

Student Arrested on Stalking Charges, Victim Discusses Reporting Process

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A third-year UC Santa Barbara student was arrested Sunday afternoon on a felony charge of stalking and two misdemeanor charges of vandalism and “annoying phone calls” after allegedly repeatedly harassing another UCSB student, showing up to San Rafael Residence Hall and writing their names together on her door in what appeared to be blood.

The third-year student, Dante Linden, is suspended indefinitely until a Title IX investigation is completed, according to Alexis – the student that reported that Linden was stalking her, who the Nexus is referring to with her first name only to protect her privacy.

Alexis said she was informed about his suspension by the Office of Student Conduct. When asked about Linden’s status as a student, university spokesperson Andrea Estrada said the university was “prohibited by law and policy from discussing the specifics of this case.”

Fall 2019 was Linden’s first quarter at UCSB, according to student verification records.

Linden was being held on a \$150,000 bail at the Santa Barbara County Jail until his arraignment on Tuesday morning, when his charges were dropped to two misdemeanor charges of stalking



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A third-year UCSB student, after allegedly harassing another UCSB student, reportedly showed up to San Rafael Residence Hall and wrote their names together on the victim’s door in what appeared to be blood.

and vandalism. His bail was also reduced to \$2,500, which he posted, and he was subsequently released Tuesday evening.

The judicial officer in the case, Judge Clifford R. Anderson III, made Linden’s bail contingent on his compliance with a criminal protective order that was filed the same day, which orders Linden not to contact or come within 150 yards of Alexis. Alexis said she also requested a no-contact order through the Office of Student Conduct on campus on Wednesday.

In an interview with the Nexus, Alexis said she first met Linden on Tinder at the beginning of the school year and “hooked up” with him approximately three times over the course of a week and a half.

“I didn’t think it was a big deal, and [he] wasn’t even the only person I was seeing or anything like that,” she said. “After that, he was just kind of weird, and not really my type ... so I just cut him off, like I just ghosted him, like you do in that situation.”

That’s when Linden’s behavior

became unstable, and he began to send her threatening and vulgar messages, Alexis said.

“He’d be like, ‘Fuck you, you’re with another guy’ or something. And I was just like, okay, [I] blocked [him] on Snapchat, like that’s easy,” she said. “And then ... he was on my Instagram, saying, ‘Why did you block me?’”

After blocking Linden on multiple platforms, Alexis said he then began texting her, asking her to come over, what she was doing and if he could come over

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UCSB Track and Water Polo Programs Committed Major Infractions, NCAA Announces

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The National Collegiate Athletic Association found two UC Santa Barbara sports programs in violation of its regulations in a decision released Tuesday, imposing a number of consequences on the programs and its coaches for UCSB’s first ever “major infractions case.”

Both the men’s and women’s cross country and track and field programs, and the men’s water polo program, were found guilty of violating two different types of NCAA regulations, according to the association’s report.

“UC Santa Barbara values compliance with NCAA rules. [Tuesday’s] report by the NCAA Committee on Infractions is the result of an investigation that was conducted cooperatively by the NCAA enforcement staff and the university,” Bill Mahoney, associate athletics director of communications, said in a statement on Tuesday.

“UC Santa Barbara is disappointed that the violations happened. The University is committed to learning from the process and continuing to promote student-athlete welfare and competition with integrity as core values of the university’s athletics department.”

In the track program, a former head coach, who was with the program for over 30 years and is not named in the decision, was found to have violated restrictions on “countable athletically related activities,” otherwise known as CARA. The only head coach who was with UCSB during this time was the former Head Coach Pete Dolan, according to UCSB’s website. Dolan was fired from the position in June 2018 and later filed a wrongful termination lawsuit against the university.

According to the decision, the head coach expected student athletes to “log their training activity” during “summer months outside of the playing season and the required weekly day off during the season”

– which is prohibited under NCAA rules, according to the decision.

“He actively monitored these logs, provided feedback on the student-athletes’ training, and in some instances admonished or otherwise disciplined student-athletes who did not complete their logs,” the decision states.

Since the head coach was actively involved in the logs, and the training activity was “not initiated or requested solely by the student-athletes,” the NCAA considered his activities “impermissible.”

With the men’s water polo team, the head water polo coach “impermissibly facilitated housing for one of the student-athletes who wanted to come to Santa Barbara prior to his enrollment and compete on a local water polo club team.”

The head water polo coach during that time was Wolf Wigo, who is currently employed by the university, according to UCSB’s website.

The NCAA committee found that this led to other restricted recruiting inducements, including free meals and transportation.

In addition, the head water polo coach and the assistant water polo coach were found to have improperly compensated two international student-athletes, who are not named in the decision, with “a monthly stipend that equaled the exact amount of their rent and transferred the payment directly to the student-athletes’ landlord.”

