidnapping in I.V. as well as a sexual battery near the West Campus Family Student Housing on Feb. 28. Isla Vista Foot Patrol received reports of additional incidents throughout the day, including multiple indecent exposures and a sexual assault. During this time, UC Santa Barbara administration urged students not to walk alone and

to exercise caution. Former Associated Students President Yuval Cohen established the Safe Transportation Task Force on March 1 in response to the incidents – a program that allowed students to be reimbursed for ride-share services to and from campus from 6 p.m. through sunrise so students wouldn't have to walk home alone. After evading police capture for nearly a week, Auclair was arrested in Lompoc on March 5. He was booked with a \$1 million bail.

In April, Auclair pleaded guilty to attempted kidnapping and multiple counts of indecent exposure as part of a plea agreement with the Santa Barbara District Attorney's (DA) office. By agreeing to plead guilty to these charges, Auclair had additional charges against him – three kidnapping charges and sexual battery and assault – dismissed by the DA. As per the plea agreement, a judge sentenced Auclair to seven years in state prison on April 20 on one count of attempted kidnapping. He will serve three consecutive two-year sentences during his seven-year imprisonment, one for each indecent exposure, and pay over \$2,000 in victim restitution and other court-imposed fees as a part of his plea deal, according to court records obtained by the Nexus.

California allocates \$600 million in funding to the UC; UCSB to receive no individual funding

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The state of California approved its 2022-23 budget this July with its annual allocations for the University of California through general systemwide funding and campus-specific funding. Among all UC campuses, UC Santa Barbara is the only campus that will not receive any individual funding.

The total sum of UC allocations in the state budget is \$602.3 million, including both one-time general fund augmentations and ongoing general fund augmentations. The UC is receiving a \$307.3 million increase in its ongoing general fund. Of this funding, \$200.5 million will be provided over the course of five years to "support University costs" and \$67.8 million will be used to support enrollment of California resident students. Of this ongoing general fund, \$6 million will be used to increase campus support programs for foster youth and \$2 million will be used to support the UC Firearm Violence Research Center. Another \$13 million of the ongoing general fund will support the operations of existing UC Labor Centers and Occupational Safety and Health Programs and invest in similar programs throughout the UC system, according to the Assembly Budget Committee Floor



Report. The UC-wide Underground Scholars program will receive \$4 million to strengthen and expand its program, which supports formerly incarcerated and system-impacted students. UC Undocumented Student Services will also receive \$5 million from the ongoing general fund. Along with general increases for the UC budget, the state budget includes funding for campus-specific programs and initiatives. Notable increases include a \$185 million one-time general fund supporting climate initiatives at the Santa Cruz, Riverside and Merced campuses and a \$83 million one-time general fund to support the Berkeley Clean Energy Campus project. UCSB is the only UC campus failing to receive individual funding. According to UCSB spokesperson Kiki Reyes, the state did not provide funding for the four UCSB capital outlay projects included in the

university's budget request. "UC Santa Barbara followed the UC process and advocated in favor of the UC budget request that was approved by the Board of Regents," Reyes said. "The State Legislature provided line item funding for various campuses, and capital outlay projects and UC Santa Barbara projects were not funded as part of these line items." Additionally, Reyes said that though there is no campus-specific funding, UCSB will benefit from the funding for former foster youth, undocumented students and formerly incarcerated students. "UC Santa Barbara also advocated for systemwide funding for vulnerable students, which will fund specialized services on the UCSB campus for former foster youth, undocumented students and formerly incarcerated students," Reyes said. "While those funds were not specifically targeted to UC Santa Barbara, they are important."

IVCSD approves annual budget, projects large revenue increase

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The Isla Vista Community Services District approved its 2022-23 fiscal year budget on Aug. 23 with expectations of \$1.82 million in new funds for this year – an increase of approximately 15% from the 2021-22 revenue and an expenditures estimate of \$1.46 million. The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) acts as the governing body for the unincorporated area of Isla Vista and provides community services and resources related to public safety, housing, parking, infrastructure and quality of life. For the 2022-23 fiscal year, \$1.82 million of the funds is expected to come from the User Utility Tax (UUT) – an 8% utility tax on gas, water, electricity, sewer and garbage disposal service bills that serves as the IVCSD's primary source of funding.

Another \$260,000 in funding will come from UC Santa Barbara, which agreed in 2017 to partner with the IVCSD to pay for ongoing projects – namely the Sexual Assault & Interpersonal Violence Investigator program and the I.V. Safety Stations program – and a newly proposed two-year project to develop an Isla Vista Community Mobility Plan to study parking and identify transportation alternatives. The Sustainable Transportation Equity Project (S.T.E.P.) grant, awarded by the California Air Resources Board, will also contribute to the development of the mobility plan. The IVCSD delineated its program spending by six categories: operations, community programs, housing, public safety, parking, public works and community planning.

Operations

The budget for operations, the largest spending category, is a total of \$557,190.22 and will go toward supporting employee salaries and benefits, advertising costs, legal fees and administrative expenses. The budget reflects

a \$54,499.32 increase from last year's spending, up 10.8%.

Community Programs

The budget for community programs amounts to \$397,790.50 and includes several projects and resources including the use of the I.V. Community Center, the Survivor Resource Center, the community gardens, the I.V. Compost Collective and the IVCSD Spring Festival. The total budget nearly matches last year's approved funding of \$398,147.50. For the upcoming fiscal year, IVCSD earmarked \$110,000 for its annual Spring Festival, an event held in April as a safe alternative to the unsanctioned street party, Deltopia. The services district hosted its first-ever Spring Festival this year, spending roughly \$97,000 for the event's launch.

Housing

The approved housing budget remains nearly identical to last year's, with a total cost of \$21,305, an amount only \$400 less than last year. The category funds a Rental Housing Mediation program to assist local tenants in resolving disputes with their landlords.

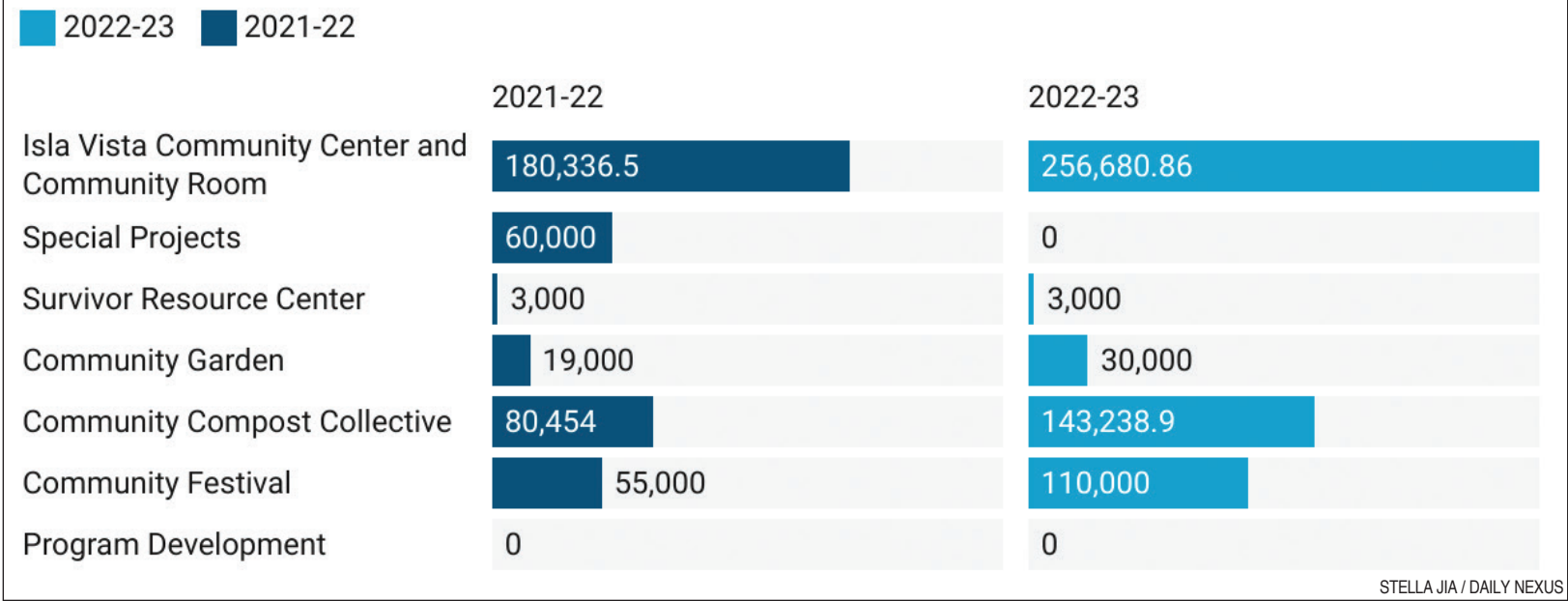
Public Safety

The budget for public safety greatly decreased from \$237,500 to \$96,000 due to the elimination of expenses for an Interpersonal Violence Investigator in this category. The category also includes the I.V. Safety Stations, a service provided in partnership with the UCSB Police Department to provide officers to accompany and assist residents during busy nights in I.V.

Parking

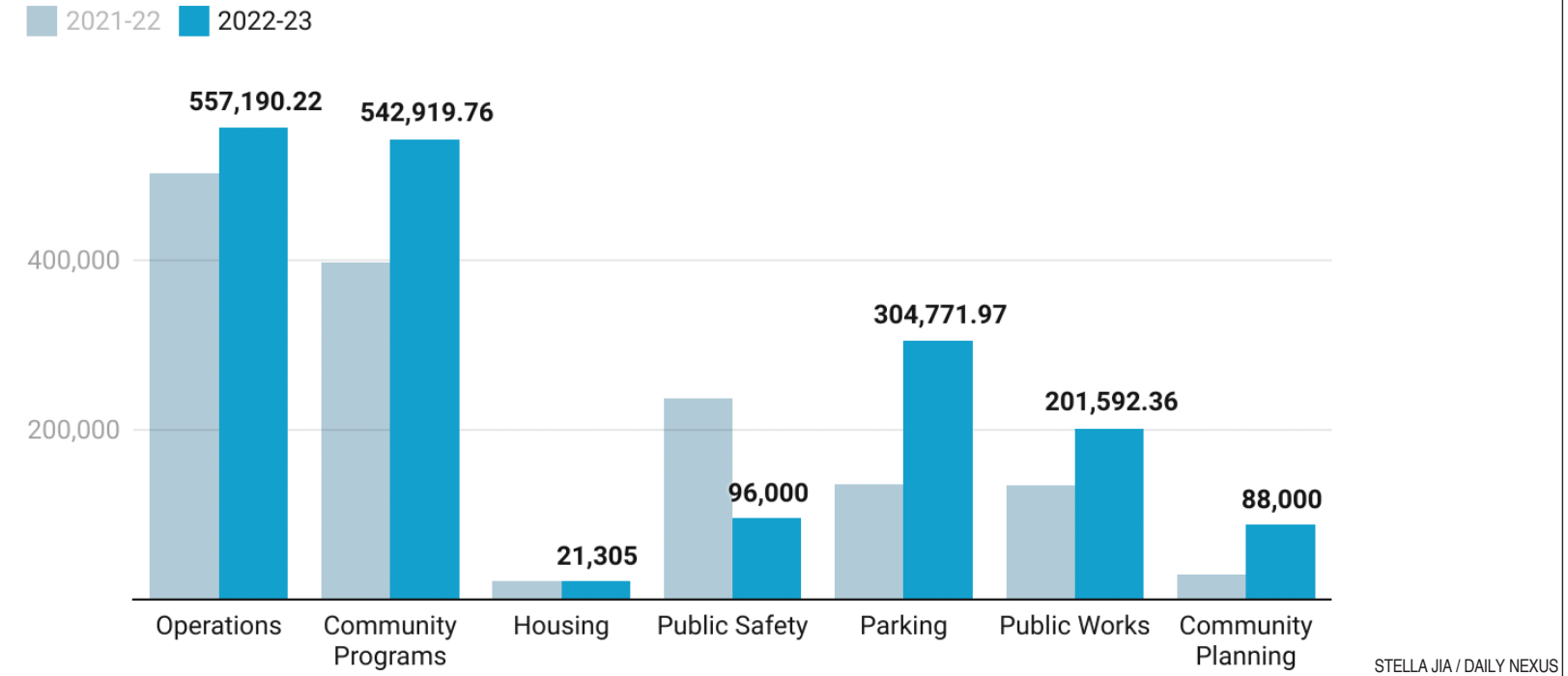
The parking budget jumped to a total of \$304,771.97, reflecting a notable 125% increase in spending. The change in cost can be attributed to the development of the I.V. Community Mobility Plan, for which the services

Special Projects funding decreases to zero as the I.V. Community Center and Community Room funding increases.



