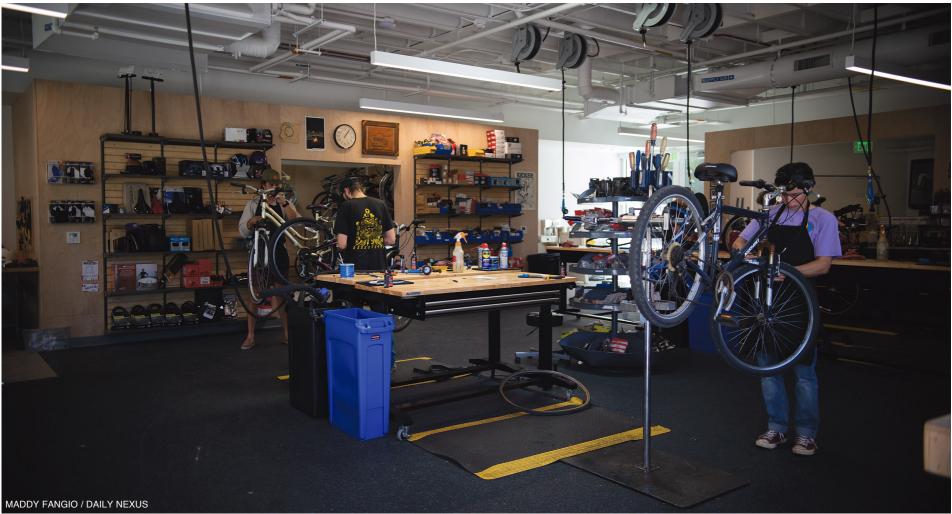
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A.S. Bike Shop reopens at permanent location on campus



The new facility boasts air conditioning and a shower for employees.

Alex Levin University News Editor

Associated Students opened its new Bike Shop at a permanent location next to the Student Affairs and Administrative Services Building on Sept. 25 after six years of planning and nearly two years of construction.

The shop's previous location on campus – UC Santa Barbara Parking Lot 29 next to Campus Pool – was initially intended as a temporary space.

"Since the shop was established in 1975, it's always assumed that the land that the building is on has been temporary," Bike Shop Coordinator and Associated Students (A.S.) Assistant Director for Student Engagement Adam Jahnke said. "And so what we wanted to avoid ... was basically a position where the bike shop would have to respond to a request to move, versus being proactive about wanting to move."

A committee under A.S. began initial conversations about potentially finding a permanent space in 2017, 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 specific location was selected due to its proximity to bike paths and cycle traffic.

"I feel like we have more of a 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've somewhat tripled our interior square footage, then also tripled our exterior square footage, and we really needed to do that," Jahnke said. "Our old space, we couldn't even fit the amount of mechanics that I would hire to even be working simultaneously at the same time."

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 like an actual home for the next foreseeable future," Newbold said. "In the new shop, I feel like we just have more room to expand. There's more room 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 test the functionality of bikes away from cars.

"When students and/or when customers get their bike back, they would oftentimes go ride the bike, which makes sense," Jahnke said. "But they would have to ride it around Parking Lot 29, and that being a very central busy parking lot, that was never great for students or for clients."

The new bike shop building

also offers several features that significantly improve the 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 – a shower was something that they wanted," Jahnke said. "Because certain times of the day, certain times of the year, this job can be very taxing and students are oftentimes in between to and

"The big thing was also air conditioning and climate control, we wanted that," Jahnke continued. "Overall, staff seem less sweaty, clients seem less sweaty outside, which I think is just great for everybody."

The exterior of the building was also thoughtfully designed, as the building deviates from a traditional rectangular structure and instead is configured in a more creative, bicycle-inspired shape.

"We really wanted to lean more into an expressive form of the shop, so it was my thought to the architects to lean into

the shapes that are primarily through the bicycle, which is triangles and circles," Jahnke said. "So they did a great job with a few different mockups coming to combine, basically, what turned into a triangle intersecting a circle."

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

However, he emphasized that over time, the new shop will accumulate more student artwork to fill the space and ultimately feel the same way.

"Working on bikes is a creative process," Newbold said. "I think it creates creativity both in employees and the people who are passionate about the space, so it just really starts to become a really amazing place over time, and we're kind of restarting that process."

The A.S. Bike Shop is open at its new location Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Regents discuss updates to Community Safety Plan



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

News Editorial Board

The Compliance and Audit Committee discussed progress made on the UC Community Safety Plan on Sept.

The Community Safety Plan - published in 2021 - outlines reforms to campus policing and safety. It is centered around four principles, as listed in the plan: Community and Service-Driven Safety; A Holistic,

Inclusive and Tiered Response Model for Safety Services; Transparency and Continuous Improvement through Data; and Accountability and Independent Oversight.

'Over the past few months, I have visited all 10 campuses and met with key stakeholders and leadership to learn about the unique nature of each community and to better understand the progress each location has made," University

California Systemwide Director of Community Safety Jody Stiger said at the meeting, presenting the update on the Community Safety Plan.

All campuses except UC Berkeley, UC Merced, UC San Diego and UC San Francisco have now fully established Police Accountability Boards (PABs), Stiger said, and all campuses have begun the accreditation process

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La celebración del Mes de la Herencia Hispana en

Mari Villalpando Ortega Editora de La Vista

iDespierta UCSB! iHa llegado el Mes de la Herencia Hispana! Con el sonoro rugir de nuestro orgullo y la carne puesta en la parrilla celebramos lo que es ser Hispano. Lo que significa nuestras tradiciones, bailes, comida, dichos y el orgullo

profundo por nuestra cultura. Este reconocimiento empezó en 1968 como Semana de la Herencia Hispana por el presidente Lyndon Johnson y fue extendido a 30 días por el presidente Ronald Reagan. El 17 de agosto de 1988 esta celebración empezando el septiembre 15 y culminando el

octubre 13 fue aprobada por la ley pública 100-402.

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Esta celebración nos ha unido. En este mes de unión, los países latino americanos celebran su independencia, su

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Vista Point: Weekly goingson in and around Isla Vista

Asumi Shuda Deputy News Editor

Women's Center hosts open

The Women's Center is hosting an open house on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 12-2 p.m. at its center in the Student Resource Building (SRB), with pizza provided for attendees.

"The Women's Center is committed to providing a safe, and supportive, educational environment for all genders on campus to better address the gender based issues that affect us all," the Shoreline description read.

RCSGD hosts QT clothing

The Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity (RCSGD) is hosting a queer and transgender clothing swap on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 3-5 p.m. at the SRB mountainside front lawn.

The event looks to provide transgender, non-binary and gender non-conforming students with gender-affirming clothing options as fall quarter begins.

The swap is free to attend. All questions can be emailed to equity@sa.ucsb.edu.

ONDAS Student Center hosts information session for first-generation students

The Opening New Doors to Accelerating Success (ONDAS) Student Center is hosting an information session for firstgeneration UC Santa Barbara students on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 4-5 p.m. at Kerr Hall 1150.

The meeting will cover tips to succeeding as a first-generation student at UCSB. Snacks will be provided, and students can register on Shoreline for the event.

S.E.A.L. hosts Cultural **Identities Fair 2023**

Student Engagement Leadership (S.E.A.L.) is hosting its annual Cultural Identities Fair on Friday, Oct. 6, from 2-4 p.m. on the first floor of the SRB with free food provided.

"Come meet UCSB's cultural organizations explore communities, find new opportunities,

flyer read.

The fair will feature performances, fundraisers, campus organizations, campus departments and more.

Graduate Student Resource Center holds sunset stroll for international students

The Graduate Student Resource Center is hosting a sunset stroll for international graduate students on Friday, Oct. 6, from 6-7:30 p.m. starting at the SRB.

The walk will take place around the UCSB Lagoon to Depressions Beach.

"Put on some sunscreen, wear comfortable shoes, bring a light jacket, and come enjoy the beautiful California sunset," the Shoreline description read.

QT Grad Student Union hosts beach BBQ party

The Oueer and Trans Graduate Student Union is hosting a beach barbeque party on Saturday, Oct. 7, from 4-6 p.m. at Goleta Beach Park, Area D.

The event will feature food, drinks and games, with vegetarian and non-alcoholic options available. Participants are encouraged to bring food and drinks to share as well.

Prospective attendees must register before Thursday, Oct. 5.

African diasporic Cultural Resource Center hosts open

The African diasporic Cultural Resource Center is hosting an open house on Monday, Oct. 9, from 3-5 p.m. at its center in the SRB.

"Meet our Black community members, students, staff, faculty, & allies. Learn how EOP and the AdCRC can support your academic and holistic being through counseling, peer mentorship, cultural programs, and more," the Shoreline description

Prospective attendees are encouraged to register Shoreline.

Student Veterans of America hosts first general meeting

Student Veterans of America is hosting its first general meeting on Monday, Oct. 9, from 4-5 p.m.

meaningful friendships," the event at the Veterans Resource Center Room 123 with light refreshments.

"Find out about fun upcoming events, fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. Voice any concerns you have related to financial aid, housing, etc. and we will get you in touch with the right people," the Shoreline description read.

RCSGD kicks off year with brunch

RCSGD is hosting a kick-off brunch on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SRB Multipurpose Room with bagels, spreads and beverages.

"Celebrate the start of the new year by meeting this year's RCSGD team and learning about our LGBTQIA+ goals, events, and ways to get involved," the Shoreline description read.

RCSGD hosts healthcare informational session LGBTQIA+ students

RCSGD is hosting a panel queer and transgender healthcare on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 3-4 p.m. at the RCSGD lounge.

"We will cover gender transition options, reproductive health, PREP, STI testing, and a general review of LGBTQ+ friendly healthcare at UCSB," the Shoreline description read.

The event is co-hosted by the health equity advocate and Student Health Service.

American Indian **Indigenous Cultural Resource** Center hosts open house

American Indian Indigenous Cultural Resource Center (AIICRC) is hosting its fall open house on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 4 p.m. in SRB room 1219 with food from Super Cuca's.

"The AIICRC is a space for students, staff, faculty and community members develop an understanding of and appreciation for their Indigenous Shoreline identities," the description read. "AIICRC staff strives to create and maintain a welcoming atmosphere for all to celebrate, embrace, and learn more about Native culture and local, state, national, and global issues that affect the community."