The two student-athletes were employed at a water polo club co-owned by the head water polo coach and the assistant water polo coach, and were paid “significantly higher” rates compared to the hourly rates of other student-athletes working in similar positions at the club, according to the decision. The two student-athletes were also found to have been occasionally paid for “work not actually performed.”

With Tuesday’s decision, the head track coach involved is now subject to a one-year show-cause order, which follows him to any NCAA institution that he may be employed by or

NCAA p.4

46 Former Tenants Sue Isla Vista Luxury Living Over Security Deposits



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Isla Vista Luxury Living, which owns 12 properties across Isla Vista, found itself under fire when 18 separate lawsuits – totalling 46 plaintiffs – were filed with the Santa Barbara Superior Court in August.

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Forty-two former tenants took local housing management company Isla Vista Luxury Living to court last week over security deposits disputes and “bad faith” claims – and won.

Isla Vista Luxury Living, which owns 12 properties in Isla Vista, found itself under fire when 18 separate lawsuits – totalling 46 plaintiffs – were filed with the Santa Barbara Superior Court in late August, all alleging various claims of mismanagement on the part of the company and the buildings’ owners.

Only one of the cases – with

four plaintiffs, in Chang et al. v. Isla Vista Luxury Living – is still pending, because the plaintiffs did not show up to court due to scheduling issues, according to lawyer Robin Unander, who works at the Associated Students Legal Resource Center.

Of the 18 cases, 10 were settled out of court; but last week, the remaining eight lawsuits were cases heard by Santa Barbara Judge P. Thomas Anderle, according to Unander, who advised the plaintiffs.

Unander, who has been with the Legal Resource Center since 2003, said that across the 18 cases, the total amount sought from the management company

was \$24,215. Of that, the plaintiffs received \$13,785 back in money initially put into security deposits and \$1,200 in “bad faith” charges – meaning the plaintiffs proved the management company had acted in violation of an agreement.

According to Unander, it was during Spring Quarter 2019 and the beginning of summer that the Isla Vista Tenants Union saw an uptick in the number of people coming in. While the union typically sees an increase when leases end, she noticed that a large number of people were complaining about the same landlord: Isla Vista Luxury Living.

Isla Vista Luxury Living was

created in July 2018, according to California business records. Its owners are Bijan Moshayedi and his father, Mike, who currently resides in Newport Beach; according to Unander and several of the tenants who spoke to the Nexus, a man named Keenan Duran serves as the properties’ manager.

Unander emphasized that from her perspective, the owners of Isla Vista Luxury Living hadn’t acted in a malicious manner – they just “clearly didn’t have a handle on the law the way they thought they did,” and that these cases were “a real education for them.”

“I think this landlord learned a lot in the three days we were in court,” she said. “They didn’t consider that they were abusing the tenants’ deposits. They really felt they were entitled to take what they took.”

There are 12 properties listed on the Isla Vista Luxury Living website: 760 Embarcadero Del Norte, 6656 Picasso, 6659 Abrego, 6599 Madrid, 6565 Segovia, 6629 Sabado Tarde, 910 Camino Pescadero, 897 Camino Del Sur, 6578 Trigo, 6510 Sabado Tarde, 6508 Seville and 6517 El Greco.

One tenant, Tyler Wells, created a Facebook group to help keep track of all the complaints; as of Thursday, the group has 92 members.

For the past several months, tenants have posted complaints and concerns about I.V. Luxury Living to the group, including duplicate charges, not receiving receipts for work done, charges

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Both the track program and the men’s water polo program were found guilty of violating two different types of NCAA regulations.

THIS WEEK'S UP AND COMING

Tuesday November 7
Surviving Home
 MCC Theater | 7 p.m.

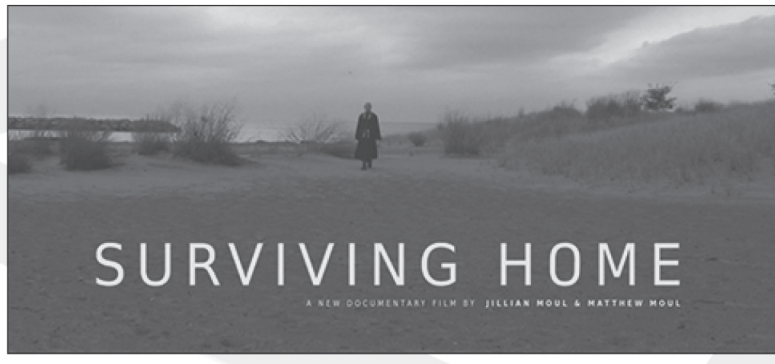


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“Surviving Home” is an intimate documentary that follows four U.S. military veterans from different generations over an eight-year period as they rebuild their lives after war. Interwoven with veterans’ voices from across the country, their unique paths of healing and transformation shed light on longterm consequences of war and raise questions about the roots of war and societal cycles of violence. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion with filmmakers Jillian and Matthew Moul and local veterans, moderated by IHC Director Susan Derwin.

