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25 Years Later, Women's Rights Icon Anita Hill Returns to UCSB

Katherine Swartz University News Editor Holly Rusch Staff Writer

Professor and activist Anita Hill spoke to a sold-out crowd at Campbell Hall on Wednesday evening, discussing how the discourse around sexual harassment has evolved in the nearly 30 years since she first gained national attention for accusing then-Supreme Court Justice nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her in 1991.

Her discussion, titled "From Social Movement to Social Impact: Putting an End to Sexual Harassment," challenged the audience to expand their per-

sonal definitions of genderbased violence and emphasized the structural change required to transform the culture around sexual harassment and violence across the U.S.

UC Santa Barbara's Feminist Futures Initiative, which brings together UC

Barbara faculty, students and outside speakers to collaborate on interdisciplinary research on gender justice, hosted the event alongside the UCSB Women's Center and local businesswoman Sara Miller McCune.

Earlier in the afternoon, Hill met with over 30 high school students, undergraduates and graduate students, some of whom are engaged with researching sexual harassment on campus, according to Professor Leila Rupp, associate dean of social sciences, who introduced Hill.

> "None of the students this afternoon were even born when Dr. Hill gave her courageous and worldaltering testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee," Rupp said.

Hill also spoke at UCSB in 1995, and at the beginning of her speech noted that, after 25 years, it is "hard to imagine we are still in the struggle together."

"I realize that it's been a while since 1991. Some of you are probably wondering, 'Why didn't you wear that green suit?' and some of you are probably wondering, 'Oh, when's she gonna start dishing the dirt on the senators?"" she joked to the crowd.

But Hill did not dwell on her own experiences in the Senate Judiciary Committee and instead focused her remains after the launch of the #MeToo movement, which reignited the conversation about accountability of those in powerful positions regarding sexual harassment. Hill noted that her own experiences in the Senate parallel that of Christine Blasey Ford, who in 2017 testified before the Senate Judiciary Committee that

then-Supreme Court Justice nominee Brett Kavanaugh sexually assaulted her when she was in high school.

"We have to understand that what happened to Dr. Christine Blasey Ford should never happen again, but we also have to recognize that it is happening every day to somebody in this country," Hill told the audience.

Hill said that outrage over the Kavanaugh confirmation changed the course of the 2018 midterm election, but that the response from the federal government since then has been lacking.

"No robust government response to gender-based violence has occurred and in this primary cycle, little or no attention has been given to what many call a moment of reckoning that happened back in 2017," Hill said.

The lack of conversation around sexual violence, Hill said, includes current 2020 Democratic primary candidates, who participated in a debate in Nevada on the night of Hill's speech.

"We are in another debate tonight and if the history proves to be a reflection of what's going to happen in the future, those questions are not going to be had," Hill said.

Hill challenged the audience to expand the way they view gender justice to include not only sexual harassment, but sexual assault, domestic viospeech on the work that still lence, rape and incest. To fully tice of silencing people who Hill left the audience with a understand the problem of gender-based violence, Hill said that society needs to examine the "bigger picture" of how survivors are treated beyond the specifics of their own experience.

multi-dimensional because the process has been weaponized impacts of gender-based violence are multi-dimensional. It impacts [people's] ability in that presumes every time a many cases, depending on the nature of the problem, to have housing, to be educated, to live safely in their communities."

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Hill said that the U.S. government has "taken on huge social problems," such as the opioid crisis, by addressing the problem as a matter of public safety, and that the same approach needs to be taken to address gender-based violence.

But Hill said that this can't be left to the government to solve alone, that individuals need to also view gender-based violence as a matter of public safety and "problem solve as a of the event, Hill spoke with community."

abuse that affects one person affects us all? Do we really believe that we are all in this? I'm not sure we do."

One structural change Hill proposed to address genderbased violence is to challenge how society as a whole approaches masculinity.

"This idea of manliness is curated to make us believe that to be a man you must be emotionally restrained, strong and brave, aggressive and awesome," she said.

is abuse."

she said is the systematic prac- their resources to help them."

"Our solutions have to be process. In other words, due to silence survivors."

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"I do not support a system woman testifies about abuse, she is lying. But that is what many of us start with: that she cannot be trusted to tell the truth," Hill emphasized.

Hill's testimony against Thomas in 1991 raised complicated questions about the intersectionality of race and gender, she said. Opponents criticized Hill for coming forward, saying she "did a disservice to the Black community by testifying."

To those critics, Hill asked for the trust that she believes all survivors deserve.

During the Q&A portion UCSB feminist studies gradu-"Do we really believe that ate students Amoni Thompson and Megan Spencer, answering their questions about her career and life.

Responding to a question from Spencer about solidarity with student movements, Hill expressed her support for UC graduate students calling for a cost-of-living adjustment, a movement known as COLA.

"Affordable housing is an issue for everyone," Hill said to audience applause. "Unfortunately, most families have to fight that issue on their own, but our "[That] is not masculinity, it students should not have to fight this battle on their own. Hill also elaborated on what Universities should be using





of color from entering certain facilities. "Harassment, in es-

The professor believes a lack

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Conference Matchups PAGE

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Law Professor Anita Hill, who came to national attention through Clarence Thomas' Supreme Court justice confirmation hearings, spoke Tuesday evening on oppression and subordination in the 1990s, receiving a standing ovation.

Shares Views on Race, Gender Anita prohibited women and people

By Colleen Valles Staff Writer

Addressing a sold-out crowd n Campbell Hall Tuesday, Anita Hill incited the younger generation to take an active ole in working against harass ment and oppression. The lecture, entitled "Race

and Gender Issues in the '90s," ocused on these topics as a art of Sexual Violence Aware-

ness Week, put on by the Rape Prevention Education

Hill, a law professor at the University of Oklahoma, was the subject of a controversial sence, takes the place of a sign, but the message is still the same," she said. sexual harassment case in 1991 surrounding the appointment of concern for certain human hearings of Supreme Court Jus-

rights worldwide has perpe-tuated sexual harassment and tice Clarence Thomas. She noted both racial and violence. Hill used Thailand's sexual harassment have de-creased very little since the sex slave trade to illustrate her days of Jim Crow, when signs

"We can relate to the individual stories, but it is just as important for us to see what is happening on a larger scale, on the social scale, if we are going to address it," Hill said.

choose to come forward with stories of gender-based violence.

"Believing women to be truthful is consistent with fairness and justice," she said. "Now all of you believe that, right?"

After cheers and applause from the audience, she continued, "We are now in a time where if we say we believe survivors, we are met with the claim that we are denying due

challenge: No matter how difficult it may be to fully change the culture around genderbased violence, she said, it is just as important now as it was when she first spoke to the Senate in 1991 to fight for structural change.

"It is natural to revert back to the status quo. It's inevitable. But the problem is so severe, we cannot afford to do that."

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Racialized emotions are part of modernity; once racism emerged and races were created, the racial edifice was suffused with emotions. In this talk, professor Eduardo Bonilla-Silva will illustrate his theory on racialized emotions with the case of President Donald Trump. Specifically, he will illustrate how the president has used emotions as the fulcrum of his political appeal. He will outline some ideas to produce a "feeling of equality" and how to craft a radical counter-emotional plan to move us closer to the "beloved community" aspired to by Martin Luther King Jr. Bonilla-Silva is a professor of sociology at Duke University.

Sunday February St. Michael's University Church I 12:30 p.m.

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Celebrate abundance in the community garden, church and throughout Isla Vista with a taste of New Orleans flare. Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, is traditionally the last day before the Christian season of fasting called Lent. However, folks of all faiths and philosophies have come to celebrate Mardi Gras and Carnival throughout the period between Christmas and Lent as a time for joy and pleasure for its own sake. This event will have a Mardi Gras feast complete with fresh fruits and vegetables from local farms and gardens including the local Café Picasso Community Garden. The event will also have traditional foods like pancakes and king cake, a special dessert that comes with a surprise inside for a lucky few. The St. Mike's Band will play live music, including some New Orleans brass band classics. Come have your fill of fun, food and friends.



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A young star who has revitalized the role of the guitar in classical music, Miloš Karadaglić is one of the "champions of the classical guitar who have shaped its sound in the last conturt"

(BBC Music Magazine). His vast talent expands traditional and contemporary repertoire with skillful and imaginative arrangements, whether he is playing classical works or on his album devoted to the music of The Beatles. Making his long-awaited Santa Barbara debut with a string quartet and double bass, Miloš will display his full range in an exciting program that includes works by J.S. Bach, Villa-Lobos, Granados, Duplessy and Lennon & McCartney. Tickets are \$9 for UCSB students with current student ID and \$35 for the general public.

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Good news! Ze has gotten hir eating back on track and ate a vegetable for the first time in weeks — Panera's broccoli cheddar soup & Ze is pretty sure that still counts.

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Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse: Making Music Instrumental to the Isla Vista Community

Emily Kocis Reporter

Students, faculty and locals alike crowded Rockfire Grill on Feb. 1, bobbing their heads and tapping their toes along to the stylings of Morganfield Burnett and Da Blues.

The few seats available had been claimed, leaving others to bunch up near the door, craning to catch a glimpse at the men responsible for filling the Friday night air with music. A group of professors sat together toward the front of the room, while other adults from the local Santa Barbara community sat at tables enjoying food. Students crowded the back, mostly standing and swaying to the beat, and Chancellor Henry T. Yang and his wife were seated at a far table with their eyes fixed on the band at the front, the music uniting different and usually separate groups of people that night.

This was the scene of the first performance of the new year for Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse, a pop-up club featuring a series of local musicians who aim to bring the Isla Vista community together and provide a space for music and conversation on important topics. The event series was founded in 2015 by Jeffrey Stewart, a professor in UC Santa Barbara's Department of Black Studies and a recent Pulitzer Prize winner for the biography "The New Negro: The



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Students, faculty, and locals crowded Rockfire Grill on Feb. 1 to attend Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse for the first performance of the new year.

Life of Alain Locke."

Initially, the project was formed as a response to the distress felt after the Isla Vista tragedy, Stewart said. Wanting to bring the people of I.V. back together again, Stewart could think of no better way than through music.

The idea was initially sparked by a student's comment that made note of the similarities between the small, congested and tense venues in Paris and those in I.V. Inspired by the intimacy of the jazz clubs, Stewart said he saw the value in replicating them for the community surrounding UCSB and I.V.

"When I was in Pasadena, we able to enjoy or appreciate jazz.

used to have coffeehouses and people would play jazz, so I just tried to reproduce it," Stewart said.

