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## UC Extends Application Deadline For Those Affected by Wildfires

Evelyn Spence  
County News Editor

The University of California extended the deadline for undergraduate applicants affected by the recent California wildfires, according to a press release sent out by the UC Office of the President Wednesday morning.

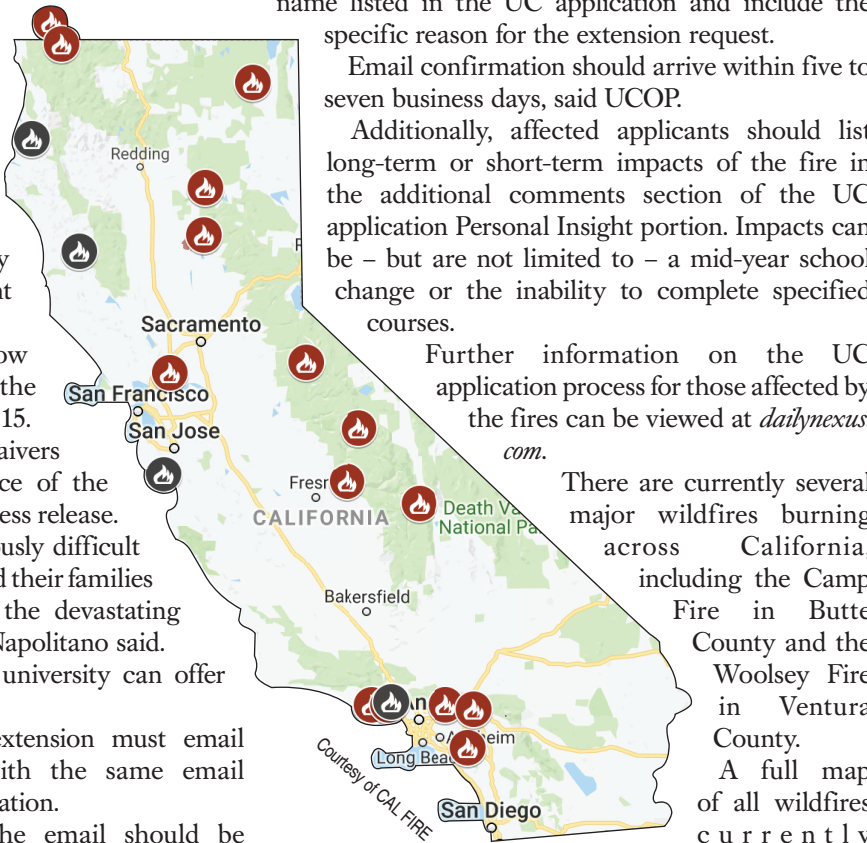
Affected students can now request an extension from the initial Nov. 30 deadline to Dec. 15.

UC will also grant fee waivers to affected students, UC Office of the President (UCOP) said in the press release.

"We know this is a tremendously difficult time for prospective students and their families who have been impacted by the devastating wildfires," UC President Janet Napolitano said. "This is one small way the university can offer support."

Applicants who need an extension must email [ucinfo@applyucsupport.net](mailto:ucinfo@applyucsupport.net) with the same email address used in their UC application.

The subject headline of the email should be "Extension Request - Weather/Fire Event." In the email, applicants should use the same first and last



name listed in the UC application and include the specific reason for the extension request.

Email confirmation should arrive within five to seven business days, said UCOP.

Additionally, affected applicants should list long-term or short-term impacts of the fire in the additional comments section of the UC application Personal Insight portion. Impacts can be - but are not limited to - a mid-year school change or the inability to complete specified courses.

Further information on the UC application process for those affected by the fires can be viewed at [dailynews.com](http://dailynews.com).

There are currently several major wildfires burning across California, including the Camp Fire in Butte County and the Woolsey Fire in Ventura County.

A full map of all wildfires currently burning in California can be viewed at [dailynews.com](http://dailynews.com).

## Senate Rejects Winter Quarter Special Election

By Simren Verma  
University News Editor

On Wednesday, UC Santa Barbara's Associated Students Senate voted to indefinitely table a petition to hold another special election during Winter Quarter 2019 for the External Vice President of Statewide Affairs position.

The Associated Students (A.S.) Senate voted with 15 yeses, three nos and two abstentions.

As a result, UCSB remains without an External Vice President of Statewide Affairs (EVPSA). Without another special election planned for Winter Quarter 2019, the EVPSA position will remain vacant for the rest of the 2018-2019 school year.

A.S. Elections Board initially mandated a special election for the EVPSA position to take place in Fall Quarter 2018 after Mayela Morales, a current fifth-year global studies and Chicana and Chicano studies double major, was disqualified approximately three weeks after the Spring Quarter 2018 elections were held.

The Declaration of Candidacy period for the EVPSA special election officially ended on Oct. 2, leaving Madeline Loudon, the runner-up in the Spring Quarter 2018 EVPSA election, as the only candidate in the race.

The final deadline to vote was extended multiple times, as the special election was repeatedly unable to meet the voter threshold.

The final deadline to vote ended Nov. 4, with the special election unable to meet the 16 percent threshold.

On Nov. 4, A.S. Elections Board Chair John Paul Renteria confirmed there will be no EVPSA for the 2018-19 school year following.

On Nov. 8, Elections Board held a meeting in which Davis Quan, Elections Board member, motioned to hold a special election during Winter Quarter 2019 for the EVPSA position, citing that it would follow A.S. Legal Code, according to Elections Board minutes.

"If an executive officer position should become vacant after the fifth (5th) meeting of Fall Quarter, an election must be held by the fourth (4th) week of Winter quarter," according to Article 11, section 2, (A.1.1) in A.S. Legal Code.

A.S. Elections Board held another meeting on Nov. 13, in which Elections Board member Andrew Yan motioned to set the voter threshold for the winter special election to 10 percent, according to Elections Board minutes.

"Quan stated that since the threshold for a General Election is 20%, a special election voter threshold for one position should be half of that," the Elections Board minutes read.

During Wednesday's A.S. Senate meeting, Elections Board Chair John Paul Renteria presented the petition to hold a special election during Winter Quarter 2019 for the EVPSA position.

According to the Elections Board's minutes, Election's Board would have begun advertising for the special election after the petition was approved by A.S. Senate.

During Wednesday's A.S. Senate meeting, Renteria said he believed the threshold of 10 percent is obtainable.

In June, A.S. Senate passed a resolution temporarily splitting the position's funds and duties between the External Vice President for Local Affairs, the Student Advocate General, the A.S. President, the A.S. President Proxy and the Lobby Corps Co-Chairs.

A letter from UC Student Association President Caroline Siegel Singh and Chair Davon Brandon Thomas said this vacancy is "deeply concerning and signals a lack of understanding of exactly how vital this position is to the UC Santa Barbara student body."

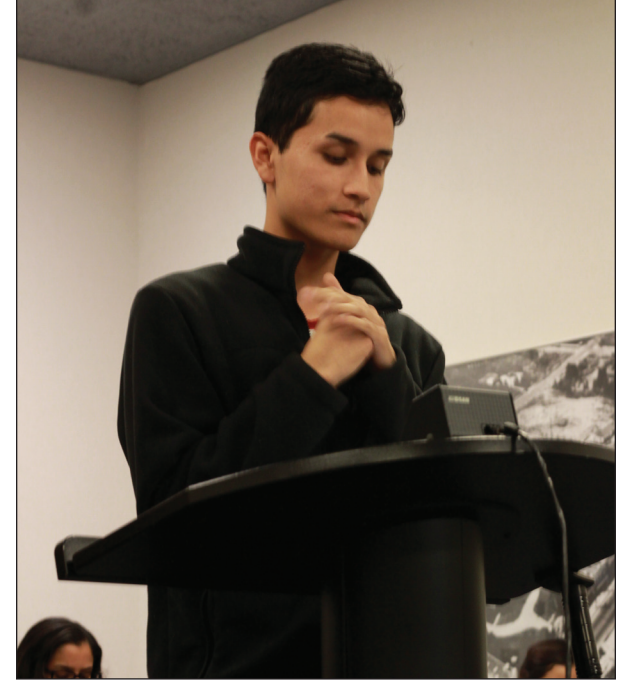
"Due to the vacancy, UCSB students have already missed 2 of the quarterly meetings with UC President Janet Napolitano and her staff," the letter continued.

"It is often during these meetings that EVPs are tasked with bringing up major campus issues to be addressed by the Office of the President."

The letter was voted on by the External Vice Presidents from every UC, their office staff and the board as a whole, according to the EVPSA office's Campus Organizing Director Alexandra Gessesse.

"To be honest, we're going to keep doing the same work. But what will the office look like to the larger state of California, I don't know," Gessesse said in an email.

"This is an injustice to students' needs and concerns beyond the absence of an executive member."



SANYA KAMIDI / DAILY NEXUS

## New Hip Hop Classes Bounce onto Campus Next Quarter

Sofia Mejias Pascoe  
Asst. News Editor

Jordan Mitchell knows a thing or two about hip-hop.

Hailing from Stockton, Calif., the music producer, engineer and UC Santa Barbara fourth-year said growing up in his community provided early exposure to the almost half-a-century-old genre.

Mitchell is now a classically trained musician majoring in music composition in the College of Creative Studies, but he still holds onto the traditions of hip-hop culture that fostered his youth.

"I've been around hip-hop my whole life. I've been around a lot of non-traditional music," Mitchell said. "It was a hard transition learning how to learn all these Western methods, but I learned how to produce and create beats."

To finish off his last year at UCSB, Mitchell will teach two courses in hip-hop over the rest of the academic year: Hip-Hop as Orchestration in Winter Quarter 2019 and Sociology of Hip-Hop in Spring Quarter 2019.

Hip-Hop as Orchestration will focus on the fundamentals of hip-hop production using Digital Audio Workstations (DAWs) and applied knowledge of basic music theory.

Students will be using Logic Pro X, a commonly used DAW, to create original beats and familiarize themselves with the navigation of hip-hop production programs, Mitchell said.

"Like immediately, first day of class, you're gonna leave with something made," he said.

Throughout the 10 weeks of the course, students

will recreate the sounds of five subgenres of hip-hop, including boom bap, reggaeton, party bangers, trap and alternative rap.

Both classes also aim to educate students on how the original meanings of hip-hop intersect with modern technologies, which have given rise to many changes in the genre.

Mitchell said the last decade in hip-hop has seen an increase in the number of artists who create musical productions through digital programs without any prior experience in the field.

"Everyone has a computer now, and people are doing this thing where they just originally create beats from scratch with no prior musical training. They're sitting here and they're just putting stuff together," he said.

He added that while hip-hop has become more accessible to more people, some of the core elements of the genre have been compromised in the process.

Sociology of Hip-Hop will discuss these types of paradoxes in the genre as well as changes in the messages, sounds and producers of hip-hop.

"I'm really testing the boundaries of, like, what is modern hip-hop," he said. "How does hip-hop go from poor people to what we're seeing as rich people music?"

Mitchell wants students to come out of the class having adequate knowledge about the social context of modern hip-hop as well as how to think critically about hip-hop, its producers and why it looks and sounds the way it does today.

Discussion topics in Sociology of Hip-Hop will include stigmas, dichotomies of masculinity and femininity, sexualization and desexualization and



Courtesy of Jordan Mitchell

LGBTQ+ artists and issues, according to Mitchell.

