A.S. Bike Shop reopens at permanent location on campus

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Affected Students opened its new Bike Shop at permanent location next to the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building on Sept. 25 after six years of planning and near-twenty years of discussion. The shop’s previous location on campus — UC Santa Barbara Parking Lot 29 next to Campus Pool — was primarily marketed as a temporary space.

“Since the shop was established in 1973, it’s always been assumed that the building that the bike shop is on has always been temporary,” Bike Shop Coordinator and Associated Students (A.S.) Assistant Director for Student Engagement, Albert Jahnke said. “And so what we wanted to avoid — was basically a position where the bike shop would have to respond to a region to move, versus being proactive about wanting to move.”

A committee under A.S. began initial conversations about potentially finding a permanent location in 2015 and after years of discussion, started construction in March 2022.

According to Jahnke, for the first few years of the project, there were extensive conversations about the bike shop’s new location. Jahnke said the bike shop’s initial location was selected due to its proximity to bike paths and cycle traffic.

“I feel like we have a lot of presence now,” fourth-year mechanical engineering major and A.S. Bike Shop employee Thomas Newbold said. “It felt like we were relatively unknown. No one knew where the old bike shop was.”

In addition to a central location, the bike shop building offers several improvements from the old shop that employees requested during the planning process of the relocation. Jahnke said the biggest priority was to increase space inside the shop.

“We’re somewhat tripped our internal square footage, and then also tripped our external square footage, and we really needed to do this,” Jahnke said. “On all scales, we couldn’t even find the internal square footage that I would hire to even be working simultaneously.”

Newbold, who has worked at both bike shop locations, echoed Jahnke’s assessment of the need for more space.

“The last shop was like working out of a tent, and this spot is almost a real home for the next foreseeable future,” Newbold said. “In the new shop, I feel like we just have more room to expand. There’s room even to actually work on bikes.”

A major concern of the previous bike shop was the safety of student cyclists since the building was located in the center of a busy parking lot.

This issue has been remedied at the new location since there is ample outdoor space for customers and employees to enter and exit the shop as well as the functionality of driving away from cars.

“When students and/or customers get their bike back, they occasionally go ride the bike, which makes sense,” Jahnke said. “But they would have to ride it around Parking Lot 29, and that is being a very busy busy parking lot, that we don’t want great for students or for clients.”

The new bike shop building also offers several features that the old bike shop lacked, including experiences of both employees and customers. Notably, the new facility boasts air conditioning and a shower for employees, neither of which were present at the previous location.

“Pretty consistently, the staff who were involved in the initial phase of this conversation — there’s a shower that they wanted,” Jahnke said. “Because certain times of the year or certain times of the year, this job can be very tiring and we’re often in situations to be able to take a shower.”

This comment was also an air conditioning and climate control, we wouldn’t have,” Jahnke continued. “Felt, even for a less noisy, clients were less noisy outside, which I think is just great for everybody.”

This concern of the building was also thoughtfully designed, as the building defends itself with a traditional rectangular structure and instead is configured in a more creative, bicycle-inspired shape.

“We really wanted to lean into our interests from the shop, so it was my thought to the architects to lean into the shapes that are typically primary — the bicycle, which is triangles and circles,” Jahnke said. “So they did a great job with a few different markups come up, conceptually, what turned into, a triangle intersecting a circle.”

Newbold noted that while the design of the new bike shop is substantially better than the previous building, the old shop felt like home for employees due to its history and the artwork that previous employees had displayed in the shop.

However, he emphasized that over time, the new shop will accommodate more students with 40 seats and estimated feel the same way.

“Working on bikes is a creative process,” Newbold said. “I think it creates creativity both in employees who are passionate about the space, so it just really wants to become a really amazing place for employees and for students of the day.”

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The Bike Shop is located at its new location Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Regents discuss updates to Community Safety Plan

The Community Safety Plan — published in 2021 — outlines reforms to campus policing and safety.