Each venue for Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse is carefully selected and transformed into a warm yet still stylish space, Stewart said. The series also works in conjunction with Stewart's class, History of Jazz, and runs alongside it during winter quarter. After trying to bring musicians into class to perform for students, Stewart said he quickly realized that it wasn't the right environment for students, or anyone for that matter, to be

"We need learning environments in the community that aren't as heavy handed as a real classroom," Stewart noted. Now, with the creation of Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse, his students are always in attendance and able to experience jazz in its natural setting, rather than in a classroom.

"The theory of the class is that jazz evolves through dialogue between the performers and the audience," Stewart said.

Stewart said he hopes that students will discover new tastes and different preferences through the music they experience.

have a feeling that they're part of this, [that] they're not just spectators or listeners."

Since its creation, Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse has been unique in its ability to attract a wide variety of different people to its events, Stewart said. He noted that "a lot of students live here, but they have really no interaction with the people in the community," which he aims to change.

Events such as Stewart's are one of a few that make an attempt to bridge the gap between different generations in the community, he said. While it's often rare to see professors, students and It's his goal "that the students locals of I.V. together in the same space, these events encourage exactly that, he added.

Only here can a professor show their students how to properly bust a move on the dance floor, while Chancellor Yang catches it all on video.

"There's not really a space on campus even for professors to hang out," Stewart added. While the University Center is often the go-to meeting spot, he said "it doesn't seem warm; it often feels cold and commercial."

These events also provide a much-needed outlet and space for dialogue among I.V. residents, Stewart said. Often featuring spoken word and panels on relevant issues like intersectional justice, gender, violence and food insecurity, these pop-up clubs make an effort to accompany music with meaningful conversation.

Stewart emphasized the need for these types of spaces, remarking that "there are very few places where students can come and have discussions."

Jeffrey's Jazz Coffeehouse is proof, Stewart said, that "you can have learning going on in spaces that are also pleasurable."

"I wanted to have this cited in Isla Vista, in the hopes that more people will come from downtown and be able to view this community not just as some crazy college town," Stewart said – a testament to the power music has to bring a community together.

Promise Scholars Program Installs Healthy Snacks, Menstrual Product **Stations Around Campus**

University-Owned Housing To Be Offered to Non-**UCSB Students With Local Summer Internships**

Jackson Welsh Staff Writer

expensive for students, Morris on campus during the summer. said she and her colleagues The application for the program In order to decrease the cost wanted to create an affordable opened on Feb. 3 and will close at of living for those interning in alternative for college students 12 p.m. on June 1. interning in the area, regardless of whether or not they are enrolled at UCSB. The San Joaquin Villages were previously used for summer camps and programs, such as for parents staying overnight for their child's freshman orientation. Students in the summer Intern Housing program would live in the apartments for a 30-day minimum at a cost of \$35 per night, or \$1,050 a month, for a double room or \$55 per night, or \$1,650 a month, for a single room, according to the program's website. As of now, the summer Intern Housing program has not had any applicants and has 108 bed spaces to fill, Morris said. Participants must be at least 18 years old and provide proof of enrollment in a college or

the Santa Barbara area can be open to UCSB students working



Celeste Chavez Hernandez Staff Writer

UC Santa Barbara's Promise Scholars Program installed a number of healthy snack and menstrual product stations through the campus earlier this month as part of a new initiative to address students' basic needs insecurity.

The Promise Scholar Program is comprised of 500 students who are a part of underrepresented and lowincome groups and who have an average family income of \$25,000, according to Program Director Holly Roose. Students who qualify for the program are promised an estimated \$120,000 in financial aid over four years if they remain Cal Grant or Pell Grant eligible.

Roose said that the goal of the stations is to provide students who are hungry with a quick snack during the middle of their days, with options such as granola bars, trail mix, fig bars and fruit snacks, and to supply menstrual products.

"One of the frustrations that motivated this project was that in order to get into the dining commons and access the [A.S.] Food Bank, you need to have a student ID, and our [Promise Scholar] kids often lose their IDs so \$35 is a lot of money to replace it," Roose said.

The stations have been placed in 10 locations on campus, including the Transfer Student Center, **Opening New Doors to Accelerating** Success Student Center, UCSB Student Health, the MultiCultural Center, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships, El Centro, College of Letters and Sciences Advising in Cheadle Hall, the Athletics Department, the Educational Opportunity Program and the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.

Roose explained that the new project was funded by the California government, which allocated around \$80,000. The grant is designated to be spent by June and will be a contender for renewal if the project succeeds.

For students with a heavy academic workload, sitting down for a meal during the day is not always feasible. Fifth-year biochemistry and molecular biology major and Promise Scholar Sami Kaayal said the conveniently placed snacks have helped him stay fueled during busy days.

"Having a decent chunk of those snacks throughout the week can help me whether I'm rushing to class and I don't have time to eat breakfast ... or just as supplemental snacks throughout the day between classes," Kaayal said.

Although the Promise Scholars Program represents low-income students, Roose explained that the healthy snacks and menstrual products are available to all students on campus, regardless of income.

"The Promise Scholars Program deals with very low-income students, but the middle-class students fall through the cracks on this campus as well," Roose said. "They don't get financial aid but they can't necessarily pay for college either so some of the middle-class students are even needier sometimes."

"At the end of the day, I just want hungry students to get food and proper sanitary products."

Aniket Mehrotra contributed reporting.

the Santa Barbara area, UC Santa Barbara will begin offering housing in the San Joaquin Villages apartments for collegeenrolled interns this summer.

The new initiative allows students from any college or university with a summer job or internship in the Santa Barbara area to stay in UCSB-owned housing for the summer. The initiative was created in response to similar programs at other UC schools, such as UC Los Angeles and UC Berkeley, according to Whitney Morris, director of Conference and Hospitality Services at UCSB.

"We noticed that [the program] was very successful [at other UC schools]," Morris said, "and that it was definitely fitting a need for students in the summer."

Because subletting apartments or houses over the summer in university. The program is also

The San Joaquin Villages, built in 2016, are UCSB's newest housing complex. The San Joaquin Villages were built as a part of the university's Long Range Development Plan, an initiative to increase UCSB's enrollment by one percent each year until 2025. The plan seeks to accommodate a total of 5,000 additional students and provide housing for all of them. The San Joaquin Villages feature 165 apartments and can house approximately 1,000 residents.

The complex was chosen for the program because of its amenities, which include a pool and volleyball courts, and its short distance to the dining options available in Isla Vista and Goleta, Morris said. She added that the apartment style of the housing would also be "great in terms of promoting communities."



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UC Santa Barbara will begin offering housing in the San Joaquin Villages apartments for college-enrolled interns this summer.

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State Assembly

Charles W. Cole (Republican): Cole, the sole Republican candidate running for State Assembly and the youngest among all candidates at 22, is running on a conservative platform that includes fixing freeways, preserving Proposition 13, maintaining private health care and rolling back rent control, according to his campaign website.

Born and raised in Santa Barbara, Cole graduated from Santa Barbara High School and attended Santa Barbara City College (SBCC) to study business, but left after his first year after he found "the PC culture not conducive to learning," according to his campaign website. His father manages his campaign, which has roughly \$10,000 in donations from friends and family. He currently works for a local PR business, according to a Noozhawk article.

Elsa Granados (Democrat): Granados, executive director of the nonprofit Standing Together to End Sexual Assault, is running on a three-fold platform that includes social equality advocacy, women's rights advocacy and preserving the environment and coastlines along the Central Coast, according to her campaign website.

If she wins the seat, Granados told the Santa Maria Times that she would work to increase affordable housing, create more jobs, strengthen the education systems within the district and stop offshore drilling.

Jonathan Abboud (Democrat): A longtime UC Santa Barbara and Isla Vista community member, Abboud, the youngest Democrat in the race for assembly, is the current general manager for the Isla Vista Community Services District and board member on the SBCC

Board of Trustees. Abboud is running on a platform of education reform and free tuition, universal health care, affordable housing and public transportation, criminal justice reform and support for indigeneous communities, according to his

campaign website.

Cathy Murillo (Democrat): Current Santa Barbara City mayor, a former journalist and city councilmember, Murillo is running on a platform that aims to preserve the environment, increase access to higher education and strengthen the middle class, according to her campaign website.

In her first term as the mayor of Santa Barbara, Murillo worked to ban single-use plastics, set a 100% renewable energy goal by 2030 and continued to employ integrated pest management in the city. She also negotiated a project

labor agreement with the city for worker safety and fair pay, according to her campaign website.

Jason Dominguez (Democrat): Dominguez is bringing his experience as an environmental lawyer and a former teacher to his campaign, advocating for greater response to climate change, according to his website. Dominguez has previously served as a Los Angeles Deputy District Attorney and Deputy City Attorney, and he has been on Santa Barbara City Council since 2015.

Dominguez was originally running for Assembly at the same time as re-election for the Santa Barbara City Council but lost the election in December 2019. If elected, he plans to expand his work from City Council on inclusionary housing and wants to create a rentto-own program for tenants.

House Representative

Salud Carbajal (Democrat): on serves on the House Committee inauguration in 2017.

Steve Bennett (Democrat): Ventura County Supervisor Bennett is finishing his fifth term on the board; before that, he worked as a high school teacher and member of the Ventura City Council. One of his hallmark initiatives of the County Board of Supervisors is S.O.A.R., the Save Open Space and Agricultural Resources initiative, which was recently re-ratified. Other key issues for Bennett include building affordable housing and alternative transportation, such as coastal bikeways.

Bennett recently received the endorsement of the Santa Barbara Independent, who said he "holds the dramatic edge of experience" and will advocate for environmental protection.

Stephen Blum (Democrat): Describing himself as a "proud product of public schools," Blum

Transportation and Carbajal is running for a third Infrastructure, of which he serves term re-election for the seat he as the vice chair. Carbajal has first won in 2016. He currently sponsored 231 bills since his

County. He has also helped start similar COLAB groups in Imperial, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties. While Caldwell is running as a Republican, he told the Santa Maria Times in February that neither party is serving the needs of the people and that he would "represent the people here."

was a teacher for over 20 years

before he served on the Ventura

County Community College

District Board of Trustees and

California Community College

League State Board. Blum is basing

his campaign on small donors and

not accepting donations over \$100

from any individuals or groups

in what he calls a "positive only"

campaign, he said on his website.

Dawn Addis (Democrat): Addis

serves on the Morro Bay City

Council and said on her website

that her work as a mother, public

educator and community orga-

nizer guides her actions. She is

supportive of climate crisis legisla-

tion, aiming to address the climate

crisis by expanding clean renew-

able energy sources. She also aims

to increase jobs and small business

growth, according to her cam-

paign's Facebook page.