"I'm gonna give you information and I want you to be able critically assess how do you feel and what do you agree with, what don't you agree with, what do you know about hip-hop," Mitchell said.

Mitchell has been workshoping these courses since his first year at UCSB, when the idea to teach a course at UCSB in hip-hop first dawned on him.

After teaching a hip-hop course at Los Prietos Boys Camp in his freshman year and later teaching a hip-hop class at Santa Barbara City College,

Mitchell decided the topic was something that students at UCSB could also benefit from.

"Hip-hop is actually very complex and complicated. It's also very hands-on. People can learn that," he said.

Mitchell said the legitimacy of hip-hop as a serious musical genre is sometimes undermined by beliefs about it being too simple and too distant from the pillars of music theory. He expects there to be some criticisms of the hip-hop classes from colleagues and faculty once the class begins.

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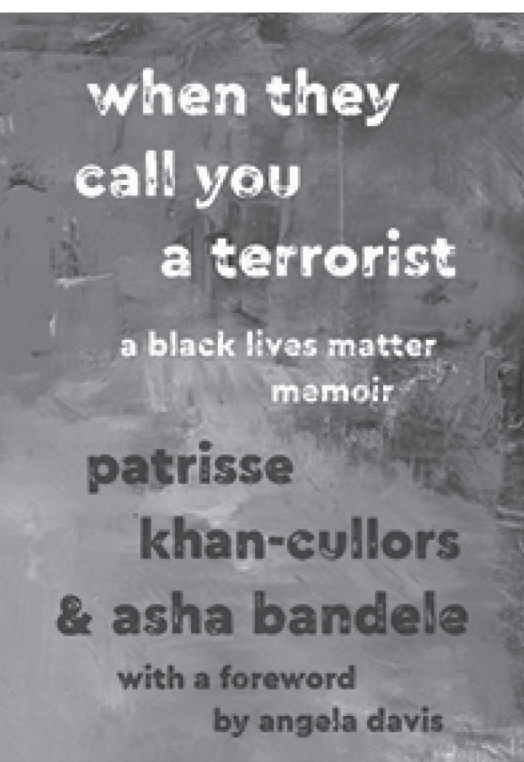
# THIS WEEK'S UP & COMING

## THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15

### A BLACK LIVES MATTER MEMOIR

**CORWIN PAVILION | 6:00PM**

Artist, organizer, educator and popular public speaker, Patrisse Cullors is a Los Angeles native and co-founder of the Black Lives Matter Global Network and founder of grassroots Los Angeles-based organization Dignity and Power Now. In 2013, Patrisse co-founded #BlackLivesMatter, the global movement with a viral Twitter hashtag, which has since grown to an international organization with dozens of chapters around the world fighting anti-Black racism. In January 2018 Patrisse Cullors published her memoir, *When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*. Her memoir became an instant *New York Times* bestseller.



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

### ESTONIAN PHILHARMONIC CHAMBER CHOIR AND TALLINN CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

**CAMPBELL HALL | 7:00PM**

The Grammy Award-winning Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir is renowned for the shimmering quality of its sound and its enthralling performances. The choir recorded Arvo Pärt's "Te Deum" with the Tallinn Chamber Orchestra - now celebrating its 25th anniversary. Among the foremost interpreters of Estonian choral composer Pärt, the two ensembles, together more than 50 artists, perform "Adam's Lament," "Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten" and works by Carlo Gesualdo, Brett Dean and Lepo Sumera.



## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

### UCSB ANNUAL TURKEY TROT

**CHARITY EVENT | UCSB LAGOON LAWN**

UCSB Recreation presents the Turkey Trot at the UCSB Lagoon. The charity event is a 5K run/walk or 10K run open to students and the community. Prizes are awarded to the first, second and third-place winners of the men's and women's divisions for each length race. Proceeds from the registration fees benefit the Chad Briner Student Staff Development Fund. Students can register the day of registration for \$25.



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"I have people that will love the class in the music department ... and then a lot of people will for sure hate it and don't like that it's intentionally going away from Western pedagogies on purpose and intentionally not doing what my teacher taught me," Mitchell said.

These courses are offered through a program that allows students in the College of Creative

Studies to teach a course during their time at UCSB. Students in the program must present syllabi and teaching plans for the course before they are approved to teach it, according to Mitchell.

Mitchell worked on his plans for the courses throughout summer, having to make many changes throughout the process and prove the classes to be legitimate, educational courses.

As far as he knows, this is the only time the classes will be offered, as Mitchell knows of no one who would be interested in taking over the class once he graduates.

Mitchell hopes these courses will show students not only that music education can be an advantageous career path but also that they have the capability of being successful in whatever

they choose to do in the future.

"Music's not worthless at all. I want people to embark on that," Mitchell said. "I just care about influencing people to do the best in what they want to do."

After graduating, Mitchell plans to obtain a master's degree in music education and return to his alma mater in Stockton to teach music and composition in hip-hop production.

# UCSA Releases Demands to UC Regarding UCPATH Implementation

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The UC Student Association released a list of demands to the University of California regarding UCPATH on Wednesday, calling for the system to provide reparations for students who have not been paid and for halting rollout of the system until problems have been addressed.

UC Santa Barbara began transitioning to UCPATH at the beginning of this quarter, hoping to create a more streamlined approach to paying its workers, according to the UCPATH website.

The UC Student Association (UCSA), an organization dedicated to advocating "on behalf of current and future students for the accessibility, affordability, and quality" of the UC system, said UC "has not been paying its student workers" since the implementation of UCPATH earlier this year.

"Checks that are received often are for the wrong amount," the UCSA letter read. "With the number of students who rely on being paid on time to pay rent, buy groceries, or pay student fees to enroll in their classes this is unacceptable."

A copy of the UCSA demands to UC are listed below:

- "Immediately correct the payroll system to ensure that workers will get paid correctly and on time, particularly for those with multiple jobs and those relying on fee remission;
- "Acknowledge the grievances that the UC Student-Workers Union (UAW) filed on behalf of ASEs at UCR, UCSB, UCLA, and UC Merced;
- "Provide reparations to all students affected whether or not they are represented by a Union;
- "Expand financial crisis services specifically for all students affected;

- "Meet with student leaders and UC Student-Workers Union (UAW) representatives to discuss how to best support students affected by these problems; and
- "Immediately halt to the implementation of phases 1 and 2 of the UCPATH rollout until the problems stated in this letter are addressed."

Claire Doan, director of media relations within the UC Office of the President (UCOP), said 99 percent of UC employees have been paid "accurately and on time with UCPATH."

"With each campus transition to this new system, we plan for unforeseen issues by maintaining extra support staff to stay on following implementation," Doan said in an email. "The additional staff and resources at UC Santa Barbara will be there at least through the end of the year to help address problems."

Doan said UCOP has a team in place dedicated to helping students and looking at potentially "reimbursing students for interest or late fees due to UCPATH complications."

"We understand students' concerns and frustrations, and we are sorry about the problems associated with any instances of delayed processing of salaries and benefits due to the UCPATH transition.

Cierra Sorin, UCSB's Graduate Student Association (GSA) President, said that while UC Santa Barbara administrators have been working with the GSA to combat the issues stemming from defaulted payments, many of the issues must be resolved at the UCPATH hub located at UC Riverside.

"The problem is that UCPATH was designed to decentralize a lot of things, and so a lot of the struggle has been, and I think continues to be, things that our payroll folks and our department officers used to be able to do, they no longer can," she said.

At UCSB, students affected by the defaulted payments can apply for emergency loans, although Sorin believes the program should be more widely publicized in light of the payment issues.

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# Judicial Council Seats Will Be Unfilled Until At Least Week 9

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Associated Students President Brooke Kopel has yet to nominate the four members of Judicial Council, leaving the council unable to meet quorum as the quarter nears its end.

Kopel estimates she will present her nominations to the Associated Students (A.S.) Senate by the Week 9 Senate meeting.

The council needs at least three members to meet quorum. Currently only Raymond Alonso, a second-year history of public policy and political science double major, sits on the council.

The *Nexus* previously reported that Judicial Council has two active orders of business to address once it meets quorum: one reconsidering motion that could remove all Campus United senators and executives, including Kopel herself, due to campaign violation allegations, and another petition that could reinstate former External Vice President for Statewide Affairs (EVPSA)-elect Mayela Morales.

The EVPSA position remains empty after a special election that failed to meet the voter threshold after the deadline was extended three times.

Kopel previously presented the Senate with her nomination for Judicial Council Chair, Justin Nilsen, former solicitor general for the attorney general's office.

However, senators raised questions about Nilsen's ability to be impartial about the partisan nature of the petitions, as Nilsen was on UC Santa Barbara Mock Trial team along with Kopel

during his freshman year.

After postponing Nilsen's confirmation for two weeks in a row, the Senate, by Kopel's recommendation, decided to table Nilsen's confirmation until Kopel had looked through all the open applications and put forth appointments for the rest of the positions as well.

At the Nov. 7 Senate meeting, Committee on Committees (COC) External Chair Jessica Gerwin told the Senate the COC had finalized their recommendations for Kopel and would send her the seven names by the end of the week.

Kopel said she received the names on Nov. 9 and so far has interviews set up with six of the seven candidates this week.

Once Kopel presents her appointments to the Senate, the Senate will have the opportunity to question the candidates about their qualifications and potential biases, a practice formally set in place by a resolution by Senators Yash Nagpal and Ricardo Uribe at the Oct. 10 Senate meeting.

"Obviously Judicial Council is an extremely important entity in Associated Students," Kopel said. "I think that they will have ample time beginning at the end of fall quarter and throughout the rest of winter quarter and spring quarter to handle business that they haven't been able to get to thus far in a readily fashion."

Kopel herself will not be choosing the Judicial Council chair. As of now, Kopel says the new members of the council, once appointed, and Alonso will decide on a chair amongst themselves and then present their recommendation to Kopel.

If Kopel agrees, she will send their recommendation to the Senate.



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# Housing Voucher Comes to UCSB

Arturo Martinez  
Reporter

UC Santa Barbara implemented a housing voucher program earlier this fall for students struggling to pay their rent in full.

The vouchers are certificates given to students, redeemable through University and Community Housing Services (UCHS), according to Mario Muñoz, Associate Director for UCHS.

The vouchers come in amounts of \$25, \$100 and \$500. A student must first provide documentation that all other options have been exhausted in order to qualify.

The vouchers are meant to assist students that are suffering through a one-time housing emergency that could force them to relocate, jeopardizing their education at UCSB.

According to Miller, five students have been assisted by the program already and that number is expected to rise.

The program is a joint partnership between Housing, Dining & Auxiliary Services, the

Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the Financial Crisis Response Team, according to Mike Miller, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Services.

The funding comes from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.

The program works to estimate and assess the needs of students. It also serves to identify students who might be experiencing more systematic financial difficulties so as to direct them to resources that can provide them assistance.

"It is an effort to help address the growing basic need requests we have been seeing here on our campus, which unfortunately is a national trend due to the increasing cost of higher education," Miller said in an email.

A system will be in place to notify landlords that a student is working with the housing voucher program, said Miller. Communication between landlords and the program is key to buying the student time to receive funds.

"I'm hopeful our relationships in those areas will be fruitful in buying us the time needed to sort through these issues which can sometimes

be complicated," Miller said.

Resources from UCHS will be utilized in the program, such as UCHS mediators that are in place to settle disputes between tenants and landlords.