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The IVCSD's 2022-23 community programs budget increases by 36%.



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district has allocated \$197,000 for the project's first year.

Public Works

The public works budget covers

graffiti abatement, beautification, public art installations and maintenance and improvement costs related to infrastructures, such as lighting, sidewalks, tree maintenance and gutters.

This year's allocation increased by \$66,792.36 from last year's amount of \$134,800, primarily due to the hiring of I.V. Beautiful Program Manager Jenna Norton.

Community Planning

The budget for community planning increased from \$30,000 to \$88,000 for the upcoming fiscal year.

Interactive Learning Pavilion nears completion



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Upon its completion, the Interactive Learning Pavilion will host over 25% of the UCSB's classroom inventory.

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UC Santa Barbara's first new classrooms in over 50 years are set to open Winter Quarter 2023 upon the completion of the Interactive Learning Pavilion. The 95,000-square-foot learning hub has been under construction since October 2020 with the hopes that it will help address longstanding classroom shortages.

UCSB has not constructed a building dedicated to new classroom space since the opening of Buchanan Hall in

1967. Sitting adjacent to the university's Library mall, the four-story Interactive Learning Pavilion will feature five new lecture halls, three active learning spaces and 20 classrooms.

The project was approved by the Regents in 2019, with the vast majority of the \$97 million price tag stemming from appropriations earmarked in the 2019-20 State Budget. The campus itself is contributing only 18% of the building's cost, which is approximately \$17.3 million.

The Learning Pavilion is

structured as two connected buildings brought together by walkways and terraces, with the open-air nature between various classrooms being a central element to the project, according to UCSB Media Relations Manager Kiki Reyes.

"With an open-air central circulation, all the circulation edges are woven into the fabric of the campus, encouraging interactions among students and faculty, and creating spaces for informal connections in the building and around it," Reyes said in an email statement to the Nexus. "We expect it

to be a destination for up to 2,000 students per hour, so circulation to, around and inside the building is critical to the design's success."

To facilitate the daily flow of thousands of students into the building, there will be an area east of the building dedicated to storing over 2,000 bikes. The updated bike path and parking lot have been organized to preserve some existing trees, with the building itself designed to feature an existing redwood tree.

The Learning Pavilion is still on track for occupancy in Spring Quarter 2023 according

to Reyes, who added that construction "has been going well." C.W. Driver Companies, the construction company tasked with making the building a reality, has been making steady progress since they broke ground on the project in October 2020.

Crews are currently working on the installation of the exterior wall cladding and stairs, along with a number of installations and tests related to the building's energy and water systems.

The project aims to register for Gold certification under Leadership in Energy and

Environmental Design (LEED) standards. The UC's Sustainable Practices Policy maintains that new buildings include sustainable measures needed to achieve LEED Silver certification, and UCSB's campus standard is Gold certification, according to Reyes.

Upon its completion, the Interactive Learning Pavilion will host over 25% of the UCSB's classroom inventory, with the university expecting that incoming first-years will spend more than a year of their classroom instruction inside the building.

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UC student news



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UC Berkeley community members protest People’s Park development

Protests are continuing at People’s Park by UC Berkeley, where the university is planning to construct student housing amid strong backlash from the surrounding and student community.

People’s Park – established in the 1960s during a wave of counterculture protests – was approved for construction to build student housing in September 2021 despite a long history of operating as a community space. The decision was met with strong opposition, with many criticizing the forced relocation of houseless individuals in the park, as well as the destruction of historically significant land.

In recent weeks, protests and delays have ramped up. As of Aug. 17, the park is once again filled with tents, with many of the resident protestors “committ[ing] to occupy the space over the coming weeks or even months,” People’s Park Historic District Advocacy Group President Harvey Smith told The Daily Californian.

Construction workers were ready to begin building the new student housing on Aug. 3 at midnight, when they were stalled by protestors occupying the park.

Before the pause, the legality of the housing construction remained convoluted. A July 1 order from the First District Court of Appeal temporarily halted the construction – citing the California Environmental Quality Act lawsuit filed by Make UC A Good Neighbor and The People’s Park Historic District Advocacy Group against the UC Regents – and a July 29 ruling allowed construction to resume.

Campus spokesperson Dan Mogulof told The Daily Californian that a decision regarding the most recent stay order may come in October. Construction remains paused until then.

Former UC Irvine student arrested after shooting threats

A former UC Irvine student who was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm and ammunition after making several threats of mass shootings is now facing prosecution, with a recent L.A. Times article divulging previously unknown details. The former student, 30-year-

old Sebastian Dumbrava, was initially arrested in January 2020 after police found ammunition, magazines and a deconstructed AR-15 in his home. He was convicted in March 2021 and given an early release in October 2021.

Prior to the January 2020 arrest, Dumbrava was placed on a three-day involuntary psychiatric hold in early 2019 after campus police discovered Reddit posts from Dumbrava threatening violence toward himself and the campus community. Dumbrava denies making the posts.

Dumbrava sued the Board of Regents in August that same year, alleging that having the psychiatric hold on his record wouldn’t allow him to obtain a security clearance necessary to work for the federal government, citing the hold as unlawful and seeking damages for the professional impact.

Following his release in 2021, Dumbrava tweeted the following on Oct. 25, according to the L.A. Times: “In the year 2020, I had prepared to commit a mass shooting on the UC Irvine campus. My intent was to cause financial injury to the University. I had planned to pursue the shooting of students in the event that the University failed to provide restitution for my injuries.”

A few days later, he emailed a University of California official and an attorney, demanding \$50,000.

Dumbrava was arrested again in January 2022 after refusing a mandatory meeting with his probation officer. After being released in February 2022, he was arrested again in March 2022 for failing to report to his probation officer. Dumbrava has remained in jail since.

“We charged this individual not once, but twice, with everything we could possibly charge him with at the state level – and it’s not enough,” said Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer to the L.A. Times. “He’s going to keep getting out, and he’s going to keep making preparations to make good on his promises to carry out a Virginia Tech-style shooting at UCI.”

Dumbrava now faces seven felony charges for the email requesting \$50,000 – classified as extortion – as well as for possessing the large-capacity magazines found in his room in 2020. The new charges leveled against him carry a maximum prison sentence of four years and four months. He has pleaded not guilty and is being held on \$1 million bail.

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Rating Rate My Professor

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When choosing classes to enroll in, students flock to RateMyProfessors.com every year, an online database of more than 19 million reviews about 1.7 million professors that has served as a resource to guide course selection for students worldwide. The Daily Nexus ata Team used a Python script that automatically visited each UC Santa Barbara professor's rating site and scraped information on each review available. Using this method, the Daily Nexus data team collected 48,926 reviews from 2,913 professors and lecturers dating back to 2003.

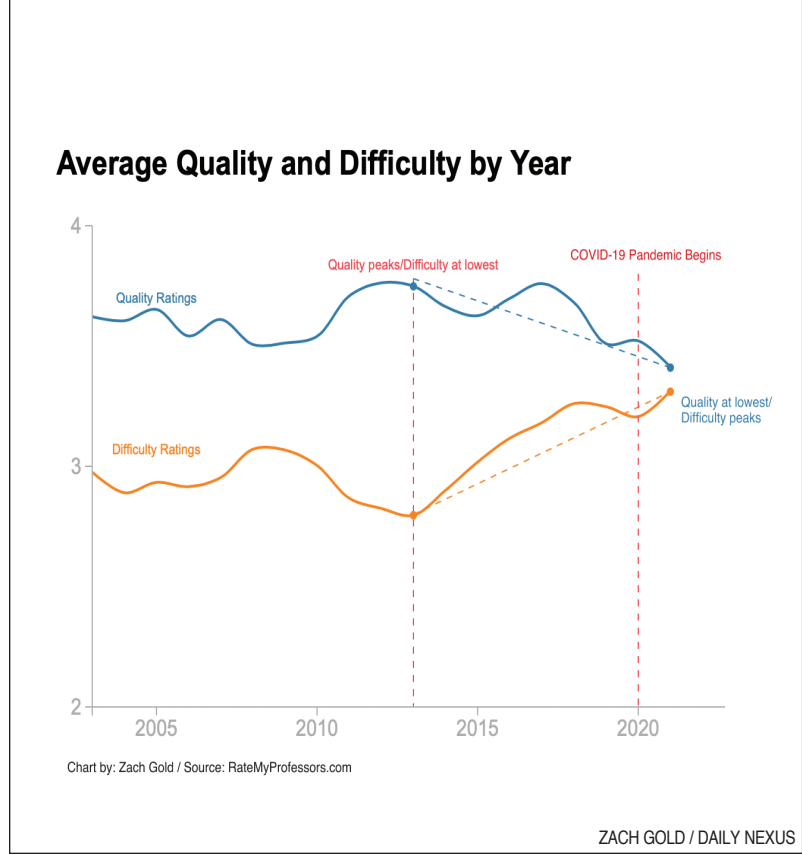
Editor's note: The scraper captured 90-95% of reviews left for professors at UCSB.

Quality and Difficulty of Teaching

In addition to reviews left by students, the Rate My Professors (RMP) website collects two key metrics from users: quality of the professor and difficulty of their teaching, both recorded on a scale of 1-5. The following data visualize the trends in how the quality and difficulty of ratings changed over time by taking the average rating of all professors in every department at UCSB. In 2013, the difficulty of professors reached a minimum rating of 2.8 out of 5 stars, corresponding with a relatively high rating in quality. As the difficulty of teaching begins to rise after 2013, the quality of teaching follows a decreasing trend. Overall, there is a pattern where a lower difficulty corresponded with better ratings in quality. In 2020, the quality of teaching, which had increased the year prior, begins to decrease while the difficulty reaches a peak, likely due to remote learning.

Fourth-year psychological & brain sciences major Nishay Chitale was homeschooled and took courses at a city college before coming to UCSB, giving him six years of experience with RMP. He said that the transition to remote learning in 2020 affected the quality of teaching he was receiving from his courses.

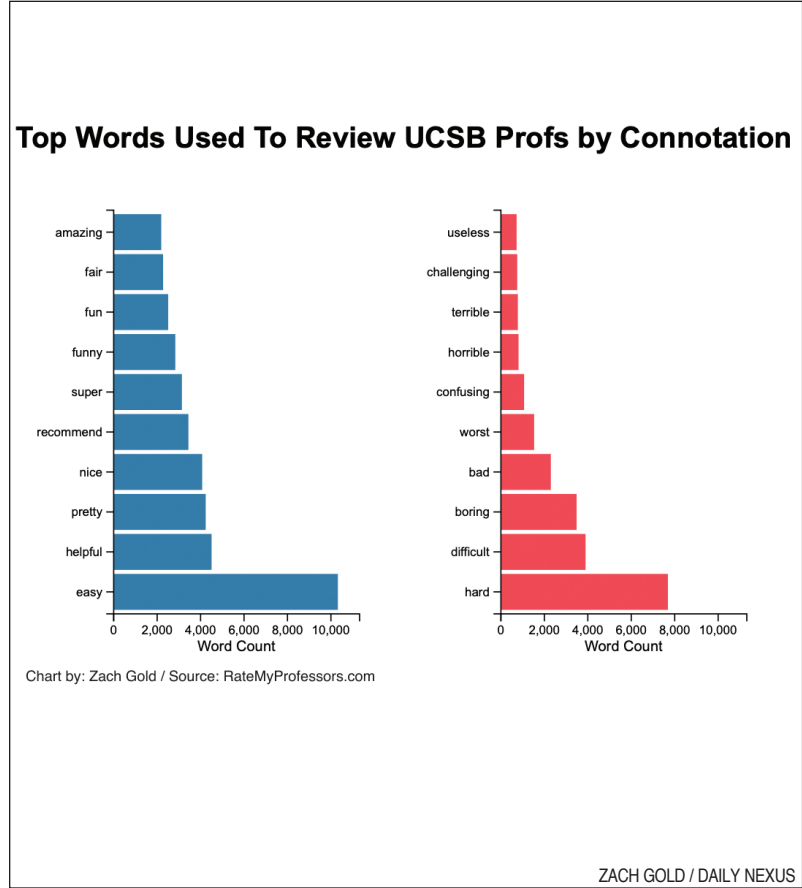
"In terms of the quality, it depended on the professor. With every course, the professor is the biggest determinant for the quality, but I felt like it was magnified during remote



A decline in professor quality and an increase in professor difficulty is seen following remote learning at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

learning," Chitale said. "Bad professors were even worse, while good professors were able to maintain a relatively similar quality to in-person learning."