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La celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana en UCSB

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Este reconocimiento empezó en 1968 como Semana de la Herencia Hispana por el presidente Lyndon Johnson en el segundo mandato de su presidencia. El 15 de septiembre en vez del 13 de octubre 1968 fue aprobada por la octava ley. El 15 de septiembre es el día de independencia de muchos países en América Latina, incluyendo Guatemala, Honduras, Cuba, Perú, Nicaragua y Costa Rica. Al mismo tiempo, el 15 de septiembre se celebra la independencia de México y el 16 de septiembre es el día de independencia de la República Argentina, y el 25 de septiembre es el día de independencia de la República Bolivariana de Venezuela.

Esta celebración nos ha unido. Este mes de unión, los pueblos latinoamericanos celebran su independencia, su
A week in UC student news

UC President Drake name announced for Berkeley chancellor search

UC President Michael V. Drake has been chosen to assist in the search for a new chancellor at UC Berkeley. The appointment comes after the former UC President Larry S. Bade announced his resignation in early September.

The formation of the committee to select Berkeley’s next chancellor was announced May 22 by UC President Carol Christ announced in June. The search for the 2023-24 year.

UC Board of Regent Chancellor and Regents and a variety of other academic faculty, staff members and alumni.

UC President Drake, 58, is currently San Francisco State’s President. He has a Ph.D. in Psychology from Columbia University and a B.A. in Biology from UC Berkeley.

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Associated Students established a Jewish Commission in Spring Quarter 2023 to support Jewish students and bring greater education on Jewish culture to UC Santa Barbara's campus.

Associated Students (A.S.) Jewish Commission Chair Tom Hirshfeld said the various antisemitic incidents in Isla Vista during the 2022-23 year highlighted the need for an administrative body advocating for Jewish students and triggered the creation of the commission.

"The first purpose of the Jewish commission is to advocate for the needs of Jewish students on campus," Hirshfeld said. "That means if there’s a religious issue for practicing Jewish students or antisemitism that rears its head on campus, we will be a force for speaking up and fighting against it."

A.S. Boards and Commissions exist at UCSB to create a safe space for different student groups and educate the campus community about issues those groups face.

"The A.S. Jewish Commission sends a very singular message, which is that Associated Students, the student body at large, cares about Jewish students and cares about how they integrate into the broader campus community," said A.S. OfCampus Senator and Senate First President Pro Tempore Ephraim Shalunov, who wrote the founding legislation for the commission.

The commission currently has a functioning board of six members. Hirshfeld said the group is working to expand to collaborate with other cultural organizations along with the main mission of cultural education and community support.

"The Jewish Commission provides the Jewish community at UCSB with a really exciting opportunity," he continued. "I want the Jewish commission to work in collaboration with other cultural organizations to kind of weave us into the multicultural tapestry that already exists at UCSB."

Week-to-week operations include interacting and collaborating with other boards, commissions and units and other Registered Campus Organizations, while the group’s reactive operations more surround responding to antisemitic events. However, while the group will take action if further local antisemitism occurs, Hirshfeld emphasized that a major aspect of the commission is to spark discussions of Jewish people on campus independent from the antisemitism they face.

"On this campus, we talk about Jews, up until now only when there’s conflict," Hirshfeld said. "Defining a people based on their oppression is inherently reductive to that people, and so I want to reframe the conversations we have on this campus about Jewish people by highlighting the positives of our culture instead of the negativity we sometimes experience."

**Chedle Center conducts controlled burn at North Campus**

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UC Santa Barbara’s Chedle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration conducted a controlled burn at UC Santa Barbara’s North Campus Open Space on Sept. 28 in collaboration with the Chumash people and the Santa Barbara County Fire Department. The collaboration marks the first time a controlled burn with the Chumash people.

The burn was intended to eliminate dry thatch – an organic layer of living and dead stems, shoots and roots – and restore traditional Chumash strategies of enhancing the biodiversity of native grasslands, according to a press release from the Chedle Center.

"The Chumash and other Indigenous Californians used fire regularly as a tool to manage vegetation across the state for many thousands of years, until the Spanish government banned the practice in 1873," the press release read. "Burning increases the germination and growth of culturally important plants and assists in the building of dry-back."