Each case is carefully addressed and verified through the Financial Crisis Response Team to prevent misuse of the vouchers, Miller said.

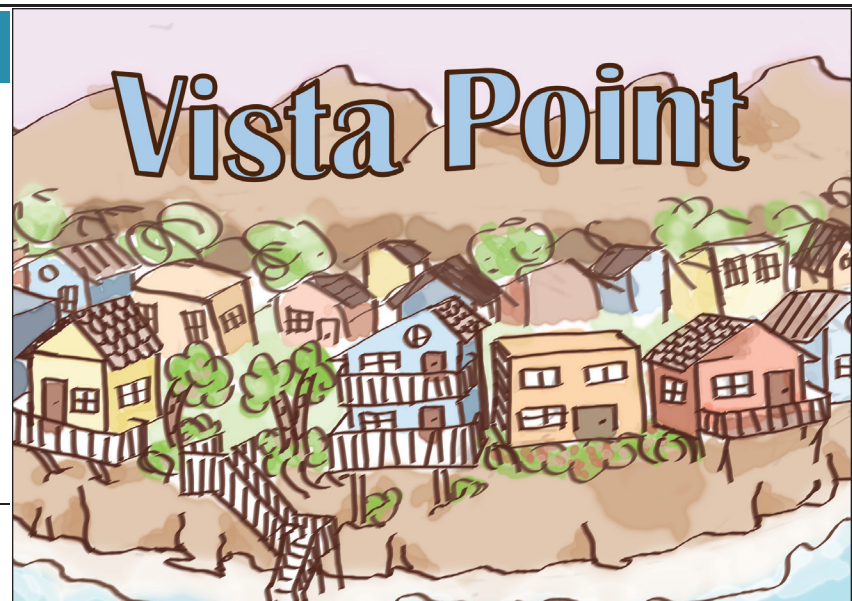
The vouchers are also either directed into the student's BARC account or addressed as checks to their landlord, Muñoz said. No cases of misuse have been reported yet.

The housing voucher program is the first step in creating a safety net program for students struggling financially, Miller said.

"When we make programs like this, I want to make sure they're sustainable long-term, so we're not just offering a service for a couple of years, then seeing it go away," Miller said.

"We really need to see what kind of volume we're going to see and go from there."

Students can submit an application to the Financial Crisis Response Team by emailing [financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu](mailto:financialcrisis@sa.ucsb.edu).



## Weekly Events in Isla Vista

Staff Report

### Spa Night

Are you tired of your parents saying you look tired when you go home for the holidays? Have no fear; Santa Barbara Hillel is here to help. Stop by their spa night this Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. for a night of health and wellness! They will have face masks, body scrubs, manicures, pedicures and stress balls – everything you need for a relaxing evening. Hillel is located at 781 Embarcadero Del Mar.

### Berry Good

The IV Food Co-Op makes it their mission to carry a wide variety of organic, unsprayed produce. This Thursday, they will be hosting a berry tasting with an emphasis on local varieties. Get your daily serving of fruit, and you might even try something you've never had before!

### Open Mic

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### Schmear and Schmooze

Everyone loves a bagel in the morning. Every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Santa Barbara Hillel's Engagement Associate Hannah will be hosting Schmear and Schmooze, giving out bagels and toppings on the UCSB Annex Lawn near Storke Tower. Start your day off right with Hillel!

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# Second-Year Remembered As Caring and Intelligent

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Editor in Chief

A second-year UC Santa Barbara student died on Saturday, Oct. 20 after falling off the cliffs on Del Playa Drive. He was 20 years old.

Alessandro Esquivel was born on Aug. 13, 1998. As a second year, Esquivel was a pre-mathematics major who had recently gotten closer with God and had hopes of one day being a pastor.

His mother, Ana Karina Esquivel, said nearly 200 people showed up to his funeral, all of whom described her son as a “funny, charming young man.”

“He was a great kid. He certainly had his faults and he did not do everything perfectly, but he was always there for those he loved and he was so positive,” Ana said.

Ana described her relationship with her son as “extremely close” and said he was a great son who always worried about her and really loved being around his family.

Ana also said she could never stay mad at her son. One time, when Alessandro was in middle school, Ana picked him up and was so mad she said she was going to push her son’s head into the window if he did not behave.

Even though Ana was clearly joking, her son took no chances, and just to make sure she could not do that, he rolled the window all the way down and just stared at her with a funny look.

This prompted Ana to burst out laughing, saying that “he was such a funny, smart kid” that she could never be mad at him.

Ana also said she never missed an opportunity to tell her son how much he meant to her.

“I would always tell him that he was the love of my life any chance I had. And he knew how much I loved him,” Ana said.

Part of the reason the two were so close as well was due to the less than ideal circumstances around her son’s birth.

Alessandro was born three months premature, forcing him to stay in the hospital under surveillance. While there, he contracted a bacterial

disease: septic arthritis.

“He was a fighter as a baby,” Ana said. “They told me many times he wasn’t going to make it, but he never gave up.”

The doctors performed the surgery to cure the disease successfully and following the surgery the doctors told Ana that they would give her son an antibiotic for 28 days.

Unfortunately, one of the side effects of the antibiotic he was given was hearing loss. About a year after his birth, Ana was given the news that her son had suffered hearing loss. He was not completely deaf, but was hard of hearing in both ears.

Throughout his childhood, Alessandro wore hearing aids, but over the years his hearing worsened. He eventually had to get cochlear implants in both ears to hear well.

Alessandro felt self-conscious about who knew about his disability in his early teen years, but once in college, he started to become more comfortable with himself.

“He used to wear his hair really long but in these last couple of years he just said he didn’t want to worry about it anymore and he wanted to have a short haircut and just be himself,” Ana said. “He had nothing to be ashamed of; it did not define him.”

His best friend from high school, Lauren Blevins, also said that Alessandro had nothing to be ashamed of in terms of his disability.

“It made me even more comfortable around him honestly,” Blevins said. “He had so many other amazing qualities and he would just be my perfect balance and I had so much fun with him every single day.”

His uncle, Mikey Velasquez, described Alessandro as his “little brother,” saying he would “always be out there to protect him” if anyone had teased him about his hearing disability.

The two were very close and spent a lot of time together watching movies and just hanging out.

Velasquez was also the person that introduced Alessandro to his favorite band, blink-182. He even recalled when the two went to a music festival together and got to see them live on stage.

Velasquez said Alessandro “made everyone he knew smile” with his

presence. He added that it is heartbreaking that his nephew’s “light” is now gone.

Many people who knew Alessandro also described him as intelligent. Velasquez said he often read lots of books and that “he never had a dull moment in his life because he was always seeking more knowledge.”

Alessandro’s roommate, Jean Shanna, said he thought Alessandro was a “curious guy” and could always be found reading.

“It is funny because he would read like six or seven books at one time,” Shanna said. “I remember he would read 50 pages of one book and then move onto the next book.”

Shanna also stated Alessandro had so much knowledge that he would always go to him when he needed some information on any subject.

“He thought so deeply about everything and the most interesting conversations I had were with Alessandro,” Shanna said.

On Oct. 28, Alessandro’s former floormates from freshman year held a small vigil for Alessandro at the beach. Shanna was in attendance along with the rest of his floormates and his former Resident Assistant.

“We were good friends and he was a really caring guy and a really funny guy. He was really special,” Shanna said.

Alessandro was also mischievous and curious, according to friends. Blevins recalled catching her best friend look through the glove compartment of her car in one of their first encounters.

“It’s just funny because I was just like, ‘Why is he going through all my stuff?’” Blevins said, laughing. “But he just wanted to know what music I listened to and then I told him about the blink-182 CD I had. He got so excited and we just started listening and singing at the top of our lungs.”

Blevins also said that she never had a dull moment when she was with Alessandro.

“No matter where we were it would always be a great time. Even if we were just on the streets talking or at a coffee shop or anything like that, we would be having so much fun. He was just so great to be around,” Blevins said.

In one of their first meetings ever, Blevins was paired with Alessandro in her icebreaker group in a truth or dare game. In the game, if a person correctly guessed the number the other person was thinking from one to 10, then the person would have to say their truth or do their dare.

As luck would have it, Alessandro guessed correctly and Blevins was forced to do her worst dare, licking the foot of a chair.

“I just remember saying ‘I am never doing that’ and Alessandro kept pushing me to do it for what felt like forever,” Blevins said, laughing. “I finally just said ‘I’m not going to lick that, I mean would you do it?’ and he just said ‘no’ and we just started laughing.”

Blevins and Alessandro spent nearly every day together during her senior and his junior year of high school and continued doing so even when he was a senior.

The two spent so much time together Blevins said classmates would come up to them asking if they were a couple. The two would laugh off the question and say they were just friends.

Even his mother would tease him to make a move on Blevins but the two were just great friends, something Blevins says she will never forget.

“Alessandro showed me what it meant to love someone and truly care about them. He was a great person, compassionate, funny, handsome... He was everything and I will always miss him,” Blevins said.

The U.S. flag will be flown at half-staff at UCSB on Nov. 15 in honor of Alessandro.



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# #MeToo Founder Tarana Burke Speaks at UCSB



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Reporter

Noted activist and founder of the #MeToo movement Tarana Burke spoke at Campbell Hall on Monday evening, Nov. 5, to a full crowd of UC Santa Barbara students and community members, an event put on by UCSB Arts & Lectures Series.

Burke's lecture focused on the background of the #MeToo movement, dating back to her youth and its official founding in 2006. She also spoke of where the movement stands now, a year after #MeToo gained viral attention.

In the larger political sphere, Burke's presence on campus was timely; introduction speaker Celesta Billeci, Arts & Lectures Executive Director, noted Burke's appearance was just one day before the midterm elections where more women ran for office at record numbers.

Burke weaved together anecdotes of her activism in a lecture that was surprisingly humorous, given the heavy nature of the topic of sexual assault.

What was unsurprising was the humanity and personal touch, as seen in both her lecture and at a reception held immediately before. The reception, held in the Mosher Alumni House, welcomed a group of 40 to speak to Burke before her Campbell Hall Lecture.

Students were selected to attend the reception

through the Black Studies and Feminist Studies Departments, which co-hosted the event.

Burke went from table to table during the Mosher House reception, asking about students' majors.

She also reflected to the group on what the #MeToo movement still has to accomplish.

"It just pains me that survivors have been forgotten. We have built this movement on the stories of survivors...for what?"

C.A.R.E. peer educator Jasmine Wahab described speaking with Burke as shocking.

"She's just so influential, so incredible," Wahab said.

Burke's lecture focused not only on her own work in activism, but how the #MeToo movement has changed since its viral re-emergence in 2016. The Kavanaugh hearings in September were a reminder to Burke of how much work remains in the national conversation around sexual assault.

"I thought that we were further along than we were... [the Kavanaugh hearings were] a missed opportunity to examine what accountability looks like," Burke said.

Burke said the hearings became too partisan and that led to people forgetting the greater message regarding Kavanaugh's behavior.

"There's a straight line in my mind between a 17-year-old Kavanaugh... who was not told 'no'

very often, and the 57-year-old man who has an unchecked amount of power and can make choices about my body," she said.

In her lecture, Burke spoke candidly about the difference between the media's perceptions of the #MeToo movement and the work which the organization is accomplishing, which she described as #MeToo "writ large and writ little."

Those who see the #MeToo movement as just a hashtag are only seeing the "writ large," according to Burke.