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 7 p.m. & 10 p.m

ROCKY HORROR Friday 8
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IMPROVABILITY
The Gold Show
 Embarcadero Hall | 8 p.m.
 Friday 8 November \$3

Thursday 7 November
I am Latrice Royale
 Lotte Lehmann Concert Hall | 7:30 p.m.



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After years in clubs and being incarcerated, Latrice Royale was literally forced to remold herself into a stronger, more dedicated individual. Not only did she appear on RuPaul’s Drag Race, Season 4, but she has also hosted the documentary, “Gays in Prison,” which explores the stories of gay men and transgender individuals in and out of the prison system. Latrice will perform two numbers, followed by a moderated discussion to share how drag is used as a platform to unapologetically express one’s identity and work through the oppression faced by queer people of color.

Thursday 7 November
Earthgang
 The Hub | 8 p.m.



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Join us in welcoming hip-hop in its purest form. Unapologetically themselves, Earthgang describes their brand as freedom and loves “spreading awareness and just holding natural conversations with people.” Earthgang’s wide-ranging debut, “Shallow Graves For Toys”, peaked at #11 on the 2012 Billboard Emerging Artists chart. This album includes a huge variety of stars, from folk singers like Marian Mereba to producers 808 Mafia (i.e. Gucci Mane, Waka Flocka Flame). With nearly four million monthly Spotify listeners and over 100 million streams, this is not a show you want to miss.

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“I haven’t been funny in years.”

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- River near Karachi
- Buckskin source
- 1970s-’80s self-improvement course
- Bar supply
- “Coney Island” documentary
- Burns
- Bk. before Philippians
- Gimlet spec
- Snare
- Bar supply
- Ring decision
- Southeast natives
- Barnum’s Fiji mermaid, for one
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- Cross-country need, perhaps
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WEATHER

At 6 a.m. the weatherhuman was scorched by the searing fires of hir roommate flushing the toilet while ze was showering.

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 Shitting under hir pillow.

Fate of DACA Rests in University of California Supreme Court Arguments on Tuesday

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The United States Supreme Court will begin oral arguments in a case surrounding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program next Tuesday, continuing a years-long battle between the University of California and the Trump administration.

The case – Department of Homeland Security, et al. v. Regents of the University of California, et al. – has worked its way through the federal court system and is a combination of the University of California (UC) case as well as similar DACA cases in the District of Columbia and New York.

The Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was created by an executive order under former President Barack Obama in 2012. The program provides two-year repeated deferments from deportation and a work permit to individuals who arrived in the U.S. before the age of 16, according to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services website.

The legal battle began in September 2017 when acting Secretary of Homeland Security Elaine Duke announced the Trump administration was ending the program.

Just three days after the decision to end DACA was announced, the UC filed a lawsuit against the Department of Homeland Security, becoming the “first university board to sue the government,” according to a press release from the UC Office of the President (UCOP).

The lawsuit puts UC President Janet Napolitano in a unique position. As president, her office is leading the fight nationwide to protect DACA – the signature legislation she helped create in 2012 as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security for the Obama administration.

“Neither I, nor the University of California, take the step of suing the federal government lightly, especially not the very agency that I led,” Napolitano said. “To arbitrarily and capriciously end the DACA program, which benefits our country as a whole, is not only unlawful, it is contrary to our national values and bad policy.”

There are nearly 700,000 DACA recipients currently in the program, which includes

“approximately 1,700 UC students,” according to UCOP.

The lawsuit alleges the Trump administration rescinded the program on “nothing more than unreasoned executive whim,” and that its removal is “unconstitutional, unjust, and unlawful.”

The federal court granted an injunction to temporarily stop the Department of Homeland Security’s rescission of DACA in January 2018.

In an unusual attempt, President Trump tried to bypass the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit’s hearing of the case, moving directly to the U.S. Supreme Court – but the justices denied his appeal.

The case went on as scheduled to the Ninth Circuit,

questions unanswered.”

In a statement released in September, Napolitano argued that the Trump administration acted illegally because it offered no “valid justification” for ending the program.

“Five federal courts have considered this issue and found that the administration’s decision was arbitrary and capricious, and therefore unlawful,” Napolitano said.

The court briefing mentioned that the administration waited seven months to end the program and that Trump had previously indicated he “would allow DREAMers to stay.”

The Department of Homeland Security argued that DACA is illegal because it is a violation of immigration law and was enacted not through Congress, but as an executive order under former President Obama.