Student Perspective

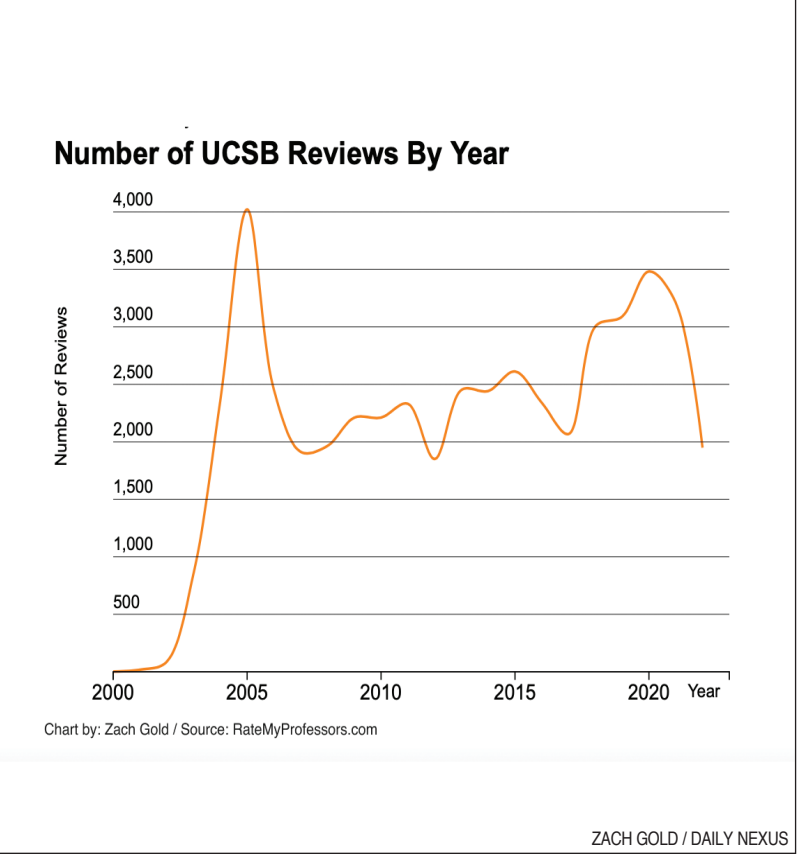


Using the Bing Sentiment Lexicon, a collection of words categorized by positive or negative, the most common descriptor of UCSB professors were "easy" for positive words and "hard" for negative words.

The data team released a survey on the Daily Nexus Instagram to gauge student perspectives on the RMP site. 52 students responded from varying majors and years.

On a scale of 1-5, 84.6% of

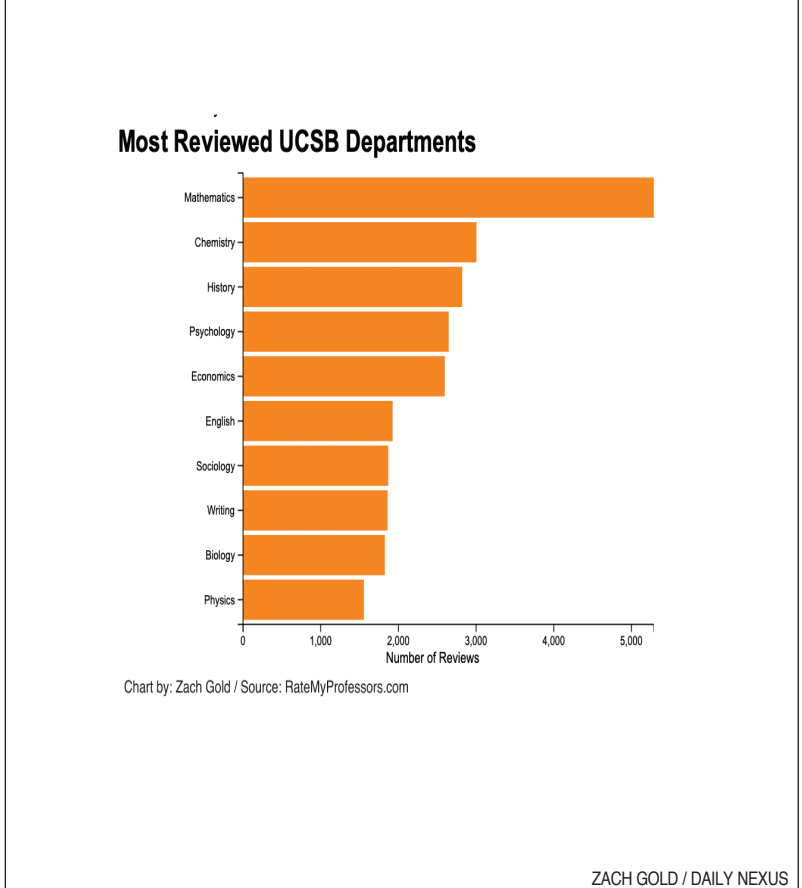
students marked the four (likely) and five (very likely) categories when assessing the likelihood of a professor's RMP quality rating affecting their decision to take a course. When assessing the RMP difficulty rating of



In 2000, two reviews were left for professors at UCSB. Since then, the number of reviews for UCSB professors per year has risen to 3,500 in 2021.

heavily when choosing courses, there is also a bias to take into account. Chitale said that the general ratings give you a basic sense of what the course is like, but there are confounding

"If you just look at the score, then it's not going to be as helpful," Chitale said. "What I tend to do is I'll look at the bad reviews and see what exactly about the professor is bad."



The most reviewed UCSB department is mathematics with over 5,000 ratings.

factors like the professor's teaching style, which could vary in preference among students. For example, if a professor does not use slides, some students who are visual learners may find his teaching of poor quality, while others enjoy the auditory focus of the course.

Other students, such as fifth-year writing major Chace Duma, share similar opinions about the effectiveness of the reviews on the site.

"I read over them just because some of them seem a little hyperbolic sometimes, but for the most part, I think the

collective trend of all the reviews can be taken more than just like what an individual review says," Duma said when asked about the genuineness of the reviews.

Even though the site provides an additional lens into courses and professors, many students still have reservations about RMP or opinions as to how the site could improve user experience.

Based on our interviews, some features that students suggested for RMP were ratings for teaching assistants (TAs) that lead sections and labs or filtering a professor through the courses they have taught.

"I don't know if that would really be super feasible, considering TAs will teach for a limited amount of time," Chitale said.

Top Positive and Negative Words

Using Bing Liu's "Opinion Lexicon" – a list of words that indicate a positive or negative opinion – the most common words for each category were isolated. The words "easy" and "hard" top the charts of their respective categories with "easy" appearing over 10,000 times and "hard" almost 8,000 times. Aside from those two descriptors, most of the common positive and negative words only appear less than 4,000 times, displaying a common trend towards the usage of "easy" and "hard."

Number of Reviews

Looking at the UCSB ratings for each department, the Department of Mathematics has the most reviews with over 5000. Almost all S.T.E.M. majors offered at UCSB require at least one mathematics course in the major requirement. Additionally, the Area C General Education requirements make mathematics a common option for students to take. Among the top 10 most reviewed departments, there is an even number of S.T.E.M. and humanities/social science departments.

Conclusion

Overall, RMP is a highly valuable site given to students in providing an additional layer of information when evaluating courses and professors. Although the reviews themselves are not a definitive evaluation of the course or professor, it provides a useful tool when students keep potential biases of the reviews in mind and seek additional advice from upperclassmen or the professor.



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Armchair QB



How about them Panthers? They go from having some of the worst quarterback play in the league with Sam Darnold to a slight upgrade with Baker Mayfield being their starter. Good luck Panthers fans.

Is Tatis still the face of the MLB?

Isaiah Ochoa
Staff Writer

Major League Baseball recently suspended the San Diego Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr. for 80 games. The reason for the suspension was that Tatis Jr. tested positive for a performance-enhancing substance called Clostebol.

When the news broke, Tatis Jr. appealed the suspension in hopes of possibly lowering the number of games suspended or reversing the suspension ruling. However, shortly after the appeal, he issued a statement to social media through Major League Baseball (MLB) Players Association Communications stating, "After initially appealing the suspension, I have realized that my mistake was the cause of this result, and for that reason, I have decided to start serving my suspension immediately."

In that same statement, Tatis Jr. admits that he did take the performance-enhancing drug, but he took it through medication to treat ringworm. A few days after the suspension announcement on social media, Tatis Jr.'s dad, Fernando Tatis Sr., stated that his son received ringworm from a haircut.

It is expected that when an athlete is caught taking performance-enhancing drugs, they usually lie to the public. It wasn't surprising that no one, including his teammates, was thrilled to hear the news when it broke. Teammates Manny Machado and Mike Clevinger stated to the media that they were disappointed in him and have made it this far in the season without him

With Tatis Jr. receiving a lot of heat from fans and teammates, his mother felt the need to defend her son. She tried to convince people that the ringworm story was true by posting a picture of Tatis Jr.'s neck on Instagram.

The effort of Tatis Jr.'s parents trying to clear their son's name was a reasonable but unimpressive effort to baseball media and fans. With Tatis Jr.'s history of lying to the media, no one believed him for many reasons.

When a player has any health issues, it is always recommended to go through the team doctor or another doctor off-site that has been approved by the organization. This is because the doctors know what to prescribe the athlete without giving them banned substances, and Tatis Jr. failed to follow protocol.

Earlier in the season, Tatis Jr. reported to Spring Training where the Padres announced that the star shortstop had suffered a broken wrist due to a motorcycle accident in December. When the accident occurred, MLB was in a lockout with the MLB players' union. At that time, Tatis Jr. could not contact anybody associated with the Padres organization.

Unfortunately, Tatis Jr. made himself look worse later on. When Tatis Jr. was questioned about his motorcycle accident by the media, he asked, "Which one?" Again, only one accident was reported.

Fast forward back to the suspension. The ringworm story, as one could guess, was false. Héctor Gómez, a verified MLB insider, tweeted that Tatis Jr. began using skin cream back in March to try to hide the motorcycle accident.

Tatis Jr. was very close to returning from injury before the suspension. However, the return will be delayed with him missing the remaining 48 games of this season and the first 32 games of next season. To add insult to injury, Tatis Jr. also can not participate in the World Baseball Classic next year.



SPORTS

Men's soccer picks up where they left off

Garret Harcourt
Sports Editor

As the UC Santa Barbara men's soccer team begins their slate of preseason and non-conference games to get tuned up for the regular season, they have continued to win as they did for much of last season.

During the 2021 season, the team dominated, winning 12 games and setting the standard for the upcoming season by dominating the Big West Conference Championship Final. The Gauchos are coming off a season in which they won the Big West Conference Tournament and were placed in the NCAA Division 1 Men's Soccer Tournament. Although the Gauchos lost in the first round, it was to a talented Pac-12 school, UCLA, who they lost to 0-1 in double overtime.

Coming off the 2021 season, their first preseason game came against the

San Jose State Spartans. In the match, the Gauchos were completely dominant, winning 4-1 with the scrimmage being split into three 30-minute periods. The goals in the first game came from sophomore defender Lucas Gonzalez, sophomore forward Salvador Aguilar, freshman midfielder Eddie Villeda and sophomore midfielder Filip Basili. This was a true scrimmage game for the Gauchos as each of the active members of the squad were able to get some minutes on the field. One area they looked to improve was the fouls they committed on the pitch, which can also be attributed to it being their first preseason match.

The second preseason scrimmage was one that is an annual tradition, as the Gauchos hosted the Westmont College Warriors at Harder Stadium for the Community Shield Game. This was a dominating performance by the Gauchos,

taking an easy 4-0 victory with goals from Aguilar, Basili and junior forward Finn Ballard McBride, with Aguilar scoring his second goal of the night. The Gauchos, once again, were clicking on offense, producing 26 shots and 12 shots on goal. Even more impressive, the Gauchos were able to hold Westmont to a mere 3 shots, with none of them forcing a save out of the UCSB keepers.