State Senator

Monique Limón (Democrat): Limón currently is in her second term as an assembly member in the for Women and serves as vice chair of the California Legislative Women's Caucus, advocating for better representation for women in government. Limón has pushed for protection of the environment, authoring bills to stop offshore drilling. She has also authored bills in the past two years on health issues, ranging from extending care for those affected by the Thomas Fire to setting a ceiling for anticancer medication. Additionally, Limón has addressed emergency response programs and passed initiatives such as AB 1956, increasing support for fire prevention.

Gary Michaels (Republican): Michaels is the managing partner of Summa Solutions LLC, California Legislature. She is the a company that brokers con- is hoping to serve Californians former commissioner of the Santa tracts between K-12 schools and without answering to parties or Barbara County Commission internet carriers. Spending most special interests, Having worked of his time in the private sector, Michaels is advocating for reduced regulations and taxes to make it easier for businesses to thrive, according to his website, and supports economic policies introduced by President Donald Trump. Building upon the private sector, Michaels hopes to create more jobs in business, while making California energy efficient by incentivizing and attracting environmental technology companies to Santa Barbara. He also supports reforming health care and supports Trump's health care plan to allow a competitive market between health care companies. Michaels also attributes poverty and homelessness issues to a lack of affordable housing and wage increases for long-term employees. He prides himself on being a fiscal conservative.

Anastasia Stone (Nonpartisan): Stone has not held political office before and in maternal health care for the past 10 years, Stone is advocating for quality health care for all and intends to create legislation to protect and better women's rights, according to her website. As a former foster parent, she also seeks improve to conditions foster for children and improve workloads to be manageable for caseworkers in the foster care system. Stone said she holds an approach rooted in compassion toward homelessness.

Through her work as the chair of the Committee on Banking and Finance, Limón has advocated for consumer protections for in the loan industry, passing AB 539.

on Armed Services, the House Committee on

A UCSB graduate, Carbajal previously served for 12 years as the Santa Barbara County 1st District Supervisor. One of Carbajal's main issues is environmental protection; he serves on

the Climate Solutions Caucus, which aims to find bipartisan solutions for mitigating the effects of climate change. Carbjal has also been a strong supporter of pro-immigration legislation, fighting against the Trump administration's decision to terminate DACA.

Caldwell Andrew (Republican): Caldwell's campaign is centered on providing better opportunities for workers and small businesses. In 1991, he founded the Coalition of Labor, Agriculture and Business (COLAB), which now has 1,000 members in Santa Barbara

Kenneth Young (No Party Preference): Young's background is in civil engineering. According to his website, two issues that prompted him to run for office are health care and tax issues. He believes that Congress needs to lower costs for working families in order to maintain a healthy workforce in California.

Another issue Young has put at the forefront of his campaign is energy independence; he said he believes the United States should invest more funding in renewable energy research and find safer ways of dealing with nuclear waste rather than eliminating nuclear power altogether.

3rd District Supervisor

Joan Hartmann (Non-Partisan): As the incumbent, Hartmann has been serving as the 3rd District representative - which contains Isla Vista, parts of Goleta, the Gaviota Coast and Santa Ynez - since 2016 and has been a strong advocate for climate change legislation. Isla Vista counts for nearly a third of the population living within the district.

During a Tuesday night town hall in Isla Vista, Hartmann discussed how the Santa Barbara oil spill inspired her to enter into academia, then law and then into the role of Supervisor. She placed importance on UCSB faculty housing, said she is a "huge supporter" of unionized labor and supports regulated cannabis within the county. She has also worked with several members of the Isla Vista Community Services District, supported the creation of the district and has been endorsed by several directors as well.

Bruce Porter (Non-Partisan): This is Porter's second time running for the 3rd District seat. He is running on a platform of investing in alternative energy, "[restoring] balance to county government," reinvesting in public schools and implementing a "common sense" cannabis policy, according to his website.

Porter has faced significant backlash in the past few months from Isla Vista residents and UCSB students for his alleged role in the creation of Rock the Vote SB, an organization that allegedly was created to tip the scales in the supervisor race by causing low voter turnout. He did not attend the Tuesday night town hall in Isla Vista, bowing out of the forum four hours before it was set to begin, citing mismanagement on the part of the forum's organizers.

Karen Jones (Republican): This is Jones' second time running for the 3rd District seat, and she currently serves as a director on the Santa Ynez Community Services District. Born and raised in Santa Barbara, she is anti-"big government", according to her website, and is in support of the Cat Canyon Oil Drilling Project, which the A.S. Senate voted in November 2018 to

oppose. She also prides herself on only accepting small donations.

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Agriculture

During Tuesday night's Isla Vista town hall, she emphasized her identity as the "only nativeborn, only Republican" in the race. When asked about the UC COLA movements, she said that she is not a fan of organized labor and said she believes that salaries can be negotiated and worked out without a union. She added that she believes that marijuana should be legalized, but not controlled by the government.



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News

Third District Supervisor Candidates Field Community Questions at Isla Vista Town Hall

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UC Santa Barbara students and Isla Vistans filled the I.V. Community Room on Tuesday evening for a town hall featuring two of the three candidates for the upcoming Santa Barbara County 3rd District Board of Supervisors election, who will face the polls during the California primary on March 3.

Questions written by attendees prior to the town hall challenged the 3rd District candidates incumbent 3rd District Supervisor Joan Hartmann and Santa Ynez Community Service District Director Karen Jones - on issues including environmental policy, mental health and affordable housing in both I.V. and the Santa Barbara County as a whole.

Hartmann has held the 3rd District supervisor seat, which represents I.V. as well as parts of the northern Santa Barbara County, since 2016. I.V. composes nearly a third of the population within the 3rd District.

The 3rd District supervisor is typically a tie-breaking position on the board, with two leftleaning zones to the south and two conservative ones to the crowd at the end of her opening north. Hartmann is running as a

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against Hartmann in 2016, did not attend the town hall. His campaign released a statement Tuesday afternoon requesting the town hall be rescheduled due to a "lack of communication among the organizers," which includes Associated Students Office of the External Vice President of Local Affairs (A.S. EVPLA), Movement for Intersectional Collective Action (MICA), the Isla Vista Community Center, Gauchos Vote and the Beloved Community Isla Vista.

Christian Ornelas, the EVPLA, and Diana Garcia, an organizer with MICA, responded to Porter through a statement sent out later that afternoon, saying that while they would not be rescheduling the event, they were "very open to hosting another town hall event" that includes Porter.

Porter also later said in a press release that he plans on hosting a separate town hall in I.V. next week.

Even though Porter was not present at Tuesday's town hall, his absence loomed over the event, as both Hartmann and Jones commented on his lack of presence.

"Tonight, Bruce Porter was going to tell you that he cares about you," Hartmann told the statement. "But he didn't show up."

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added. Although Hartmann and Jones disagreed across the board on a variety of topics, at the heart of their differences are their career paths.

As the incumbent, Hartmann emphasized her ongoing political experience with the Board of Supervisors and the projects she has spearheaded over the past four years since her election in 2016.

Jones, on the other hand, positioned herself as a political outsider, emphasizing the deregulation of private businesses as one of her main platform points.

"Joan and I have very different approaches to things, and the people who trust me are my friends and neighbors," Jones said, repeatedly bringing up her working-class experience and lack of a college education throughout the night.

"Joan has spent a lifetime working in government and she's met some really educated, neat people like herself, but they really are not the experts on innovation or the private sector."

The candidates also addressed issues relating to climate change and renewable energy; Hartmann

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"Sustainable, renewable, predictably priced energy will be very [for important the economy]," she said, adding that clean energy would work as an appeal to bring larger companies to the northern county, both creating additional jobs and

helping the environment. Hartmann also discussed current composting groups and efforts to ban single-use plastics on campus and in I.V. as an initiative the county could also adopt to become environmentally friendly.

Jones did not shy away from her pro-fossil fuel stance and her own family's connection to the oil industry in the northern county, which she views as a job creator.

"[Hartmann] talks about S.T.E.M. jobs, this is it. I mean fossil fuel production, those involve S.T.E.M. jobs, that's not just a bunch of meatheads doing that. These are very sophisticated jobs," Jones said.

"Fossil fuels are solar energy; that is stored solar energy, folks. That is through photosynthesis. The breakdown of plants become oil and we harvest it now for energy."

On the issue of affordable housing, both candidates agreed there is a need for additional workforce housing, particularly MAX ABRAMS / DAILY NEXUS

in I.V., but differed on what the

solution would look like.

Jones proposed cutting down taxes and reducing government regulations to make room for smaller developers to build more housing in the county.

"You can't always keep fitting more rats in the aquarium," Jones said, referring to the spike in UCSB's student population over the years without a comparable increase in housing options.

Jones suggested that prospective university students should consider initially forgoing higher education in order to decrease local housing prices.

Hartmann noted that the price of rent in Santa Barbara has increased three times faster than the cost of living and said she was "working hard to force the university to follow through on their required mandate" from the state to build more housing for faculty and students.

The candidates also addressed the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) movements by graduate students at UCSB and in the larger UC system, which Hartmann said she supports. Jones said that she hopes the graduate students can work out a deal with the university but added that she dislikes using union tactics to do so.

"People [have] said to me, 'Hell no, we don't want [a lottery system]. You go back and change the county's mind because we want a merit-based system.""

Hartmann said that she'll be back in I.V. in the spring to hold a community meeting for residents to discuss what they want in an ideal cannabis dispensary applicant, and from there, will use that input to assess which applicant will fit the goals and needs of I.V. residents, a process that will "differ by community" across the county.

Jones said she favors private businesses and deregulation in the cannabis industry and said she believes regulations get in the way of small businesses, like cannabis dispensaries, from operating.

Hartmann argued that county regulation of the cannabis industry was necessary, saying that without regulation, cannabis "can be quite contaminated and create a lot of problems for people in our county."

Jones acknowledged in her closing statement that, as a Republican, she is unlikely to win many votes in I.V., but encouraged the crowd - some of whom occasionally heckled her during the event - to vote and advance her instead of Porter to the November ballot against Hartmann.

nonpartisan candidate; Jones is running as a Republican.

Bruce Porter, who also ran

"He bragged to his supporters about the 1,400 fewer students The race's third candidate, registered in I.V. [in 2016]. He only got 20% of the vote in I.V.; I got

extensively spoke about her proenvironmental record and her goal to transition Santa Barbara to clean, renewable energy sources.



The two candidates also provided drastically different opinions on the topic of equity and diversity in I.V.

"I also believe that our institutions must do everything they can to promote diversity and inclusion," Hartmann said. "When I was a graduate student, I was the only woman in my class and there were no women professors at my graduate school."

Jones responded, saying, "I don't see color, I don't see sexual orientation, I don't even see sex," and believes that no group should gain "special" rights.