“[DACA] was effectuated by the previous administration through executive action, without proper statutory authority and with no established end-date, after Congress’ repeated rejection of proposed legislation that would have accomplished a similar result,” said former acting Secretary of Homeland Security Duke in memorandum announcing DACA’s rescission. “Such an open-ended circumvention of immigration laws was an unconstitutional exercise of authority by the Executive Branch.”

During the past month, UCOP began a system-wide campaign in support of DACA, including a social media campaign where prominent UC leaders and national politicians have given reasons for why they stand with DACA recipients.

The campaign also includes an online pledge that, as of Nov. 6, totals over 10,000 signatures. The organization Home is Here organized rallies for Nov. 8 and 12 on the steps of the Supreme Court and nationwide.

If the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Department of Homeland Security, DACA recipients would lose authorization to work or complete their education. Besides the court case, UC leaders are working with Congress to create bipartisan legislation providing long-term legal protections for DACA recipients.

The Supreme Court does not disclose dates for its decisions, but a ruling must be made before the end of its yearly term in June 2020.



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and in November of 2018, the court ruled in favor of the UC.

Last June, the Supreme Court announced it would hear the DACA case in November 2019, beginning oral arguments this upcoming Tuesday, with expectations to have a decision in the summer.

The case presents two specific questions: whether it is up to the courts to decide DACA’s fate, and if so, whether the decision to rescind the DACA program was “arbitrary and capricious.” “There is no dispute that this decision has life-changing implications for nearly 700,000 DACA participants and their families,” the Regent’s briefing reads. “Yet the Acting Secretary provided only a single vague sentence of explanation for the decision that leaves basic

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September 2017

The University of California files lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

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Trump administration announces end to DACA.

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September 2017

The U.S. Northern District Court of California granted a preliminary injunction to temporarily stop the Department of Homeland Security’s rescission of DACA.

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January 2018

The U.S. Supreme Court denies President Trump’s appeal to have the Supreme Court hear the DACA case – his attempt to bypass the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

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February 2018

The Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rules in favor of UC

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November 2018

Supreme Court announces it will hear UC DACA case.

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June 2019

University of California files its court brief.

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September 2019

Hundreds of amicus briefs are filed by corporations, universities and others in support of DACA.

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October 2019

University of California begins awareness campaign including a photo campaign and online pledge to stand with DACA recipients before the Supreme Court case.

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October 2019

Oral arguments will commence at Supreme Court; advocates for DACA to rally at the Supreme Court and nationwide.

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affiliated with between Nov. 5, 2019 and Nov. 4, 2020.

“Should the head track coach become employed in an athletically related position at an NCAA member institution during the one-year show-cause period, the head track coach shall be suspended from 30 percent of the season’s contests,” the decision writes.

With the NCAA decision, the head and assistant water polo coaches are subject to two-year and one-year show-cause orders respectively, which prohibit them from a number of coaching duties during their show-cause order time periods.

The head water polo coach, who was found to be “personally involved in arranging a recruiting inducement and providing extra benefits in the form of improper compensation and pay for work not performed,” is prohibited from all off-campus recruiting activities during this two-year period, which is applied to any NCAA-affiliated institution that they may be employed by during the period.

The head coach is also suspended from the first 30% of the season’s contests during the first year of the show-cause period.

“The provisions of this suspension require that the head water polo coach not be present in the facility

where contests are held and have no contact or communication with men’s water polo coaching staff members or student-athletes during the suspension dates,” the decision read.

“The prohibition includes all coaching activities for the period of time that begins at 12:01 a.m. on the day of the contest and ends at 11:59 p.m. that day. During that period, the head coach may not participate in any coaching activities, including, but not limited to, team travel, practice, video study, recruiting and team meetings.”

Additionally, the results of any contests during this suspension will not count for the head coach’s coaching record.

During the assistant water polo coach’s show-cause period, they are to be suspended from 30% of the season’s contests, a suspension that will be served after the head water polo coach’s suspension from the first 30% of the contests is served. The provisions of the assistant coach’s show-cause period are the same as the head coach’s.

In addition to the penalties on the coaches, UCSB is placed on probation for two years, beginning Nov. 5, 2019, and ending Nov. 4, 2021, and is required to pay a fine of \$5,000 “plus one percent of each of the budgets for the men’s water polo,

men’s cross country and women’s cross country programs.”

The track and men’s water polo programs are also required to put limitations on their recruiting visits and reduce the scholarships they give out, based on previous self-imposed restrictions.

A number of the penalties listed in the decision are self-imposed, including the men’s water polo team abstaining from participating in post-season conference and NCAA tournament competition during the 2018 season.

Since two student-athletes involved in the water polo program violations are now considered ineligible, UCSB is required to vacate all “regular season and conference tournament records and participation in which the two ineligible student-athletes competed from the time they became ineligible.”