With the squad returning 10 of 11 starters from their Big West 2021 squad, it is easy to have high expectations for a talented team that added even more firepower. The Gauchos will go on to face Missouri State in Missouri for their opening season match. Then, they will play host to California Baptist University to end the month of play.

The Gauchos should be the favorites, but look for the squad to be interchangeable until the regular season gets underway.

Women's soccer starts preseason on the right foot

Preston Espar
Sports Editor

With the season being weeks away for the UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team, the preseason is just underway for the Gauchos.

For their first match of the preseason, the Gauchos took on the Westmont College Warriors for an exhibition match.

Being a Division 1 program, the Gauchos were seen as heavy favorites in this match as the Warriors are featured in the NAIA Division of collegiate sports. Nonetheless, the purpose of this match was to get players back into playing speed and to mesh together the team before the regular season begins.

In the match, the Gauchos were only able to muster one goal, but it proved to be a decisive one as they came away with a 1-0 victory.

In the first half of the match, UCSB came out firing, creating 2 shots on goal within the first 20 minutes of the match, prompting the Warriors' senior goalie Kailey Meyer into 2 comfortable saves. The Gauchos' defense played a crucial role in this match, not allowing a single shot from the Warriors. The Gauchos persisted in attacking the Westmont defense in the first half, putting the pressure on with 6 shots - 4 of them being on goal.

To begin the second half, the Gauchos managed to string

together good passing within the visitor's side of the field but couldn't convert their opportunities. Finally, in the 81st minute, the Gauchos capitalized on their possession and scored a goal. Sophomore midfielder Avery Nicholas assisted sophomore forward Meg Burling, who rose up from the cross and converted it into the back of the net for the Gauchos' lone goal.

In the following two games, the women's team took on the Colorado College Tigers and the Gaels of Saint Mary's College of California.

During the first official non-conference match, the Gauchos had trouble on both sides of the ball as they were outshot with the targets on goal and lost the match 1-2


due to a lack of defensive efforts. Sophomore goalkeeper Taylor Little played the full 90 minutes, saving 2 shots on target.

Against Saint Mary's, the Gauchos continued a bit of a rough stretch of offensive play. They were outshot with shots on goal 2-4 and did not score at all. This match saw senior goalkeeper Evann Smith, who allowed 1 goal while the Gauchos could not manage to scrape across any, leading to their 0-1 loss.

The Gauchos' next match will be against Sacramento State, followed by another away non-conference match against Stanford.

UCSB will host their next match at Harder Stadium on Sept. 1, when they will take on Pepperdine.

Armchair QB



Tom Brady has finally returned from his time away from Tampa Bay. Mahomes picked up right where he left off in preseason play even without Tyreek Hill. Can Aaron Rodgers win with the lack of experience at receiver.

SPORTS

UCSB Athletics

The Women's soccer team each took care of business against their NAIA opponents, Westmont. The Women's team had quite the test against one of the best NAIA teams in the nation, but won convincingly.

Manchester United blunders during opening weekend

Garret Harcourt
Sports Editor

As the Premier League opening weekend came to a close, there were many storylines to follow, but none bigger than the “new era” at Manchester United. Coming off a disappointing season, Manchester United were primed to take a step forward with their new coach Erik ten Hag. Although they were coming off a tough end to their 2021-22 season, Manchester United was banking on a bounce back season from their veteran players.

Having some of the best players in the world like Cristiano Ronaldo, Marcus Rashford and David de Gea, Manchester United was still ranked fifth as a favorite to win the Premier League. On top of that, Ten Hag brought in a flurry of new players with Christian Eriksen and Lisandro Martínez being the two biggest names. However, there are many other rumors floating up in the air of whether that will be their last signings this window.

To open the season, Manchester United suffered a narrow 1-2 loss at the hands of Brighton & Hove

Albion, who at times struggled to stay above the relegation zone. On top of that, Manchester United players did not manage to score a goal, with their only point in the game coming via an own goal from Brighton's Alexis Mac Allister. Although they had the majority of the possession, Manchester United lacked the decisive touch, only managing one more shot on goal than the largely out-posessed Brighton.

To make things worse, Manchester United followed this blunder of a performance by getting defeated by the newly promoted squad, Brentford. Much like the previous game, Manchester United dominated the possession in the match but were outdone with shots on target by Brentford, ultimately losing the match 0-4. To make matters worse, the schedule for Manchester United begins to get increasingly difficult in the coming weeks.

Their next opponent, Liverpool, was ranked the second most likely to win the Premier League title and had one of the most recent Premier League titles outside of Manchester City. Although

Liverpool had the second-best odds to win the Premier League title on paper, they have had two draws in their opening two matches of the season.

Not much to everyone's surprise, the defending Premier League champions, Manchester City, picked up right where they left off. Over the summer transfer window, they added one of the top strikers, Erling Haaland from Borussia Dortmund, along with midfielder Calvin Phillips from Leeds United. In their first two matches they managed to take two victories, scoring 6 goals while allowing 0 goals to their opponents.

Off to another hot start is Arsenal, who managed to score 6 goals while conceding just 2 goals, which was good enough for second place to start league play. They were helped by their new Manchester City signings they secured over the summer: forward Gabriel Jesus and left-back Oleksandr Zinchenko.

With only a couple matches into the season, there is still much to come for new faces on new teams and managers adjusting to their squads.



Women's volleyball starts season

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Sports Editor

After a solid 2021 season for the UC Santa Barbara women's volleyball team, the Gauchos look to continue their success by winning the 2022 Big West Conference. In 2021, the Gauchos finished in second place with a 21-11 overall record while going 17-3 against conference opponents.

The Gauchos will look for production from four returners who were on the all-conference team in 2021 to improve their record from last season. These returners are senior middle blocker Deni Wilson, junior libero Macall Peed, junior outside hitter Michelle Ohwobete and senior right side Tallulah Froley. UCSB also added six new players to their team: freshman outside hitter Sophie Reavis, freshman right side and setter Kimi Waller, freshman middle blocker Grace Wuischpard, freshman defensive specialist Angie Dentoni, freshman defensive specialist Jazmin Nason and freshman right side Julia Shepherd.

The women's volleyball team began their season on Aug. 20 with an exhibition match against the Loyola Marymount University Lions. Their next match will be on Aug. 26 as they take on the University of Northern Colorado Bears. This match will be their first in a tournament that includes games against the University of North Carolina Tar Heels and the Colorado State University Rams. The tournament will be played in Colorado.

The Gauchos will begin play in the Big West against their conference rival, the UC San Diego Tritons, on Sept. 23 and will have their first home game against the Georgetown University Hoyas on Sept. 16.



The 2022-23 NFL season and fantasy football preview

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After the Los Angeles Rams won Super Bowl LVI by defeating the Cincinnati Bengals last February, teams across the NFL looked to find ways to improve in hopes of lifting the Lombardi Trophy themselves.

The Rams did not have to look very far to see these improved teams, as their fellow tenants of SoFi Stadium, the Los Angeles Chargers, revamped their pedestrian defense from 2021 and are looking to make the playoffs as quarterback Justin Herbert takes another step. Also in their own division, other teams in the AFC West are sporting new looks.

After years of mediocre quarterback play, the Denver Broncos traded for Super Bowl champion Russell Wilson. The Broncos hope the addition of Wilson will rejuvenate their offense and unlock the potential of wide receivers Jerry Jeudy and Courtland Sutton and running back Javonte Williams. The Las Vegas Raiders also have a shiny new toy on their offense known as Davante Adams. Adams was considered one of the top wide receivers during his time with the Green Bay Packers and will look to continue his success with Raiders' quarterback Derek Carr. All these moves have been in response to the high-octane offense of the Kansas City Chiefs. Even with the loss of wide receiver Tyreek Hill to the Miami Dolphins, quarterback Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs hope to still move the ball down the field with tight end Travis Kelce and rookie

wide receiver Skyy Moore.

Other top teams in the AFC appear to be the Buffalo Bills, Baltimore Ravens, Indianapolis Colts and the Cincinnati Bengals. These teams all have solid quarterbacks, such as Bills' quarterback Josh Allen and Ravens' quarterback Lamar Jackson, who are both MVP contenders. In addition to offense, these teams are shaping up to all have strong defenses that could launch them into the postseason.

The top teams in the NFC are shaping up to be the Los Angeles Rams, who are hoping to defend their championship, the Dallas Cowboys, Green Bay Packers and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have quarterback Tom Brady returning after going back on his off-season decision to retire. The San Francisco 49ers are also looking like a promising contender with plans to start quarterback Trey Lance.

Other teams primed to compete are the Arizona Cardinals, Miami Dolphins, Tennessee Titans and New Orleans Saints. The season kicks off on Sept. 8 when the Bills travel to Los Angeles to take on the Rams.

Each year there are hundreds of analysts that release their own personal rankings and strategies that go into drafting the best possible team. Of course everyone wants the best players on their fantasy teams, but some strategists have begun to consider less popular players that they believe will prove successful.

At the running back position, ESPN Fantasy Football ranks J.K. Dobbins of the Baltimore Ravens as their No. 18 best running back by fantasy point projections. Although

he is coming off a torn ACL, there are benefits to drafting him. For example, Dobbins will not have to split carries with the Ravens' backup running back, Gus Edwards, as he will be rehabbing from his injury for the start of the season. The Ravens have also gotten healthier in the offseason, picking up their number one weapon, Lamar Jackson, who should take much of the focus away from Dobbins.

Another running back getting overlooked is the New York Giants' starback, Saquon Barkley. Although injuries have been a concern for Barkley over the years, he is still only 25 years old and is primed for a monster season if he remains healthy. Not to mention, the Giants have restricted their offensive line after drafting offensive tackle Evan Neal in the first round out of the University of Alabama.

Philadelphia Eagles' quarterback Jalen Hurts is not getting the love he deserves being ranked as the sixth-best fantasy quarterback. After outscoring a majority of the quarterbacks last season in fantasy, Hurts added another weapon to the Eagles' receiver core that now consists of A.J. Brown, DeVonta Smith and Dallas Goedert.

Miami Dolphins' Tua Tagovailoa ranks No. 17 in the quarterback rankings, which is notable due to the additions the team has made by acquiring Tyreek Hill. The shaky numbers shouldn't be of concern since the team has undergone a complete rebuild; Tagovailoa's improved passing displays in the Dolphins training camp.

In order to win fantasy football year in and year out, it comes down to a good draft, waiver wire moves and a little bit of luck for the players to stay healthy.



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Five ways to avoid walking into class sweating like a God-fearer in the Seventh Circle of Hell



Meel F. Lover

A Little Sweaty

It's the first day of class. You're going to your first class, ever, perhaps. It's hot outside. You're walking – no, you're busting your ass to get to class before the clock hits 8 a.m. You're thinking to yourself, “Why in the fuck would I ever have to take a fucking class at eight. I thought I was done with high school. Eight-a.m.s are for nerds and virgins.” You're huffin' and you're puffin'. Google Maps may say that it will take you five minutes walking from the Arbor to Phelps Hall, but you're about to defy physics, live outside of the laws of man – you're going to make it in two. But I must ask you: at what cost?

You walk into the classroom and the class goes quiet. Every single one of the most beautiful people that you've ever seen in your entire life turns to look at you, and every single one of them contorts their faces in disgust. Your body has betrayed you; you are dripping sweat from every inch of your body. You wore a gray shirt, and your buckets of sweat are as clear as day – mistake. You thought you could defy the sun, forgetting that you are a mere mortal bound to its heat – mistake. You thought it

would be alright and that you would glisten with sweat like Edward Cullen, but instead you look like a drowning donkey – mistake. All of these mistakes and here you are in the middle of Writing 2, slippery as a fish. Don't want to live your life as a sweat particle, drenching every plastic seat burdened with the task of laying behind your back? Fret no longer, sweaty. Here are five ways to tell your body what YOU want to do, instead of allowing it to ruin your life with that “natural processes” bullshit.

5. Go the extra mile and get there early enough, drenched in sweat, to go to the bathroom and pop a squat under the hand dryers for a while. Lay there, full out on the bathroom floor while both of them are going above you. Take a little hot girl nap, no matter what gender you are. You deserve it. As long as you don't care about mycobacteria making their way over your entire body, you can make the most out of the resources around you. Adapt. Improvise. Overcome.

4. Bike slowly to class. Don't mind the people who will speed around you, yelling obscenities at you while you bike at the same speed as the ants making their way on the pavement next to you. Strike up a conversation

with them! Right there in the middle of the bike path. You do you, babe. Your skin is glowing, keep it up.