A week in UC student news

Alex Levin University News Editor

UC President Drake names advisorv committee Berkeley chancellor search

University of California President Michael V. Drake assembled an advisory committee to assist in the search for a new chancellor at UC Berkeley, the UC Office of the President announced in a press release.

The formation of the committee comes after Berkeley Chancellor Carol Christ announced in June that she plans to retire following the 2023-24 school year.

The committee includes Drake, UC Board of Regents Chair Richard Lieb, five additional Regents and a variety of other university faculty, staff, students and alumni.

"The search advisory committee will be involved in recruiting, screening and conducting interviews with candidates for the position," the press release read. "The committee's work will be scheduled so that candidates can be presented to President Drake for consideration and a recommended nominee submitted to the Board of Regents for approval, tentatively by May 2024."

The committee's first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 10, where members and invited guests will assemble in a closed session.

Davis schools, library receive litany of bomb threats

The Davis Police Department reported bomb threats on six occasions to the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, as well as various Davis Joint Unified School District campuses, district buildings and homes of school district employees, in recent

The first of the threats – received on Aug. 21 - solely targeted the library, The California Aggie reported. The threat occurred days after a controversial event at the library where a speaker was asked to leave by a library staff member after referring to transgender athletes by incorrect pronouns.

The library received additional threats on Aug. 24 and Aug. 28, which reportedly contained anti-LGBTQ+ language. Davis Police evacuated the library and nearby schools after each threat. Each situation was eventually cleared by law enforcement.

"We've never dealt with so many bomb threats that are coming one after the other in the course of a week-and-a-half, so yes, it's frustrating," Lieutenant Don Harmon told KCRA-TV.

On Sept. 20, the Davis Police Department (DPD) was notified of the fourth bomb threat that targeted three Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) campuses, homes of DJUSD employees and DJUSD district offices, in addition to the library.

Davis police conducted searches of the schools, offices, residences and library and ultimately cleared all threatened areas, The California Aggie reported.

"We are thankful for the quick responses and efforts of the Davis Police Department and the Yolo County Sheriff's Office who went to work right away to clear threats and protect our students, residents and facilities," a DJUSD Facebook post read following the Sept. 20 bomb threats.

The library and school district were threatened twice more on Sept. 25 and Sept. 26. DPD Chief Darren Pytel said in a Sept. 25 statement that the DPD is working with the FBI on ongoing criminal investigations surrounding the threats.

"The Davis Police Department does not take these criminal threats and acts of terrorism lightly. We understand the harm, anxiety and unneeded stress that these threats have been causing our community," Pytel said in the statement. "While bomb threats are rarely credible, the officers will continue to respond and take each incident seriously."

"We ask all community members to stand firmly against hate and to continue to denounce those who have placed Davis in harm's way," Pytel said.

SB County, Supervisor Capps present I.V. bluff safety plan

Anushka Ghosh Dastidar Community Outreach Editor

Santa Barbara County 2nd District Supervisor Laura Capps, alongside county staff, presented an eight-step bluff safety plan on Sept. 28 ahead of the start of the 2023-24 year.

The safety plan followed the passing of Santa Barbara City College student and Ojai resident Benjamin 'Benny' Schurmer on the bluffs of Isla Vista during Labor Day weekend. Mothers of other cliff accident victims joined Capps to present the plan.

Tragically, he is one of 13 young people whose lives have been cut short by an accident involving the bluffs along Isla Vista," Capps said in an email statement.

Fencing is the first priority of the eight-step plan. Capps plans to raise the Santa Barbara County (SBC) Building Code for fence heights along the bluffs from



The safety plans follow the recent passing of a Santa Barbara City College student on the bluffs of Isla Vista during Labor Day.

four feet to a six-foot minimum. Additionally, these fences will be made with unspecified "anti-climb material" and will be mandatory for both county and private land. Capps plans on proposing these new regulations to the SBC Board of Supervisors by Nov. 7.

Another concern is that the lack of lighting alongside the cliffs - due to light inhibiting coastal views, according to alleged resident complaints listed in the plan - makes for dangerous cliffside conditions. Capps plans to install motion-sensor lighting as a compromise and safety measure. The third step would be putting up light-up signs that are durable and less prone to theft to provide

better safety warnings to people by the bluffs.

The Isla Vista Community Services District (IVCSD) also portioned \$15,000 to install new restroom options and four porta potties along Del Playa Drive as "one reason for people to hop the fence and/or get too close to the edge is to urinate," according to the plan.

The fifth step of the plan aims to educate the community about bluff safety by utilizing the media and the families of those who have passed away in cliff accidents.

"We will maintain our collaborative efforts with Santa Barbara City College, UCSB, and the Isla Vista Community Services District to both educate the community and further enhance existing initiatives," the safety plan

The county also plans on expanding the horticulture around the bluffs to include shrubbery that could deter trespassers with

its "thorns, prickles or other sharp characteristics."

In the seventh step of their plan, Capps plans on memorializing the 13 individuals who passed away in bluff-related accidents as a way to remind others about safety while honoring the lives lost. This would require gaining approval from the victims' families and finding a fiscal sponsor.

Finally, SBC is working with IVCSD and the Sheriff's Office to improve the enforcement of safety measures throughout I.V. in order to prevent accidents from occurring in the future. Specific methods to do so have yet to be announced.

Capps said she and the SBC staff remain dedicated to improving safety measures around the bluffs beginning with these eight steps.

"My team and I are one hundred percent committed to doing what is possible to prevent another fatal fall," Capps said in the email statement.



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A.S. creates Jewish Commission

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Associated Students established 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 religious issues for practicing Jewish students or antisemitism that rears its head on campus, we want to be the ones in A.S. fighting against it."

A.S. Boards and Commissions exist at UCSB to create a safe space for students of different 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. Off-Campus 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 looking to expand to collaborate with other cultural organizations alongside its 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 this multicultural tapestry already exists at UCSB."

Week-to-week operations of the commission break into proactive and reactive operations. The proactive activities include interacting and collaborating with other boards, commissions 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," Hirschfield 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."

Cheadle Center conducts controlled burn at North Campus



The burn eliminates dried thatch and enhances the biodiversity of native grasslands.

Sindhu Ananthavel Lead News Editor

UC Santa Barbara's Cheadle 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 history as the first controlled burn with the Chumash people.

The burn was intended to eliminate dried thatch - an organic layer of living and dead stems, shoots and roots - and restore traditional Chumash practices of enhancing the biodiversity of native grasslands, according to a press release from the Cheadle 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 governor banned the practice in 1793," the press release read. "Burning increases the germination and growth of culturally important plants and animals and reduces the build-up of dry fuels."

In a statement to the Nexus, Director of Ecosystem Management at the Cheadle Center for Biodiversity and Ecological Restoration Lisa Stratton said the Cheadle Center met with the Chumash multiple times over the past four months to discuss the "goals and values and roles they might play" in the

The Chumash Elder Ernestine lit the fire with a fire started with a hand drill. We are [integrating] the burn with establishing a number of native wildflower and bulb species that are valuable for the Chumash and going to involve them in this process," Stratton said in the statement to | | Deputy News Editor the Nexus.

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

The burn is planned and coordinated by the Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District (ACPD), San Luis Obispo County ACPD, San Joaquin Valley ACPD, Ventura County ACPD and the California Air Resources Board to minimize air quality impact in surrounding areas.

Campus Planning & Design address bicycle rack relocations, progress on bicycle path alternatives



The bicycle racks in front of the Music Building are temporarily relocated to east of the UCSB Library amidst campus renovations.

Asumi Shuda

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

The department removed relocated temporarily the bicycle racks installed in front of the Music Building in preparation for on-campus renovations later in 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. monitoring in late October, This project is estimated to start upon which bicycle path design 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

In response to concerns regarding a lack of a bicycle path at the Interactive Learning Pavillion and Pardall Road intersection, Hammond said the university is continuing to study bicycle circulation as students return to campus. The Campus Planning & Design department hopes to collect data from the

alternatives and other safety features will be discussed.

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

"This was meant to provide more bicycle parking on the west side of [the Music Building] to accommodate the relocation of the temporarily relocated racks to the east of the Library," Hammond said in an email statement to the Nexus.

The Nexus will continue to report on this topic as more information becomes available.

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International the Association of Campus Law Enforcement. According to Stiger, all campuses are expected to have up-and-running PABs by the end of fall quarter.

"Some campuses have found it challenging to fully implement their police accountability boards," Stiger said. "We're working to better understand the challenges and possible solutions, for example, some campuses have offered financial incentives for police accountability board participants."

The plan also enforces a tiered response model to have sworn police officers respond to calls less frequently. Stiger said 135,00 calls across the UC system in 2022 were handled by non-law enforcement personnel out of roughly 500,00 calls total.

UC Davis Police Department Chief of Police Joseph Farrow said all UC campus police chiefs are on board with the changes ushered by the Community Safety Plan.

"When the plan first came out, the interpretation was a learning curve for us as we moved forward. Some of the tasks seemed daunting at the beginning, but I can tell you today that all 10 chiefs are on board," Farrow said.

UC allots \$83 million to California climate action seed, matching grants

Members of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussed the ongoing state for UC action research and innovation at the Sept. 20 UC Board of Regents meeting. Of the total funding, \$83 million was awarded to California universitybased researchers for Climate Action Seed and Matching Grants.

The California State Budget Act reserved \$185 million to the UC in July 2022 for the sole purpose of Climate Action Initiatives. Of this budget, \$100 million was designated specifically for higher education universities to create researchdriven innovations that address the state's specific needs.

In a two-year partnership with the Governor's Office and the California Legislature, the UC encouraged entrepreneurship and action with an emphasis on inclusive and equitable solutions to catapult the UC system ahead in the fight against climate

During committee the

see the UC "at the forefront in understanding the climate crisis implementing practical solutions to build a more equitable, resilient and healthy world," was expressed in a statement read aloud by Provost Katherine S. Newman.

Of the \$100 million allotted for research, \$15 million was designated for a UC Climate InnovationandEntrepreneurship (INE) program that distributed grants on March 1 earlier this year. UC Vice President for Research & Innovation Dr. Theresa Maldonado elaborated on how exactly the funds were distributed.