She added that she is "the only local person that is native-born, married to a guy who was born in the 3rd District."

Another topic affecting both I.V. and the county as a whole is the legalization and regulation of recreational cannabis. Hartmann said she has worked to change county-wide legislation from a lottery to merit-based system when issuing cannabis dispensary licenses.

In the previous race for the seat in 2016, Hartmann won 53.96% of the district votes, beating out Porter's 45.79%.

"You can get your friends and classmates to vote for me and it will not jeopardize Joan's chances at all," Jones said. "It will give her somebody that is a worthy opponent."

During her closing statement, Hartmann reiterated her positions stated during the town hall along with some of the endorsements she received, including one from the recently withdrawn candidate, Jessica Alvarez Parfrey.

"I will continue to lead the just transition to a green energy economy with environmental and economic benefits, I will support a more representative and inclusive county government, I will fight for progressive causes including workers' rights and environmental justice and I will protect your safety, our water resources, our open spaces and our climate," Hartmann said.



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Friendly reminder that Erling Braut Haaland is 19 and just scored a brace in the Champions League against PSG; meanwhile, we're 21 and writing this blurb...

Sehall Ready for First Serie

Softball

After a 3-2 record last weekend, the softball team will look to keep its momentum this weekend at the Fresno State Invitational.

New-Look UCSB Baseball Ready for First Series Under New Lights

Nick DiPierro Staff Writer

And we're back! It was a long off-season, one which featured the departures of 13 Gauchos – just before the brand new lights of Caesar Uyesaka Stadium shone on grass that was once the home of Cleveland Indians starting pitcher Shane Bieber, whose rise to the top of the game has since coincided quite nicely.

Of the five seniors Santa Barbara waved off, Kevin Chandler and Alex Patterson were the pitchers. Chandler had already spent his first two years of college ball with the Gauchos before Patterson made the switch from San Joaquin Delta College. They pitched a combined 154.1 innings for UCSB.

Outfielders Tevin Mitchell and Michael McAdoo are joined alongside catcher Thomas

Rowan as the position players who have left their space for the next wave of exciting talent.

Mitchell and Rowan are both currently playing for the Gulf Coast League (GCL) Marlins, a rookie-level affiliate of the Miami Marlins.

With five seniors gone, that leaves eight, who are all playing professional baseball.

Jack Dashwood, Eric Yang and Tommy Jew all chose red. Dashwood is with the Angels, Yang is with the Reds and Jew is learning the Cardinal Way, out in a town just blistering with excitement after Jordan Binnington's masterful run with the Blues for St Louis' first cup. And they're known as a baseball town too, so it'll be nice to see him coming up in a great system with a great fanbase. Andrew Martinez, Ben Brecht and Shea Barry

make up the rest of our Gauchos who have not only said goodbye to UCSB, but to California (for now at least). Martinez is with the Orioles,

facing off against Mitchell and Rowan in the GCL. Ben Brecht is with Tampa Bay, playing in Hudson Valley while Shea Barry brought his ball to Houston.

And finally, the locals. Chris Lincoln got picked up by the new-look San Diego Padres, who seem to have built the perfect farm system years into A.J. Preller's reign as general manager. They look capable of providing a great network and system for Lincoln to thrive in. Armani Smith drove up the 101 just like he's done the past two years, a native of Martinez, California. He's playing for his hometown Giants.

And Shane Bieber's an all-star!

So here we are, past the introduction.

The season is officially underway as UCSB has since wrapped up a three-game series last Sunday at Sacramento State 2-1, batting a measly .181 over the entire series. They returned home Monday for the debut of Caesar Uyesaka Stadium's brand new lights. It was the first night game in program history.

And their bats were sizzling as they rattled off a .447 clip at the plate to give them a 17-7 win over Cal in a one-off series.

With the break just about done, UCSB will host their first home series of the season as Abilene Christian University comes to town this weekend.

The Wildcats hosted Utah Valley for a fourgame series in which the Wildcats swept them 27-9 overall. They then hit the road for a one-off against TCU in which they lost 4-14.

It'll be an interesting series to say the least.

The Friday and Saturday evening games will start at 5:30 p.m. and 4 p.m., respectively. Sunday's match is set for noon, under what will hopefully be a clear sky after Saturday's current



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COURTESY OF KCSB SPORTS

Following Tough Loss, UCSB Looks To Rebound Against CSUF, UCD

Spencer Ault Staff Writer

Sitting in the middle of the pack in the Big West at 5-5, the UC Santa Barbara men's basketball team has two chances this week to move up the ladder. The team also has two chances at revenge.

On Thursday evening, the Gauchos travel to take on Cal State Fullerton (CSUF) on the road before quickly returning to the Thunderdome to host UC Davis (UCD) on Saturday. The Titans bounced UCSB from the Big West Tournament last season, and the Aggies handed the Gauchos their most recent loss last Thursday.

The Cal State Fullerton team this season is quite different from the one that ended UCSB's season last year. Both of the Titans' leading scorers from last season are gone and playing professional ball in Europe, leaving Jackson Rowe, Brandon Kamga and Austen Awosika behind to handle much of the offensive load.

Rowe was Fullerton's third-leading scorer last season and has picked up where he left off from last year. The senior forward missed the first 13 games of the season with a knee injury but is averaging a team-leading 15.6 points on 42.4% three-point shooting since his return.

Kamga is just a tick behind Rowe at 15.2 points per game overall this season but is averaging a team-high 19 points per game in conference play. Kamga, a graduate transfer from High Point University, is new to the Fullerton program but seems to have acclimated quite well.

"Kamga [...] is probably second in our league

to [Cal State Northridge's (CSUN)] Lamine Diane," UCSB Head Coach Joe Pasternack said. "He does a great, great job of getting baskets."

Senior guard Awosika brings up the rear of the scoring triumvirate with 13.5 points per game, but he chips in 4 rebounds and a teambest 4.0 assists per game.

The Titans are 10-16 overall this season, but they're just a half-game behind the Gauchos in the Big West at 5-6. Thursday's game isn't just a chance for UCSB to avenge last year's loss – it's an opportunity for Fullerton to move up the ladder.

"They're the team that knocked us out in the conference tournament," Pasternack said. "They're always a very good team. The league is so well rounded. The parity is amazing. On any given night, anybody can beat anybody."

Fullerton has compiled a record that proves Pasternack's point. The Titans have lost to the Big West's two last-place teams, Cal Poly and UC Riverside and have beaten UC Davis and CSUN, both tied for second.

Not only that, but Fullerton also upset UCLA earlier this season.

It's hard to know exactly what to expect from the Titans, but recent history suggests a lot of offense is likely. In six of CSUF's last seven games, at least one team has scored over 70 points.

The Gauchos don't have much time to recover from Thursday's game before they take on UC Davis at home on Saturday night. The two teams just met last Thursday, when the Aggies won 84-75 in a game more lopsided than the score would indicate.

UCSB couldn't buy a bucket in the first half, shooting just 36% to Davis' 50% mark. The Aggies took full advantage of the Gauchos' slow start and rocketed out to a 36-24 halftime lead that they never fully relinquished.

"Credit to Davis, they played a great game," Pasternack said. "They were very well-prepared. All credit goes to them."

Only senior guard Max Heidegger's torrid second half, which saw him score 27 of his 31 points and knock down seven 3's, kept UCSB in contention. Heidegger's explosion aside, it was a dispiriting result for a Gaucho team that had been riding a three-game win streak.

On Saturday, UCSB will get the chance to bounce back from last week's loss and land a serious blow against one of the team's main Big West rivals. Thursday's game pushed UCD past the Gauchos and up to second place in the conference at 6-5 and 12-15 overall.

Pasternack has been working his charges hard in practice this week in order to right the ship, and Thursday and Saturday's games will test the effectiveness of his efforts.

"Our guys have worked extremely hard," Pasternack said. "It's 'next game.' That's the mentality. We lost a game, didn't play well. They played really well, and now it's on us to really lock in here and get ready for Thursday night."

The regular season is rapidly approaching its close, and the number of opportunities to move up the bracket for the Big West tournament is dwindling. The Gauchos get two opportunities this week to make a move up the standings and avenge a pair of losses – opportunities the team likely can't afford to waste.



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UCSB To Face CSUN, UCR in Key Conference Matchups

Brandon Victor Sports Editor

After yet another split last week, the UC Santa Barbara's women's basketball team (10-14, 5-6) sits in fifth place in the Big West conference – one game behind third-place Long Beach State, but only one game ahead of eighth-place UC Irvine. With a logjam in the middle of the standings, UCSB will need to string together a win streak if it hopes to improve its seeding for the conference tournament.

This week, the Gauchos will host Cal State Northridge (CSUN) and UC Riverside (UCR) in two crucial matchups.

First, the 'Chos will take on the Matadors on Thursday in a rematch of last Saturday's game – a 65-55 road victory for Santa Barbara. That game was in large part dominated by freshman phenom Ila Lane, who finished the game with 16 points and 17 rebounds. On defense, Lane played a key role in shutting down CSUN's leading scorer – senior De'Jionae Calloway, who finished the game with only 4 points on 2-12 shooting from the floor.

Senior guard Tal Sahar also turned in one of her best performances of the season, chipping in 18 points off the bench for UCSB. In the fourth quarter in particular, Sahar left her stamp on the game, drilling three 3-pointers and shooting 75% from behind the arc in the quarter.

Still, the Matadors were able to keep the game tight for much of the night. In particular, sophomore guard Jordyn Jackson had an excellent night, finishing the game with 16 points on 6-9 shooting. In addition, despite a rough shooting night for CSUN's starters, the team's bench excelled all night, scoring 20 of the team's 55 points.

While UCSB will have the home-court advantage this time around, don't expect Calloway to shoot 17% from the floor this time around. The Matadors will also likely double and triple-team Lane in the post this go-around, meaning the Gauchos will need a significant contribution from their backcourt on Thursday.

While senior Coco Miller didn't shoot the ball particularly well on Saturday – finishing the game with 8 points on 3-13 shooting – her contributions extend far beyond her field-goal percentage. Currently, Miller ranks fourth in the country with a 3.1 assist-to-turnover ratio. Against the Matadors, Miller finished the game with 8 assists and only 2 turnovers and will need to continue that level of production and efficiency if the Gauchos are to walk away victorious on Thursday.

On Saturday, UCSB will take on UC Riverside (8-16, 4-6), looking to avenge their loss from earlier this season.

In that game – a 66-61 victory for the Highlanders – Lane struggled mightily with foul trouble, only logging 26 minutes on the night. Without the focal point of their offense, the Gauchos struggled from the floor, shooting only 36% on the night.