Over 12 million people posted #MeToo on Facebook just 24 hours after its use by actress Alyssa Milano on Oct. 15, 2017, but Burke reminded the audience that "every single hashtag is a human being."

Burke does not view the #MeToo movement as sustainable if it remains tied only to social media.

"What they have done is not sustainable, not a movement, but a reaction to a moment. [...] it's a distraction from our real work," she said.

Sustainability comes from #MeToo "writ little," which includes everything behind the hashtag.

"Me Too is a global community of survivors committed to healing and action, including marginalized survivors of all identities, including queer and trans. The rest is a distraction from that," Burke said.

"Do recognize the urgency of this movement.

Think of those waiting to be seen, to be heard, to be believed."

Burke plans to expand #MeToo mission beyond the hashtag. New work including survivor leadership training will be unveiled in January 2019, while a new website will be completed in April.

"[The website will be] the most comprehensive website for survivors of sexual violence," Burke said, to the eruption of applause from the audience.

While #MeToo is about the stories of individuals, Burke emphasized in her lecture that the movement emphasizes community healing, changing the culture of sexual violence through law and policy changes.

This change in culture can happen at the college level, Burke said.

She personalized her message on Monday to UCSB in particular by reading UCSB's mission statement aloud, describing the commitment to sustainability as brilliant.

Burke also challenged the administration to examine how UCSB's policies regarding sexual assault can fit this mission. The power in the mission statement, according to Burke, is having a "clear guide to create policies and shift culture."

"Students, this is built around you. Not the founders, not the board of trustees. You have the power now."

## Circuit of Appeals Upholds Injunction in DACA Case

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The Ninth United States Circuit of Appeals upheld an injunction in the Regents of the University of California v. USDHS case on Thursday, temporarily halting the elimination of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program again.

The 99-page decision supports an earlier court decision from January, which disagreed with the Trump administration's legal authority to repeal DACA.

"The government's decision to rescind DACA is subject to judicial review," court documents state.

The UC system "applauds" the Thursday decision, according to a press release sent out by the UC Office of the President (UCOP).

"Today's decision is yet another strong message from our nation's courts that the government's attempt to rescind DACA was unlawful," the press release read.

"The government's only justification for rescinding DACA – that the program itself is legally flawed – is unfounded. Now that the appellate court has definitively rejected this argument, the university calls on the administration to stop its efforts to

rescind the program."

Under the Trump Administration, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke initially motioned to eliminate the DACA program in September 2017.

Duke argued the program was "illegal from its inception" under the Obama Administration.

UC filed a lawsuit challenging the Trump administration's attempt to repeal the program shortly after.

The DACA program allows undocumented residents who were brought into the U.S. as children to apply for "two-year renewable periods" allowing them to stay in the U.S.

In order to be eligible to apply, individuals must have no criminal records and meet "various educational or military service requirements," court documents state.

In wake of Thursday's decision, UC urged all eligible DACA recipients to renew their grants.

"While today's ruling is welcome news, we stress that DACA recipients deserve better than to see their life prospects rise and fall based on events in litigation. The university continues to call on Congress to enact permanent protections for the Dreamers, including a path to citizenship," UCOP stated in a press release.



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## UCSB's Arbor Now Accepting CalFresh

Isabell Liu  
Reporter

CalFresh can now be used at one of UC Santa Barbara's on-campus stores, the Arbor, according to according to Mike Miller, vice chancellor of Enrollment Services.

According to CalFresh Advocate Stephanie Perez, the Arbor is the first store on the UCSB campus at which students can use CalFresh.

CalFresh, also known as the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (S.N.A.P.), gives eligible individuals electronically distributed monetary benefits every month which can be spent at specified local markets or grocery stores, according to the official website of the California Department of Social Services.

The website also states that participants of the program are administered Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Cards which they can use to purchase food items at stores that accept CalFresh.

"At UCSB, we estimate that about 10,000 students are eligible for CalFresh, and if you're eligible, you may get up to \$192 a month," Melissa Fontaine, the food security coordinator at UCSB, said.

During the 2016-17 academic school year, the UCSB CalFresh Team enrolled roughly 600 students in CalFresh, and 3,000 students in the following year, according to Fontaine.

This year the CalFresh team hopes to enroll 6,000 students in the program by the end of Spring Quarter, Fontaine said.

Fontaine said the new availability of CalFresh at the Arbor happened largely because the UCSB Sustainability Program saw student need for more affordable food options.

UCSB CalFresh Advocate Stephanie Perez, a fourth-year psychology major, echoed this sentiment both as a representative of CalFresh and a participant in the program.

"I actually grew up with food stamps, so I'm very familiar with the CalFresh program," Perez said. "Without food stamps, I don't think my family would've gotten through, especially since I come from a low

income household."

Now, as a UCSB student, Perez notes that CalFresh provides a new mobility and convenience to students that may not have been able to afford grabbing a quick snack in between classes at the Arbor.

"Especially during midterms or maybe finals or maybe throughout the day, students sometimes don't have time to go grocery shopping or don't have time to go get a snack at home," she said.

The new availability of CalFresh at the Arbor also follows a recent shift in the on-campus stigma surrounding the CalFresh program, which resulted from effective tabling and campaigning on the part of the CalFresh team, Perez said.

"I think now, to be honest, UCSB has normalized what CalFresh is...I've heard a lot of people say, 'Hey, how have do you not have CalFresh,' like 'You need to get on CalFresh.'"

Fontaine stated she wanted to wait until the Arbor staff was fully trained on how to properly process CalFresh payments before making a public announcement about CalFresh's availability.

"It's very important for the Arbor that their systems and staff are ready to go before students come to start spending their EBT CalFresh cards here at the Arbor because we want to make sure that everyone has a really great experience."

Now that CalFresh is available at the Arbor, Perez hopes the program will spread to other markets and food stores on campus.

Fontaine said the spread of the program will "benefit both students and stores."

"Let's say our school year last year ended with about 3,000 students who were eligible [for CalFresh] and they were getting \$120 a month [through the CalFresh program]," she said. "That becomes \$360,000 that could be spent, and is likely to be spent, in the local community. And over the course of the year, that's over four million dollars."

"That would benefit business like the Arbor, Tenaya Market, the Isla Vista Food Co-op... Their sales will increase because students now have more purchasing power, so that's tremendous."



Armchair QB



The Warriors recently made headlines because of an argument between Draymond Green and Kevin Durant. Real Dubs fans know that the only impact this will have is strengthening Curry's MVP case.

# SPORTS

Daily Nexus Sports

Congratulations to men's water polo players Boris Jovanovic, Ivan Gvozdanovic and Tiago Bonchristiano on making the All-Golden Coast Conference team.

## Gauchos Look to Build Strong Home-Court Advantage

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The collegiate regular season continues this weekend, as the UCSB men's basketball team remains at home and prepares to host the visiting Montana State Bobcats.

This new season of basketball is off to an exhilarating start, and there's plenty more to be excited about.

The Gauchos appear to be in fine form, and they'll aim to match that same intensity this weekend, as they look forward to hosting the Bobcats in this week's second regular-season matchup.

UCSB enters this game with a 2-1 overall so far into the season, and they should retain all the momentum, considering their very successful home debut on Tuesday night.

More specifically, the Gauchos are coming off a dominant showing as they earned an 88-32 win over Cal Lutheran in their latest exhibition match.

In addition, this win also proved historic, as UCSB went on to break two of its own school records – first, with an all-time margin of victory at 56, and second, in allowing the least amount of points ever to an opponent at only 32.

Dropping 50 points in the first half alone, this commanding performance featured all the Gauchos earning some playing time as the team went on to shoot for an almost 60 percent field goal percentage.

One bright spot for the Gauchos has to be the play of junior forward Christian Terell.

As one of the few returning players from last season, Terell's energy and experience off the bench will be crucial for the squad moving forward.

He went a perfect 4-4 from the field in the Gauchos' last game and will continue to try to be a sparkplug for the second unit.

UCSB will look to build off this same exuberant energy and carry over its winning ways against Montana State.

When interviewed about the team's overall explosive production that led to those 50 points in

the first half, senior forward Ami Lakoju said, "It's amazing; we know we're going to have that help coming off the bench, myself included. Moving forward, we don't have to just rely on our starting five ... I know [Head Coach Pasternack's mind] is at ease and he can see the potential in that regard, so he must be happy about that."

On the other side of the court, the Bobcats are currently split at a .500 win percentage as they prepare for their trip to Santa Barbara.

Before their trip to SoCal, they'll also be on the road Wednesday night to face off against Colorado State.

The Bobcats' latest matchup also resulted in a victory as they bested Presentation College at home by a score of 83-68.

Historically speaking, Tuesday's bout was the first time UCSB ever faced Cal Lutheran.

However, Saturday will feature a much more familiar opponent in Montana State, as this will be the 12th time that the Gauchos have lined up against the Bobcats.

However, the record is very much one sided, as UCSB leads the all-time series versus Montana State at 10-1.

These two teams also faced off just last year, with the result ending in a 91-69 victory for the visiting Gauchos.

As for the Bobcats, they'll be the ones visiting this time around, and they'll want to flip the script in this one.

Meanwhile, the Gauchos will be hosting and will want to continue this historical dominance over their out-of-state guests.

"You know, last year we played Montana State; they're a very talented group and I heard they got some new guys, but we're not worried about that. We're going to keep scouting and prepare for it like it's any other game," Lakoju said when asked about his thoughts on the upcoming match against the Bobcats.

"We're going to have to make sure that we produce, and that's all that we have to do."

It's an early tip-off this Saturday, as the UCSB and Montana State match is set to commence at 2 p.m. at the Thunderdome.



NEXUS FILE PHOTO

Junior forward Christian Terell rises up for the dunk. Terell is coming off an eight point outing against Cal Lutheran in which he was a perfect 4-4 from the field.

## Women's Volleyball To Close Out Season at Thunderdome



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The 2018 season has been an up-and-down campaign for the UCSB women's volleyball team. The trick this week for the Gauchos will be to end on a high note.

Last week was not exception to the up-and-down trend. UCSB lost to UC Irvine in four sets (17-25, 25-23, 17-25, 14-25) on Thursday night but rebounded two nights later to top UC Davis 3-1 (25-18, 24-26, 25-22, 26-24).

The split decision pushed the Gauchos to 15-11 on the season and 7-7 in the Big West.

UCSB now must gear up to close its season with two matches in the Thunderdome this week.

Both matches come against teams the Gauchos handled earlier in the season: Cal State Fullerton on Friday and UC

Riverside on Saturday. UCSB swept Fullerton the first time they met, an unsurprising result considering the Titans sit at the very bottom of the Big West standings. The team is 0-14 against conference opponents and 6-21 overall.

It's been a season of losses for the Titans – they're on a 20-game losing streak and are the only team in the Big West averaging less than 10 kills per set.

They've played the same amount of sets in conference play as juggernaut Cal Poly, but that's because they're only occasionally able to prolong their matches beyond a sweep.

Accordingly, the Gauchos handled the Titans in three sets back on Sept. 22. Fullerton got to 20 points in a set just once, in a fairly tight first set, but UCSB was firmly in control the rest of the match.

Another win on Friday will require the Gauchos to avoid any major mistakes and simply play solid volleyball.

So long as star outside hitter Lindsey Ruddins is firing away and the defense is playing well, UCSB should be able to make like the rest of the Big West and beat Fullerton.