"15 \$1 million INE grants were awarded to the 10 campuses, two California-based Department of Energy national labs, agriculture and natural resources, UC health and the natural reserve system," Maldonado said.

The other \$83 million was allocated to the California Climate Action Seed and Matching Grants competition. A request for proposals (RFP) was made by Maldonado's office and approved by the governor's office. It was then posted in Dec 2022, inviting research applicants from any four-year, higher education university in California, resulting in over 500 requests for funding.

Maldonado detailed the stepby-step process of choosing the grant winners during the Regents meeting. First, the 500 requests were reviewed by Maldonado's office, resulting in 52% of the applicants being chosen to submit completed proposals. Of the 216 proposals submitted, 120 out-of-state experts were recruited to manage six thematic panels in June responsible for the peer-review process that lacked conflicting interest.

"After a rigorous peer-review process, we selected 38 proposals for [the] award. \$56 million went to 34 seed grants and \$27 million went to four matching grants. Collectively, these projects involved 12 UC locations, 11 Cal State University campuses, two private universities and over 130 community, industry, tribal and public agency partners," Maldonado said.

The grants, which are given over a two-year period, cover 51 out of the 58 California counties. The projects funded cover a wide range of issues and incorporate both technologyand people-based solutions to the climate crisis.

projects will mitigate wildfire risks, combat soil degradation and erosion, address water management in the state and create land stewardship partnerships led by Indigenous communities," among other

Following the selection of the grant winners, the strategic growth council gave extra funding to 10 projects that they believed had the best plans for community engagement.

"Each of the selected projects received \$20,000 supplements to develop trainings on best community in participatory research in the field of climate change," Maldonado

Two of the project leads UC Santa Cruz sociology professor and Interim Director of the Center for Labor and Community Dr. Greenberg and San Diego State University research ecologist and Co-Director of the Institute for Ecological Monitoring and Management Megan Jennings - who received the additional funding from the competition were present at the Regents meeting to share their research with the committee.

Greenberg presented summary of her \$1.6 million seed grant award research regarding the wildland-urban interface (WUI).

"Our hypothesis in this project is that [the housing] crisis is playing an increasing role in driving WUI growth as people are priced out of urban areas and into relatively more affordable WUIs," Greenberg said.

Jennings discussed \$7.1 million climate action matching grant - Collaborative of Native Nations for Climate Transformation & Stewardship.

"We've proposed community-based approach leverages our local networks and successes to create a transformable model of Indigenous land stewardship to increase climate resilience,' Jennings said.

Regents discuss approach to NEEL partnership for Winter Quarter 2024

UC discussed the National Education Equity Lab as its partner in providing college courses online to high school students enrolled in Title I schools nationally during its Sept. 20 Regents meeting.

The UC plans to make these initial courses available by According to the climate 2024, making it the first public Michael V. Drake's desire to action initiative discussion, "the research university system to Council presents to Regents

collaborate with the National Education Equity Lab (NEEL).

NEEL is a national K-12 nonprofit that works to provide online, credit-bearing college courses to high school students. These courses are developed and organized by university faculty and co-facilitated by high school teachers and university fellows. The program helps its enrolled high school students experience a glimpse of college academic life through tutorials, discussions and other methods of academic preparation and

"Students in the lab are high achievers whose abilities in education cannot be maintained or matched by their high school environments, whether due to lack of courses, budgetary restrictions, little to no collegiate visits during the year or other access-related impediments," UC Online Executive Director Rolin Moe said during the meeting.

"For these students, exposure to the potential of university education in a space with multiple levels of personal and academic scaffolding create an environment in which their abilities can thrive," he continued.

The UC aims to curate its approach to this partnership in helping first-generation and low-income students as well as those from underrepresented prepare communities college curriculums. Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs Katherine Newman spoke to this initiative as part of the greater effort toward UC enrollment goals.

"With the goal of increasing enrollments and completions by more than 200,000 by the 2030 academic year, identifying scalable to more readily engage historically underrepresented populations can help us meet those enrollment goals as well as satisfy our desire to achieve equity and inclusion," Newman said in the meeting.

The UC plans to offer two courses in partnership with NEEL in the 2024 winter and spring term. Faculty members from the UC will be establishing the syllabus, developing course materials and conducting the classroom. The courses will complement existing online courses available to high school students for completing A-G UC course requirements.

Members of the UC Artificial Intelligence Council spoke to the Regents at a Sept. 21 board meeting about the council's goals for the 2023-24 fiscal year and presented an overview and recommendations of the Presidential Working Group on Artificial Intelligence.

UCLAprofessorofradiological sciences, bioengineering and bioinformatics Alex Bui outlined four points of focus for the upcoming year.

The council will focus developing third-party risk impact assessment for procurement artificial (AI)-enabled intelligence technology, documenting technologies in AI-enabled use within UC's operations and developing training and engagement toolkits addressing the use of AI-enabled technology in high-risk areas.

Bui also emphasized various challenges the UC currently faces regarding implementing AI, one of which is the consistency of AI practices across the UC.

"One of the challenges with AI being deployed so quickly is that each campus is coming up with its own policy, and what we have is a patchwork, right now, of guidance and best practices across the UC," Bui said. "What we would like to be able to get to is a more uniform set of guidance that the UC campuses can all consider."

Alexander Bustamante, the Senior Vice President and Chief Compliance and Audit Officer in the Office of Ethics, Compliance and Audit services, spoke about the Presidential Working Group on Artificial Intelligence.

The working group was established in August 2020 to address ethical concerns that come with implementing AI into the UC.

"While AI holds potential and the UC is increasingly turning to it to support greater efficiency, effectiveness, equity operations, it simultaneously poses ethical, privacy, safety, equity and security risks for UC," Bustamante said.

Bustamante outlined working the group's recommendations, include establishing a standing AI council to advance the group's principles and standards, integrating AI principles into procurement and oversight procedures, developing risk and impact assessment tools and UC Artificial Intelligence creating a centralized database for higher-risk AI technologies.

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Debate entre términos:¿Hispana o Latina?

Angelica Monroy Editora de Copia de La principal. Vista

Como nos expresamos, las palabras contienen un gran valor, sobre todo cuando estas palabras son utilizadas para distinguir y categorizar a grupos, comunidades e identidades. Hoy en día hay diferentes términos que tratan

de etiquetar a comunidades ricas variadas para representar a todos sin

tomar en cuenta que hay diferentes historias, caminos y pensamientos sobre uno mismo. Las palabras "Hispanos"

o "Latinos" son algunas de las principales que se han utilizado primordialmente en nuestro alrededor y en el día a día. Al llenar un formulario en el consultorio del doctor, cuando aplicas a una universidad, y en muchas ocasiones más, te encuentras con la necesidad de seleccionar con que etnicidad te identificas mejor.

Pero, ¿como una palabra puede describir años de historia y cultura? ¿realmente sabemos qué significan? ¿Y habrá realmente una palabra que nos abarque a todos totalmente?

Hispanos se refiere a las personas que tienen una descendencia de los países que fueron colonizados por España durante la conquista y a raíz de la colonización adoptaron

el español como su lengua Mientras que Latinos se refiere a las personas que tienen

una relación o descendencia con países Latinoamericanos y el Caribe. Al tratar de abarcar a toda

una comunidad con diferentes experiencias de vida en estas dos palabras, no faltan casos en los cuales estas palabras no son lo suficiente. Familias que han emigrado de países Latinoamericanos a los Estados Unidos tienen una

experiencia identidad diferente las

personas que fueron criadas desde la niñez en los Estados Unidos, y migraron a su país natal como adolescentes

relación personal con estas palabras y su significado suele dificil de expresar. Nací en

adultos y viceversa.

AUDREY KENYON & JULIE BROCH / DAILY NEXUS

cumplí los 5 años nos mudamos Hidalgo a restablecer nuestras raíces después de una deportación. En la preparatoria transbordaba la frontera entre Tijuana y San Diego todos los dias, y aqui fue donde mi relacion con mi identidad cultural se empezó a nublar y a hacer más complicada. Aunque mi acta de nacimiento diga nacida Estados Unidos y

Sacramento, California con

padres Hidalguenses, y cuando

las palabras que nos definen. Aunque nos digan que no somos ni de aquí ni de allá y a veces se sienta así, recuerda que si perteneces y que tu identidad vale mucho.

es importante reconocer y cuestionar los orígenes de

Celebrala.

La relación entre identidad y cultura forma una gran parte de cómo nuestra comunidad hispana o latina se desenvuelve en los Estados Unidos. No solo 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 ya es

> parte de nuestro vocabulario diario.

palabras hay suficientes para describir a una comunidad entera con experiencias únicas, culturas diferentes, y tradiciones que fueron cambiando de acuerdo al tiempo y el lugar.

Sin embargo en este mes historias de experiencias Hispanas están siendo marcadas en todos los ámbitos lo cual nos da una oportunidad de escuchar, aprender, al igual que hablar sobre nuestras propias historias.

En este mes de celebración de la herencia Hispana te invito a reflexionar sobre el significado de las palabras que te definen y cómo estas pueden ser utilizadas para abrir un espacio de empoderamiento y de reconocimiento a nuestra comunidad.

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Herencia Hispana Continuando desde p. 1

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Viva la Raza

La población hispana ha UCSB aumentado en varios lugares organizaciones Latinx. los Estados Unidos. Principalmente, en California y Texas. California reportó 15.8 millones de hispanons en el 2021 y los latinos representaron el 40% de la población de California, una de las mayores proporciones

En Texas, el estado con la siguiente población latina más grande (11.9 millones), los latinos también constituían el 40% de la población del estado y superaron a la población blanca en aproximadamente 230,000 para convertirse en el grupo racial o étnico más grande de Texas, según la encuesta estadounidense de 2021.

En sí, nuestra población sigue creciendo pero no creas que solamente hablo de Mexicanos en los Estados Unidos. El crecimiento poblacional más rápido entre los latinos estadounidenses se produjo entre aquellos con orígenes en Venezuela, Dominicana, República Honduras y Guatemala. Con este aumento de población sigue una diversidad cultural la cual enriquece nuestras vidas. Aprendemos sobre nosotros y nuestros vecinos. Hay que fortalecer

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MARI VILLALPANDO-ORTEGA I

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iCelebren en alto con estos proximos eventos en nuestro campus y de todo corazón, felices celebraciones!