This time around, UCSB will need to make a concerted effort to slow down UCR's backcourt. In the previous matchup, junior guard Keilanei Cooper roasted the 'Chos all night, finishing with 23 points on an efficient 8-13 shooting split.

Most importantly, Santa Barbara needs to limit the production of redshirt senior Jannon Otto – who ranks second in the conference with 16.6 points per game. One of the best players in the entire conference, Otto can score from anywhere on the floor, shooting 36% from deep and 88% from the free-throw line.

If the Gauchos can stay out of foul trouble and limit the production of UCR's backcourt, they should have a good chance to finish the week with a crucial victory. Riverside has struggled mightily away from home this season, with only one of the team's conference wins coming on the road.

UCSB will take on Cal State Northridge on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Thunderdome before finishing the week against UC Riverside on Saturday at 2 p.m.



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After Nine-Game Road Trip, Gauchos Set To Host Tigers, Dons



Annika Pearson Staff Writer

Coming off of a pair of losses from the long weekend's matches versus Minnesota and Indiana, the UC Santa Barbara men's tennis team has again failed to put an end to the painful trend which has foregrounded its 2020 season.

After what resulted in a 4-2 loss on another unfamiliar indoor court, the most recent match against the Hoosiers left Santa Barbara frustrated and longing for a familiar environment. Within a sparse collection of singles wins, senior Joseph Guillin was at the receiving end of another upset – his second of the weekend – and the partners participating in doubles once again dropped the ball on the day. Consequently, UCSB's dual-match record fell to 2-8, the lowest it has been since the seniors entered the program in the 2015-16 season.

Yet now, after nine games on the road, the Gauchos are finally coming home. In two back-to-back matches against the University of the Pacific and the University of San Francisco (USF), Santa Barbara will have the chance to reclaim their seemingly lost mojo.

The weekend will begin with a face-off between the Gauchos and the Pacific Tigers, a crucial match which SB can hopefully use to reverse its fate. With just a single win interrupting a spread of six otherwise straight losses since the beginning of January, Pacific comes in with an underwhelming 1-6 overall record.

But the Tigers likely have some fight left over from their most recent match against Santa Barbara's seasoned competitor, UC Irvine. Pacific battled Irvine in a fiery competition but ultimately fell 3-4, losing ground in doubles competitions.

Freshman Coby McCaig has been a recurring name across the Tigers' last

few matches. Along with a singles victory in his latest appearance against Irvine, the Modesto native clinched Pacific's first dual match win versus Grand Canyon with a well-earned 6-3, 7-5 triumph on court six.

However, Sunday's match versus USF will likely pose more of a threat to the Gauchos' comeback. In their past eight games, the Dons have seen an inconsistent mix of outcomes, from lofty sweeps to 1-point margin losses. Accordingly, the Northern California-based team currently splits their dubs and defeats to make a 4-4 overall record.

Interestingly, USF has seen many of the same competitors as Santa Barbara. Where UCSB was able to scrounge its second and most recent victory against Loyola Marymount University in a tight 4-3 match at the start of the month, USF fell 3-4 to the Lions in its first game of the season.

The Dons will arrive in Santa Barbara just a week after their equalizing 4-0 blowout over Boise State. Here, the spotlight shone early on San Francisco's pairs in doubles competition. Sophomore partners Mitch Johnson and Phuc Huynh finished a swift 6-3 takedown to secure the first win of the day and were followed by freshman-senior duo Ori Maior and Paul Giraud, who clinched the doubles point.

It is exactly this early success, especially in the doubles department, that the Gauchos have been lacking over their last 10 games. Executing a win over either team will necessarily require readjustment – even more than pushing Joseph Rotheram and Victor Krustev into the two spot, as Head Coach Marty Davis did against Indiana.

More than ever, local crowds may help to remind the Gauchos of the encouragement and support they've been missing the past two months. Come and join in on welcoming the Gauchos back home this Saturday and Sunday, at 1:30 p.m. and 1 p.m. respectively, on the Rec Cen courts.



UCSB Women's Water Polo Heads South for Barbara Kalbus Invitational

Omar Hernandez Sports Editor

The No. 9 UC Santa Barbara women's water polo team is back in action this weekend as the Gauchos head to Irvine to compete in the Barbara Kalbus Invitational. UCSB comes into this next slate of games with an 8-5 overall record and has a couple of weeks left before the start of Big West play.

Although the Gauchos don't have a stellar record to start off the year, their tough strength of schedule combined with wins over quality opponents make this a successful season so far. UCSB has beaten No. 2 UCLA, No. 12 Long Beach State, No. 22 San Diego State and a few other ranked opponents during this nonconference stretch of play. The Gauchos could potentially face off against a few more top teams depending on how this weekend shapes up.

The only guaranteed matchup for the Gauchos this weekend is against the No. 7 UC San Diego Tritons, who they will face this Friday.

The Tritons are off to a strong start in their 2020 campaign following last season's seventhstraight Western Water Polo Association championship run.

UCSD actually made it all the way to the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 2019 before falling 14-8 to USC.

This season, UCSD is 9-3 with big wins over No. 3 UC Berkeley and No. 9 UCSB as the highlights so far.

The last time the Gauchos and Tritons faced off was just two weeks ago at the Triton Invitational, where a .500 shooting percentage and 10 saves by junior goalie Bennett Bugelli was enough to grind out an 11-7 victory in favor of UCSD.

If UCSB wants to turn the tide in this matchup,

the key will be shutting down junior center Ciara Franke. Franke currently leads the Tritons in goals (26) and has already earned a Big West Player of the Week award at the end of January. She is a lethal scorer who can rattle off shots quickly, as the Cal Golden Bears learned when she scored 5 goals in an overtime victory over them at the UCSB Invitational.

Because of the tournament format of the invitational this weekend, two out of the remaining three opponents for the Gauchos have not yet been decided. UCSB will take on either No. 1 Stanford or No. 22 San Diego State in the remaining game on Saturday depending on who wins the game between these two teams on Friday.

If the Gauchos do end up facing the Cardinal, they will without a doubt be the toughest competition that UCSB plays all season.

Stanford has a perfect 9-0 record this season and a stacked roster of potential olympians that are the best in the country so far.

Junior driver Sarah Klass has been the leader of the team this year; she's both the active (72) and season (23) leader in goals for the Cardinal. Klass has scored multiple goals in all seven of the games that she has scored in and just received the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Player of the Week award for her 5-goal output last weekend.

Regardless of who UCSB faces this weekend, this invitational offers another opportunity for the team to face off against some of the top squads in the country and potentially climb up the national rankings before conference season begins.

The Gauchos' first match is set to get underway at 4:15 p.m. on Friday in Irvine, and the game against either San Diego State or Stanford will start at 8 a.m. on Saturday.

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A R'ISM A 17-Track Love Letter: "Changes" by Justin Bieber

Sunidhi Sridhar Staff Writer

Justin Bieber was my first real introduction to pop music. I had "My World 2.0" on repeat for the greater part of sixth grade, posters and magazine covers were proudly plastered all over my room and the day I saw him live in concert is up there among the most surreal moments of my life. In short, I have been a devoted Belieber for most of my life and could not be happier that the drought is over.

Over four years since the release of "Purpose," his final stint as a teenage heartthrob sensation, Bieber released his latest project on Feb. 14. "Changes," essentially a 17-track love note to his wife Hailey Bieber, shows off an incredibly mature and refined sound never before heard from the pop megastar.

Many of his fans were a little unsure about which direction Bieber was heading musically when he dropped "Yummy," the album's lead single. The wait for new solo material had been a long one, and expectations were high to reflect that. Upon first listen, the only attribute of the song anyone could focus on was how woefully mediocre and generic the lyrics were. Unsurprisingly, the track still debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart, and when I caught myself humming the tune wherever I went, I realized that Bieber's team may have known what they were doing after all.

Instead of focusing on churning out chart-toppers, Bieber unabashedly leans into his more soulful side.

"Yummy," however, is inconsistent with the rest of the project. Instead of focusing his efforts on churning out charttoppers, Bieber unabashedly leans into his more soulful side à la Summer Walker. "Intentions," somewhat blemished by a weak assist from rapper Quavo, puts the forever, ever, ever?" which probably Canadian superstar's impressive, stripped-down vocals on full display as he croons: "Pictureperfect, you don't need no filter/ Gorgeous, make 'em drop dead, you a killer/Shower you with all my attention/Yeah, these are my only intentions."

As someone who has been following his career since the beginning, I was very conflicted about how I felt about Bieber's latest release. On one hand, his voice has never sounded so good, and the album does a brilliant job of capturing where he is in his journey: extremely in love and living in domestic bliss. On the other hand, there is no denying that the songs can sound bland and disengaged at times, with guest verses from Post Malone, Travis Scott and Kehlani being the only real moments of high impact. The album's greatest weakness, however, is its unoriginal and at times cringeworthy lyricism.

"Forever," yet another ode to his wife, features lyrics such as "Could you be here with me forever, ever, ever?/Would you be here with me did not take Bieber's songwriters five years to write. The wordplay in "Running Over" borders on nauseating: "Keep runnin' over me with your lovin'/I'm only right here for your consumption."

Bieber burst onto the scene as an adorable, floppy-haired 13-year-old over a decade ago, and his growth both as an artist and human being has been thoroughly documented for the world to see. The aptly titled "Changes" can be seen as the culmination of this growth, as he leaves behind the crowd-pleasing pop music scene he once dominated and fully embraces what he himself has branded "R&Bieber."

Bieber's newest project ultimately must be seen as music he has created not so much for his legion of fans but more for his own pleasure. While I am sure that he simply wanted to share with the world how in love he is, the album ends up smothering listeners with a highly romanticized portrayal of married life. I, for one, will wait out the newlyweds' honeymoon phase in hopes that Bieber will find his edge again.



Courtesy of Metro

"To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You": Does It Live Up to the Hype? After the breakout success of the film adaptation of Jenny Han's "To All the Boys I've Loved Before," viewers were left wondering if Netflix would be able to deliver a quality sequel in "P.S. I Still Love You."



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Little did I know that throughout the long eight-hour driving days, I wouldn't be able to peel my eyes away from the story. I, along with the rest of the teenage girls of America, felt like I was personally a part of Lara Jean's romantic quest. I watched the first movie in an Airbnb in New Mexico, feeling somewhat fulfilled by the film adaptation and charmed enough to feel content. While the movie left out a lot of key elements from

the novel, I still was hopeful and excited for the sequel.

I read "P.S. I Still Love You" this past holiday season, loving it even more than the first book for all its plot twists and lasting hopeless romanticism of one of my favorite main characters of all time, Lara Jean. I fittingly watched the movie in my bed on Valentine's Day, again hopeful that it would live up to the book's rollercoaster of emotions.