“Further, UCSB’s records regarding its men’s water polo program, as well as the records of the head men’s water polo coach, shall reflect the vacated records,” the decision read.

Some of the other self-imposed restrictions, which occurred while the NCAA investigation was occurring, included the men’s water polo coaching staff being barred from recruiting communication with prospective international student-

athletes from April 1, 2018, through Dec. 31, 2018, other than the student-athletes who had already verbally committed to or been signed by UCSB.

Additionally, with the track program, “UCSB reduced CARA by four hours per week for cross country student-athletes and track and field student-athletes who are also on the cross country squad list.”

They also required track program athletes to take two days off per week from CARA.

During UCSB’s probation period, the university is required to “develop and implement a comprehensive educational program on NCAA legislation to instruct coaches, the faculty athletics representative, all athletics department personnel and all institutional staff members with responsibility for recruiting and certification legislation.”

Additionally, they must submit a report to the NCAA committee by Jan. 15, 2020, informing them of their implementation plan and schedule. They must also file annual compliance reports by Aug. 30 of each year of probation.

“Particular emphasis shall be placed on rules education and monitoring related to CARA and student-athlete employment,” according to the decision.

All student-athletes prospects

must also be informed of UCSB’s probation status, and UCSB must “publicize specific and understandable information” about the infractions.

Once UCSB submits its final compliance report, and before the

probation period is concluded, Chancellor Yang must also send a letter to the NCAA “affirming that UCSB’s current athletics policies and practices conform to all requirements of NCAA regulations.”



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Halloween Weekend Crowd “Very Small,” SBSO Says



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Halloween weekend saw a dip in the number of citations and arrests compared to the weekend before it, as well as a decrease in the number of attendees – so much so that some UC Police Department officers were “released early” from their posts due to “low levels of activity,” according to UC Santa Barbara spokesperson Andrea Estrada.

“Once again, the Halloween weekend activity was relatively slow compared to a typical weekend,” Estrada said in an email.

Raquel Zick, Santa Barbara

County Sheriff’s Office spokesperson, confirmed that this past weekend saw a “very small” crowd in Isla Vista, stating that the overall number of people couldn’t be counted.

On Halloween night, there was one arrest in Isla Vista for providing a false ID and 15 violations of the noise ordinance, which lasted from 10 a.m. on Oct. 26 to 7 a.m. on Nov. 4.

Twelve of the violators were UCSB students, while one was a Santa Barbara City College student, according to Zick.

That Friday and Saturday, there were a combined total of five citations – one for driving without a valid driver’s license and four for violating the noise

ordinance.

Estrada provided similar statistics for on-campus citations and arrests, stating that Halloween weekend saw “relatively slow [activity] compared to a typical weekend.”

She said that the UC Police Department (UCPD) issued one citation on campus and arrested one individual for stalking and vandalism.

The number of UCPD patrols were also similar to those around on a regular weekend, Estrada said, adding that UCPD had 14 or 15 officers in Isla Vista on both Friday and Saturday night.

“Students deserve a great deal of credit for keeping the celebration local,” Estrada said.

AFSCME Files Six New Unfair Labor Practice Complaints Against UC, Plans To Strike Nov. 13

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Alleging contract violations and secret agreements, the University of California’s largest workers union filed six new unfair labor practice complaints against the university system on Nov. 1 with the California Public Employment Relations Board.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees 3299 (AFSCME) filed the complaints to “challenge[e] another wave of unlawful contracting out by University officials,” according to a document provided by Leonard Carder LLC, a law firm representing AFSCME.

In addition to the complaints, the union will also go on a statewide unfair labor practice strike on Nov. 13, according to a press release from AFSCME. The California Public Employment Relations Board has already obtained “sufficient evidence” to call for a “formal complaint” against the UC, according to the press release.

According to AFSCME, previously undisclosed documents reveal that the UC, in some instances, allegedly amended contracts in secret after establishing a “contractual relationship” with vendors.

For example, “UC’s initial 2016 contract with Lyon’s Security at UC Office of the President’s UCPath Center in Riverside required the vendor to pay their contractors UC’s [\$15 an hour] minimum wage. UC amended the contract in 2018 to exempt Lyon’s Security from this requirement,” according to the document.

In October 2017, Mercury News reported that a UC Los Angeles food service worker – who logged over 106 hours in two weeks – was paid under two names to avoid receiving overtime pay; the employee’s base pay was \$10.50 an hour, nearly five dollars below the UC’s minimum wage.

Following a 2017 California State Auditor’s report that was critical of the UC’s “flawed” and “ignored” policies surrounding outsourcing and competitive bidding, the UC allegedly amended its protocols “to require

all University locations to either allow existing contracts to expire after 10 years or submit them to renewed competitive bidding,” the document read.