In a statement to the Nexus, Director of Ecosystem Management at the Chedle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration Lisa Stratton said the Chedle Center met with the Chumash multiple times over the past four months to discuss the "goals and values that ride (they) play" in the burning.

"The Chumash Elder Ernestine Stratton said in the statement to the Nexus. "Bringing the fire with a fire-starter with a hand drill. We are integrating the burn with establishing a number of native wildflower and bulb species that are valuable to the Chumash and going to involve them in this process," Stratton said in the statement to the Nexus.

Stratton said the Chedle Center conducts prescribed burns every few years on the Lagoon Island at the Campus Lagoon to burn of the non-native weedbank. The North Campus Open Space burn is different, with a much lighter and faster fire over a larger area.

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The UC Santa Barbara Office of Campus Planning & Design addressed several initiatives and new plans regarding the placement of bicycle racks and bicycle parking solutions on campus with the start of the 2023-24 year.

The department removed and temporarily rehoused the bicycle racks installed in front of the Music Building in preparation for on-campus renovations for the fall quarter. According to Campus Planning & Design Principal Planner Shari Hammond, the bicycle racks were relocated to the east of the UCSB Library for the duration of the renovations. This project is estimated to start sometime in November of 2023 and is predicted to take one year to finish. Upon completion of the renovations, the racks will be relocated back to their original location.

Hammond did not disclose details on the renovations itself.

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The department also updated the racks in the west lane of the Music Building and of South Hall, replacing them with peak bicycle racks to provide more bicycle parking efficiency.

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Members of the Academic Senate are a driving force behind the plan to incorporate both technology-based and people-based solutions to cover a wide range of issues and problems. According to the climate action initiative discussion, “the umbrella is high-risk areas, whether due to high-risk housing or due to high-risk areas.”

One of the challenges with implementing AI is that there is a patchwork of policies and practices across the UC campuses, right now, according to President Bui. “What we have is a patchwork, right now, across the UC,” Bui said. “What we would like to get to is a more uniform set of policies and practices.”

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Debate entre términos: ¿Hispana o Latina?

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Como nos expresamos, las palabras contienen un gran valor; sobre todo cuando estas palabras son utilizadas para distinguish y categorizar a grupos, comunidades y identidades. Hoy en día hay diferentes términos que tienen diferentes significados y que no siempre pueden ser intercambiados con total precisión.

El español como su lengua propia. Mientras que los latinos se refieren a las personas que tienen una relación o descendencia con países Latinoamericanos y el Caribe. A tratar de abarcar a toda una comunidad con diferentes experiencias de vida en estas dos palabras, no faltan casos en las cuales estas palabras no son lo suficiente. Familias que han emigrado de países Latinoamericanos a los Estados Unidos tienen una experiencia diversa y difícil de seleccionar con que etnicidad te definen y cómo estas pueden ser utilizadas para abrir un diálogo con las personas que hacen parte de nuestra comunidad.

Es importante reconocer y mantener los orígenes de las palabras que nos definimos. Aunque nos digan que no somos ni de aquí ni de allí y aún se sientan así, recordando que y quiénes somos y quiénes somos. Celebrar, la relación entre identidad y cultura forma una parte de cómo nuestra comunidad latina se desenvuelve en los Estados Unidos. No sólo se ve en la manera que tradiciones cambian para adaptarse y sobrevivir a través de la frontera, sino también se puede observar en la lengua, en el famoso “spanglish” que nos

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After a tough 3-0 defeat at UC San Diego, the UC Santa Barbara women’s soccer team traveled back to Goleta and tied with the UC Irvine Anteaters 0-0 in Harder Stadium on Sept. 30. The match saw the Gauchos get their first points in the Big West conference as their Big West record currently stands at 0-1-1. The team is currently seventh place in the Big West. Throughout the game, both teams had the feel of a conference rivalry game, as the two teams combined for 20 fouls. Both teams went back and forth taking control of their offensive play as neither could score from a penalty. In the first half, neither team converted on their opportunities for their movement for their opposition, as each attempt forward was met with a hand ball or foul. Additionally, all offensive attempts from the Gauchos were much too close as the only shot on target was a UCSC attempt that was hit directly at the Anteaters’ goalkeeper.