Lara Jean (Lana Condor) and Peter (Noah Centineo) are in the lusty beginnings of their relationship as the story begins: going on their first date, first family dinner, etc. Quickly, Lara Jean and Peter realize the presence of outside influences on their relationship which bring a few threats to their happiness as a couple. One of these threats happens to be Peter's ex-girlfriend Gen and the other being the reappearance of Lara Jean's middle-school crush and letter-receiver John Ambrose McClaren (Jordan Fisher) back into her life. Lara Jean faces an

inner conflict throughout the story, weighing whether to stay in her relationship with Peter or embark upon a new romantic conquest with John Ambrose. John Ambrose's personality serves as the utter opposite of Peter's, posing a substantial disruption to Lara Jean's romance with Peter. Fisher's entrance into the "To

All the Boys" universe was a smart decision for the film franchise, as his portrayal of John Ambrose adds even more charm to the rom-com and adeptly convinces audiences why Lara Jean's feelings began to resurface for her middleschool love interest in the first transition from book to film. place. Similarly, the performance of Lana Condor alone keeps the film afloat, as her indecisive but genuine nature in the film helps develop her rightful portraval of Lara Jean. Despite this, Peter and Lara Jean's relationship seems more strained in the movie than romantic, giving viewers a little less charm from Centineo than they were previously used to. While Peter

and Lara's chemistry is what drew a lot of viewer attention in the first movie, this same chemistry was somewhat lacking screen time in the sequel. This not only left me questioning why she chose Peter to be with in the end but a lot of the Twitter universe as well. The "P.S. I Still Love You" movie crafts the story in a way that makes John Ambrose seem like the rightful romantic choice in a drastically more obvious matter than in the book. This discrepancy is due to a lot more open-ended dialogue and interaction between Peter and Lara Jean being left out in the

Additionally, one of the main plot points of the book, where the characters return to the treehouse and decide to play a game of Assassins, is left out completely in the film adaptation. This game was an essential piece not only for the slow build of conflict between Peter and Lara Jean but also one of the main ways in which she grows closer to John Ambrose. Lara Jean's decision to choose Peter

in the movie was one that was almost immediate after she kissed John Ambrose, a heavy alteration from the book where Lara Jean deliberates who she will choose for a steady amount of time after the kiss. Because of this, the ending seemed overwhelmingly rushed to deliver a happy finish.

Despite wanting to see the film add more elements of the novel to give the plot more nuance as a whole, I still found the entertaining journey of the movie adaptation of "P.S. I Still Love You" satisfactory in that it is sequentially about trying to make Lara Jean's relationship with Peter work, despite her doubts and insecurities. Lara Jean's ending commitment to Peter shows her growth in character and maturity in her first relationship. While overall it may seem confusing to viewers that she didn't choose John Ambrose, the message is about making a difficult but worthwhile decision to make a relationship work with someone you fell in love with in the first place - a message that a lot of viewers can relate to.

Warning! Spoilers ahead!

I remember picking up a book that sounded like it would be an interesting read on my road trip move to California, needing something to cure my boredom: the book was "To All the Boys I've Loved Before" by Jenny Han.



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Student Health Receives Influx of Sex **Injuries Following Valentine's Day**



Kaitlyn Smith Staff Writer

Student Health staffers were astonished this week by the staggering number of sex-related injuries presented to Student Health for treatment following this year's three-day Valentine's weekend. Although UCSB's rates of intimate injuries generally dwarf those of the nation on average, this week's spike in sexually injured Gauchos was remarkable, even taking into account their above-average prowess.

"This weekend was crazy!" said Hugh Mungus, a frat boy still recovering from his penile fracture. "My dick looked like the pregnant koi fish in the pond by Storke," Hugh exclaimed, his roommate Chad gravely nodding in confirmation.

Many other students are still recovering from their hazardous weekend fun. Some are facing carpet burn, back injuries and assorted foreign bodies still lodged in their rectums. One student, who (understandably) chose to remain anonymous, described the emotional trauma that came with telling the JAZE WHARTON / DAILY NEXUS

doctors about the "Natty Daddy" can stuck in his ass. "Literally all the girls in the sorority house have UTIs right now," said Amanda D. P. Throat. She went on to explain

the sisterhood of their co-medication. "I'm not sure whose antibiotics I took this morning but they all do the same thing right?"

One unfortunate Gaucho was questioned by his concerned mother about his mysterious and sudden case of pink-eye, an ailment for which he blamed the shitty dorm conditions. We heard him tell her, "It's from the musty showers, Mom." From her reaction, though, you could tell she had faced the same problem before and wasn't buying his BS story.

Fortunately, hiding sex injuries from your parents couldn't be easier! For peace of mind with your risky sexual endeavors, charges from Student Health - even for beer cans in asses show up simply as "Student Health Services" on BARC.

Kaitlyn Smith did not have a sex injury this year because she is unfortunately single.



Hall Rules Clearly Based on Hammurabi's Code



Stuart "Fat Meat" Yaeger Staff Writer

FT's 12th-floor bulletin board was recently replaced with a pair of massive clay tablets, into which new floor rules have been hand-chiseled. These new rules, as well as their method of proclamation, seem to be loosely plagiarized from the Code of Hammurabi, an ancient Babylonian code of law, written between 1792 and 1750 B.C.

"If anyone leaves their clothes in the laundry past the time required to wash said clothes, then that person shall be dragged behind a car down the entire length of Del Playa Drive" touts just one of the many controversial hall rules added to 12th floor of Santa Catalina Hall.

"This is utterly ridiculous. I recently discovered my inner worth and can tell you with certainty that living in the past is toxic and harmful," claimed Jackson Hiduke, Santa Catalina resident. "This is, like, totally not vibey. Any noise after 10 p.m. means we get our ears removed! That's like, so not hype!"

Hiduke is just one of many people complaining about the rule change, which followed the replacement of previous RA, Zachary Troutman, with the new RA, Nur-Ishtar.

"Living in the past" is not the only accusation that has been leveled against *and they took both of his arms.*

Nur-Ishtar. Reports of "inappropriate" activities include allegations of chariot racing and gladiatorial brawls.

"Those aren't even Mesopotamian," claimed Hiduke. But that did not stop Nur-Ishtar, who threw Hiduke into a pit to fight approximately 20 raccoons. The raccoons won.

Nur-Ishtar offered a brief comment on his new policies, simply stating "hoes mad," before attacking two Nexustentialism reporters with a bronze spear.

Nexustentialism contacted the resident director of FT, Willie Doozy, who said that Nur-Ishtar is "not [his] fucking problem, just kick his ass or some shit homie. Don't be a fucking simp dumbass. Idiot bitch. This is New Jersey, we don't take shit lying down. I respect he who respects himself."

When asked to clarify, Doozy told us to "learn some basic geometry so you know what the fuck I'm talking about. I got a meeting and no time to talk to you shitheads," before throwing a stapler at us.

At this time, all advice that can be given by these reporters is to stay away from FT. If you live there, good luck and make sure you keep your chariot license on hand.

Stuart "Fat Meat" Yeager went to FT once

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On the Menu

ON THE MENU A Baked Ranch Chicken Recipe on a Budget

Shelby Guy Staff Writer

Among the many easily available options in I.V., it can sometimes be hard to find a dinner that is light on your wallet as well as filling enough to stop late-night snacking. Fortunately, this recipe is not only a cheap meal but also is endlessly flavorful and incredibly filling. This recipe takes 45 minutes in total and will give you a juicy, tangy chicken breast without breaking the bank over ingredients.

Ingredients:

- ¹/₂ cup breadcrumbs (Progresso Italian Style works best)
- 1 packet of powdered ranch dressing (any brand will work)
- 8 oz. of reduced-fat sour cream
- 5 skinless chicken breasts

Directions:

- 1. Heat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit and spray a 9x7 brownie sheet with non-stick spray (you can alternatively rub it down with olive oil if you do not have cooking spray).
- 2. Pour the ranch and breadcrumbs into a 5x5 brownie pan or an unused pie tin. Place the sour cream in a separate 5x5 pan or pie tin.
- 3. Place one chicken breast at a time in the sour cream, making sure to evenly coat the chicken breast. Then place it in the breading, tossing until completely coated. Repeat this for every chicken breast.
- 4. Place each breast on the prepared sheet, making sure to leave 2 inches of space between them. Place them in the oven for about 40-45 minutes, or until the thickest part of the breast registers over 170 degrees Fahrenheit when a temperature probe is inserted.
- 5. Remove from the oven and let rest for one minute. Enjoy!

Tips: The chicken breast works well with mashed potatoes and steamed vegetables or white rice if you are in a pinch.

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Su's Bowl's Chinese Cuisine

Winnie Lam On the Menu Editor

Su's Bowl opened its doors at the end of 2019, bringing a taste of authentic Chinese food to Isla Vista. It's located on Embarcadero Del Mar and replaced what used to be Wecook, another Chinese restaurant. I've been wanting to try Su's Bowl for a while since I had been hearing good things about the authenticity of the food, so I finally carved out the time to do so.

I visited the restaurant during lunch hour on a Friday, and there were plenty of tables open. The ordering style at Su's Bowl is designed so that customers simply mark off the dishes they want on a paper menu and hand it to the waiters. The restaurant has a vast variety of Chinese dishes to choose from including Szechuan dishes, sizzling pots and an assortment of different noodles and fried rice. I was eating with a friend, and we decided to share the traditional Taiwanese braised beef noodle and the Chinese burger with lamb meat.

The beef noodle soup was pretty tasty compared to my relatively low standards for Asian food in I.V. The broth was flavorful and not watery at all, as I could taste the various spices they used in the soup. The noodles were chewy, and the meat and vegetables were decently good. The only criticisms I have are that I thought there was not enough bok choy, and some pieces of the meat were a little too fatty for my taste. However, this bowl of noodle soup was a good portion of food, as my friend and I barely finished the whole thing. I could definitely see myself ordering this again on a cold day to satisfy my cravings for a hot, steamy bowl of noodle soup.

I had never tried a Chinese burger before coming to Su's Bowl, and although I was skeptical at first, I'm glad I discovered this dish. A Chinese burger is a well-known street food that consists of your selection of meat sandwiched between two pieces of flatbread. The bread was slightly toasted, giving off the perfect crunch, which contrasted the texture of the meat. The lamb meat was flavorful, and they were not stingy with their portions at all. As a warning to those who do not like spicy food, this burger is pretty hot despite the fact that it doesn't look spicy at all. Overall, Su's Bowl made a pretty good first impression on me. The food was tasty and as authentic as you can get in Santa Barbara. Additionally, the dishes were reasonably priced for their portion sizes. I would definitely recommend coming here with a friend so you don't spend too much money and so you can try a larger variety of dishes. The next time you're trying to decide what to eat in I.V., give Su's Bowl a try. With such a huge number of dishes on their menu, there's bound to be something that you enjoy!