3. Take some time for morning meditation to reengage with your body. Then, tell it to stop being a little bitch. Give yourself a good slap in the face. Look at yourself in the mirror and tell yourself that you will not sweat today. Imagine it happening – you just ran six miles and not a single bead of sweat appears on your forehead. Your armpits smell like the original Old Spice, the one that was on that little brown ship. You are flowers and windblown hair, you are a god. You do not sweat, you glow in the face of your enemies as you stand on their faces, looking down on their dripping, salty, pruny, wet little bodies secreting sweat like the scum of the earth, like the filth beneath your shoe.

2. Find joy in the little things.

1. Don't go to class. Complex problems require simple solutions. Root out the problem at its source. Easy as that. No more questions, please.

Meel F. Lover glistens under moonlight and shines like a reflective orb of bright light from her sweat under the scorching heat of the sun.

Eulogy for Pizza My Heart



Miss Informed

Mourning

God, where do I start? How does one distill the greasy lifeblood of Isla Vista's best-loved pizza joint into a couple measly paragraphs? It's going to be difficult to do this street corner haunt the justice it deserves, but I will certainly give it my all. While I'm just a lowly journalist/silly lil' jokester, I also possess a genuine lust for a hot slice with the thinnest crust possible, and Pizza My Heart was the only place in I.V. that could take me all the way – none of that second base, hand stuff only type shit.

Neither the fluffy, garlicky crusts at Woodstock's, nor the familiar selections at Domino's could ever satiate me. No, only PMH served my preferred 17-to-1 ratio of toppings, sauce and cheese to crust. Call me a monster if you want. I will live and die by my truth.

“When the moon hits your eye / Like a big pizza pie, that's amore.” These words, beautifully sung by the late Dean Martin, could not have

been truer. Martin describes the act of gazing upon a moon that looks like a “big pizza pie” as an experience akin to getting swept off your feet. Pizza My Heart was no exception to this romantic metaphor. Every time a belligerently drunk 19-year-old would sink their teeth into a cheesy slice of joy – which was definitely broiling hot after sitting under a heat lamp for half a workday – I have no doubt that they were gripped with an overwhelming sensation of happiness. Maybe even ... love.

There's nothing like fighting through a tangled briar of parked bikes before ordering a fresh batch of hot wings or a sexy slice of Big Sur. Working for my food makes the pizza that much more delectable. Like Miley Cyrus said, “Ain't about what's waiting on the other side / It's the climb.”

To those who may not mourn Pizza My Heart's absence due to the existence of other (lesser) pizza places such as Woodstock's and Domino's, I say this: Where else can you consume a thin-crust piece of heaven while gazing upon a dizzying collage

of surf-themed memorabilia?

Where else can you spend your whole meal unsticking your thighs from the plasticky lacquer of red booth seats? Where else can you consume 40 whole cloves of garlic on a pizza in front of your unsuspecting Bumble date? Fuck you! Who do you think you are? You think you're better than me? Huh? You're nothing. You'll never be anything more than a slave to ideology. You pizza sheep. You sicken me.

The way I see it, PMH fought honorably through the ranks of two other 'za joints to secure a stable spot as one of the most popular restaurants in Isla Vista. While it lacks the central locale and happenin' atmosphere of Woodstock's or the established international reputation of Domino's, Pizza My Heart's dedication to novel flavors, fun surf decor and high-quality ingredients makes it a shining star that will always have a “pizza” my heart!

Miss Informed is just glad she still has two options when avoiding dining hall pizza.



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ON THE MENU

NAVIGATING FOOD INSECURITY AT UCSB

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One of the hardest adjustments that comes with moving away from home is the seemingly simple task of feeding yourself. It's an expensive undertaking, especially now, given the current state of our economy. Getting the fresh produce and healthy foods one needs to fuel their body can be tough on a strict budget. Luckily, UC Santa Barbara and the surrounding community have a ton of resources for making sure you're well fed, no matter what your bank account is looking like. Unfortunately, some of these resources don't get the spotlight they deserve, so we've compiled this list in hopes to prepare students for any food insecurity the coming months and years might bring.



Associated Students Food Bank

Located by the print shop on the top floor of the UCen, the Associated Students Food Bank is an essential resource for all UCSB students. The Associated Students (A.S.) Food Bank offers a diverse selection

of fresh produce, canned goods, snacks and other basics, like toiletries. The best part? It's entirely free! Students may come once each day to grab as much food as they want. There are limitations on some

items, like bread and toiletries, but produce is unlimited! Just be mindful that others need to use the food bank as well. The registration process is simple and quick and can even be done right outside the door.

Currently, they're only open on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, but once fall quarter begins, they'll be open Monday through Friday. Sign up as soon as you can and start saving money on groceries!

UCSB Greenhouse Garden Project

Want to grow your own food but you live in a dorm or apartment without space to plant? Look no further than the Greenhouse Garden

Project! Located on the west side of campus near Harder Stadium, the Greenhouse Garden Project offers students a place to grow their own

produce. Simply send an email to ghgpucsb@gmail.com to acquire a plot, and you can grow whatever organic produce you want – as long

as you're able to put in a few hours each quarter doing work maintaining the garden. I did this my freshman year and loved the opportunity!



Community Gardens & Sueno Orchard

There are a few places around Isla Vista where food is grown for the community. There are two community gardens: the Methodist Garden at the corner of Sueño Road and Camino Del Sur which, among a ton of other produce, has a huge passionfruit

vine, and the Saint Michael's University Church Garden at the corner of Picasso Road and Camino Pescadero. Both of these gardens are open to harvesting from the public, and although they're popular, they're good places to grab some herbs or, if

you're lucky, some produce. The Methodist Garden even has a peach tree that produces tons of fruit in the summer. Speaking of trees, the Sueño Orchard is another great place to harvest some food for free. Located on the 67 block of Sueño Road, the

orchard has over 60 trees to pick from, including avocado, lime, apple and mulberry. When these trees are in season, there's tons of fruit to go around, so make sure to walk by the orchard every once in a while and check what's growing!

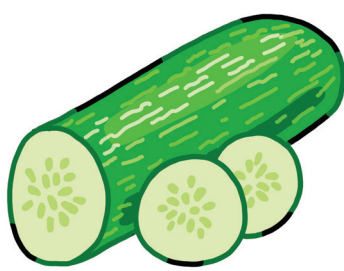
CalFresh and EBT

Did you know California can fund your weekly trips to Trader Joe's? Through the CalFresh program, eligible students that fit the criteria on the CalFresh

website can receive up to \$250 per month for groceries. CalFresh benefits are issued through an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) card. The EBT card can be used

on any cold food item at many grocery stores, such as the Isla Vista Food Cooperative, Trader Joe's and Costco. EBT cards can also be used at farmers' markets

in the Goleta and Santa Barbara area. Students can apply to the CalFresh program here or seek assistance by sending an email to thrive@ucsb.edu.



Kosher and Halal Grocery Program

UCSB's Kosher and Halal Grocery Program provides free, weekly groceries for students who keep Halal and Kosher to address

the lack of Halal- and Kosher-friendly food options on around campus. Partnerships with the A.S. Food Bank, Isla Vista Food Co-op

and the Food Security & Basic Needs Taskforce have made this program possible. Undergraduate and graduate students who keep

a Halal or Kosher diet can apply for free groceries by using the Google Form found on foodbank.as.ucsb.edu.

Food Not Bombs

Food Not Bombs simultaneously combats food insecurity and food waste. The global nonprofit organization believes that food access is a basic human right. The organization has a chapter in Isla

Vista that regularly provides free vegan and vegetarian meals to community members. Students are also welcome to volunteer at Food Not Bombs (FNB) events and can email foodnotbombsislavista@gmail.com

to get further involved in their community. FNB's Isla Vista chapter works with the Isla Vista Food Co-op and local farmers in order to save perfectly viable food that would otherwise be discarded. Their events

are commonly held at Little Acorn Park. Visit their Instagram page (@[foodnotbombsislavista](https://www.instagram.com/foodnotbombsislavista)) for more information on how to obtain free meals or participate in community events!



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Isla Vista Community Fridge

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Spending hundreds of dollars on groceries each month is a luxury. Now, more than ever, affordable, fresh food is less accessible than it was even a few years ago due to inflation, supply chain issues and even climate change. Shedding light on food access resources and letting friends, classmates and family learn how to utilize these programs can help remove the stigma around food insecurity and truly address this issue. Hopefully, with this list, students can use these helpful resources to obtain more affordable, or even free, groceries and meals or learn how to support others in the UCSB community. With all the other stressors that come with being a full-time student, obtaining nutritious food should never be one of them.

LA VISTA

Está bien cambiar de carrera

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Puede ser desalentador considerar cambiar de especialidad, especialmente si ya has invertido mucho tiempo y esfuerzo en la actual. Pero en realidad, alrededor de un tercio de los estudiantes universitarios cambian de opinión al menos una vez durante sus años universitarios. Yo soy uno de ellos. Personalmente, siempre me he centrado en el panorama general: “¿Dónde me veo en cinco o 10 años? ¿Me veo persiguiendo este campo a largo plazo?” Estas son dos preguntas que me hice hacia el final de mi segundo año mientras contemplaba si cambiar de especialidad.

Algunos estudiantes, como las transferencias de segundo o tercer año, no tienen más remedio que conformarse con una especialización diferente a su elección inicial por otras razones, como no cumplir con sus requisitos previos a la especialización. Por otro lado, tuve la suerte de haber cumplido con estos requisitos previos a la especialización y entrar en economía,

una especialidad conocida por sus cursos competitivos y rigurosos. Pero, más tarde me di cuenta de que simplemente no era la especialidad adecuada para mí.

Creo que alguna parte de mí siempre supo que me apasionaba la ciencia de datos. También creo que una parte de mí subestimó mi capacidad para desempeñarme bien en estas clases. Originalmente planeé especializarme en estadísticas. Después de tomar mi primer curso de PSTAT en UC Santa Barbara, me di cuenta de lo mucho que realmente disfrutaba el contenido, y una especialización en estadística se convirtió en una doble especialización en estadística y ciencia de datos. Mi interés aumentó a medida que terminaba mis cursos previos a la carrera, en particular mis cursos de CS (ciencias de computo). Tomar CS9 fue uno de los momentos más destacados de mi segundo año, ya que implementé estructuras de datos abstractas y escribí mis propias algoritmos de clasificación.

Con un creciente interés en la ciencia de datos, me sentí devastada al saber que tendría que priorizar la economía durante los próximos trimestres. Pensé en cambiar de carrera, pero siempre me negué con la esperanza de encontrar algo en una de mis

clases de economía que me inspirara. Esto, lamentablemente, nunca sucedió.

En mi dilema, consulté a mi amiga que recientemente había cambiado de carrera. Ella me dijo: “En algún momento solo tienes que elegir un camino y comprometerte a él.” Necesitaba preguntarme qué era lo que realmente quería, independientemente de cuántos cursos ya había tomado o cuántos años me llevaría graduarme.

Sabía que tenía que ser honesta conmigo misma: me encantaba la abstracción. Odiaba la teoría económica.

Para mí, fue una cosa de impulso del momento.

No la decisión en sí – que, en retrospectiva, contemplé continuamente a lo largo de toda mi carrera universitaria, sino llevarla a cabo.

Durante meses, mis amigos, al verlo infeliz que estaba en mi especialidad actual, me instaron a cambiarme a las estadísticas, pero fue asistir a la exhibición anual de proyectos del Club de Ciencia de Datos lo que realmente selló el trato.

Asistí al evento como reportera de The Nexus, escribiendo un artículo sobre la primera exhibición de proyectos en persona desde 2019. Mientras observaba a los grupos presentar sus proyectos, me quedé completamente fascinada. Cada proyecto era único e innovador a su manera y reflejaba los esfuerzos acumulados de las diversas habilidades de cada miembro del equipo.

Me di cuenta de que eso era lo que quería perseguir. Quería analizar los datos de manera significativa y ayudar a los usuarios a tomar decisiones basadas en datos. Quería comprender las estructuras de datos subyacentes que respaldan los procesos que utilizamos. Quería construir un proyecto con mi equipo que pudiera presentar con orgullo a la audiencia.

Después de entrevistar al equipo ganador, inmediatamente corrí a casa, llené y presenté una petición de cambio de carrera. No me di la oportunidad de postergar. Unos días más tarde, me reuní con un asesor de PSTAT para revisar mi plan de cuatro años y pronto fue aprobado.