UC Riverside, at 4-10 in conference play and 9-17 overall, hasn't been too much better than the Titans this season.

That said, the Highlanders gave the Gauchos a pretty good fight when the two teams met in Riverside on Sept. 21.

The two teams swapped the first two sets, but while Riverside's hitting percentage only dropped as the match went on, UCSB's stayed consistent.

The Gauchos hit .256 in the third set and .219 in the fourth to take a four-set victory, their first of the season in Big West play.

Now at home, UCSB will be looking to more or less repeat that winning formula.

Ruddins was the only player in double-digits for kills back in that first match, and she'll likely need more help if things are going to be easier this time around.

The Gauchos have shown occasional improvements in that area since then. Saturday's win over UC Davis was one of those times, as Rowan Ennis's 18 kills and Gigi Ruddins's 14 gave UCSB three significant attacking threats.

UC Riverside's statistics are just a hair better than Fullerton's in Big West play, but they still shouldn't be overlooked.

The Highlanders are indeed second-worst in kills per set, hitting percentage and blocks per set, but they pulled off an upset win over third-place UC Irvine on Nov. 2.

Five Riverside players had double-digit digs in that match and three other players had double-digit kills, including Marissa Holt, the fourth most prodigious attacker in Big West play this season.

That wide array of quality performances powered the Highlanders to victory then, and they have the ability to do it again on Saturday night if the Gauchos slip up.

Saturday's match will also be Senior Night for UCSB, which could give Santa Barbara a bit of an emotional lift. The Gauchos will be honoring three players: setters Annie Hasselmann and Lexi Rottman and libero Emilia Petrachi.

In such an up-and-down season that has seen the team pinball from wins to losses night to night, UCSB would love to finish the season on a three-game winning streak.

They'll get that chance this week.

The Gauchos close their season with a match against CSU Fullerton on Friday night and a match against UC Riverside on Saturday Night.

Both matches will take place at 7 p.m. in the Thunderdome.

### Women's Volleyball Big West Standings



8-7

4th

Next game: at Hawaii



7-7

5th

Next game: vs Fullerton

13-1  
1st



7-8

6th

Next game: vs CSUN

Next game: vs Riverside



4-10

7th

Next game: at Cal Poly

Next games: vs Irvine vs Davis



4-11

8th

Next game: at LBSU

Next game: at Hawaii



0-14

9th

Next game: at UCSB

# Gauchos Aim to Secure First Win in Road Matchup at USC

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Following its tumultuous start to the season, the UCSB women's basketball team will look to get things back on track when they travel down to Los Angeles to take on USC on Thursday.

Santa Barbara has dealt with inevitable growing pains to start the season after losing its top five scorers from last season.

In their first two games (both losses), the Gauchos have averaged a meager 51 points per game. In their last game, a 56-48 loss to Cal State Bakersfield, the team shot only 23 percent from the field, making only three of their 25 three-pointers on the night.

Much of the team's early-season struggles can be attributed to its inefficient offense, especially from deep. In its first two games combined, Santa Barbara has made only 14 percent of its three pointers despite chucking up 49 threes.

Despite their struggles on the offensive end, the Gauchos have remained competitive on the floor, dropping both games by single digits.

In large part, their competitiveness is due to the play of junior center Natalia Bruening and sophomore guard Bri Anugwom, both of whom have stepped up so far to help fill the void left by the graduation of All-Big West forward Drew Edelman.

Bruening has dominated on the boards, collecting 13.5 rebounds per game while also chipping in 15.5 points per game out of the post.

From the perimeter, Anugwom has been one of the only consistent three-point threats, with a 50 percent clip from behind the arc.

UCSB has also impressed with its resilience and effort so far this season. In their game against CSU Bakersfield, the Gauchos found themselves down 32-14 at the half – a scoreline that would demoralize even the most well-coached of teams.

Still, the team kept fighting, even cutting the lead to two points near the end of the second half.

While the results haven't been there yet, this no-quit attitude bodes well for the squad moving forward.

Unfortunately for the Gauchos, things won't get any easier when they take on a Trojans team that has feasted on Big West opponents so far this season.

In its first game of the year, USC cruised to a 73-55 victory over UC Riverside, before absolutely dismantling Long Beach State by a score of 86-50.



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Santa Barbara will need to slow down the Trojans' star-studded backcourt if the Gauchos have any hope of pulling off the upset.

In particular, USC is led by senior guard Aliyah Mazyck, who averaged 16.5 points per game last year for a Trojan team that went 20-11. Mazyck is once again leading USC in scoring this season, averaging 19 points per game so far this year.

Mazyck is accompanied in the backcourt by junior point guard Minyon Moore, who has been sensational so far this season.

After making the Pac-12 All Defensive team last season, Moore comes into Thursday's affair averaging 3.5 steals per game, along with 18.5 points and seven assists per game.

Moore and Mazyck form one of the most formidable backcourt duos in the country, especially on the defensive end, and handling them will be imperative to the success of Santa Barbara.

The Trojans are much weaker in the frontcourt, however, with no player other than Moore averaging more than 5.5 rebounds per game.

Santa Barbara's success will come down to how well Bruening can exploit that weakness.

If she can dominate on the glass and prevent USC's backcourt from getting easy baskets, the Gauchos should be able to at least keep the game competitive.

Tip-off is on Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Galen Center in USC.

# Season in Review: Water Polo Ends With Best Record Since 1991

Kunal Mehta  
Staff Writer

The No. 5 UCSB men's water polo team finished their season earlier than expected due to the fires that are still impacting Southern California.

Santa Barbara was getting ready to face No. 8 Pepperdine, but the game was canceled due to the closure of the 101 freeway, which prohibited the Waves from making the trip.

Despite the season ending early due to extremely unfortunate circumstances, it was an overall successful campaign for the 'Chos as they ended the year with an 18-8 record, 3-1 in conference play.

After a disappointing season in 2017, they were able to rally and win seven more games than the prior year.

Many attribute their turnaround to the stellar play from senior driver Boris Jovanovic, as he ended the year with 78 goals and 10 assists.

By putting constant pressure on the defense, he was not only able to find the back of the net on many occasions but was also able to set up his teammates due to the attention he received from opposing defenses.

Unfortunately, he could not be honored due to the cancellation of the Pepperdine matchup, which was Santa Barbara's last home game.

Although Jovanovic was a major contributor, there were other players who had just as much of an impact.

Junior utility Ivan Gvozdanovic was outstanding and contributed in every major category with 48 goals as well as a team-leading 25 assists, along with 37 steals.

A major characteristic of the Gaucho offense was the unselfish nature of every player. Five players had double-digits assists, which made the team difficult to defend especially when they had the advantage of a power play.

The selfless nature of the offense also led to 12 players having more than 10 goals on the season.

With every player being a threat to net a goal, opponents struggled to hold down UCSB, which led to them averaging over 13 goals per contest.

While Santa Barbara's offense clearly improved, its defense also took major strides, primarily due to the play of freshman goalkeeper Tiago Bonchristiano. Bonchristiano had 149 saves on the year and only gave up an average of nine goals a game in his last five starts.

With 10 freshman on the roster, it was important for Jovanovic and Gvozdanovic to provide leadership.

As the season went on, the freshmen started to contribute on a regular basis, whether it be by netting goals or playing stingy defense leading to fastbreak opportunities.

Freshman driver Nathan Puentes was able to provide a spark for the 'Chos throughout the year as he contributed on both ends of the pool. He finished the season with 16 goals, five assists and eight steals.

It will be important for Puentes and his fellow freshmen teammates to continue to take strides going into next season.

With Santa Barbara losing Jovanovic, it will need its young core to step up, specifically offensively. One of the major takeaways from the season was that the Gauchos improved

in almost every statistical category, including goals, assists and steals, while also allowing less goals.

By being aggressive defensively, they were able to limit the amount of shots on goal in comparison to the 2017 season, and this also gave them more opportunities to put pressure on the opposing team's goalkeeper.

With most of the starters returning for the 2019 season, there is a lot of excitement brewing among those in the program with the hope that they could surpass this season's win count of 18.

That being said, UCSB must use this off-season to build upon its pre-existing habits as well as continue to strengthen the chemistry within the team.



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# ARTSWEEK



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## Camp Flog Gnaw 2018: A Festival for Music Misfits

Tyler, the Creator's annual carnival returns to Los Angeles for its seventh year, with an eclectic roster of acts and a familiar setting at Dodger Stadium

Antonio Morales  
Staff Writer

Rewind to 2012: You see a crew of mischievous young rappers being followed around by teenagers in skate merch decorated with kittens, upside-down crosses and sprinkled donuts. This was all led by one tall, gap-toothed and loud individual who goes by the name of Tyler, the Creator. Combine this with a bunch of debauchery and banter from elderly folks claiming that their kids are being brainwashed, and you've got yourself a group called Odd Future. On the cusp of their infamy, they decided to take on a ridiculous festival that has come to be known as Camp Flog Gnaw. On the seventh year of its illustrious run, Tyler has taken the monumental Dodger Stadium and transformed it into a ballpark for misfits with a stacked lineup of prominent artists.

The two-day festival first emerged in the form of a carnival, established by the noteworthy ferris wheel overlooking Los Angeles. The foundation of the carnival is the youth who have loved Tyler's outlandish approach to the music world and fashion and have stuck around to build an empire with the most diverse fanbase up to date. The dark night was filled with bodies wandering through the ballpark covered by sprinkles of ash from the forest fires and cradled by the eccentric music that pounded from bass-heavy speakers.

Both the "Camp" and "Flog" stages provided lethal performances from impressive artists

ranging from the likes of young Indie icons Rex Orange County and hypebeast phenomenon Playboi Carti to boy band Brockhampton, while the "Gnaw" stage had significantly lower numbers in comparison. Despite the terrible air conditions, attendees shined in fluorescent outfits to scounder through the new venue in search of the best way to get the most out of the first of the two-day festival. The stadium was perfectly designed with beautiful flower patterns; deep-fried food scents lingered throughout, and people lined up for classic "Adventureland"-esque ring tossing games. Ultimately, everyone found solace in jumping in or sitting around crowds to enjoy the music.

Crowds moshed heavily during sets like that of Atlanta rapper Playboi Carti. His sticky ad-libs and braggadocious lyricism, combined with toxic instrumentals, unleashed savage behavior and raised everyone's adrenaline to a maximum capacity. Meanwhile, Indie-heads simultaneously danced passionately on the opposite end of the venue to Rex Orange County tracks like "Loving Is Easy" and helped further establish how the festival is far from being filled with unidimensional music enthusiasts.

Kali Uchis took her sensuality to the stage to put on a stellar performance with guitar solos and a guest appearance from The Internet's Steve Lacy – who also performed earlier in the day – for standout track "Your Teeth In My Neck." After a passionate performance from the Flog Gnaw founder himself,

Tyler, the Creator, during which he channeled a variety of faces to help sing along to tracks that ranged from "Goblin" to "Flower Boy" and at least one track from everything in between, the night capped off with a ruthless performance from the unapologetic "G.O.O.D Music" rapper Pusha T. The infamous rapper put on a pure, captivating performance, creating a diverse setlist with his latest fully Kanye West-produced project, *Daytona*, and songs from 2013's *My Name Is My Name*. Pusha took the atmosphere to the next degree with live installments of Clipse track "Grindin'" and even his Kanye West collab "New God Flow" to close out the night.