Kaiju Brings Japanese Ramen and Curry to Isla Vista

Liliana Linan Staff Writer

As a Los Angeles native, I eat a lot of ramen and I was very excited to hear about the opening of a new Japanese ramen and curry restaurant in our very own Isla Vista. Kaiju, the newest addition to I.V.'s food spots, recently replaced Hanamura and is already gaining a lot of traction, perhaps thanks to its advertisement on Facebook.

I arrived at 8:30 p.m. on a Saturday night, and there was a good amount of people there for a brand-new restaurant, but I didn't have to wait for a table. The restaurant itself is very well lit, with nice modern decor. The menu is simple, consisting of appetizers, curry and ramen.

I wanted to order fried octopus, but they ran out, and so I opted for the gyoza described as pork dumplings with garlic-sesame soy sauce, and the miso ramen. The prices are average, at \$5.49 for the gyoza and \$12.99 for the ramen. The gyoza was nice and crunchy, and the sauce was perfect for dipping because of its acidity. I enjoyed these dumplings, but they also tasted like the frozen Bibigo wontons I get from Costco.

The miso ramen included a lot of toppings on paper but looked a bit emptier than I had anticipated when served. After the first slurp, I was immediately disappointed. I know I'm biased, but so far, nothing can beat LA ramen. The dish was too oily, and because it was served lukewarm, it cooled down very quickly. Overall, it just needed more flavor. The chashu (Japanese braised pork belly) was difficult to cut, and there was too little of every vegetable, especially the corn. I also wish there was an option to add spice, as I think that would bring up the flavor of the ramen.

In short, Kaiju is mediocre at best. I've always wanted to have Japanese curry, but I think I'll wait to try it at a different spot.



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SCIENCE National Society of Black Engineers at UCSB Provides Black S.T.E.M. Students "Encouragement" and "Knowledge"

Jacqueline Wen Science & Tech Editor

UC Santa Barbara's chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers provides a space for Black students studying science, technology, engineering and mathematics to convene and support one another.

Founded in the 1970s, the National Society of Black Engineers at UCSB (NSBE-UCSB) is a student organization under the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) program, which "has strengthened math and science skills for underrepresented students and expanded access to higher education and productive careers," according to its program page under UCSB's Office of Education Partnerships.

The organization's members meet bi-monthly, beginning with "a little bit of a social and [a] safe space for all the Black S.T.E.M. people [at UCSB]," said Malia Kanakanui, a fourth-year chemistry major and co-president of NSBE-UCSB. They then discuss upcoming events.

NSBE puts on professional events, such as during its recruitment season in fall quarter. Companies co-hosted an event with NSBE to come and give talks, allowing members to speak with job and internship recruiters. Earlier this quarter, NSBE held a research outreach event where a research coordinator came and spoke about available research opportunities.

"Basically the point of the club is just saying we're trying to let people know of their options and we do that by inviting either companies or research coordinators and letting everyone know about what opportunities there are," said Abel Semma, a third-year computer engineering major and NSBE-UCSB's co-president.

"Also, it's really nice to just have an hour every two weeks to just get everyone together and chill and bond," he continued.

Kanakanui added, "It's really important since the Black population at Santa Barbara is like [5%] Black students overall ... So to have that safe space with like-minded people, but also people that look like each other, it's nice to have because you don't see that when you're on campus a lot."

NSBE also frequently collaborates with another MESA engineering program partner, Los Ingenieros, as well as UCSB's College of Engineering.

The MESA program - including organizations like NSBE and Los Ingenieros - encourages and prepares pre-college and college students to go into S.T.E.M. fields through outreach. At the elementary, middle and high-school levels, students can participate in various activities and competitions to gain early exposure to S.T.E.M.

"As an NSBE representative, to be the person that is encouraging them alongside MESA – being a face that looks familiar to somebody that might Semma stated. "People would reach out to us to not have ever seen somehody that looks like them doing S.T.E.M. – I think has really added to the amount of Black kids that want to pursue S.T.E.M.," shows us that we're getting somewhere with our organization. We're growing and it's only going to NSBE-UCSB aims to encourage and help Black engineers and scientists "excel academically, said Ashlee Priestley, a fourth-year zoology major get better."

and NSBE-UCSB's MESA liaison. "Because if you don't see anybody that looks like you, you kind of think you can't do it. I think that's how NSBE encourages [students to go into S.T.E.M.].'

Though "Engineers" is in the name, the organization is inclusive of all S.T.E.M. majors.

Priestley described how she initially hesitated to join NSBE since she wasn't one of the more typical "computer science majors and engineers." However, in her junior year, she decided to go to a meeting, where she realized "you don't really have to be an engineer to be in NSBE. That's when I really started becoming more interested."

According to Priestley, despite not being a similar S.T.E.M. major as most members, she found "a lot of encouragement" from the organization including always being welcome to join study sessions. "They always encourage me to keep going and ask me how I'm doing academically and check in with me, which has really helped. I think that is always helpful when you have somebody that's genuinely

looking after you," she said. Currently, NSBE-UCSB is preparing for its major event of the quarter, the annual convention held by the national organization. In its 46th iteration, the conference will take place from March 25-29 in San Antonio, Texas.

The national convention provides NSBE members a chance to network and meet people from different engineering companies for job and internship opportunities. "It'll be a lot of Black scholars and leaders and industry representatives showing up and just giving all of the university and college students information and advice," Kanakanui said.

Besides professional networking and development, the conference offers an occasion to bond and "meet other Black S.T.E.M. students, which is kind of a rarity especially on UCSB's campus. So going out and seeing people from all over the nation that have the same goals and the same major as you is one of the reasons I think that a lot of people go," Priestley said.

After Priestley attended the national conference last year, she recalled being "really enamored with everything," including making friends within the club.

"I even got an internship [at the conference] even though I'm not an engineer in any way," Priestley stated. "So I think that speaks to the amount of diversity within the program and the amount of things that the convention offers to all of NSBE's members.'

Since joining NSBE, both Kanakanui and Semma have become more familiar with open scholarships and other resources on campus. They have "more knowledge about what's going on," according to Semma.

"And also this just feels like our own little organization ... and we kind of created this thing,' do events with them and that's just kind of nice. It



succeed professionally, and positively impact the community," according to its webpage.

A Rooted Conversation About Hair

Surya Pugal Reporter

The conversation about natural hair in the African American community has been a hard one, riddled with misconceptions that lend to discriminatory practices both within and outside of the workplace

Kimika Hudson, a reporter from the Huffington Post, outlines this lack of conversation about hair in her article, "The Missing Education on Black Hair," and attempts to shed light on an overshadowed issue. Hudson points out how certain hairstyles predominant within

the African American community consist of a wide variety of curl textures and, as a result, "styling tools such as combs and brushes" induce hair breakage. Low sebum, which is a naturally occurring oily substance which aids in the moisturization and protection of hair, also contributes to this. As a result of this, Hudson underscores how Afrotextured hair does not benefit from frequent washing, as this removes natural oils within the hair, which significantly weakens hair fibers.

According to a 2015 study published in the Brazilian journal Anais Brasileiros de Dermatologia, "fluids like water and sebum do not distribute themselves completely evenly along the hair strands, reducing the water loss capacity." This can be attributed to the specific



"spiral structure" which accompanies Afro-textured hair, which also plays a role in making said hair more susceptible to chemical and physical damage. The study posits genetics as one of several factors that could play a role in the structure and characteristics for Afrotextured hair.

In fact, Lorna Jones, a trichologist and writer for gal-dem, a magazine produced by women and non-binary people of color, underscores that only now is the role that genetics plays in the structure of hair and the scalp "beginning to be understood." Jones highlights how the recent discovery of PADI3 (a gene linked to permanent hair loss among women of color) by Ncoza Dlova, a professor at the University of KwaZulu-Natal's School of Clinical Medicine, may be a starting point and indicator of change for things to come.

Certain hairstyles, such as dreadlocks and braids, are commonly worn as they help to preserve the texture of hair, prevent hair follicles from weathering and serve as alternatives to existing chemical straightening and heat-straightening practices, which can create significant damage to hair particles, according to Hudson. However, these hairstyles are being banned within school and work environments, largely due to a lack of awareness about differences in hair texture.

As A.B. Wilkinson, a reporter from The Atlantic, points out, legal cases that have backed the hairstyle ban can be attributed to "relying on some well-established legal precedents as well as some outdated notions of race." A clear-cut example of this is the case of EEOC v Catastrophe Management Solutions (CMS), where Chastity Jones was denied acceptance for a job at a customer service representative at a call center explicitly because of her dreadlocks. Ultimately, the Court of Appeals unanimously ruled in favor of CMS, resulting in the EEOC seeking to petition their case to the Supreme Court. However, the Supreme Court decided not to review the lawsuit.

Only recently has discussion about Afro-textured hair taken center stage. In the past few decades, the natural hair movement has gained momentum. In recent memory, celebrities such as Lupita Nyong'o, Janelle Monáe and Viola Davis took part to help increase discourse about the issue, encouraging people of color to embrace their natural hair and promoting overall acceptance.

Another signal that Afro-textured hair is gaining media traction can be found in the film, "Hair Love," which features an African American father assisting his 7-year-old daughter in styling her hair. The film won Best Animated Short Film in this year's Academy Awards ceremony, shedding light on the struggles that go into taking care of natural hair.

As a result of the recent discourse that has been taking place, the C.R.O.W.N. (Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair) Act has been passed in three states, ruling that discrimination on the basis of hairstyle unfairly targets people of color. Despite this, there is much to be done about spreading awareness about Afro-textured hair and only through increased conversation can this be achieved.

"Hair Love' was done because we wanted to see more representation in animation. We wanted to normalize Black hair," Matthew Cherry said during his acceptance speech at the Academy Awards. Cherry also urged passing the C.R.O.W.N. Act in all 50 states.

Courtesy of Sony Pictures Animation

Daily Nexus

Students Speak Out On Coronavirus

The recent outbreak of coronavirus, a respiratory infection which has spread from Wuhan, China to over 25 other countries, has taken the lives of more than 2,000 people to date. While most of the cases are concentrated in mainland China, coronavirus has political and personal consequences that can be felt across the globe — including in our own community. In the following submissions, students share their perspectives on the health emergency.

Wuhan is known to have a large exotic meat market, which is why the virus is thought to have originated from one of the animals sold at the market. It was originally thought that the virus could only be spread from direct contact with an infected animal. However, as more information about coronavirus comes to light, researchers have concluded that this disease can also spread from human contact.