Armchair QB



When the Cincinatti Bengals started this year 0-2, most people did not panic. Joe Burrow and company have done this pefore. But now at 1-3 with a hurt Burrow and subpar offense, it may be time to sound the alarms in Southwest Ohio.

UCSB Athletics

UCSB men's tennis has a new addition to their coaching staff. Ryan Brown has joined the program as an assistant coach. Brown most recently coached at Loyola Marymount University as a volunteer coach.

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The Gauchos get ready for a set

UCSB men's soccer fights for scoreless draw against UCI

Preston Espar Sports Editor

After a tough 3-0 defeat at UC San Diego, the UC Santa Barbara men's soccer team traveled back to Goleta and tied with the UC Irvine Anteaters 0-0 at Harder Stadium on Sept. 30. The match saw the Gauchos get their first points in the conference standings as their Big West record currently stands at 0-1-1. Their overall record is 5-5-1. The team is currently seventh place in the Big West. The match definitely had the feel of a conference rivalry game, as the two teams combined for 20 fouls. Both teams were rewarded for their aggressive play as neither could score for 90 minutes.

In the first half, neither team tolerated any positive movement for their opposition, as each attempt forward was met with a hard tackle or foul. Additionally, all offensive attacks were not much of a threat as the only shot on target was a UCSB attempt that was hit directly at the Anteaters' goalkeeper.

Although the lack of scoring continued into the second half, the Anteaters had the edge for the rest of the game. A save from senior goalkeeper Leroy Zeller in the 56th minute kept the game square, but the Anteaters were close to breaking the tie. Zeller was forced to make another play in the 65th minute, as the Gaucho defense failed to clear the ball. The ball would have ended up in the Gauchos' penalty area if not for a heads-up play from Zeller who was able to get rid of the ball by conceding a corner kick that was successfully defended. After Zeller's saves, the Gauchos were able to

retake some momentum while creating scoring chances of their own.

In the 72nd minute, UCSB sophomore midfielder Eddie Villeda curled a shot that hit the post and forced a save from the Anteaters' goalkeeper. Other attempts by the Gauchos in this period were blocked by the Anteaters' defensemen. By the end of the game, both teams had little energy left as the physical nature of the match had taken its toll. As the final whistle blew and the 0-0 result was secured, players for both teams fell to the ground in exhaustion.

For their next match, the Gauchos stay in Santa Barbara to take on the UC Riverside Highlanders in another Big West Conference game. The match will be held on Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. and will be available to A UCSB player makes a move on stream on ESPN+.



a defender.

Men's water polo goes 1-1 against ranked opponents



A UCSB attacker winds up for the shot.

Isaiah Ochoa Sports Editor

The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos faced off against two ranked opponents: No. 15 San Jose State University and No. 13 Loyola Marymount University Lions on Oct. 1 in Tustin, California. The Gauchos dropped the first game against the Spartans but ended the day victorious after a nail-biting win over the Lions.

UC Santa Barbara got off to a rough start against the San Jose State (SJSU) Spartans as they found themselves behind early. With 7 minutes remaining in the first quarter, SJSU opened the scoring to take an early 1-0 lead.

The Spartans continued to pour it on as they took advantage of the Gauchos' mistakes by scoring an extra man goal with 3 minutes left on the clock. To continue the scoring rally, SJSU added one more a minute later, making it 3 unanswered goals.

UCSB finally responded as graduate attacker Colton Gregory found the back of the net to take the doughnut off the board. Before the quarter ended, the Spartans worked their way back to their 3-goal lead by scoring one with 50 seconds left.

Going into the second quarter, the same narrative continued as the Gauchos struggled to score. UCSB did score first to start the quarter as sophomore utility Luke Redoutey scored an extra man goal to make it 2-4 in favor of the Spartans.

From there, it was all SJSU. The Spartans scored 3 unanswered goals in the quarter, where one was off a penalty and another was an extra man goal. With the second quarter wrapping up, the Gauchos found themselves behind 7-2.

The Gauchos picked it up in the third and fourth quarters, but it was too late, as the Spartans went goal for goal with them, resulting in a loss for UCSB. UCSB dropped the day's first game with a 12-6 loss. Junior attacker Adam Gyenis finished with his 9th multi-goal game of the season.

Heading into the second game of the day, UCSB got off to a better start as they ended the first quarter with a 1-goal lead. The Lions opened up the scoring by throwing one in the back of the net. UCSB answered after a Loyola Marymount University (LMU) mistake, scoring an extra-man goal as junior center Dash McFarland brought it to a 1-1

took McFarland opportunities for granted as he scored another extra-man goal 1 minute late. The Gauchos scored 2 more goals to LMU's 3 goals in the quarter, making it a 4-3 ball game after one quarter of play.

In the second quarter, both teams went goal for goal as both teams scored 5 goals each in the quarter. McFarland secured his 12th hat trick of the season as he scored a regular goal in the second quarter. Going into halftime, UCSB managed to keep their 1-goal lead with a score of 9-8.

As the Gauchos managed to hold onto a 1-goal lead ending the half, LMU flipped the script as they ended the third quarter with a 1-goal lead. Both teams went back and forth in the quarter, but in the last two minutes, the Lions finished off strongly as they tied it and took the lead to end the quarter with a score of 14-13.

UCSB bounced back in the next quarter by scoring 3 unanswered goals to take a 2-goal lead. LMU tried to cut and tie the deficit, but it was too late, as the Gauchos only allowed 1 goal in the quarter to win the game at 16-15.

Freshman attacker Finn Gence was another Gaucho with a hat trick, as this was the third hat trick of his collegiate career. Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Levi Lentin finished with 9 saves.

UC Santa Barbara is set to face the UC Merced Bobcats at 2:30 p.m. and the CSU Fullerton Titans at 5:00 p.m. this Saturday, Oct.7 at Santa Barbara High School.

Women's soccer draw on Breast Cancer Awareness Kickoff

Isaiah Ochoa Sports Editor

UC Santa Barbara women's soccer met up against the second-place California State Stadium on Oct. 1. Both teams battled it out as they both scored in the second half, resulting in a 1-1 tie.

Not much action occurred in the first half as freshman goalkeeper Maddie Buckley recorded 1 save for the Gauchos. All shots besides 1 from the Titans were off-target. The Gauchos didn't have much luck either as 3 of their 5 shots were off-target, forcing only 2

saves for the Titans. After 45 minutes of play, both teams headed into the locker room with a 0-0 tie. The Titans found themselves with more opportunities as they led with 4 corner kicks to the Gauchos' 1. California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) also had UCSB commit more fouls as the Gauchos had 6 compared to their 5.

Early in the second period, the Gauchos tested Titan sophomore goalkeeper Mia Ranson as she was forced to make a save that resulted in a corner kick. A minute later, the Gauchos kept the pressure on as another shot in the 50th minute was saved by Ranson.

The Gauchos upped the aggression but may have gone overindulged as junior defender Brenna Madruga was issued a yellow card. The Gauchos did

not stop the aggression as 3 minutes later, they shot toward the goal but were off-target to even result in a corner.

Finally, after 65 minutes of play, the scoreless deficit ended University, Fullerton Titans as the Gauchos hit the board for Big West play at Harder first coming off a goal from sophomore midfielder and forward Samantha Christie. Not only did the goal break the scoreless tie, but it also was the first goal of the season for Christie. Christie did not do it alone as she was assisted by senior midfielder Lauren Helwig and freshman defender Emily Caughey.

The lead did not last very long as a hard foul was committed. Minutes after the Gauchos had just scored, Madruga was issued her second yellow card, turning it into a red one. The foul was committed in the box, resulting in a penalty shot for the Titans. CSUF took advantage of the opportunity and did not miss putting the ball in the back of the net as the score became 1-1 with 20 minutes remaining.

With Madruga being sent off for her rack-up of cards and the game being tied, it did not look good for the Gauchos to hold onto the tie. As the final whistle blew, the Gauchos managed to keep a tie with one player down and record a point in the Big West Conference. UC Santa Barbara is set to face another Big West opponent on Thursday, Oct. 5, going south to take on UC San Diego. The game is slated for a 7 p.m. kickoff. The game will also be streamed on ESPN+.



Defender Meg Burling recieving the clearance.

Goleta Lemon Festival celebrates its 30th year of lemony eats and activities for all



Lemon, lavender-flavored shaved ice was the perfect refreshing treat during the hot festival.



strwEATs lemon strawberry tamales took a surprisngly sweet twist on the traditional savory dish.



The Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce spun tufts of lemony cotton candy.

Abigail Monti Stephanie Gerson On the Menu Co-Editors

The Goleta Lemon Festival celebrated its 30th year of citrus-themed festivities this past weekend. From Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, Goleta locals and lemon enthusiasts from across California convened at Girsh Park to celebrate. The agricultural festival has grown to 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 100 booths hosted by local businesses, nonprofits, craftsmen and restaurants.

Despite family attractions such as live music, bungee jumping, bouncy houses, a mini train and Saturday's classic car show, the food court remained the weekend's main squeeze. In addition to county fair favorites, many booths put lemony twists on traditional fare. After a day of lemony treats, here is what we deemed worth the try.

Lemon lavender shaved ice from Kona Ice

Kona Ice of Santa Barbara served shaved ice cups throughout the day help festival-goers beat the unexpected early October heat. The truck featured a selfservice syrup station where customers could dispense their desired amount of syrup atop their mounds of shaved ice. We opted for lemon lavender, the truck's flavor of the day and one of their several lemony creations offered specifically for the festival. The icy treat was definitely refreshing and while the notes of lavender were quite strong, the lemon flavors in the syrup just weren't as present, leading us to rate Kona Ice's lemony offerings an 8/10.