En retrospectiva, creo que inicialmente detuve la decisión debido al miedo. Me intimidaba el rigor de la especialidad, y tenía miedo de no ser lo suficientemente

buena, a s í que me quedé con mi primera especialidad. Pero luego caí en una falacia de costo hundido. A pesar de que me sentí miserable en mi primera especialización, todavía traté de convencerme de que era lo que quería hacer porque, si tuviera que cambiar ahora, habría perdido el tiempo tomando cursos de economía por nada.

Hubiera sido mejor si hubiera reducido mis pérdidas en lugar de permanecer en el mismo lugar. Para el trimestre de invierno, me sentía apurada. Acumulando cursos importantes e incapaz de retener ningún material, terminé quedándome atrás en ambas especialidades. Reajustar mi plan una y otra vez fue francamente desalentador, pero traté de convencerme de que era la mejor alternativa.

Lo que cambió para mí fue que me di cuenta de que no me apasionaba la economía. Ya no deseaba permanecer en mi especialidad original solo por el simple hecho de hacerlo y no quería que el miedo a quedarme atrás me desmotivaba a perseguir algo que realmente disfrutaba. No quería arrepentirme en el futuro, de la forma en que me he arrepentido de no seguir mis instintos y elegir las estadísticas inicialmente. También me di cuenta de que nunca es demasiado tarde para empezar. Hay muchos estudiantes como yo y una gran cantidad de recursos para ayudarnos.

No hay nada de malo en cambiar tu especialidad si lo estás haciendo por las razones correctas. En la universidad, aprendes y creces, y, a través de la experiencia, te transformas en una versión diferente de ti mismo con diferentes intereses y visiones del mundo comparado a tu versión de primer año. Me tomó un tiempo aceptar eso, pero espero que mi historia pueda ofrecer aliento para aquellos que están considerando cambiar de carrera.

Aunque muchos aspectos aún son inciertos, y de hecho estoy un poco atrasada, sé con certeza que me apasiona mi especialidad actual, y que con el tiempo lo resolveré todo, al igual que lo hice con mi anterior.

Alice Zhang te anima a perseguir audazmente tus pasiones porque serás más feliz en el futuro. Todavía está indecisa en algún lugar sobre qué ensalada almorzar.

Consejos de tu hermana mayor de primera generación



Nora Okamoto
Editora de La Vista

Lo lograste! Entraste a la universidad de tus sueños. Hay mucha fiesta y por supuesto, un honor a la vida académica que le da un buen balance a la vida universitaria. Vives junto a la playa y sueles pasar tus fines de semanas merendando en “The Loop,” caminando Del Playa en busca de una buena fiesta,crudeando con un Blenders la mañana siguiente. Estás preparándote para el comienzo de clases cuando la familia te marca diciendo: “Hola miya como vas? Ya tienes todo listo? Aquí estamos con tu abuelo y tus tíos. Estamos tan orgullosos de ti, nuestra futura doctora familiar!”. En la madre, el registro de clases es mañana y no sabes ni donde empezar. Los asesores en la orientación te indicaron que hacer pero sigues perdido en cómo navegar GOLD. Para acabarla, ya te aventaste la mitad de tu dinero comiendo en Wingstop, Freebirds y haciendo super. El abrumante pensamiento existencial de cualquier estudiante universitario de primera generación comienza a consumir tus pensamientos: ¿Y ahora qué? Tengo una familia entera con esperanzas de que yo sea la/el sobresaliente de nuestro árbol genealógico; que sea la profesional que todos soñaban ser pero fueron impedidos por falta de recursos y privilegios primermundistas, y ni siquiera puedo sostenerme sola mi primer mes de la universidad? Si estás teniendo pensamientos intrusivos que te hacen dudar si mereces estar en un lugar tan bello como Isla Vista y Santa Bárbara, o que simplemente no podrás con el rigor académico, como tu hermana mayor autoproclamada quiero decirte que he estado en tus zapatos y que todo estará bien al final del día.

Como dice el dicho, “más fácil dicho que hecho”, pero de acuerdo a mis cálculos, el hecho de que seas alumno de UCSB y seas el primero en tu familia en ir a la universidad significa que no es la primera vez que logras algo desafiante. Así que, he creado una lista de cosas que me hubiera gustado saber hace unos años, cuando yo estaba en tu posición. Obtén dinero para tus alimentos de supermercado Deja de gastar tanto en el super! Aplica para beneficios CalFresh con ayuda directa de UCSB. No sabes cuanta gente conozco que sigue sin aprovechar de este recurso, evitando ahorrar cientos de dólares haciendo las compras del super. CalFresh es un programa que distribuye beneficios electrónicos mediante una tarjeta que puede usarse para comprar la mayoría de los productos alimenticios en un supermercado. Con esta tarjeta, que puede darte hasta \$250 al

mes, puedes comprar tu super o algún almuerzo para llevar en el Isla Vista Food Cooperative, el Isla Vista Market, The Arbor (la cafetería en frente de la biblioteca), y hasta en 7-eleven. Estas tarjetas también funcionan en todos los supermercados del área. Excluyen productos no-alimenticios o alimentos calientes (por ejemplo pollos rostizados), así como cualquier tipo de alcohol. Para ver si cualificas para estos beneficios, comenzar una aplicacion, u obtener mas informacion sobre este recurso visita <https://food.ucsb.edu/calfresh> o acude al Centro de Asesoramiento de Seguridad Alimentaria y Necesidades Básicas de UCSB en UCen (también llamado SNAC), los horarios están disponibles aquí: <https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/basic-needs-advocates>. Esta organización te guiará en el proceso de obtener tus beneficios alimenticios.

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Si te encuentras en aprietos más graves, donde tu inestabilidad financiera está limitando tu acceso a recursos básicos como poder pagar tu renta, falta de dinero para comer, u otras situaciones complicadas que requieren de un apoyo monetario, UCSB tiene un Equipo de Respuesta a la crisis financiera. Este grupo existe para ayudar a los estudiantes que enfrentan una crisis financiera o una necesidad financiera urgente. Si te encuentras en una situacion como estas, visita <https://food.ucsb.edu/about/committees/financial-crisis-response-team> y envia un correo electronico explicando tu situacion a financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu.

2. Situaciones de emergencia Tecnológica

Tu computadora de 8 años ya está dando las últimas señales de vida? Te estrellaron el iPad en la fiesta de tu casa el fin de semana pasado? Comprar un aparato nuevo puede comprometer tu estabilidad financiera y bienestar como estudiante independiente, entiendo la ansiedad que una situación como esta puede generar. Afortunadamente, UCSB tiene recursos tecnológicos para asistir con un problema como este. Visita <https://food.ucsb.edu/resources/technology-resources> y podrás solicitar una chromebook, o incluso una beca tecnológica para comprar un aparato nuevo.

3. Por el amor de dios, habla con un asesor académico

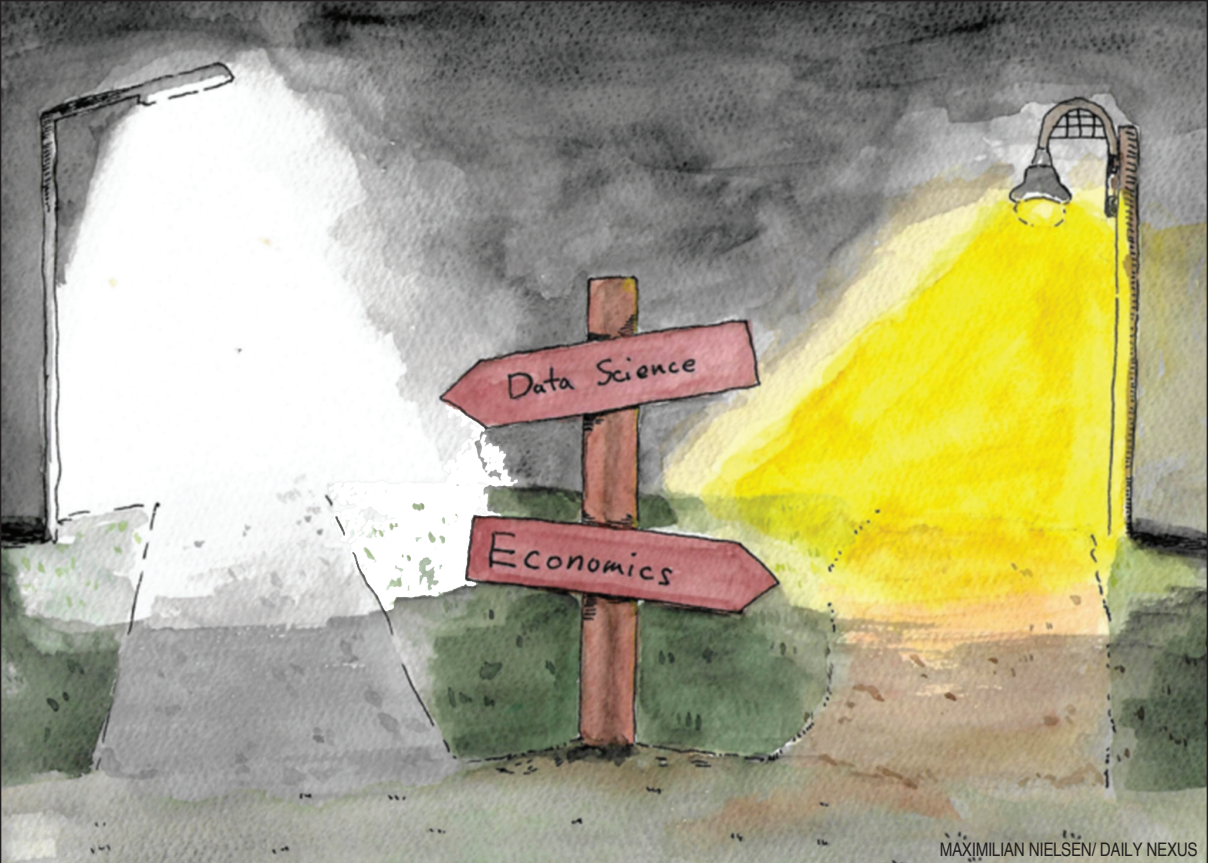
Creo que muchos estudiantes de tercer y cuarto año te dirían algo similar. No importa si estás inseguro de la carrera que elegiste y sospechas cambiarte a otra en el futuro. Habla con un asesor

y expresa estos sentimientos para que te ayuden a armar un horario de clases que te permite explorar otras opciones. Haz un plan de acción de 4 años con ellos, los asesores son un recurso que todos deberíamos aprovechar para ayudarnos en estos aspectos. Con ellos, podrás acomodar tus clases para satisfacer tus requisitos de especialidad y de Educación General a la misma vez, y así cumplir con todos tus requerimientos de manera más eficaz. Asegúrate de agendar una cita con un asesor cada cambio de cuatrimestre para que te continúen guiando hasta sentirte seguro de poder hacerlo tú solo. Para agendar una cita con un asesor, visita <https://duels.ucsb.edu/advising/appointments>.

4. ¡Involúcrate en grupos y organizaciones!

UCSB tiene muchísimos grupos y organizaciones para casi cualquier identidad o comunidad. En el sitio web o aplicación de Shoreline, puedes hacer uso de la Calculadora de Involucramiento del Campus en el que llenas un formulario con tus intereses, identidades, y propósitos académicos y sociales. Cuando terminas llenando el formulario un miembro del programa de Participación y Liderazgo de los Estudiantes (SEAL por sus siglas en inglés) analiza tus respuestas y te dará sugerencias sobre los grupos más compatibles contigo mediante un correo electrónico. El link para esta calculadora es: <https://shoreline.ucsb.edu/SEAL/survey?survey-uid=73d4b227-d1ca-11ea-bc6e-0a85c368333a>.

Con todo esto, quisiera enfatizar lo importante que es creer en ti mismo. El síndrome del impostor es muy común entre nosotros. Muchas veces creemos que el hecho de que estemos en nuestra posición de privilegio a comparación al resto de nuestra familia e incluso amigos nos hace creer que alguien está jugando una pésima broma con nosotros, y que estamos donde estamos por pura suerte (o de pura chiripa como decimos los mexicanos). Si te sientes de esta manera, quiero que te tomes un momento para pensar en todas las horas de estudio y de esfuerzo para llegar aquí, incluso con todos los obstáculos que se presentaron en tu camino. Tu te lo ganaste. Estas exactamente donde debes estar y perteneces a UCSB. Si de nada te sirvió la información en este artículo y sigues con ansiedades, no temas en mandarme un correo a nora_okamoto@ucsb.edu si necesitas palabras de aliento o simplemente una amiga o hermana mayor postiza.