As densely populated areas, Isla Vista and the UC Santa Barbara campus are prime locations for diseases to spread; coronavirus is no exception. However, there is a lot of false information circulating in the media, giving rise to unnecessary panic. It is crucial that the UCSB community stays up to date with accurate information about the virus in order to remain safe and healthy.

Coronavirus is primarily transmitted through person-to-person contact. It is still unclear whether or not the virus can be passed through touch, such as by touching a surface that an infected person has also touched. Because of the nature of the disease, it is very important to wash your hands thoroughly and often – especially before and after coming into contact with your face, eyes or nose. Another crucial step that UCSB students can take to prevent the spread of this virus is staying home when they are sick and avoiding close contact with others who are sick with any illness. If the sickness persists, it is imperative to visit a doctor. While the odds of contracting coronavirus in this area are extremely low, early diagnosis can be key in disease prevention. It is important to note that the measures that should be taken to prevent a possible case of coronavirus are essentially the same measures that should be taken to avoid any common contagious virus.

To get the most up-to-date information, UCSB students should consult credible websites such as that of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention or speak with their local health care providers. If the public is well-informed and aware of the symptoms and proper preventative measures, it will be easier for health care providers to treat and contain the virus.

Finally, there has been much unnecessary hysteria surrounding the outbreak of this disease. To avoid this, well-informed students should pass along reliable information to others. It is important for the community to be educated in order to keep everyone well versed on the nature of the virus. We should encourage friends and peers to watch out for signs and symptoms while simultaneously keeping in mind that these symptoms could be – and most likely are – indicative of any number of viruses. We must also encourage our community members to maintain healthy living habits, such as washing hands and keeping clean living spaces. In doing so, the UCSB community can remain safe and educated on the outbreak of this world health epidemic.

– Maya Wohl

As a Chinese international student who wants to pursue a career in health, I have to raise my voice: the epidemic is not an excuse to be racist.

I am fortunate to have not yet personally experienced any racial prejudice at UC Santa Barbara. However, my best friend, who studies at Emerson College in Boston, was verbally assaulted by a couple of strangers because she is Asian and wore a mask. Also, some of my non-Chinese friends have told me that their parents have advised them to stay away from Chinese people. I was shocked and saddened to hear that people would start to blame and fear an entire ethnicity during this health emergency.

However, these people fail to realize that the Chinese are just as afraid as everyone else — or possibly even more afraid. We are scared and sad because our friends, families and the cities we were raised in are struggling during this catastrophe. Right now, it's the Lunar New Year, which is the equivalent of the winter holidays for Western cultures, the time of year for family reunions and to spread love and support. However, this year, people are quarantined, separated and facing discrimination. The social stigma against Chinese people is growing worse, and when people are quick to blame, fewer are inclined to help. The Chinese are not a public threat; the virus and those exposed to the outbreak are. This is not an issue of ethnicity, religion, physical appearance, gender, geography or nationality. This is simple science: it's about a virus spreading among humans and affecting people's health. This is a battle between all humans and the coronavirus. China is just the first victim. Racial prejudice born of this epidemic isolates Chinese people, causing whoever is experiencing symptoms to hide their illness, contributing further to the public health crisis. So stop blaming an entire segment of the population and instead help protect our community.

"How funny it is that my hometown became famous because of the coronavirus," a friend of mine jokingly said. Not long ago, she was simply perceived as an international college student. Now she is labeled a Chinese student from Wuhan — the origin of the disease.

The imperceptible potential of contracting coronavirus, as well as the rate of propagation, are disturbing. Because the virus can have an incubation period of up to 14 days, people are traveling abroad without awareness that they are infected. This boosts the spread of the disease. As a result, there is a great deal of criticism toward Chinese people, as they are being blamed for bringing the virus into new countries.

My friend admitted that she has been upset by certain interactions on our own campus. Even though she returned to school in early January, when the disease had just begun to spread, her family and friends are still in Wuhan. "There is nothing I can do, except tell them to wear masks," she recalled. She said she feels helpless and is deeply concerned for her family and friends. The harmful comments that she has observed on the news and social media posts have depressed her further. The news blames people from Wuhan for consuming exotic animals and traveling during this time period. My friend feels disappointed when she notices the people around her acting extremely cautious, as if she herself is some kind of virus.

"It hurts," my friend confessed. "People should not generalize and attribute the virus to the whole Chinese population." She pointed out that "there are restaurants refusing to allow Chinese people in." While it is true that the disease originated from China, extrapolating this to all Chinese people is not a productive reaction. "Society should be geared toward an environment where race is not the primary criteria to judge one another," she added.

I was both surprised by and sympathetic to what my friend from Wuhan has encountered. The response of unfair overgeneralization hurts people's feelings. As a Chinese student myself, this is especially disheartening to hear about. Next time you meet an international student, throw away the stereotypes and maybe take a moment to learn about who they really are. If they are a Chinese student from Wuhan, ask them, "How are your parents? Is your family doing okay?" or simply respond with a hug. That would be sweet. I hope our world can become better with a little respect and a lot of empathy, because sometimes a little consideration goes a long way.

– Jessica Kuo

My homeland is severely suffering from coronavirus. People are forced to stay in their homes and are in great danger. As the virus is still being researched, experts and scientists are not yet certain of the modes of transmission or effective treatments. Thus, people must take up their own efforts to defend themselves against it. Many families and individuals in China are now struggling against the fatal virus, including family members of international students here.

Although we are studying in a foreign country, our minds are consumed with our home country. It is extremely distressing to see that our prosperous hometowns are now empty cities, and many factories and schools are being transformed into temporary hospitals. To help our country get through this difficult time, international students have tried our best to transport medical supplies back to China. Among these supplies, masks and protective suits are most important for avoiding further infection.

On the UCSB campus, the prevalence of mask-wearing has recently led to an increased amount of discrimination. Although I have never personally experienced this, I have witnessed and read about plenty of racist attacks around the world against Chinese people. We want people to know that most of us never lived in the city where the virus originated and that most of us have not been back to China since the outbreak began. We have had no contact with the virus, so there is no reason for Chinese students to be ostracized.



Information about the evolving coronavirus epidemic is being clearly and effectively conveyed to the public. As a part of this community, it's our responsibility to get information from reliable sources and stop panicking. Don't hate or judge people of Chinese ethnicity. Keep up with the news, focus on the facts and advocate for public health to actively protect our community.

– Enjia Zhang

"Don't look at me like I am some kind of freak!" This is what I want to tell the xenophobic students at UC Santa Barbara.

Since the outbreak of coronavirus, all Chinese students have been put on high alert: many of them started to wear face masks in order to minimize chances of infection. Some people on campus who may not be aware of the seriousness of the situation seem bothered by Chinese students wearing masks. Holly Smith, an administrative nursing supervisor and infection control coordinator at UCSB, suggested that there is no need for those who have not been infected by the virus to wear masks. Yet, the incubation period, the contagious stage of the virus, can last up to 14 days. The purpose of wearing masks is simply to protect one another from the risk of getting infected. Although there are no confirmed cases at UCSB, it is still necessary to implement preventative methods.

While the chance of an outbreak in Santa Barbara is extremely low, Chinese students are not willing to take any chances. I sincerely ask UCSB students to stop being xenophobic toward the virus. We should acknowledge the function of facial masks in preventing the spread of any disease. It is indecent for people to discriminate against any racial group, especially during such a sensitive time.

Cultural differences also account for this misguided attitude toward maskwearing. Unlike in western cultures, mask-wearing is a common method of illness prevention in China and other Asian countries. Not only do we wear masks during flu season, we also put on face masks whenever we are sick to stop an illness from spreading further. Face masks certainly do a better job of this than sneezing and coughing into an elbow. And for those who are not sick, masks can diminish the chances of becoming infected.

I am really sorry that students wearing masks on campus is causing some people to panic. I hope that other students will educate themselves about the benefits of face masks and the good intentions of Chinese students who wear them. We do this not only for our own health, but also for the protection of the people around us.

- Hao Gong

Though coronavirus originated in China, Chinese people should not be labeled as ill or contaminated. Coronavirus is a catastrophe for all human beings, not only Chinese people. Mankind must stick together to persist through collective difficulty. Just like Ebola and -CoV, coronavirus is not anyone's fault — including those who have been infected.

In 2009, thousands of people were infected by H1N1, or swine flu, a widespread flu which originated in Mexico. However, no one blamed a certain country or race for that pandemic. Though China is working tirelessly to fight against coronavirus and minimize the global death toll, some western media sources have named the virus "yellow peril," which is blatant racism.

Chinese students are wearing face masks as a protective measure, because we don't want to be infected by other people. We are not sick. I hope the racist behaviors will stop and we can avoid imposing further psychological harm to Chinese students.

- Liuyi Chen

UC Santa Barbara students should not be overly paranoid about coronavirus spreading to our campus. First of all, since the disease originated in China, the only way for the virus to get to Santa Barbara would be from a community member traveling to and from China. As most UCSB faculty and students returned from winter break before the virus was discovered, we are not at high risk of contraction. Santa Barbara doesn't have an international airport and it isn't an overly popular tourist city. There is very little chance that the citizens here have been exposed to the virus. Furthermore, most airlines have recently canceled flights between China and other countries. The federal government has also enacted a new policy stating that all tourists from China must be quarantined and observed for 14 days, which is the extent of the incubation period of the virus, before they can leave and go about their business. The last two cases in California have been confined and quarantined to hospitals. The virus is still far away from us. It is an overreaction to ask for our campus to be shut down.

Although the chances of exposure to coronavirus are very low, we cannot presume our community is a completely safe zone. Along with coronavirus, there are also several kinds of influenza circulating in the U.S. Students should wear masks to protect themselves from catching the flu from public areas, especially in crowded places, such as the library or large lecture halls. Since some symptoms of these flus are similar to the coronavirus infection, people who have a fever, cough and breathing difficulties should visit Student Health and receive a diagnosis for their illness. After that, they should avoid going to crowded places or talking to other people without a mask because the flu is also highly contagious.

Finally, for students who are healthy, please respect those who are sick or wearing masks. All we mask-wearers want to do is keep viruses and disease from spreading. Please do not laugh at people wearing masks or insult them for doing so. Be friendly and sympathetic and let hope fill our campus.

- Hondong Huang



SAGITTARIUS NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

Trail mix from the I.V. Co-op

CAPRICORN DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19 Tempura green beans from the Habit

AQUARIUS JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18 Brown butter cookies from I.V. Drip



Boba from Mojo Café (light on the tea and the ice, actually just a cup of boba balls please)