Before it even began, day two of the festival had established itself as legendary simply based off of the lineup of musical enigmas like Ms. Lauryn Hill and the Kid Cudi/Kanye West duo, Kids See Ghosts. Early on, people stood in enormous lines for the overpriced *Kids See Ghosts* merchandise and Camp Flog Gnaw memorabilia. Nevertheless, sets from Taco and even Jaden Smith made for a perfect ending to fans' anticipations. Taco enthralled the audience with the furious pounding from his trap-heavy DJ set, and Smith's enthusiasm kept the environment lively. Soon enough, class was in session as Ms. Lauryn Hill took the stage and entranced the crowd with beautiful ballads from her iconic debut, *The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill*. It was truly an impactful moment as she held her very own resurgence of soul at the carnival.

As time passed, bodies rushed to the "Camp"

stage and moved in close for Kids See Ghosts. The Cudi-Kanye dynamic duo hovered in a glass box that towered over the stage. The crowd flooded in as Metro Boomin's signature line, "If Young Metro don't trust you I'm gon' shoot you," played and the beat dropped in their collaborative effort, "Father Stretch My Hands Pt.1," off of *The Life of Pablo*. The two icons went through all seven tracks from their *Kids See Ghosts* album and dabbled in playing classic anthems like "Paranoid" and "Pursuit of Happiness."

As the two jumped inside the transparent cube, voices joined and screamed lyric after lyric. In this crowd, along with the many others of the two days, there was one frequent face that shined with the most profound responses. Tyler sang along and danced to different performances with a genuine passion in such a childlike manner, proving that he's honed his own personal playground and shares his enthusiasm for virtuosity. Tyler and Odd Future's impact has been incredible and crucial for motivating the youth's creativity.

Camp Flog Gnaw will forever provide a unique home for those who were stigmatized as slackers for wilding out to classic *Bastard Era* Tyler, the Creator, trying to skate around and find for a place of acceptance. Although his own content has changed quite a bit, Tyler's influence remains unchallenged and consequently proves just how significant of a role Camp Flog Gnaw plays in the live festival scene.

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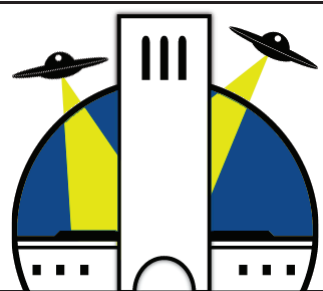
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## The Limes vs. Birds Turf Wars Are Tearing This University Apart

Christina Muoio  
Staff Writer

Isla Vista, Calif. - According to several witnesses, the residents of the 67 block of DP are now split into two halves: those who are staunch Bird advocates and those who prefer Limes. A turf war has been started, tearing the block apart.

"Everyone knows Limes are superior," third-year economics and accounting major Rob Robertson said. "You can't get an LUI - Liming Under the Influence, for those of you uneducated folk - but you can get a BUI: Birding Under the Influence. Checkmate, Bird enthusiasts."

Bird supporters heavily disagree. "At least Birds aren't green. That shit is so unattractive, it's not funny. No wonder Lime users

are all still virgins," fifth-year dance major Albert Albertson said. "Birds helped me lose my virginity. Can your shitty Lime do that?"

According to research conducted by UCSB, the Bird v. Limes argument is so fucking stupid. "They're just scooters. It's really not that big of a deal," a researcher who doesn't want to be caught up in this mess stated. "Like, it really doesn't matter. You can't ride either on campus, anyway."

The Limes v. Birds debate is still in full force this morning, as residents of the 67 block are still arguing. Whether or not this debate will ever truly be solved remains to be seen.

Christina Muoio thinks that Birds and Limes are the dumbest thing to be brought to Isla Vista.



Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth, on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

## New Major, New Me

Carly Kay  
Staff Writer

BREAKING - As of the beginning of Fall Quarter, previous S.T.E.M. major Patricia Howard is officially emotionally ready to "go through something."

After seeing three 'reading is sexy' bumper stickers in the span of two hours (and consistently failing every single chemistry course offered at UCSB), Howard felt the universe was telling her it was time to experience some major change and pursue a degree in English. Although she knew her life was about to transform immensely, Howard had no idea how far reaching the impacts of her decision would have on her.

"Honestly, I feel like an entirely different person," exclaimed the recent Shakespeare aficionado. "I, like, actually do things now. Did you know that every Wednesday is pint night at Woodstocks? EVERY WEDNESDAY!!! Who knew!?"

According to Howard's housemates, she has really

"loosened up a bit" since she switched majors. It appears that Howard enjoys attributing her rash behavior to the adjustment period. She has been seen entering Precious Slut on numerous occasions and sauntering down DP on several walks of shame sporting eclectic blue hair.

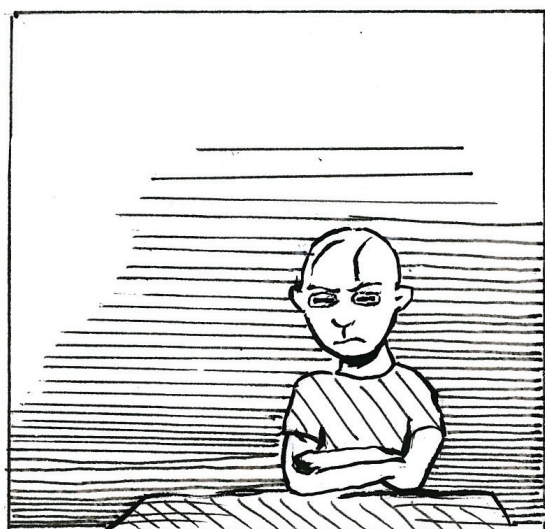
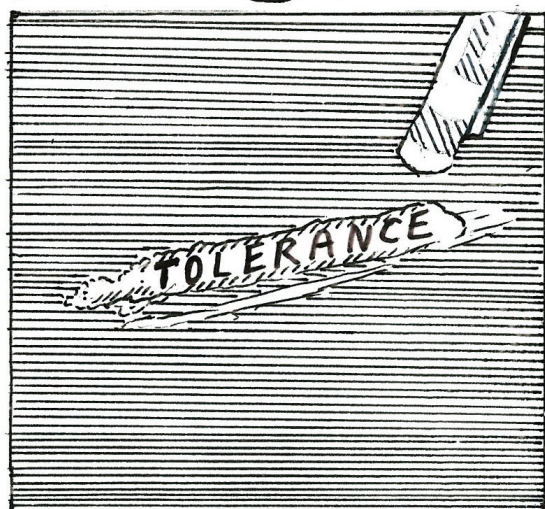
"Yeah, that bitch cray," stated her roommate. "Last year I could barely drag her out of the library. Now I consider myself lucky if I can pull her off an elevated surface before the cops come."

After going through this transition, the third-year offers the advice, "fuck it," to anyone considering changing their major. As Howard continues to navigate dividing up her surplus of free time, she asks her loved ones for compassion and understanding during this taxing spiritual journey.

Carly Kay is a recent ex-S.T.E.M. major who has been to the beach more in the last four weeks than her entire existence at UCSB.

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# ON THE MENU

## Fall-Inspired Overnight Oats for Busy Mornings

Rinah Anatalio  
Reporter

Mornings can be rough, especially when you have an 8 or 9 a.m. lecture that's all the way across campus. Luckily, I have four fall-inspired overnight oat recipes that are super yummy and only take five minutes to make! Overnight oats are made by combining all of your ingredients in a container and leaving it in the fridge overnight.

High in nutrients and protein, oatmeal offers many health benefits to give you the energy to power through the day. Aside from those health benefits, oatmeal is a very versatile and delicious food that can be enjoyed at any time of the day. Pro-tip: Add cauliflower rice to your overnight oats! Sometimes, it's really difficult to eat all of the suggested vegetable servings in a day, and adding cauliflower to oats is an easy way to sneak in a serving. When all of the ingredients are combined, you can't even taste the cauliflower.

Of course, this addition is totally optional and the recipe will work just as well without the riced cauliflower. I know that many people think oatmeal is boring and bland, but these oat recipes are filled with flavor and are a real treat.

### *Pumpkin Pie Overnight Oats*

#### **Ingredients:**

½ cup rolled oats  
½ cup milk of choice  
¼ cup pumpkin puree  
2 tsp. any liquid sweetener (I recommend maple syrup, agave or honey)  
½ tsp. pumpkin pie spice

Optional: a scoop of protein powder, ½ cup of cauliflower rice

Combine all of your ingredients, mix and store in a sealed container overnight or for at least 4 hours

### *Maple Pecan Overnight Oats*

#### **Ingredients:**

½ cup rolled oats  
½ cup milk of choice  
2 tsp. maple syrup  
¼ cup pecans, chopped

Optional: a scoop of protein powder, ½ cup of cauliflower rice

Combine all of your ingredients, mix and store in a sealed container overnight or for at least 4 hours

### *Cinnamon-Apple Overnight Oats*

#### **Ingredients:**

½ cup rolled oats  
½ cup milk of choice  
2 tsp. honey  
1 honeycrisp apple, chopped  
1 tsp. cinnamon

Optional: a scoop of protein powder, ½ cup of cauliflower rice

Combine all of your ingredients, mix and store in a sealed container overnight or for at least 4 hours

### *Hot Chocolate Overnight Oats*

#### **Ingredients:**

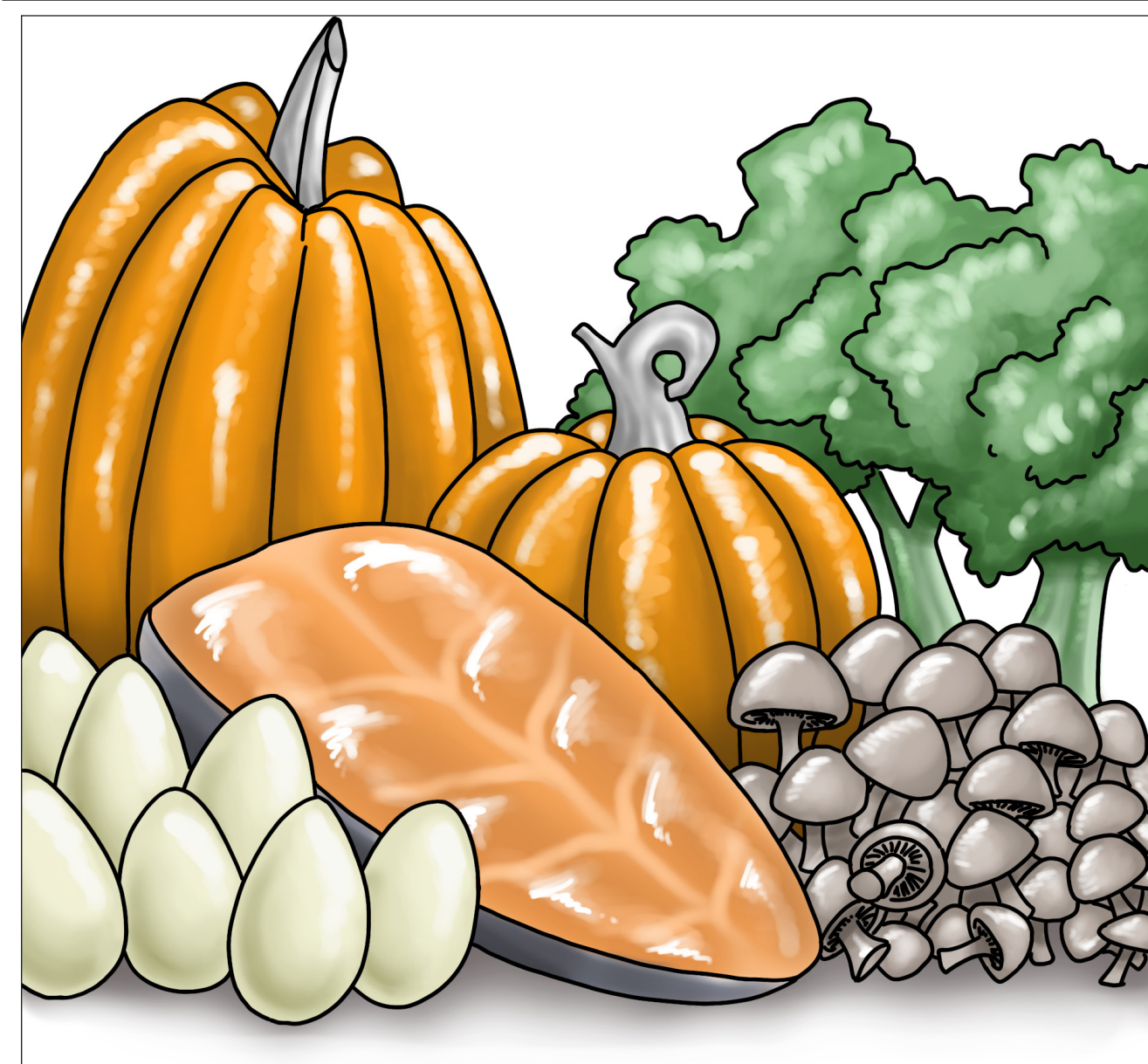
½ cup rolled oats  
½ cup milk of choice  
1 tbsp. unsweetened cocoa powder  
2 tsp. any liquid sweetener (I recommend maple syrup, agave or honey)