Lemon bars and lemon cotton candy from the Santa Barbara South Coast **Chamber of Commerce**

This year, I came to the lemon festival on a mission: to devour

a lemon bar. I've been dreaming about the one I ate last year at the festival since the moment I threw away the empty container. Sourced from Anna's Bakery, the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce resells large-portion lemon bars and lemon meringue pie slices for just \$5. The year-long wait was worth it - the lemon bar was three square inches of edible happiness. The lemon curd filling provided strong notes of tart lemon flavor, but the buttery crust perfectly balanced it out so neither was too overpowering. Needless to say, I'm already thinking about next year's lemon bar. Unsurprisingly, we rated the lemon bar a perfect 10/10.

Along with baked goods, the Santa Barbara South Coast Chamber of Commerce also served up lemon cotton candy for the same price. The nostalgic treat came in large portions and was tinted pastel yellow. Despite its color, the cotton candy failed to deliver much lemony flavor. Even though it wasn't very

tart, we agreed that it was a quality cotton candy regardless, earning a 7/10 rating.

Lemon-flavored churro

from Tacos Before Vatos Out of all the lemony treats we tried, our group was the most skeptical about this one – after all, cinnamon and lemon are hardly an intuitive combination. But Tacos Before Vatos' sign proudly proclaimed their lemon churros as award-winning; we would be the judge of that. To the naked eye, the churro was obviously covered in yellowtinted sugar, but upon tasting it, we struggled to discern much lemon flavor. Tacos Before Vatos also chose to forgo cinnamon, a smart choice in my opinion, but that left the dessert a little under-seasoned. However, the sweet fried dough redeemed some points in other categories: it was chewy, quite large and still warm - everything I look for in a good churro. But it was just that, a churro, not a lemon-flavored one. Due to its underwhelming flavor, we rated

the lemon churro a 5/10.

Sweet lemon strawberry tamales from strwEATs

strwEATs, a Ventura-based dessert business specializing in all things strawberryflavored, immediately caught our attention among the overwhelming number of food vendors in Girsh Park. Their tent offered strawberry lemonade, strawberry cupcakes, fresas con crema and the item that we were both nervous and extremely excited to try: lemon strawberry tamales. This special variation of strwEATs' strawberry dessert tamales featured soft and lightly sweetened, lemon-infused masa (tamale dough) and the perfect ratio of strawberry jam filling. While a sweet tamale is common in various Latine communities, it was an unexpected and unfamiliar dessert for us. We appreciated strwEATs' ability to put a twist on one of their pre-existing menu items and feature strong citrus flavors for this special occasion, awarding the lemon strawberry tamales a 10/10 rating.

Third annual Burrito Week offers \$8 burritos from 21 local establishments

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Barbara The Santa Independent has invited 21 establishments in Santa Barbara in the past two years to participate in their annual Burrito Week, offering special burritos and familiar favorites all at a discounted price -- that's more than double the options available last year. This year, burritos were priced at \$8, a dollar increase from previous years. In preparation for Burrito Week, which lasted from Sept. 21-27, staff at the Independent sampled these special burritos to give us an idea of what to expect.

Burrito Week isn't just about offering over 20 burritos for the affordable price of \$8 - a price that UC Santa Barbara students wished could remain year-round. However, the discounted prices do encourage locals to venture out and try new restaurants in the area. Rather, the larger emphasis of the Independent's week-long burrito extravaganza is placed upon highlighting small and family-owned restaurants and taquerias throughout Santa Barbara County. Establishments participating in Burrito Week offer unique variations, exploring how to elevate this beloved food by sticking to classic burrito fillings or implementing unexpected flavors.

Editors from the Daily Nexus staff seized the opportunity to try out a few of the affordable burritos on the list for themselves before fall quarter started.

El Zarape's Pico de Gallo **Nopalitos Breakfast Burrito**



Locals believe that El Zarape Mexican restaurant on the Westside has perfected their breakfast burrito, with the restaurant earning a Santa Barbara Independent Foodie Award in 2016 for its breakfast burrito variations. This year is El Zarape's third time participating in Burrito Week, but the taqueria concocted a new special this year instead of offering the Breakfast Pasilla Pepper Burrito as they did in 2021 and 2022.

This year's featured burrito, the Pico de Gallo Nopalitos Breakfast Burrito, is unlike any burrito I've tried before. Encased in a flaky and light flour tortilla are scrambled eggs, onions, pinto beans, pico de gallo, jalapeno and the star of the show: nopales, or leaves from a prickly pear cactus. Chunks of nopales are put inside the burrito as well as added to the scrambled egg mixture. The nopales are sourced locally in Santa Barbara and grilled, giving them a chewy, hearty texture and slightly bitter taste.

A generous amount of pico de gallo provides some heat to the burrito without overpowering the other flavors. I appreciated the freshness of the pico de gallo which offset the savory

eggs and beans. I also chose to eat my burrito with a generous helping of salsa verde. When ordering breakfast burritos, I'm often concerned about receiving something soggy, but El Zarape toasts one side of their burritos in a pan before serving to give their burritos a bit more structure and crunch.

As my first introduction to nopales and the food at El Zarape, I was pleasantly surprised. My only request is that they continue to serve this burrito year-round!

Los Agaves' \$8 Carnitas



In celebration of Burrito Week in Santa Barbara and welcoming myself back to Isla Vista for the school year a burrito from Los Agaves was just what I needed. Especially for the special deal of \$8 – in Santa Barbara, that's a price you simply cannot top.

The Carnitas Burrito was wrapped in a freshly warmed tortilla and packed with flavor. The carnitas themselves were delicious, but paired with the signature rice and beans, lettuce, sour cream and guacamole, it was the pinnacle of any burrito in Santa Barbara. The savory meat combined with the freshness of the sour cream, lettuce and pico

de gallo made for a perfect bite, complimenting the richness of

the carnitas so perfectly. I am usually picky about the ratio of rice and beans in a burrito, so I was pleasantly surprised to see that they don't overdo it with these two. Additionally, the flour tortilla was grilled on one side but still soft. With every bite of the burrito, I had some of my favorite guacamole, salsa and a bit of the chips they provided.

I always think that the sign of a good Mexican restaurant is that they give you chips and dip while you wait for your food to come out. When I moved to Isla Vista, I thought the days in which I would re-encounter such deliciousness and service were gone until I stumbled upon Los Agaves after the worst hangover of my young life. An honorable mention is the jamaica they serve, which is a refreshing drink with just the right sweetness and tang, perfect for a hot afternoon. I will definitely be back for more, even if I have to pay full price.

Super Cuca's Sausage **Breakfast Burrito**



Without a doubt, Super Cuca's is a beloved favorite of I.V. residents. After all, UCSB

students voted Super Cucas as having the "Best Burrito" in last year's "Best of 2022-23" awards. With their huge selection of options - including enchiladas, taco plates, quesadillas, tortas, burritos, agua frescas and smoothies - and their inflationresistant prices, it's no wonder

But today I am here to bring attention to a lesser-recognized section of their menu: their breakfast burritos. Packed with protein, eggs, cheese and potatoes and melted to perfection, their burritos make the morning sun shine a little brighter. To celebrate Burrito Week, I ordered the Sausage Breakfast Burrito and smothered it with ranchero salsa.

I'm a huge fan of savory breakfasts and Super Cuca's knows how to nail the ratio of salty, spicy and umami. In addition to the Sausage Breakfast Burrito, Super Cuca's offers an incredible 12 other breakfast burrito options. In the past, I've tried and loved their Protein Breakfast Burrito and Bacon Burrito. I'd confidently guess that the other iterations are just as tasty.

Not to mention, Super Cuca's is known for serving up massive portions. Personally, one of their breakfast burritos lasts me two breakfasts. While this might not be true for everyone, their price-to-portion ratio is impressive regardless. Out of the 21 participating restaurants, Super Cuca's regular prices might be the closest to the \$8 deal. They charge a \$10.49 for most of their meat breakfast burritos and only \$8.89 for their meatless variation. Even when the Burrito Week deal ends, you can bet I'll still be stopping by.

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 within the county this month.

The data is collected from mandated health provider and laboratory reporting up to 2022, according to a press release from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department (SBCPHD), and spans five sexually transmitted infections (STIs): chlamydia, gonorrhea, early syphilis, HIV and Mpox.

Key county trends SBCPHD made note of in the press release were that chlamydia rates are on the rise and more likely to be diagnosed in women under 25 years of age. Gonorrhea was trimester," Michelle Wehmer, epidemiologist at SBCPHD and author of the STI report, said in the SBCPHD press release.

Chlamydia, an STI caused by chlamydia trachomatis bacteria, can be contracted by anyone, regardless of gender. It is spread through vaginal, anal and oral

There were 1749 cases of chlamydia recorded in 2022. Over 50% of these cases were of people aged 25 and under, and 50% of overall cases came from North County.

Two in three cases diagnosed were of women and 64% of all cases were of people who were multiracial, "other" – not Asian, Latine, Black or white – or otherwise unknown ethnicity.

There were 572 cases of gonorrhea recorded in 2022. Over 40% of these cases were of people aged 25 and under, and North and South County



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more likely to be diagnosed in men 25-34 years old.

Early syphilis experienced a significant increase among women of childbearing age and the burden of disease shifted to North County. Compared to the state, SB County rates were lower across all reported STIs.

importance of getting tested, especially pregnant people at their initial prenatal appointment and again for syphilis during their third both carried 43% of these cases, respectively. Three in five cases diagnosed were of men and 47% of these cases were of Latine people.

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This can lead to chronic health complications such as pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility. Syphilis is an



Health providers recommend routine screening for all STIs — UCSB's Student Health Center provides testing services, consultations and antibiotic prescriptions.

STI that begins presenting itself with painless sores and can cause serious health problems, including damage to the nervous system, heart and eyes.

It can progress through four different stages and is most contagious 2-12 weeks after exposure, wherein painless sores often go unnoticed.

There were 112 cases of early syphilis recorded in 2022, from which 32% were of people aged 25-34 years old and North County carried 63% of the cases. Four in five cases diagnosed were of men and 57% of all cases were of Latine people.

Santa Barbara County Public Health Officer Henning Ansorg and Santa Barbara County Health Care Center Staff Physician Chelsea Dean issued a call to action to county medical providers for increased screening for STIs.