LA VISTA

Las mejores 5 canciones de Un Verano Sin Ti de Bad Bunny

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El sol salió a janguear con las nubes aquí en Isla Vista este verano del 2022. Por si vives bajo una roca, el nuevo álbum de Bad Bunny salió con himnos para gozar la playa, el sol y la arena, e Isla Vista no se ha quedado atrás dándoles replay. Desde el Rec Cen, hasta Pizza My Heart, el álbum entero resuena en las calles de Isla Vista. Quizás sea lo más controversial que ha publicado The Nexus, pero hoy tomaremos el desafío de nombrar las mejores cinco canciones de su nuevo álbum: Un Verano Sin Ti.

1. Neverita

“El corazón, lo puso en la neverita. Dice que este verano se queda solita... pero nunca sola” Esta canción fue escrita para todas las personas solteras con ganas de gozar un verano icónico, sin los dramas e

inestabilidades emocionales que conlleva una relación seria. Neverita cuenta la historia de una persona segura de sí misma con alto autoestima, sabiendo que tiene la oportunidad de recibir atención amorosa pero decide reservarse para gozar de sus vacaciones de verano. Como dice la canción “ los amores vienen y van como las olas” pero esta persona no te dará la oportunidad de arruinar su verano, entonces pondrá su corazón en la neverita, o la hielera. Si estás disfrutando de un verano de soltería, y has salido de la fase de tu vida donde buscas una relación estable con una persona, esta canción te empodera a celebrar el hecho de que sabes disfrutar tu independencia.

2. Tarot

Tarot es la canción que pones mientras te alistas para la fiesta. “Porque tu flow, Dios lo

bendiga”. “Ojalá y tenga suerte porque no cualquiera puede llegarte”. La letra de esta canción te dejará sintiéndote como la reina o el rey inalcanzable que eres.

3. El Apagón

El Apagón se incluye en esta lista por la historia que la inspira. En esta canción, Benito critica la política de su isla donde la gentrificación y la inequidad resulta en inestabilidad para la gente de Puerto Rico, incluyendo apagones de electricidad frecuentes. Una parte de la canción que ilustra el sentimiento boricua hacia estos problemas dice: “Yo no me quiero ir de aquí, no me quiero ir de aquí, que se vayan ellos”, refiriéndose a los americanos blancos que están desplazando a la gente puertorriqueña de sus playas y hogares. La canción lleva un ritmo de tambor emblemático del género de Reggaeton y culmina en el estallo del refrán irónico : “Puerto Rico está bien cabrón!”.

Además de que el ritmo de esta canción inspira a cualquier hispano a estallar en un baile prohibido, crea una hermandad entre Latines mediante la celebración de una cultura que es históricamente oprimida. Cualquier Latino puede sentir el mismo orgullo que siente Bad Bunny de Puerto Rico con su propia patria. Los latines hemos sido sometidos a bastante opresión sistemática pero somos resilientes, y esto es lo que El Apagón celebra.

4. Yo No Soy Celoso

Todos hemos estado en una situación amorosa que nos identifica con esta canción. Esta canción describe un corazón dolido por una relación que ya expiró, pero el apego emocional no deja soltar lo que ya no es suyo. Esta canción fue hecha para desahogar las penas reconociendo que los sentimientos son tóxicos y destructivos. La canción dice: “Te quiero pa mí na má’, y eso e’ egoísmo. Me pongo celoso sin razón y eso es machismo”

haciendo una observación a la cultura de los celos hacia las mujeres. Yo No Soy Celoso es un himno que todos los tóxicos podemos gozar juntos (y vaya que reflexionar también nos haría bien).

5. Ensename a Bailar

Esta canción es perfecta para cualquier ocasión. Mi recomendación es usarla como táctica para enredar a tu amor platónico. Piensalo: estas en una fiesta en Del Playa, llega tu crush y comienzan a platicar casualmente de su día. Le dices a tu amigo que está encargado del auxiliar que ponga la canción en la cola. La canción comienza y le preguntas si quiere bailar. Llega tu momento de película y le cantas: “Enseñame a bailar mami yo no sé, pero ya estoy borracho y son las 3, yo quiero ver contigo el amanecer, tu y yo solitos y el sol.” ¡PUM! enamoraste a tu crush y se van a Sands Beach después de la fiesta a ver el amanecer juntos. Este plan es infalible así que favor de usarlo con precaución. Los



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resultados quizás varíen y La Vista no se hace responsable de sus consecuencias. Acaso estás totalmente perturbado con la lista que hicimos? Te invito a formar parte de La Vista para que vengas a escribir una reseña de tus canciones favoritas! Puedes escribir artículos como estos y formar parte de nuestro equipo. Si tienes interés en participar, mándanos un email a lavista@dailynexus.com

Los mejores 5 programas de televisión que debes ver antes que termine el verano



Jaynar de la Cruz
Escritora

El verano está aquí y existe la posibilidad de que estés de vacaciones, trabajando, yendo a la escuela, o las tres cosas. Pero si este no es tu caso, o simplemente quieres encontrar algo nuevo para ver en tu tiempo libre, ¡aquí hay 5 programas de televisión en español que no debes perderte!

1. La casa de papel

El asalto más grande de la historia está planeado por un cerebro criminal conocido como “El Profesor”, quien pretende robar miles de millones de euros de la Real Casa de la Moneda española y, más tarde, del Banco de España. Recluta a ocho personas con habilidades específicas y que no tienen ningún interés en el resultado para que lo ayuden a llevar a cabo el ambicioso plan. Mientras negocian con las autoridades, que intentan encontrar un medio para atrapar al Profesor, el grupo de ladrones usan rehenes como palanca. El objetivo es imprimir el dinero en menos de 11 días, sin derramar una sola gota de sangre.

Hay un conjunto de reglas que los ladrones deben seguir, una de las cuales es mantener en secreto su nombre real, debido a esto, ellos se identifican por ciudades. Por eso la protagonista se llama Tokio. El profesor le enseña a los ladrones en lugares aislados cada paso del plan. A través del proceso, los ladrones y el profesor se conocen y crean un vínculo; una familia.

Estudiante arrestado por esconder cámaras en un baño de I.V. tiene cargos desestimados, una investigación aún en curso

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El estudiante de la Universidad de California en Santa Bárbara arrestado en febrero por presuntamente ocultar una cámara en el baño de una residencia de Isla Vista, desestimó todos los cargos por los que fue arrestado, a pesar del intento de su abogado de declararse culpable. Todavía está bajo investigación por posibles cargos futuros derivados del material encontrado en las cámaras ocultas y de cámaras adicionales encontradas por otros estudiantes, según el diputado de Recursos Comunitarios de IVFP, Justin Schroeder. El 5 de febrero, una estudiante de UCSB descubrió una cámara oculta en su baño, lo que provocó una investigación de la Patrulla a Pie de Isla Vista (IVFP por sus siglas en inglés) que culminó con el arresto del ex estudiante de UCSB Justin Asinobi después del descubrimiento de “varios dispositivos de grabación subrepticios” en su residencia.

Fue procesado el día después de su arresto por dos delitos menores: espionaje y espionaje electrónico ilegal.

Mientras estaba en la cárcel, Asinobi dio positivo por COVID-19 y entró en cuarentena. Debido al resultado positivo, el tribunal le prohibió asistir a los procedimientos judiciales en persona o usar una “sala de Zoom”, según documentos judiciales presentados por la abogada Lauren Gartrell, defensora pública de Asinobi. Como alternativa, el tribunal llevó a cabo la lectura de cargos de Asinobi por teléfono.

El procedimiento telefónico de la cárcel requería que un ayudante estuviera presente con Asinobi durante todas las llamadas telefónicas, incluso con su abogado defensor. Gartrell argumentó en los documentos que, bajo las circunstancias, el derecho de Asinobi a las comunicaciones confidenciales con un asesor legal, o el privilegio abogado-cliente, había sido obstruido.

Finalmente fue rescatado la mañana de febrero. 24 días siguientes de cuarentena. Asinobi luego se puso en contacto con Gartrell, una reunión que concluyó con su decisión de declararse culpable de la denuncia por delitos menores de dos cargos.

Ese día, Gartrell notificó a la corte y a la oficina del Fiscal de Distrito la decisión de Asinobi. El Fiscal de Distrito Adjunto Sherwin Nadjm se opuso sobre la base de una investigación en curso, y la Fiscal de Distrito Adjunta Megan Chanda argumentó que crearía una barrera procesal para aceptar la declaración de culpabilidad, en caso de que se presentaran cargos más graves. Gartrell aceptó las objeciones, acusando al Fiscal de Distrito de no aceptar la declaración de culpabilidad debido a una mala preparación.

“Nada impide que el tribunal acepte el acuerdo de culpabilidad”, decía un documento presentado por la defensa y obtenido por The Nexus. “Más bien, debido a que el fiscal de distrito no está preparado, le están pidiendo al tribunal que le niegue al Sr. Asinobi su derecho legal a declararse culpable de los cargos que se le imputan para que puedan asegurarse de que su falta de preparación no les cause problemas.”

En la Conferencia de Preparación y Solución de Asinobi, a la que asistió a la mañana siguiente por Zoom, la fiscalía pidió que se desestimara el caso. Un comentario escrito a mano en el documento que certifica el despido del caso decía: “Despido por objeción de la defensa.”

La fianza de Asinobi fue exonerada y se ordenó que el caso se concluya. Las múltiples órdenes de restricción presentadas contra Asinobi expiraron en febrero. Chanda defendió la decisión de no aceptar la declaración de culpabilidad de Asinobi en una declaración por correo electrónico a The Nexus, afirmando que después del arresto de Asinobi, la fiscalía se enteró de las pruebas que sugerían que Asinobi había cometido otros delitos potenciales y había optado por no procesarlo para evitar poner en peligro un caso más amplio en caso de.

“Optamos por desestimar el caso

de delito menor para no poner en peligro ningún caso futuro que pueda evolucionar a partir de la conducta informada inicialmente”, dijo Chanda.

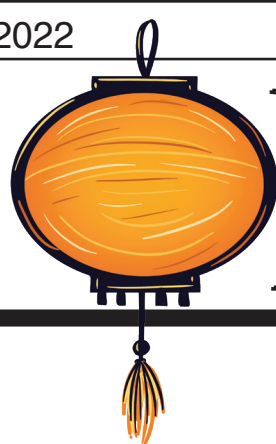
La investigación sobre los otros posibles delitos está en curso, según Chanda, y será revisada por los fiscales una vez que finalice, quienes determinarán si presentan cargos adicionales contra Asinobi. Se negó a dar más detalles sobre los posibles cargos, citando la naturaleza en curso de la investigación.

“Una vez que se complete esa investigación, revisaremos todas las pruebas y tomaremos una decisión de presentación”, dijo.

En las semanas posteriores al arresto de Asinobi, IVFP dijo en marzo que recibió una serie de llamadas de estudiantes que creen que encontraron dispositivos de cámara similares en sus residencias. La policía solicitó una orden para registrar el contenido de las cámaras encontradas en la casa de Asinobi y se comunicará con cada víctima individualmente, según Schroeder. A partir de Ago. 22 la investigación sobre Asinobi está en curso, con posibles cargos derivados del material encontrado en las cámaras en la casa de Asinobi, así como de las cámaras que fueron encontradas por otros estudiantes según Schroeder. La oficina del Fiscal de Distrito se negó a proporcionar información actualizada sobre la investigación. Asinobi no está inscrito en UCSB para el trimestre de otoño de 2022.

La gerente de Relaciones con los Medios de UCSB, Kiki Reyes, dijo que si bien la universidad no puede comentar sobre la conducta individual de los estudiantes, la universidad puede promulgar medidas de seguridad en el caso de que exista una amenaza a la seguridad del campus escolar.

“En los casos en que existe una amenaza para la seguridad del campus escolar, se pueden implementar medidas provisionales para garantizar la seguridad y el bienestar de las partes afectadas y podrían incluir restricciones o exclusiones de ciertos privilegios o del campus hasta que el proceso de conducta haya concluido”, dijo Reyes en una declaración por correo electrónico a The Nexus.