“After 10 years, then, if UC wished to contract out work for more time, UC is supposed to put out a Request for Proposals (RFP), notify AFSCME and justify to the Union why it seeks to outsource the work for the additional period of time,” the document continued.

However, the complaint alleged that the university instead granted itself “exemptions” from its own amended policies and extended its existing contracts in secret. This allegedly occurred in secret “at least 28 times” from 2009-2019 at UCLA, when the university added an extra 17 “patient care technical titles” to its contract with AMN Healthcare, a healthcare management service.

AFSCME also alleged that the UC has spent more money on outsourcing – which has increased by “as much as 52% since 2016” – and has poached union employees’ prospects for employment, opting to instead hire lower wage non-contract workers to do the same jobs, according to a separate press release from AFSCME.

“In analyses published by State Legislative committees considering reforms to University contracting practices, UC said it spent just over \$345 million in 2016 to outsource jobs normally performed by AFSCME 3299 represented UC employees,” the press release read.

“In August of 2019, UC notified state legislators that it now spends \$523 million on these same services—a growth rate in outsourcing that is roughly three times larger than its direct employment growth for the same jobs,” the press release continued.

When contract renewals are on the table, AFSCME said it is the UC’s duty to first determine whether “[the contract] exists to save money solely on the basis of the contractor’s lower wages and benefits, and if so, to bring that work back in house.”

Instead of approving such contracts, AFSCME said the UC allegedly goes about filling those positions secretly,

leaving contract employees in a “contingent” status, which keeps them at arm’s length from the benefits and wages of full-time employment.

This allegedly occurred at UC San Francisco, where 62 contracted employees working for Allied Barton, a security service, applied for “career positions” at UCSF, according to the document. Only 11 positions were filled despite many Allied Barton employees “applying to open positions two or more times,” the document read. AFSCME alleged this is a result of UCSF’s decision to keep workers retained to a contingent status.

In response to the recent complaints and strike announcement, Andrew Gordon, spokesperson for the UC Office of the President (UCOP), said in an email that the UC finds that “AFSCME leaders have shown little flexibility on their unreasonable wage demands,” even after announcing its sixth strike since negotiations began in spring 2017.

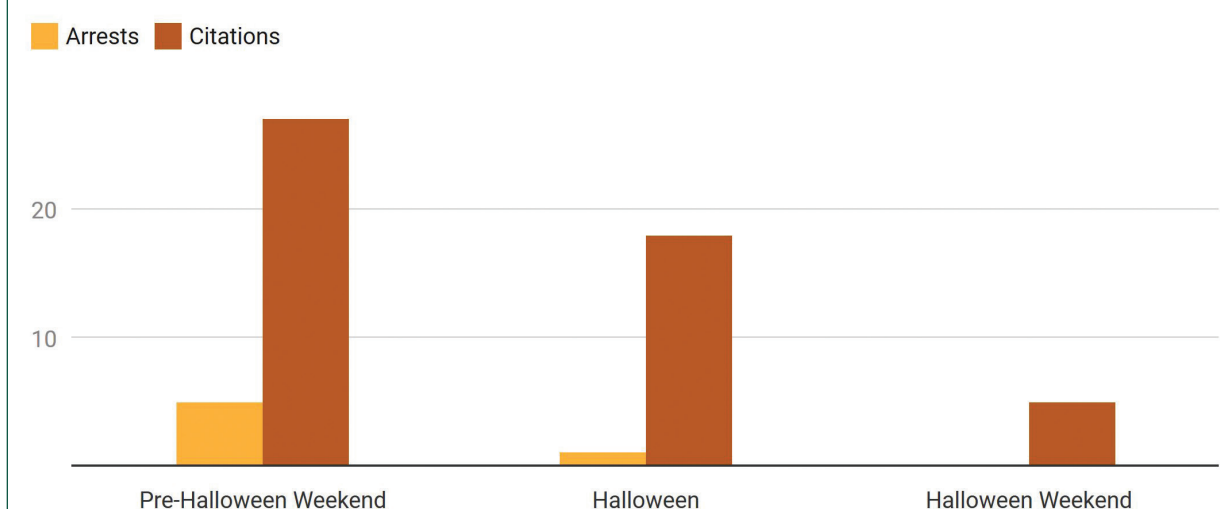
“AFSCME leader’s contracting claims and continual strike activity are attempts to gain leverage in negotiations. UC’s agreements with AFSCME protect employees from displacement due to contracting and no employee can be terminated as a result of a sub-contracting decision.

“In fact, the number of AFSCME-represented employees has actually increased systemwide by double digits over the past five years. The number of service workers has grown 16.8 percent, while the number of patient care workers has jumped 27.9 percent,” he added.

Contrary to UCOP’s stance, AFSCME finds that the UC’s treatment of its employees warrants a reaction that goes beyond the bargaining table – “the picket lines.”