Optional: a scoop of protein powder, ½ cup of cauliflower rice

Combine all of your ingredients, mix and store in a sealed container overnight for at least 4 hours

When you're about to enjoy your oats, you can either eat them out of the container they were made in or transfer them to a bowl. I typically use a mason jar to make my oats, so I can easily take them with me to class or the library. But when I have time, I like to transfer my oats into a bowl and top them with some superfoods such as chia seeds, bee pollen and/or almond butter. These oats are super cozy and will transport you into autumnal bliss!

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## 7 Fall Foods to Fall for This Season



Vanessa Su  
Reporter

As fall hits Santa Barbara, the weather tends to change at random times and, depending on how hot or cold it gets, it could affect your appetite negatively. As a solution, On The Menu has found five foods that not only provide plenty of health benefits but also help boost your daily appetite and energy!

### BROCCOLI

Surprisingly, broccoli is a great source of vitamin C and K as well as potassium and fiber. According to the Dairy Council of California, "a cup of cooked broccoli can have as much vitamin C as an orange," which is around 50 milligrams of vitamin C! Broccoli is generally a highly disliked vegetable, but cooking it a certain way can bring out flavors that are fragrant and tasty. Some highly recommended methods are steaming, roasting and stir-frying broccoli to not only get the most nutrients but also make it taste more delicious!

### SALMON

According to "Today," salmon contains "very high levels of omega-3 fatty acids and is a great source of protein." Though it may seem to have a boring and simple flavor, salmon is actually a very easy type of fish to cook with and can supposedly help improve your eyesight with its rich amounts of omega-3 fatty acids. It is a versatile type of fish that can taste great grilled, baked, with pasta or with salad. When baked correctly, its crispy, buttery texture is excellent for a delicious yet easy meal to prepare.

### MUSHROOMS

Although they can be an acquired taste for many, mushrooms are not only a great substitute for meat in many dishes but also a great plant source of vitamin D. Additionally, mushrooms contain large amounts of selenium, which prevents cell damage, according to WebMD. Some great ways to implement mushrooms in your daily meals would be to add them to alfredo pasta, burgers, omelettes, fried rice and a plethora of other dishes. Mushrooms add a great texture to food and are easy to clean and cook, which is perfect for students who don't have plenty of time to meal prep.

### EGGS

A classic favorite of American breakfasts, eggs are actually much healthier than most people realize due to their abundance of vitamin B12 and A, according to Real Simple. There are also many creative ways to implement eggs in all your meals, such as eggs with tomatoes, omelettes with fried rice and breakfast cloud eggs. It's important to remember to eat eggs during lunch and dinner as much as during breakfast, so don't skip out on them!

### PUMPKIN

As we are currently in the middle of fall, pumpkins are a common theme that we see scattered across Instagram, Facebook and other forms of social media. Most people use them as decoration solely because of Halloween and forget that pumpkins are a very nutritious fruit that can be easily implemented into meals. According to Healthline, pumpkins are rich in vitamin A and have amounts of potassium, vitamin C and fiber that are linked to health benefits for your heart.

Other than these five types of foods, there are many other kinds of vegetables, meat, fruit, etc. that are easy to implement in meals even if you're a college student on a budget and only willing to shop for cheap groceries. Hopefully, this list encourages you to get out there and try creating meals with these five healthy foods and many others!

# SCIENCE & TECH

## Improving Shark Sanctuaries



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Gray reef sharks are generally found in shallower waters near coral reefs, a declining habitat that makes them more susceptible to overfishing. Additionally, their low reproductive rate and the fact that they end up as bycatch in many fisheries have contributed to their “Near Threatened” conservation status as determined by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Jacqueline Wen  
Science Editor

UCSB researchers set out to understand shark movement in the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RMI), an island nation in the central Pacific Ocean consisting of hundreds of small atolls and islands. Instead, they discovered a high level of illegal shark fishing activity within the shark sanctuary.

The researchers studied gray reef sharks, which are typically found near coral reefs. They tagged the sharks to track their locations via satellite, but soon realized the tags were moving in an unexpected way. “It turns out we didn’t really have the luxury of getting to explore our initial question ... [we realized] our satellite tags weren’t doing very sharky things. They weren’t occasionally coming to the surface, they weren’t sticking close to the reef,” Darcy Bradley, a postdoctoral researcher at UC Santa Barbara’s Marine Science Institute and Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, said.

Rather, the scientists noticed that the sharks’ movement was suspiciously linear, traveling nearly straight west across the Pacific Ocean. Some tags ended up as far as Guam and the Philippines.

“Very quickly it became clear that the tags were not on sharks. They were actually on boats,” Bradley said.

This concerned the researchers, as they estimated that if the captured sharks were presumably killed, this rate of fishing mortality would cause even a healthy population to collapse in fewer than five years to less than 10 percent of its un-fished state.

In response to high levels of illegal shark fishing activity, the RMI became one of the first countries to create sweeping legislation that protected sharks outright. The country declared its entire Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) — nearly two million square kilometers of ocean space — to be a shark sanctuary.

In their study “Leveraging satellite technology to create true shark sanctuaries,” published in the journal *Conservation Letters*, Bradley and her team outline how shark sanctuaries could enhance surveillance and enforcement.

“The idea of a shark sanctuary is it’s not a marine protected area,” Bradley, lead author of the paper, said. Unlike a no-take marine protected area, which is closed to all fishing, a shark sanctuary is specific to sharks, she explained. Many shark sanctuaries are countries, such as Pacific Island nations and some Caribbean countries.

“Across the board, these areas ban the commercial fishing of sharks. So there’s no actual shark fishery that can operate within that area. They also might ban the take of sharks at all,” Bradley said.

Sharks are a high-value target species, making them susceptible to overfishing.

“Almost every part of a shark can be sold in a market — the liver has a fairly high value, the skin has a high value, the meat is something that’s sold,” Bradley said. “And then, really, the highest value part of the shark is its fins.”

While the international shark fin trade has slowed down largely due to successful conservation efforts in the last decade, it is still an internationally active trade. Fins can fetch up to several hundred U.S. dollars per kilogram.

And because of the vast size of the RMI EEZ, monitoring all ongoing activity can be difficult. Illegal shark fishing activity, such as that the researchers observed, can often slip by.

Within the RMI exists one of the most active tuna fisheries in the world. Sharks end up as common bycatch, or an incidental catch, as part of commercial tuna fishing. Fishers are expected to comply with legislation by releasing their bycatch of sharks and having their fishing hauls checked at the RMI ports.

“We are assigning no value to that shark that’s landed [in the RMI],” Bradley said. “It’s just trying to make the economic value of sharks be forced to zero because they are so economically valuable.”

According to Bradley, several loopholes in shark sanctuary legislation may prevent full protection of sharks. Certain countries aren’t required to land their catch in RMI ports. Artisanal fishers can catch sharks, allowing possible trade on a local scale to eventually sell up to commercial boats.

“There are enough of these types of loopholes that the legislation is not comprehensive,” Bradley said. “There’s still room to improve, we think, and it is still needed to really monitor more of the fishing activity happening within the zone because of these loopholes and because the legislation is not fully effective as of yet.”

In their paper, the researchers propose how the RMI can capitalize on several opportunities using existing vessel tracking technologies to strengthen their shark protection policy. One suggestion is for the fishery management organizations to build upon global treaties and international agreements, such as the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA). The PSMA aims to eliminate illegal fishing globally by prohibiting vessels previously linked to illegal fishing in shark sanctuaries from landing their catches and docking at ports. Banning these vessels could strengthen international repercussions for failing to comply with shark sanctuary legislation, according to Bradley.

“If a vessel was illegally fishing for sharks in a shark sanctuary, [we propose] it wouldn’t just be given a fine from the Marshall Islands. That vessel would actually end up being listed internationally as a vessel that is engaged in illegal fishing, and that can be really problematic for that vessel in all other countries that are cosigned onto things like the PSMA,” she said.

The study also recommends enforcement of a more robust vessel tracking system. Many vessels in the ocean carry a satellite tracking system called Automatic Identification System (AIS) that originated as a maritime safety device to avoid collisions on the high seas. More recently, it has become a tool to help researchers understand the landscape of fishing in global oceans.

Launched by Google, Global Fishing Watch uses a machine learning approach to look at vessel tracking information. The program can detect not only where a vessel is but also what it’s doing. This makes it an “incredibly valuable tool,” Bradley said, as it will allow researchers like herself to be able to tease apart which vessels are fishing vessels and when fishing vessels are actively fishing as opposed to simply transiting between locations.

“We are proposing that certain fishery nations can look to opportunities to expand that tracking data — not just on the largest vessels but on all vessels operating within the sanctuary. Then they can really have a complete picture of what all the fishing vessels are doing in their sanctuary, where they are, when they’re fishing, when they’re not fishing and from that they can start to flag suspicious activities,” Bradley said. “That bolsters our ability to know what’s happening in the ocean, to have eyes on these really remote ocean faces.”

She continued, “We really applaud countries like the RMI that are prioritizing shark conservation, and we just wanted to point out in our paper that there are some really interesting opportunities using satellite technology to improve the enforcement of that legislation. We really are in an interesting time historically where there’s so much technological innovation that we can use it to think creatively about how to close some of the loopholes and really leverage that type of innovation to help bolster enforcement and monitoring within shark sanctuaries.”



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The researchers’ recommendations to enhance the enforcement and monitoring within shark sanctuaries via satellite technologies include implementing vessel tracking systems, banning vessels previously linked to illegal shark fishing from shark sanctuaries and working with international organizations and academia.