Recommendations included testing any adult patient with bacterial STI for HIV as well, annually testing for STIs if there is a history of bacterial STI and doing gonorrhea and chlamydia testing at oral and rectal sites in addition to urine. "Considering the increasing rates of STIs, we (local STI providers) recommend aggressive and routine screening for all STIs in the general public.

We need to promote awareness of STIs whenever possible," the call to action stated.

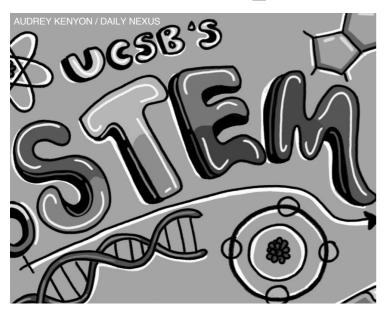
"In order for us to truly get on top of diagnosis and treating STIs, we must start addressing the stigma that surrounds STIs. It is important to approach testing for and diagnosing STIs with an open-minded, nonjudgmental approach."

Anyone who is sexually active is at risk of STIs. Prevention and early intervention are key to treatment. If you are sexually active, it is advisable to get tested for STIs at least once a

At UC Santa Barbara, testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and HIV is available at no cost with the UCSB Student Health Insurance Plan and low cost without it through the student health portal.

UČSB Student Both Health Service and SBCPHD emphasize the importance of condom use. Proper condom usage greatly reduces the risk of STI transmission and contraction.

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



Alissa Orozco Staff Writer

As a day on which several Spanish-speaking countries celebrate their independence, Sept. 15 marked the start of Hispanic Heritage Month, the annual celebration of the contributions and influences of Americans whose family come from Spain and other Spanish-speaking countries in the Caribbean and Central and South America.

With such a large population, those of hispanic descent are found in every department here at UC Santa Barbara. In particular, several S.T.E.M. departments on campus are shining a spotlight on their researchers who identify as part of these minority groups and are currently taking part in cuttingedge, innovative research, from

creating quantum materials manufacturing newlydiscovered metals to theorizing well-defined and functional polymers and biomaterials.

In 2015, UCSB was designated both a Hispanic-Serving Institution and an Asian American Native American Pacific Islander-Serving Institution by the U.S. Department of Education, meaning at least 25% of enrolled students identify as Hispanic, Latinx and/or Chicanx.

"Community is a big thing for Hispanic folks – culturally, it's something we really appreciate," assistant materials professor Daniel Oropeza said.

Oropeza, who came to UCSB in July 2023, leads a research team that studies the manufacturing and processing of materials, such as metals and people to do all design and understanding of structural mechanics; I try to fit somewhere in between them to help them get from material synthesis to structural understanding," Oropeza said. Just recently, UCSB's College of Engineering created a webpage dedicated to celebrating their Hispanic faculty.

One featured researcher is Daniela Rivera Mirabal, a third-year doctoral student in the department of chemical engineering. Mirabal grew up and studied in Puerto Rico and is currently working on developing a model to understand different materials' chemistries and sequences.

"I think my background especially motivated my passion for mentoring. Especially from not seeing that much representation in the broader scientific sphere, it has inspired me to want to mentor more students," Mirabal said.

Over this past summer, Mirabal worked with the Center for Science and Engineering Partnerships, working with first-generation students from various S.T.E.M. fields.

UCSB's According to 2022-23 campus profile, 28% of newly enrolled freshmen identified themselves Hispanic/Latinx/Chicanx and 48% of freshmen choose to study physical and biological sciences.

Many of UCSB's faculty members are also from Latin Juliana Acosta-

"[W]e have some fantastic Uribe, a research assistant in the Department of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, graduated from the University of Antioquia in Medellín, Colombia in 2013.

She subsequently spent the next three years studying hereditary neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzehimer's

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Acosta-Uribe was eventually invited to continue her research at UCSB and has continued to study population genetics, especially in those of Latin American descent.

"I would love to have more Latin American students in the lab since my research directly

involves their own people,"

Acosta-Uribe said.

Everyday across multiple S.T.E.M. departments UCSB, members of the Latinx and Chicanx communities are

becoming leaders in their fields. "I'm sort of like the chef of the quantum world - I figure out how to make interesting materials that people care about.

We [discover] new materials and try to search for things that people haven't thought about yet" said Steven Gomez-Alvarado, a doctoral student in the materials department.

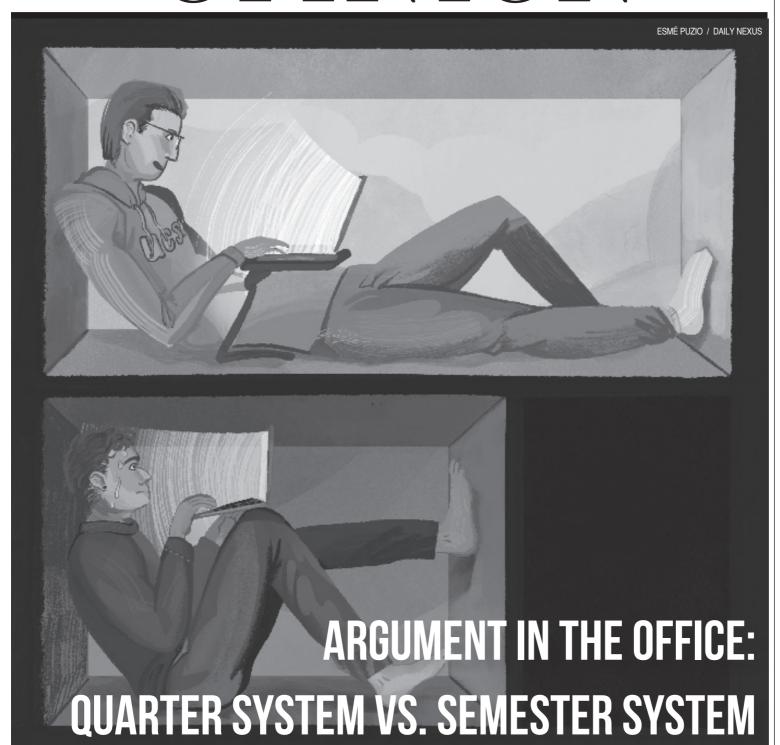
For first-generation students, such as Gomez-Alvarado, this sense of accomplishment is incredibly important.

"I'm fortunate enough to have my grandparents still alive, and talking to them about what I do is probably the most exciting thing that lights up their eyes," Gomez-Alvarado

This month is dedicated to acknowledging the sacrifices and legacies of both past and current generations of Hispanic Americans. Their research and contributions in science, medicine, engineering and mathematics - to name just a few - will continue to help create a stronger, more inclusive future for us all.

"When I think about Hispanic Heritage Month, it's a time for me to tie back to my roots and be especially grateful to be in S.T.E.M. [and be] grateful for the people that have paved the way beforehand [while] at the same time pushing for more representation," Mirabal said.

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Riley Burke Staff Writer

The semester system: slow and steady wins the race

The quarter system: 10 weeks of intense rigor, high stress, late-night cramming, the odd mental breakdown. It's fast paced; it's high intensity; it's challenging. And, as finals roll around, mere weeks after the are weeks between exams midterm season ends, I find myself wondering – why?

I'm a fourth-year student, but it's my first year at UC Santa Barbara. For the entirety of my academic life up until this point, I have attended schools that use the semester system - the languorous 15-week system the majority of the higher learning institutions in the United States use. It's the one that lets school out in early May, the one that does not require the laborious academic sprint through three terms, the one that allows students to delve deeply into course content and develop stronger ties with their instructors - the better one.

There, I said it. Now that I have experienced nearly a full academic year inside the quarter system, I have no choice but to come to the only conclusion that feels right to me: this system sucks.

Its brevity, inconvenient end date and grueling pace together create an experience I can only define as unpleasant.

While I concede that the brevity of our three terms allow us the opportunity to add minors, concentrations or double majors more easily than a semester system would and that when a particular professor is not our favorite we need only spend 10 weeks instead of 15 with them the brevity also makes things

Opposed to the semester system, assignments come at breakneck speeds.

As soon as my midterms finish, I begin worrying about finals. As soon as one paper is turned in, I begin to

worry about the next. I never feel at ease; I never feel that I can rest or focus on any one thing – instead, I frantically memorize whatever course content can fit inside my shriveling brain. The hours of the day never seem to be enough when I have so many things to do at once, when I am perpetually on edge about the next thing and the next thing and the next.

In a semester system, there and essays.

There were full weeks when I could stop worrying for a moment and instead focus on the information I'm learning or take time to connect with my professor. Here, I feel I never have time to connect with instructors unless I take multiple courses from them. Here, assignments pass by in a hurry and I seem to never find the time to sink deeper into my learning.

And why must it end in June? That a full month and a half should pass between school systems concluding feels obtuse and illogical. Summer internships tend to start in accordance with the ending of the semester system. I missed my boyfriend's graduation because I had a paper due even though he also attends public university in California.

Shouldn't these two term systems at least be uniform in ending within a single state's public university system? I know scheduling a three-term year is much different than a two-term one, but it's frustrating that so much discrepancy should exist within and between the California State University and University of California systems.

And, while it's clear where my vote lies, it feels nonsensical that these university systems do not have a single-term system they utilize. Be it quarter or semester, there really should only be one.

While the quarter system may be a perfect fit for some, it remains a constant battle with burnout for others. As much as I want to like it, to

embrace it with open arms, my anxiety levels are simply not letting me. I guess we'll just have to agree to disagree.

Riley Burke enjoys the occasional free afternoon.

Amitha Bhat **Opinion Editor**

The quarter system: new quarter, new me!

It's 9 a.m. I've just taken midterm that's reduced my self-esteem by 30%, I'm holding an iced Americano and I'll eventually leave campus an extensive 12 hours later (not of my own volition). I'm horribly busy, and I love it.

The quarter system makes you feel like a musician releasing three albums in the same year, which is great for cataloging and contextualizing the eras of your life. It may not be to everyone's liking, but as someone who reinvents themselves every other week, I find it particularly gratifying. Fall quarter? I'm a workaholic, repeatedly listening to Trent Reznor and Atticus Ross' Motion" as I scramble to finish my 10-page paper before 11:59 p.m. I fastwalk across campus in flipflops, pretending I'm Jesse Eisenberg in "The Social

Network.' Once January hits, I'm melancholic, taking my coveted beach walks at odd hours in the night. If I'm being entirely honest, winter quarter is the worst quarter - however, there are ample opportunities to romanticize the endless proverbial trench that you find yourself lodged inside.