“What is so troubling about UC’s continuing illegal conduct is that it’s becoming even more prevalent,” Kathryn Lybarger, AFSCME president, said. “These complaints detail UC’s continuing systematic and often secretive efforts to replace its own employees with lower wage contractors.”

I.V. Arrests and Citations Down in First Weekend of November, Compared to Halloween Night and Weekend of Oct. 26



Pre-Halloween data is from Oct. 25 and 26. Halloween data is from Oct. 31. Halloween weekend data is from Nov. 1 and 2.

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I.V. Tenants Lawsuit

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for what they believed to be normal wear and tear, alleged excess charges for painting and carpet cleaning, among others – one plaintiff posted about a \$120 billing charge he received for a broken toilet paper holder, and another said they were charged \$45 to replace a lightbulb.

One plaintiff and member of the Facebook group, Natalie Mazmanian in the case of Mazmanian v. Isla Vista Luxury Living, told the Nexus that, among other charges she later disputed, she had been charged for a water filter in her apartment at 760 Embarcadero Del Norte – a water filter that had never existed in the first place.

“It was more the principles than it was money, honestly,” Mazmanian told the Nexus. “It was a year [under their] management, and all we ever did was have problems ... [Duran] had no sort of management skills coming into this.”

Mazmanian was also charged \$559 for a cleaning fee, \$90 to replace two lights in the living room and for water damage for kitchen cabinets – water damage, she said, that was caused by the absence of a water filter.

According to Unander, the Moshayedis’ first property was acquired when Bijan was a student at UC Santa Barbara in 2009. Bijan’s name is attached to at least nine properties in the Santa Barbara area, according to Santa Barbara clerk recorder records. Mike’s is attached to at least one.

University spokesperson

Andrea Estrada confirmed that someone with the name Bijan Moshayedi attended UCSB between Fall Quarter 2007 and Summer 2011.

Bijan Moshayedi and Duran did not respond to requests for comment.

According to Unander, the Moshayedis created Isla Vista Luxury Living after splitting from its former management company, Meridian Group Real Estate, during the summer of 2018.

Deedy Hedrick, a property supervisor for Meridian who managed the Moshayedis’ properties from 2014 to summer 2018, also testified in support of some of the plaintiffs, according to Unander. Hedrick testified in one case that the amount the plaintiffs were charged for cleaning was double than what was typically charged for “extra heavy cleaning,” according to court documents.

Of the eight cases that went to trial, all received money back, although the amounts awarded varied. But in two cases – Pena et al v. Isla Vista Luxury Living and McBride et al v. Isla Vista Luxury Living – Judge Anderle found that the management company had acted in bad faith and awarded the plaintiffs the full security deposits plus additional compensation.

“The Court spent hours on this case trying to ferret out what and why the events occurred,” Judge Anderle wrote in his decision in Pena v. Isla Vista Luxury Living. He stated that the management company had “vastly overcharged in this case” and that the plaintiffs

did “everything that could be expected of tenants.”

“[Plaintiffs] did a thorough job of documenting the move-in and move-out. On the other hand the Luxury Living documentation was cursory at best and irresponsible at worst,” he added.

Pena, a Santa Barbara City College student who asked to be referred to only by her last name, explained that when she and her partner first moved into their apartment at 6565 Segovia, it was managed by Meridian.

But once Isla Vista Luxury Living took over, she said the manager, Duran repeatedly ignored her requests for routine maintenance, even one request for him to fix the “staples or nails” coming out of the carpet. When it did come time to move out, the company did not return any of her deposit.

She added that she and her partner “took pictures of everything” and “had every [communication with Duran] in text,” which she said is likely why she was awarded the full security deposit plus additional compensation.

In McBride v. Isla Vista Luxury Living, Judge Anderle awarded the plaintiffs their full security deposit back, as well as an additional \$314, in part because Duran had “told the plaintiffs there were ‘no problems’ ... leading them to conclude they would get their security deposit back.”

The judge added that there was nothing in the move-out report “that reflects any viable issues.”



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Of the 18 cases, 10 were settled out of court; but last week, the remaining 8 lawsuits were heard in the Santa Barbara Superior Court. The Moshayedis’ first property was acquired when Bijan was a UCSB student in 2009.

Kelsey McBride, a class of 2019 graduate, told the Nexus that when she moved out of her apartment, her and her roommates “cleaned for two days,” adding that “it was in better condition that when we moved in.”

But after they moved out, even though Duran had told McBride – with her mother as a witness – that her whole security deposit would be returned, they only received three quarters of what they had been told. They were also

charged hundreds of dollars for carpet cleaning and painting.

“We did nothing wrong,” McBride said. “They owed us money. We took action to get that money rightfully returned to us.”