Although the lack of scoring continued into the second half, the Anteaters could not keep the edge for the rest of the game. A save from the Gauchos’ keeper, Laysey Zeller in the 56th minute kept the score square. The same square was kept for the next minute kept the game square, as the Anteaters were close to breaking the tie. Zeller was forced to make another save in the 65th minute, as the Gauchos defense failed to close the ball. With both teams having ended up in the Gauchos penalty area for a heads-up play from Zeller, who was able to find a strike of the ball with an opportunity to score the goal. The Anteaters were not able to find the back of the net. After a couple of chances were missed, the Gauchos were able to retake some momentum while creating scoring chances of their own.

In the 22nd minute, UCSB sophomore midfielder Eddie Velez curled a shot that hit the post and forced a save from the Anteaters’ goalkeeper. The Anteaters’ defense, by the end of the game, both had little energy left as the physical nature of the match had taken its toll. As the final whistle blew and the 0-0 tie was solidified, both teams hit the ground with full energy in tact.

For their next match, the Gauchos will face the UC Riverside Highlanders in another Big West Conference game. The match will take place on Oct. 7 at Santa Barbara High School to be streamed on ESPN+.
The Goleta Lemon Festival celebrated its 36th year of citrus-themed festivities this past weekend. From Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, Goleta locals and lemon enthusiasts from across California converged at Girsh Park to celebrate. The agricultural festival has become the largest community event of the year, attracting over 40,000 visitors each year. This year's festival was the largest yet, with more than 400 booths hosted by local businesses, nonprofits, craftsmen and restaurants. Despite family attractions such as live music, burger jumping bouncy houses, a mini-train and Saturday’s classic car show, the food court remained the weekend’s main draw. In addition to county fair favorites, many booths put lemon twists on traditional fare. After a day of lemony treats, here’s what we deemed worth the try.

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Third annual Burrito Week offers $8 burritos to 21 local establishments

El Zarape’s Pico de Gallo Napoles Breakfast Burrito

I am usually picky about the ratio of rice and beans in my breakfast burrito. I thought the days of the top-heavy, rice and beans breakfast burrito was behind me. But today I am here to bring you a review of the Burrito Week deal. I ordered the famous Burrito Breakfast Burrito. It is packed with protein, eggs, cheese and potatoes and made to perfection, their burrito makes the meeting and running a little brighter. To celebrate Burrito Week, I ordered the San XY eden’s Breakfast Burrito and smoothed a little bit for me. I am a huge fan of savory breakfast burritos. I know how to taste the ratio of salt and spice in a good burrito. In the past, I have tried and loved their Breakfast Burrito and Bacon Burrito. I confidently said that after the interview is just as tasty.

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Goleta Lemon Festival celebrates its 36th year of lemony eats and activities for all day long

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UCSB S.T.E.M. departments celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month

Santa Barbara County Public Health Department releases STI data

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The Santa Barbara County Public Health Department released updated data of five sexually transmitted infections (STIs) of Latinx and/or Chicanx people, according to a press release from Marisende Ansorg, the Director of the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD), and spans five departments on campus are especially in those of Latin American, Black or white — or otherwise unknown ethnicity.

There were 924 cases of gonorrhea recorded in 2022. Of these, 53% were people who were Hispanic, 36% of all cases were of women, and 64% of all cases were of people who were under 25 and under. North and South County carried 63% of the cases. Four in five cases diagnosed were of men and 64% of all cases were of people who were under 25 and under. North and South County carried 63% of the cases.

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Though it’s easily cured with antibiotics, chlamydia and gonorrhea are often left untreated because most people with experience little to no symptoms.

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The quarter system: new quarter, new me!