By the time April comes along, I'm back in the swing of things, breaking out the sundresses and glitter. I indulge in all the simple pleasures I neglected during winter: the I.V. band shows, Extravaganza and the delectable, spring-themed drinks featured at The Arbor.

Yes, I still have an endless stream of work to do. And

yes, I'm enjoying every

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 the fact 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 quarterly Čampus Registered 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 quarterly academic structure alleviated some of my surrounding anxiety. I credit the quarter system with my ability to take the time to decide what I wanted to double major in, ultimately deciding upon communication and writing & literature.

For me, the semester system bodes more potential for burnout. Taking the same courses for 15 weeks sounds unthinkable when I'm over a class by Week 7. Of course, these preferences largely depend on one's field of study. Some constraints may simply suit certain disciplines better.

As for which system should dominate institutions, I concur with Riley: regardless of what the omniscient university lord picks, I'd like for schools across the country to conform to one of the two. It would be nice to see my semester friends every once in a while. It can definitely be rough out here, and I miss

them. For those of you who do enjoy the persistent workload of the quarter system, I'm happy to host you on this side of the debate. And for those of you who don't, I send you my condolences on behalf of UCSB.

Amitha Bhat enjoys coming home at 9 p.m.

HOROSCOPES

The signs as fall quarter predictions

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

Vigorously makes out in the rain with someone you've been pining for

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Tries to have a beach day but gets run over by a surfboard

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

Hits an oblivious pedestrian while biking, feels no regret

CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

Has an ominous encounter in the department of gnome studies

LE0

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Gets a little too close to the cliffs on DP, takes a tumble

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Develops a crush on their English 103 TA

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Misinterprets a raccoon's begging as friendship and ends up blockading their dorm door

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

Every time you order a coffee, the barista puts the wrong milk

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Parties during finals week and lives to regret it

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

Overstudies for their easiest final, understudies for their hardest one

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

Gets hit by a Lime scooter going mach 50 and survives

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Goes over their \$4 coffee budget every morning

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Musical legends Foo Fighters tear through 28 years of music in electrifying performance

Kyra Schimpf Staff Writer

The Santa Barbara Bowl was treated to an incredible performance by the Foo Fighters on Sept. 28 in an evening full of jokes, hometown pride and reflection. Rock 'n' roll icons with almost three decades of activity, the band made playing through a discography of 28 years and 11 albums look easy.

The concert was a surprise addition to an already extensive tour. Announced on Sept. 12 alongside an additional concert in Houston, Texas, it gave fans two weeks to prepare. Despite this brief time span, anticipation was high as Foo Fighter fanatics gathered at the Bowl's entrance, eager to get the best possible spots in the venue's standing room section. The floor was filled to the brim with hundreds of fans.

The show was opened by Los Angeles-based trio Julie, whose unique fusion of sounds provided an excellent introduction to a highly anticipated night. Julie is described as a "shoe-gaze grunge band" – two genres that initially seem difficult to combine. However, from the second the trio hit the stage, it was clear that the up-and-comers have created an intriguing and electrifying blend. The band's sound was perfectly accompanied by visuals of computer startups and the Windows home screen that grew more glitchy as the show went on, much like the band's instrumentals. Julie's sound is hard hitting and distorted, with softer sounding vocals from vocalists Alex Brady and Keyan Sand. Drummer Dillion Lee showed no mercy to his drum set and performed an incredible showcase of skill and strength. Julie's brief introductory performance shows that the sheer power of their sound makes them a worthy opening



Dave Grohl, founder and lead guitarist of the Foo Fighters, led the band through a powerful set at the Santa Barbara Bowl.

most beloved rock bands.

As the sun set across the Bowl, it was time for the rock legends to take the stage. Armed with his signature, blue Gibson guitar, frontman and two-time Rock 'n' Roll Hall of fame inductee Dave Grohl immediately acknowledged the band's absence from the city by proclaiming, "I don't think we've been here in like f***ing 15 years!"

performance Thursday's was a significant night for the band - not only was it their first performance at the Bowl since an acoustic set in 2006 (making it 17 years since the band's last Santa Barbara appearance) - it also served as a hometown show for lead guitarist Chris Shifflet. During the band's staple introductions, the audience was treated to not one, but two solos from Shifflet to celebrate his return to his hometown, each received with

thunderous applause. "I don't need to introduce him, because half of the f***ing audience is his family," Grohl joked.

The Santa Barbara Bowl's small size and intimate construction is quite different from the shows that Foo Fighters are used to. The limited capacity provided not only a unique and more personal experience for the fans, but for the band as well. Grohl even speculated about having a potential future residency at the Bowl.

"It's nice to be back, because it's been a while ... if it were up to me, we would play all f***ng night. But in order for us to do every Foo Fighters song, we'd have to play here every night for like a month," he explained. Upon hearing cheers from the crowd, Grohl continued by proclaiming, "Yeah, f*** Vegas. We'll do a residency here, why not?" Grohl's statement

was accompanied by further applause and enthusiasm from Shifflet.

The night was full of quips and stories from the legendary frontman - Grohl is well known for getting away with consistently referring to his fans as "motherf****s" and receiving a response of pure elation. At one point in the show, he even commented on the audience's noise level and jested about the crowd's use of marijuana. "I don't want to wake up the whole f***ing neighborhood," he joked. With a crowd spanning generations and a setlist stretching across 28 years, the Bowl remained fixated on every word, both sung and spoken.

The band kicked off their two-hour performance with "All My Life," an energetic song that perfectly captures the band's work ethic and compliments the title of the band's latest release, "But Here We Are," excellently. The Foos then launched into two of their classic songs, 2007's "The Pretender" and 1999's "Learn to Fly." The introductory trio of Foo Fighters staples impassioned the audience and kept them engaged throughout

the performance. Shifflet, alongside Grohl and rhythm guitarist Pat Smear, kept the show going at an electrifying pace, smashing through a catalog consisting of nine albums, including "But Here We Are." The band performed four songs from their 2023 release, but perhaps the most impactful was the performance of "The Teacher," a 10-minute long journey through grief and acceptance. Named for Grohl's mother, school teacher Virginia Grohl, the band guided its audience through the journey of losing a parent and having to come to terms with that loss. The performance wavered

between moments of solemn silence and loud, impassioned rock. It was a perfect example of the two things that the Foo Fighters do best, the sound of classic rock and the capturing of raw, unfiltered emotion.

Alongside the band's rendition of "The Teacher," the highlight of the night came when the band acknowledged the passing of previous drummer Taylor Hawkins.

The artist's presence was felt throughout the night – fans wearing Taylor Hawkins T-shirts were spread throughout the Bowl and the loudest moment of the night occurred during a speech from Grohl before the band played "Aurora," from 1999's "There Is Nothing Left to Lose."

"This was Taylor Hawkins' favorite song. This is the first song that we actually wrote together," Grohl explained as the band played the opening notes. "If only you could hear us backstage. All we do all day long is talk about that dude ... This one's for T."

In the recorded edition of "Aurora," Grohl's vocals fade out as he allows the band to take over. However, in Thursday night's edition, Grohl let out a cathartic scream as the band powered towards the end of the track – hammering on his Gibson in a stunning display of pure, unfiltered emotion.

The night concluded with a performance of the Foo Fighters' most famed and streamed track, "Everlong." Creating a moment that felt both good and real, it was the perfect track to tie together the show and had the entire audience on their feet.

After a deafening round of applause, Grohl thanked the audience for a beautiful night and again referenced a series of future shows.

"Maybe that residency idea is not so bad," Grohl said.



The Santa Barbara Bowl was packed, filled with longtime fans and illuminated with an impressive stage set up.

Student turned documentarian: Sol Lopez on "Driven"

Stella Mullin Artsweek Editor

From studying film and media studies at her local community college to now coediting a documentary that's made it to streaming services, fourth-year film and media studies major Sol Lopez has found herself immersed into the world of a real-life, working documentary, all because of a radio station. I was able to talk to Lopez about the "Driven" documentary, her place here at UC Santa Barbara, what led her to this incredible opportunity and how other students interested may be able to get involved.

Right from the bat, her advice: Take up as many opportunities as you can. She had no idea that working at a radio station could lead her to where she is now.

"Prior to going to UCSB, I experience combined, she has

was working at a local radio station from my hometown as a video editor, and my boss at that radio station was a filmmaker ... he said he was looking for an assistant editor for his upcoming documentary. "Lopez said.

Although this is her first working documentary, Lopez countless experience taking film and media study courses here at UCSB and discussed how taking them while simultaneously working on "Driven" really helped her in her editing process. She told me how most courses here are theory-based storytelling and structure, not exactly production based. She was even able to study the ethics of documentary filmmaking in New Zealand, through UC Education Abroad Program (UCEAP). Now, with her UCSB, UCEAP and "Driven"

a little of everything.

On top of learning a little of everything documentary-logistics-wise, Lopez also got a little of everything real-lifewise. She was able to see a little bit of the set, be on location for a day and see how everything was shot, along with doing all the behind-the-scenes work.

"From my point of view, I just get to see all the footage after it was shot and just kind of organize it and put it together. So [being on set] was a really cool perspective."

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Working closely with the director, who has the final say in most cases, Lopez was able to brainstorm ideas and express her creative input – what she thinks would look cool in the editing process. After much collaboration and idea bouncing, the final shot would be created.

"I just think of it as a big puzzle, to be honest. You just kind of take all the pieces of footage, all of the music and all of the images and interviews and all that and just put it together to create a linear story. And I think that's really fun and really rewarding."

But as fun and rewarding as it was, Lopez was also overwhelmed at some points, just like every other student. Starting your first year at UCSB is a big job on its own, so combined with "Driven," Lopez needed to quickly learn how to manage her time. She was able to have a co-editor in the process, another student from Chapman University who worked at the same radio station, so she was never completely alone in her work. When it all came down to the end, Lopez told me the small feelings of being overwhelmed were drowned out by the self-satisfaction and accomplishment of working on the documentary. She feels very lucky.