# OPINION

## I Am Not America's Spokesperson



Hannah Jackson  
Asst. Opinion Editor

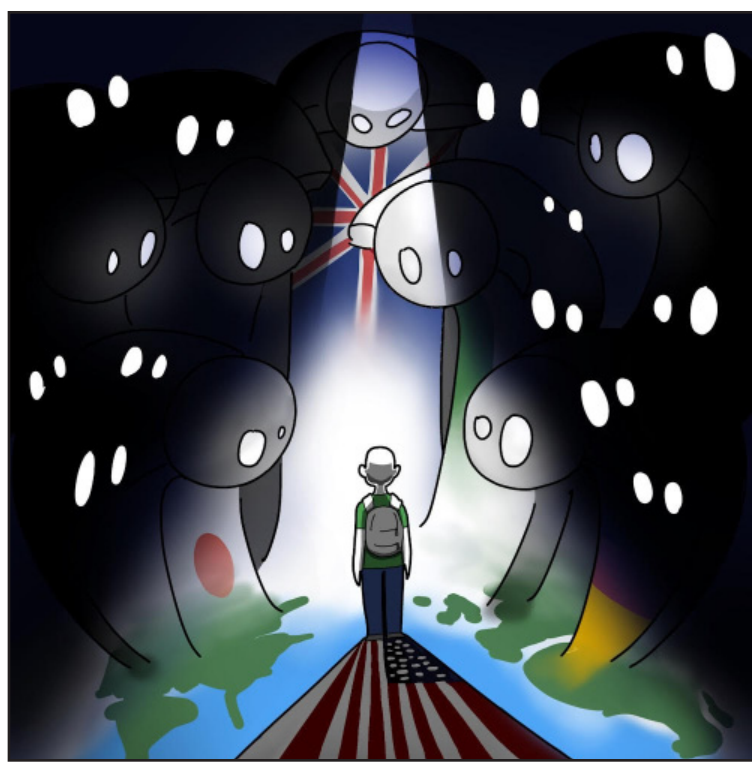
murder of Jamal Khashoggi? The lack of sensible gun laws? I even think that sometimes they hope I will defend the disgusting actions of the president to uphold the stereotype of the ignorant American, but they still seem relieved when I condemn any specific policy or event mentioned.

But here's the thing: There are still Americans here in London and around the world who will, for whatever reason, defend and praise the Trump administration. I would hate to feel as though they are representing me, and I am certain that they would not like for me to speak on their behalf. This case is universal and applies to British students and their feelings on Brexit – among the majority of students who oppose Britain leaving the EU, there is a small but loud minority who disagrees. I have grown increasingly frustrated with the homogenization of Americans and the apparent lack of reciprocity of respect for cultural differences from many of the Brits I have encountered thus far.

One day, following a group presentation in one of my classes, I found myself in the middle of a discussion with mainly British students from my course at our school's bar. Their questions started off as innocuous – What is Los Angeles like? Do I really live next to celebrities? Have I ever been to Texas? (I'm still not sure why Texas seemed so exotic and exciting to them.) But the conversation soon turned sour when one of the members of our discussion brought up politics. What began as an interesting conversation about gun laws and safety quickly devolved into a heated argument as I debated with a fellow American who had moved to the Netherlands at a young age. Once he left to retrieve another pint, the talk among the Brits immediately turned to the vein of "all Americans are gun nuts."

One of the best parts of the study abroad experience

“Well, what do you think?”  
The entire class, filled with British, Canadian, French, Australian, Korean and Swedish students, turns to stare at I, the sole American in the room, am asked on the spot to share my opinion on the state of my country.  
“Do you think that the United States is a hegemony or an empire?” the student presenter asks me. I pause for a minute to ponder her question and feel the eyes of my international classmates boring holes through me.  
“I suppose it has elements of both,” I tell her. She rolls her eyes at me. “You can't be both,” she says, exasperated. The TA quickly intervenes, changing the subject.  
For the rest of class I fumed silently in my seat. Why ask me about my opinion and experience as an American if it will just be shot down? Does my personal experience only carry weight if it confirms the asker's argument?  
Many of the people I have encountered in my time at King's College London want Americans to fulfill their expectations of us as being uneducated, bigoted and extremely nationalistic. On the other hand, many remain compassionate and some are even interested in the state of American politics.  
The one thing that everyone, regardless of opinion, wants to hear about is Trump. They ask me what he's like, as though I know him personally. What do I think of the detention centers at the borders? The Kavanaugh hearings? Turning a blind eye to the



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## Microaggressions Are a Macro Problem

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A small smirk, too small to even see a glimpse of a tooth, a quick shuffle, and my feet are flying toward the door.

A good way to deal with your problems? Probably not, but this has been my mechanism for dealing with misogynistic comments and actions: a stare held a few seconds too long, a demeaning catcall (have they EVER worked?). The anger that builds inside of me screams to tell them to shove it. But honestly, it's easier this way. It's a confusing time to be growing into womanhood, and we must treat ourselves with care in navigating this difficult path given the current headache that is U.S. politics.

In itself, becoming a woman is difficult. We are taught from a young age that our bodies are objects. We look at models on TV and in magazines and wonder why we look different. We inevitably think that our looks equate to our worth and value in society.

Becoming a woman in college is another story. College is freeing and confusing and a place of finding who we are. With male-dominated majors, we constantly have to prove that we belong, even though we deserve to be here just as much as our male peers. With the carefree desire to dress however we please, we still have to hear what men have to say about it when we're walking down Del Playa.

It makes me feel like a hypocrite to let a man tell me what to do, but the energy it takes to explain why his actions are wrong is mind-boggling.

Last week after a long day at school, I went to the grocery store to get some food for dinner. At checkout I was minding my own business, lost in thought about all the other assignments I had to get done that week. When it was my turn to pay, the 40-ish, balding cashier seemed nice at first. He asked me how I was, but then proceeded to tell me that I should smile more

because I “look much prettier that way.”

At first, two responses came to mind: One, fuck you; two, you should put on some deodorant to cover that smell — but we can't all have nice things.

Telling a woman that she's prettier when she smiles implies that she should always be happy, polite and put-together, catering to the needs of men like this one. Men may mean this as a playful compliment, when in reality it's a power play. My other option is to flash a small smile and make my way to the comfort of my own home. The latter is all too tempting.

Maybe if we spoke up every time a man said or did something that was misogynistic, women would gain the respect we inherently deserve.

However easy this sounds, it's mentally draining.

We see women like Dr. Christine Blasey Ford displaying her deepest emotions to the world, and what does she get in return? She is called a liar, and we are asked to consider the impact her accusation has on Brett Kavanaugh, as if he had not completely altered the course of her life years ago, all the while being swiftly appointed to the Supreme Court. It is discouraging at best. When these microaggressions stem from a source of power, dealing with them is all the more difficult. Dr. Ford withheld a traumatic life-altering experience for years and told her story not when she wanted to but when she had to.

When we have Kavanaugh on the Supreme Court and a president who says he grabs women “by the pussy,” my hope is withered. I fight this feeling day in and day out, trying to remind myself that it is worth it. Real change takes time. I have to remember that women's suffrage was not an easy road. Women fought for decades to get us to where we are today.

It's a constant battle between fighting for equality and staying sane. It's not just one microaggression here and there. It is constant, which is why we pick and choose when to make our voices heard. When we do explode with anger, it is because our threshold of tolerance has been shattered to pieces. My suggestion is to take it day by day; treat yourself with caution. If you don't have the patience it takes to explain such a simple concept, it is perfectly okay. Trust yourself, and walk away.

However, if you feel up to the challenge, take it head on. Try to attack the problem, not the person. Attacking the person's character, however tempting, will only take away from the point and validity of your argument. Assess the situation. If someone is catcalling you while you are walking alone at night, it might not be

is meeting people from new cultures and gaining a more holistic worldview. I always try to keep an open mind and listen to people's personal experiences before contributing my own, but this time I felt that I could not keep quiet.

“You literally just heard me telling this guy that I don't support guns, so why would you immediately make generalizations?” I asked her, to which she responded by imitating a Valley girl accent back to me. Unfortunately, it seems as though even at a renowned university with a diverse population of international students, some people at King's still firmly remain in the category of wanting to believe that all Americans share the same hardline conservative values of our government.

A major factor in my decision to study abroad was to gain an international perspective. As a political science major with an emphasis in international relations living in another country seemed like the best possible way to ditch the American perspective in favor of something more well-rounded. To my surprise, however, the U.S. outlook is alive and well, even across the pond. Classes still have a heavy focus on U.S. foreign policy, religion, intelligence services and military action, and it seems as though it is often used as a benchmark for comparison.

While escaping preconceived notions of American culture anytime in the near future is statistically unlikely, I feel empowered to contribute to change our reputation. Obviously, while I cannot spread the word worldwide, hopefully I will be able to make waves in my little pond of King's College. Most of all, I am hopeful that my classmates will learn not to generalize other cultures and to stop treating us as spokespeople for such politically, racially and socially diverse places.

Hannah Jackson wants her international classmates to know that she won't speak on behalf of every American.

the best time for confrontation. Battling this should never compromise your safety. More often than not catcallers are cowards. They yell at strangers on the street because they do not have the courage to approach them and have an actual conversation. But, given the chance that they are aggressive, it is best to confront them only when surrounded by others. Remember that when you resist these things, you have millions of women standing behind you. Take some deep breaths.

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Some might say that women are being too sensitive, that these “microaggressions” are imaginary. In reality, this is just another microaggression in itself. Dismissing a woman because she is “too sensitive” is plain hurtful. Listen to us, and maybe you'll begin to understand the strength it takes to keep moving despite this staggering feeling of powerlessness. As author and feminist Roxane Gay so perfectly states, “It's hard not to feel humorless, as a woman and a feminist, to recognize misogyny in so many forms, some great and some small, and know you're not imagining things. It's hard to be told to lighten up because if you lighten up any more, you're going to float the fuck away.”

Whether it be a smile or a full-on fight, however you choose to deal with microaggressions is perfectly normal. Ally McCulloch hopes that women feel comfortable speaking out against misogyny in their daily lives.

# HOROSCOPES

## ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You will get into a screaming match with the Arbor preacher, only to realize that you matched with him on Tinder last night.

## TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

Your squad will organize a Friendsgiving potluck but everyone brings alcohol and there is no food.

## GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

You will lose your Fleshlight and then see a Free and For Sale post that someone found it.

## CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

You look up the guy who sold you molly at Flog Gnaw and he turns out to be a washed up Vine star who is still living off of his commission from his protein powder sponsorship.

## LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

You will run into a casual acquaintance and figure out that you are both walking the same way after you already said “Bye, see you around.”

## VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Your newly divorced aunt will stroll into Thanksgiving dinner with a man at her side who's half her age. From the look on your grandma's face, the tea is hot.

## LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

You still have some pictures left over from your pumpkin patch photoshoot. Please don't post them.

## SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You will have a passive aggressive standoff with the people who reserved a study room that you're currently occupying.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You will telling your roommate about your latest sexcapade when you realize the person walking in front of you is your professor.

## CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You will run into your high school English teacher in a dive bar in your hometown this Thanksgiving season. He forgot your name.

## AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

The end of the year is arriving faster than you think. It's time to approach that one person in lecture you've been eyeing all quarter and ask them to study.

## PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

Savor your good health now; you are about to catch the Campbell Hall Cough.