It’s 9 a.m. I’ve just taken a midterm that’s reduced my self-esteem by 30%, I’m holding an American质量和I’ll eventually have campus an extensive 12 hours later (not of my own edition). I’m horribly busy, and I love it.

The quarter system makes my feel like a musician rehearsing the same album in a way which is great for cataloguing and contextualizing the era of my life. I may not be to everyone’s liking, but as someone who connects themselves every other quarter, I find it particularly flattering! Fall quarter! I’m a workaholic, frequently listening to Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross ’The Social Network’ as I scramble to finish my 10-page paper before 11:59 p.m. I fast walk across campus in flip-flops, pretending I’m Jesus Eisenberg in “The Social Network.”

Once January hits, I’m melancholic, taking my covered beach bags at odd hours in the night. If I’m being entirely honest, winter quarter is the worst quarter — however, there are simple opportunities to romanticize the endless prefridge trends that you find yourself lodged behind.

By the time April comes along, I’m back in the swinging trends, breaking up the sunshine and glitter indulging in all the simple pleasures I neglected during winter the IV. bend shows, Extravaganza and the delightful, spring-themed drinks featured at the Arbor. Yes, I still have an endless stream of work to do. And yet, I’m enjoying every second. The only constant is change, which is a lesson that you’ll learn very quickly during your first year at any institution that abides by the quarter system. I take comfort in the notion that my tortuous classes only last three months and that I have a clean slate when a new quarter begins. I have multiple defined sections in my year to pursue new opportunities, taking a new class that doesn’t necessarily apply to my major, checking out a new club at the quarter Registered Campus Organization fair or seeing if I can fit another major or minor into my schedule.

When I was conflicted about what to pursue as a freshman, the space of the quarter academic year makes me feel like more of my surrounding anxiety. I credit the quarter system with my self-acceptance, my ability to be to everyone’s liking, but as someone who connects themselves every other quarter, I find it particularly flattering! Fall quarter! I’m a workaholic, frequently listening to Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross ’The Social Network’ as I scramble to finish my 10-page paper before 11:59 p.m. I fast walk across campus in flip-flops, pretending I’m Jesus Eisenberg in “The Social Network.”

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Musical legends Foo Fighters tear through 28 years of stage presence as they return to UC Santa Barbara's Santa Barbara Bowl. Dave Grohl, founder and lead guitarist of the Foo Fighters, led the band through a powerful set at the Santa Barbara Bowl.

**From studying film and media at her local community college, Sol Lopez has been editing a documentary that’s making its way to streaming services.**

**The Santa Barbara Bowl was treated to an incredible performance by the Foo Fighters on Sept. 28 in an evening full of rock music and legacy.**

Reflecting on the band’s long career, Grohl acknowledged how much their journey has taught him and his bandmates. "This is the longest tour we’ve ever done," Grohl said. "It’s been a real reflection on the past 28 years of..."

The Foo Fighters kicked off their performance with an energetic rendition of "The Pretender," immediately acknowledging the audience's energy. The band — not only was it Grohl's first time performing in Santa Barbara since an acoustic set in 2006 (making it 17 years since their first performance at the Bowl) — but it was also a hometown show for lead vocalist Alex Brady and Keyan Carrillo, who both grew up in the area.

"All My Life," an energetic song that perfectly captures the band’s work ethic and compliments the title of the band’s latest release, "The Return," was another highlight of the night. Grohl, known for his unique and more personal stage presence, transformed into a hometown hero as he dedicated the song to the audience. "This one’s for T."

The night was full of personal moments as well. Grohl thanked the audience for their support and acknowledged the band’s absence from the city for 17 years. "We've been here in like f***ing 2006, and it's just been so nice to be back. Because...we were able to play here every night for like a month..." Grohl explained. "We have to play here every night, but for order in it, we do every Foo Fighters song, we'd have to play every night."

The performance wavered at times, but the band’s energy and passion kept them engaged throughout the show. Grohl's powerful vocals and guitar-playing implored the audience to continue singing along with the band's classic songs, 2007's "The Long Road" and 2020's "Times Like These." The audience responded with passionate screams and a standing ovation, as Grohl continued his dedication to their fans.