And now what "Driven" is really about. It follows the story of Tony Pearson, a 66-yearold American bodybuilding champion, and his life story that brought him to where he is now. Directed by Andrew Menjivar, "Driven" not only documents Pearson's life as a bodybuilder but also his adolescent years - his abusive childhood, move to Los Angeles with \$75 to his name and being noticed by Arnold Schwarzenegger - all that led him to come out of retirement at 63 to compete in Las Vegas, one last time. And Lopez got to experience every behindthe-scenes editing moment of this incredible story.

What started in her head as a small video project is landing on streaming platforms (Apple TV, Amazon Video, Google Play, Vudu) on Oct. 6.



Siddharth Chattoraj Data Editor Michelle Tekawy Staff Writer

In the wake of a challenging 2023 baseball season that saw UC Santa Barbara secure 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 18 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 baseball this summer.

Players are usually assigned to summer league teams based on where their coaches believe they will grow the

"Last year, I didn't have a choice of where to go. I was just told that I was going to be playing summer ball in Canada early on in the fall last year, and so I went. I got really lucky. In other leagues, like the Cape Cod [Baseball] League, there's definitely more of an extensive recruiting process," Skyler Chang, a sophomore statistics and data science major who played second base and utility infielder for the Edmonton Riverhawks in Canada over the summer, said.

The baseball coaches at UCSB have contacts with summer baseball coaches and they are usually able to help place their players in leagues that would best contribute to their development.

"It's all networking. The UCSB coaches have an idea where they want the players to play, and they reach out to the summer ball coaches," Zander Darby, a junior statistics and data science major who played third base and first base for the Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox in the Cape Cod League in Massachusetts this summer, said. "Summer ball has different leagues around the country and players from different teams all over the country come together to has its own prestige and level, in

so players go to the leagues best fit for them."

Some players – if they are skilled and experienced enough - are invited to play in top leagues.

"The top summer ball league is the Cape Cod [Baseball] League," Matt Ager, a junior economics and accounting major who played pitcher for the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team this summer, said. "In order to play in the Cape you have to prove yourself during a season and get invited to play there."

UCSB baseball players played in six summer leagues in 2023. 11 played in the West Coast League, which contains 16 summer baseball clubs. Matt Ager played for the United States Collegiate National Baseball Team, which plays against international teams rather than summer league teams.

Players may also end up skipping summer ball altogether, especially due to injury concerns.

'Some people decide not to because of the load it puts on your body and arm. You might need that break if you pitched a lot during the season or if something is a minor injury that you want to heal," Ager

Nevertheless, players have a variety of reasons for playing summer baseball.

"Some players do it for recruitment; some have standout years and are invited to the Cape Cod [Baseball] League or one of the other top leagues, where scouts are in the stands at every game. Others play summer ball to get reps in ... like most freshmen for example," Chang said.

The majority of UCSB summer baseball players are underclassmen. In 2023, 10 sophomores and 8 freshmen from UCSB played summer baseball.

A majority of UCSB's baseball players played for teams on the West Coast of the United States or Canada. Five players played for California teams and five played for Washington teams - the most out of all other states and provinces. Four players out of the 24 summer UCSB baseball players played for teams in Canada.

Only four players, three of whom played in the play on a team. Each league Cape Cod Baseball League Massachusetts, played



Zander Darby celebrates reaching first base during a summer baseball game.

UCSB summer baseball players by class

Sophomore	SHURRAL TOASSELL MARTIN
Freshman	(Silvener) 8
Junior	Silver 6
Senior	0

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summer baseball on the East Coast. The other player -Ager – primarily played in North Carolina since that was where the United States Collegiate National Baseball Team was based.

Most players played for summer league teams on the west coast of North America.

Once players leave UCSB for their summer teams, each player is assigned a host family to stay with.

"Host families anywhere from young families with kids to old couples with no young children in the house," Darby said.

Darby and Ager reflected fondly on their experiences staying with their host families.

"My host mom's name was Mary Jane, and it was just her and me. It was only her third year hosting and she had Y-D Red Sox memorabilia all over her house. She had signed balls, bats and pictures, Darby said.

"They took me in and treated me like one of their own kids," Ager said.

and also an underground bar. Every week, or whenever I asked, they'd get me groceries and such."

The relationship between a host family and a player can last long after the season ends. Jessada Brown, a junior sociology major who played as an outfielder for the Victoria HarbourCats in Canada over the summer, said that he still remains in close contact with his host family.

"It's completely out of the kindness of their heart to do it and it's a great experience for both the player and the family. A lot of times you make a lasting bond with them," Brown said. "My host family from when I was going into the freshman year in Medford, Oregon still keeps in contact with Matt [Ager] and me and will text us after games as well as send us letters."

Players rely on their host families for support during the season, which can be quite packed.

Th baseball s u m m e r season is m o r e densely

scheduled than UCSB baseball season, where games are usually played four days a week - Friday, Saturday, Sunday and one weekday between Monday

and Thursday. "During summer ball, it's literally just games. In the WCL - West Coast League where I played this summer, it was six games a week with a rest day on Monday," Chang said. "I had never played so much baseball in my life, but it was super enjoyable. It's busier baseball-wise, but there's no school so the days go by quickly because you're having

so much fun." Unlike the regular season, when there are days devoted specifically to practice, there is not much time to practice during the summer baseball season due to the heavy game load.

UCSB baseball players in each league



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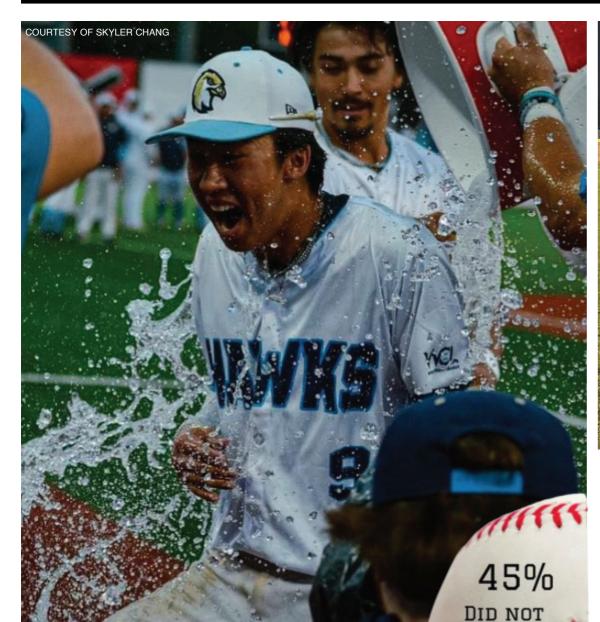
UCSB baseball players played in six summer leagues in 2023. 11 played in the West Coast League, which contains 16 summer baseball clubs. *N/A refers to "Not Applicable" since Matt Ager played for the United States Collegiate National Baseball Team, which plays against international teams rather than summer league teams.

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Chang shared that his host family welcomed him into their home and provided him with whatever he needed during his time with them.

"My host parents, James and Vanessa Derry, were so welcoming to me. They were just normal people that kept on living their lives even with a stranger in their home," Chang said. "Their home had everything I needed and more: they had a piano for me to learn new songs on

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Jessada Brown with his host mom and teammate after a HarbourCats game.

PERCENTAGE OF UCSB BASEBALL SUMMER BALL ATTENDEES

"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.

Skyler Chang (#9) celebrates a victory with a Gatorade cooler bath.

"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 batting practice and eventually got ready for the game at 4:30 [p.m.]. The

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greeting fans after each game.

Despite the long days,
players were still able to find
time to relax. Ager said he was
able to unwind by spending
time with his friends at night.

"I would typically get home around 11 p.m., and then I would eat dinner and play video games with my friends until 1 to 2 a.m., and then do it again the next day," he said. The summer baseball culture is more relaxed

"It is common to see people either trying out new positions or just messing around in different positions," Ager said.

than that of regular-season

baseball, according to Ager.

"I played third and a little bit of first. It can most definitely be different. I never played first before, but I did 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

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"I played in what felt like a place and environment where winning wasn't as important as my development and just getting reps," Chang said. "Our coach emphasized having fun and enjoying the moment, win or loss, and appreciating the fans that

came out to watch."

Skyler Chang (#9)
celebrates a victory with a
Gatorade cooler bath.

And while players might have a great season over the summer, it has little to no effect on their spot on the university team, according to Darby.

"Everything is earned at

UCSB.
Even if
you have a good
summer, you still have to
perform as you would to earn

55%

PLAYED

a spot," Darby said.

Nevertheless, summer baseball still has the potential to impact a player's regular season performance.

"You could get hurt playing, and it would mess up your season if you don't heal it right, or you could have a really good summer and play well and carry that momentum into the fall season and then ultimately the actual season," Ager said. "We have a full fall season where we scrimmage ourselves and that is where the lineup is made. Summer ball is for self-development."

Beyond skill development and exploring new positions,

Texas

players have the chance to create lasting memories during summer baseball.

COURTESY OF JESSADA BROWN

"You play with a bunch of guys from different parts of the country and different schools, so you make lasting connections with people you wouldn't usually meet," Brown said.

Chang said that summer baseball felt like a vacation with his friends.

"It was an amazing experience exploring new cities all across western Canada all while being able to improve my baseball skills

at the same time," he added. Ager and Darby both shared that their favorite moments from the summer season involved spending time with their summer teammates.

"My favorite memory this past summer would be playing Nintendo Switch with my new teammates in our hotel room and just getting to know all these different guys from across the U.S.," Ager said.

"My favorite memory from playing summer ball is cooking dinner and watching movies together after games with my teammates," Darby said.

North

Carolina

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California

Most players played for summer league teams on the west coast of North America.

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Welcome back concert: in pictures



The Gaucho-only crowd jumped in sync to the music.



Kenny Mason leaned low and close, repeatedly interacting with the crowd.



Opener PawPaw Rodney properly warmed the crowd up for the main event.



With impressive stage presence and high energy, Kenny Mason delivered a smooth flow.



PawPaw Rodney pointed to the sky, with many audience members following suit.



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