OPINION

FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE: DISCONNECT IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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Every now and then, a bleak study comes out, detailing how dependent we’ve become on our technology, which subsequently inspires a new season of “Black Mirror” more absurd and less unrealistic than the last. After two years of intermittent lockdowns and social distancing, the numbers for 2022 are unsurprising, to say the least. According to TV, streaming and internet expert Trevor Wheelwright, the average American checks their phone 344 times a day – in other words, once every four minutes. Within these frequent interactions with our devices, we send texts, make calls, check inboxes, draft emails, scroll socials and update profiles as quickly and conveniently as we breathe. Between texting, calls, emails and various social media direct messages, communication and intimacy in the 21st century have understandably shifted from the physical to the digital with the help of our handy technology, consequently replacing much of our in-person interactions with on-screen exchanges. However, despite our smartphones

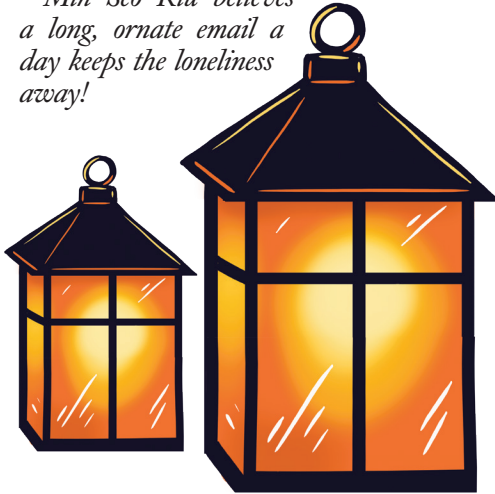
allowing us to be in constant contact with our friends and family, these advancements in digital networking have somehow made us lonelier than ever. The irony of this statement is not lost on me. After all, with all these ways to communicate and connect with friends and strangers alike, the idea that we’re still lonely sounds veritably impossible. Especially when, at any given moment, we’re able to send a text, upload a post or dial a number in the same time it takes to walk up a flight of stairs. Admittedly, I’ve done all of these things while simultaneously watching my online lectures, taking notes, making breakfast and carrying on a decent conversation with my roommate. Companionship in the digital form is practically second nature to us, in tandem with all of our menial, everyday tasks. In fact, communication in the 21st century almost begs to be done concurrently with two or three other tasks – calling your boyfriend while you’re grocery shopping, texting a classmate while walking to a lecture hall and catching up with your childhood best friend on FaceTime at the same time – because it is so accessible to us nowadays. Yet, the sheer convenience of communicating – whether that takes

form in a five-second phone call or a three-paragraph text – has undeniably played a large part in our loneliness. The easier it becomes to stay connected with our friends, the harder it feels to have a meaningful conversation without accidentally slipping into the passive, perfunctory conversations that we’ve grown accustomed to, thanks to the overwhelming amount of digital communication readily available to us. Thus, the very reason smartphones are so valued in our society – namely, their ability to quickly connect us to our friends anytime, anywhere – may very well be the same reason why 36% of all Americans feel “serious loneliness.” The oversaturation of communication ironically lends to an alienation of a sort – the kind of alienation that fosters passive friendships rather than active friendships and, subsequently, encourages a lonelier lifestyle. This isn’t to say that digital conversations (or technology, for that matter) are unequivocally terrible: Social media can be a wholesome way to keep up with friends; those late-night texts with your best friend can end up being the most meaningful conversations of your young adult life; a funny tweet your roommate sends you is enough to make your day better. I, personally, look forward to the sweet

comments that my friends leave on my social media posts, and often send out some sort of a “good morning” text to my closest friends to remind them that I’m thinking of them (even if I’ve unabashedly sent it out at noon). In fact, there are so many instances in which I am grateful to use my smartphone and its ability to let me reach out to my friends in different states or countries. And, of course, texting and calling don’t necessarily make the task of having meaningful, affectionate conversations impossible – with the right partner, any conversation (using any sort of medium) can be interesting and worthwhile. However, the truth is, the more we favor digital intimacy over physical intimacy, the more we keep each other at arms-length (or screen-lengths) apart. And, the more we grow accustomed to this way of living, the more this loneliness will become normalized to our future generations. We will continue to live the way Henry David Thoreau once aptly described nearly 200 years ago: leading “lives of quiet desperation,” despite all of the benefits and possibilities digital communication has opened up for us. We will continue to grow comfortable saying nothing in particular to each other until, perhaps, all we’ll have left

is our smartphones and a couple of half-hearted Instagram comments to keep ourselves distracted. Despite this bleak prediction of our future, there are deceptively simple solutions to this problem. At the root of our loneliness is miscommunication, something that can easily be remedied by communication that is less contingent on the digital and more dependent on the emotionally significant. Whether that’s a thoughtful text or a couple of hours talking by the beach, these are the actions that might save us from our own dreaded loneliness.

*Min Seo Riu believes
a long, ornate email a
day keeps the loneliness
away!*



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Be naked


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AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22
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LIBRA
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OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21
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Run really fast to create a vortex



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Sparkle in the sun

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FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20
Wear a trashcan lid on your head

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Staff Writer

The app is targeting college students especially, according to NPR. There is

Should we take BeReal as it is: a place to be real? After all, the app has made its name as a moral opposite to Instagram. BeReal is, befittingly, not like Instagram. In July, the Senate Commerce Committee approved two bills: the Children and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act and the Kids Online Safety Act. Before the Senate Commerce Committee last fall, Facebook whistleblower Frances Haugen presented internal documents showing that Facebook knew Instagram can be addictive and increase rates of eating disorders and depression in children and teens. Surprisingly,

Before a camera, users are bound to perform. The deception lies in the frame we show the audience. The problem is

A quick scroll through the public “Discovery” page of the BeReal app, akin to the “Explore” page in Instagram, is an anthropologist’s dream. A photo of a curtained window on one corner of the room. Another of a blurred dog. Current TV show. Friendly outing. Food. The list goes on. With each photo comes a face as familiar to me as the unnamed characters in my dreams. The totality of it all throws me into a wave of panic, yet fails to bring me to a proper feeling of sonder. Perhaps if I were to pass by a crowd of people on a busy street and a singular BeReal photo sprung up above each of the pedestrian’s heads – a hologram of their distant lives – I would be reminded of how organically boring humanity has become. A digital life so warped into banality and “casual authenticity,” the latter not so much an oxymoron as it is an impossible charade game.

Melody Chen thinks that reality is no different than fantasy in BeReal. What are “BeReal” and “social media” if not a mere paradox?

ARTSWEEK

“Sounds of Isla Vista”: A look into the I.V. music scene

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“Long live the IV music scene” declares the bio of a recently created go-to resource for I.V. concert lovers: the @soundsofiv Instagram page, which has gained over 3,000 followers in less than a year.

Every week, the colorful Instagram page posts graphics featuring when and where a band is performing in I.V., attracting followers to shows where people gather to jam out to a variety of bands and connect with others in the vibrant community.



When the backyard is so full and you barely see the band members playing. Students seek to the trees.

Behind “Sounds of Isla Vista” is fourth-year sociology major Alysa Greenwale, who first got involved in the I.V. music scene early in her UC Santa Barbara career during her freshman orientation.

“My freshman year orientation leader was actually [the one] who got me into the music scene. My orientation group had gotten on the topic of the party scene, and she said she hated parties but loved concerts. She described them in such a great way that I knew I had to go to one. When I did, I fell in love with the whole community, and I’ve been going to concerts ever since,” Greenwale said.

Before the page was created in December 2021, the conception of it – a way to find I.V. concert shows and connect people with the local music scene – had been in the works for years.

Greenwale shared that it used to be difficult to find concerts in I.V. to attend.

“I had to follow every single

I.V. band on Instagram and, even then, some of them didn’t post about their own shows. I knew there had to be a better way. I’m also a graphic designer ... and I knew I didn’t want to change things until I could do it in a way that I liked,” Greenwale said in regards to the conception of the page.

For her birthday, Greenwale got a new electronic device that allows her to design all the time, which let her finally bring her idea to fruition.

Greenwale chose Instagram as an outlet for accessibility “simply because that was where

without its setbacks.

In a recent Instagram story this month, Greenwale posted that I.V. property managers and neighbors have been following the Instagram page to shut down concerts.

Greenwale’s response to combat this issue is to no longer post specific addresses of shows (unless it is safe to post a specific address). Now, only the street block is posted, and concert-goers can hear the sounds of bands jamming out to make their way to the concert.

“I want those property managers and troublesome neighbors to know that when they are taking advantage of my page to stop concerts, they aren’t just stopping individual events, but they are tearing down a whole community,” Greenwale said about the issue.

“Many people have found a home in the music scene; many artists have found a place to express themselves; many students have found a safer alternative to house parties. That is what they are trying to destroy; that is what they are taking advantage of,” Greenwale concluded.

The I.V. music scene runs deeper than some may believe, and it’s a meaningful part of the greater I.V. community. Greenwale also explained how many concerts aid in fundraising causes and UCSB organizations.

“Fundraising concerts are one of the things that really connect the music scene to the other I.V. communities. Anyone with a good cause can trust in the help of our musicians and fans. I’ve seen concerts raise thousands upon thousands of dollars for charities, clubs and sports teams. It’s another reason the music scene is so integral to I.V. and such a good thing to have here,” Greenwale said.

Greenwale’s page reflects how the I.V. music scene goes beyond just one function. It’s not only a resource for those looking for concerts, but the page runner has also expanded to planning a host of different projects for the greater I.V. music scene.

“I had known when I started the account that I would eventually want to do more than just post flyers. While I had a few different ideas, one of the first and most prominent of them was to help people start new bands,” Greenwale said.

In the Sounds of Isla Vista



The drummer of the band Sands Routine in his element.

Linktree found in the Instagram page bio, Greenwale has a Google Form to help people find band members or create bands.

“Unfortunately, this was not the easiest way. I received over 80 responses to the forms, which was far too many to handle for one person,” Greenwale said.

Greenwale has another project in the works that has been mainly kept under wraps, generating anticipation. The new Instagram page, @live.islavista, has only one post, sharing a Sept. 3 release date.

“This project is something I’m really excited about, and it’s something I feel that the music scene has deserved for a long time. ‘LIVE’ is a zine specifically focused on the I.V. music scene that will give a deeper look into the bands and the concerts that y’all love,” Greenwale shared.

“Our first issue will feature The Framers, with each issue after that focusing on a different band from I.V. or the surrounding areas. It will also include music-inspired art, rock recommendations and think pieces, and more,” Greenwale said.

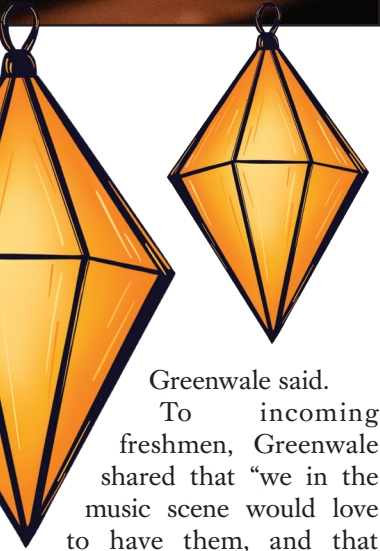
Greenwale also wants to expand the management of projects as well. Greenwale shared that “LIVE” is accepting applications from those interested in becoming involved with the new project. And as a current fourth-year student, Greenwale does not want the page to end when she graduates.

“I think, no matter what, the

page will expand in some way, whether that’s just a few more people running it or it turning into a whole organization of some sort,” Greenwale said.

Greenwale, “Sounds of Isla Vista,” the page’s thousands of followers and all who attend I.V. concerts are key parts of fostering a unique space for music lovers in I.V.

“The I.V. music scene has very much become my home over this past year. My best friends are those I’ve made through the music scene; some of my favorite memories are those of I.V. concerts. It’s a more energetic and more passionate artistic community than any else that I’ve seen, and it has the potential to do so much good in the world,”



Greenwale said. To incoming freshmen, Greenwale shared that “we in the music scene would love to have them, and that [“Sounds of Isla Vista”] is a valuable resource to get you started. We’d love to see more bands, and we’d love to help you start them. We also have plenty of opportunities for people who aren’t musicians. See you at the next concert, and long live the I.V. music scene!”



The band Pig Milk jamming out to a growing audience.



DJs in town gather to perform deep house and techno in Isla Vista.



The first metal show of Winter Quarter 2022 was in full flow on a Friday night with guests enjoying the music along Del Playa Drive.