"All My Life," an energetic song that perfectly captures the band’s work ethic and compliments the title of the band’s latest release, "The Return," was another highlight of the night. Grohl, known for his unique and more personal stage presence, transformed into a hometown hero as he dedicated the song to the audience.

The night concluded with a powerful rendition of "Everlong." In the recorded edition of "Everlong," Grohl's vocal range is on full display as he showcases his ability to take the song to new levels of emotion and rawness. Upon hearing cheers from the audience, Grohl thanked the band and promised a potential future residency at the Bowl.

The Santa Barbara Bowl was packed with fans, and the band's presence made it a night to remember. Grohl acknowledged the audience's energy and passion, and the night was filled with moments of commemoration and celebration.

**For more than a decade, Grohl has been leading the Foo Fighters through a range of musical styles and genres, always maintaining a connection with his fans.**

**The artist’s presence was felt throughout the show — from the Foo Fighters’ opening scene until the last note rang out.**

The night was full of moments that showcased the band’s talent and dedication to their craft, from the powerful vocals to the hard-hitting guitar work. Grohl’s personal connection with the audience and the band’s ability to bring people together through music made it a truly unforgettable experience.
DATA

UCSB BASEBALL PLAYERS REFLECT ON THEIR SUMMER LEAGUE EXPERIENCES

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In the wake of a challenging 2023 baseball season that saw UC Santa Barbara secure the sixth place in the Big West Conference, a significant portion of the team turned their attention to summer leagues spanning across the United States and Canada. UC Santa Barbara finished in sixth place out of 11 teams in the Big West Conference in 2023, after winning 7 games and losing 12. After the baseball season ended, many Gauchos continued playing in summer league baseball for two to three months across the continent to develop their skills.

Out of the 44 baseball players on the UCSB team, 24 played professional baseball. Players are usually assigned to summer league teams based on where their coaches believe they will grow the most.

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Since you are playing 6-7 days out of the week, there aren’t practice days. You get your practice in before games,” Brown said.

“A typical day for me during summer ball would be: wake up around 9:30 a.m., make breakfast, be at the gym from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., make lunch and then be at the field around 2 p.m. to hit and do other early work such as fly balls or catching work. Game time (was) at 6:35 p.m., and then I’d go to bed around 12 a.m.,” Brown added.

Darby had a similarly full schedule throughout the summer season, but he was also taking classes, leaving little room for downtime.

“For home games, I showed up to the field at around 1 p.m. From 1-2 p.m., I would do hitting drills and infield drills voluntarily with my coaches. At 2 p.m., we stretched and did hitting practice and eventually got ready for the game at 4:30 p.m. The game would go until 7-8 p.m., and then I’d do some stretches and video games with my friends until 11 p.m.,” Brown said.

“I played in what felt like a vacation atmosphere,” Darby said. “Each game would go until 4:30 a.m., and then I’d get dinner and play video games with my friends until 1 a.m., and then do it again the next day.”

The summer baseball culture is more relaxed than that of regular-season baseball, according to Ager. “It is common to see people either trying out new positions or just messing around in different positions,” Ager said.

“I played third and a little bit of first. It can most definitely be different. I never played first before, but I did all this past summer. One of my teammates was the starting second baseman for Vanderbilt, and he played outfield for us,” Darby said.

“I played all outfield this summer, but at school, I am a catcher as well,” Brown said.

“I played what felt like a mix of the two, but it was always good fun and I appreciate the fans that were there, win or lose, and having fun and enjoying the moment, win or loss,” Chang said.

“A typical day for me during summer ball is for self-development,” Chang said. “A great moment was when winning wasn’t as important as my development and just getting reps,” Chang said. “It was an amazing experience meeting new people either trying out new positions or just messing around in different positions.”

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“The summer baseball season is a great season where we scrimmage ourselves and that is where the lineup is made. Summer ball is for self-development,” Brown added.

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