The amount of money settled by plaintiffs out of court was not available. Of the cases that went to trial, besides Pena’s and McBride’s, Judge Anderle awarded nearly all of them about half of what they sued for.

All the plaintiffs who talked

to the Nexus stated they had only ever dealt with Duran and not the owners directly.

Unander hopes other Isla Vistans will see these cases and “stand up and do something” if their landlord is mistreating them.

“Landlords have become accustomed to the students basically complaining about things, but then doing nothing. The fact that we were able to coordinate 18 different units... that’s huge.”

Stalking Report

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to her place, she said. Initially, Alexis didn’t respond, but said she eventually told Linden: “Dude, I don’t feel the same way about you; I’m talking to someone else so, yeah, leave me alone.”

Even though she later blocked him on iMessage, Alexis said the block didn’t transfer over to her laptop, where he continued to harass her.

“He sent me ... like 25 texts, [a] message poem thing saying, ‘I like the way your eyes moved.’ Like ‘Oh my dear Alexis.’ Like really weird stuff,” she said. “This Friday, I was talking to my friend on FaceTime and I get this random FaceTime call ... and I answer it and it’s him.”

Alexis said she immediately ended the call, but Linden kept calling and texting her.

“At that point I was like, stop talking to me, you’re stalking me, I’m going to report it. And he was like, ‘Alright, do it, I don’t care. Tell the feds, I don’t care,’ just kind of making a joke about it.”

Later that night, while Alexis was out of town, Linden allegedly came to her room in San Rafael Hall and starting loudly knocking on her suite’s door at around midnight, according to her roommates.

“He had [either] cut himself prior – or was cutting himself then – and wrote his name in blood on my door,” Alexis said. “And then he was scratching his nails in my door, like his name and then my name.”

The next day, Alexis’ roommates found her name and his name written on the door together in a red substance that looked like blood; Alexis provided the Nexus with a picture of the door.

“They sent me a picture ‘cause I was [out of town],” Alexis said. “I saw it and I automatically had a panic attack, like I was freaking out, I was shaking, I was crying.”

Minutes after hearing what Linden had done, Alexis made a phone call to the UCSB Police Department to report what had happened. Linden was subsequently arrested with a warrant the next afternoon near the Santa Ynez apartments.

Alexis also spoke to a San

Rafael resident assistant, Dallana Jimenez, who advised her through the next steps. Jimenez also reported the incident to San Rafael Assistant Resident Director Jesse Rodriguez, who later informed Alexis in an email that he had filed a Clery Act report and Title IX report, “as is required of [his] job.”

In response to a question about why the university had not sent out an alert to the student body when notified of the incident, Estrada said in an email that “Timely Warnings are issued when certain crimes (see Clery Act Crime Definitions) that occurred on UCSB-associated property (see Clery Act Geography) are considered a serious or continuing threat to the campus community.”

“The decision to issue a Timely Warning is made on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the facts surrounding the Clery Act crime, including, but not limited to, such factors as: the nature of the crime, the serious or continuing threat to the campus community, and the possible risk of compromising law enforcement efforts,” Estrada said.

In the days following Linden’s arrest, Alexis consulted the Campus Advocacy, Resources & Education Center (C.A.R.E.) to learn more about the resources and services available to her in dealing with the aftermath of experiencing a stalker.

Alexis said she also consulted with Victims Advocates in the Santa Barbara County District Attorney’s office, who aided her in working out the legal end of her situation. She also said the university had offered to move her into a different dorm, but that she declined the offer, telling the Nexus that it “doesn’t do anything – if he wanted to find me, he could.”

Alexis, who said she “almost didn’t go to the C.A.R.E. office,” walked in after those close to her helped change her mind; she was immediately connected with an advocate to help talk her through her situation.

Following her appointment, Alexis said her advocate was “super helpful,” encouraging her

to explore all possible options and recommending that she take her situation to the attention of the Title IX office.

“[C.A.R.E. staff] were all really, really friendly. [My advocate] was really helpful with me. She’s helping me get an attorney [and] do this whole process.”

When consulting survivors involved in situations involving legal matters, C.A.R.E. assumes the role of a “liaison,” providing them with the support to take their situation to the police or Title IX through “informed decisions” facilitated by C.A.R.E., according to C.A.R.E. Director Briana Conway.

“The criminal justice system is really complicated ... [and] the campus reporting system is pretty complicated,” which makes dealing with harassment and stalking particularly difficult, Conway said.

“A major function of our role is that liaison role, especially around following up from these entities to get updates: ‘So what’s the status of this person’s case? What are the next steps? When can they expect to hear from you again?’”

“That’s really where our expertise and understanding of trauma comes into play and being able to understand how processes ... re-victimize and can re-traumatize. So sometimes C.A.R.E.’s role is to promote and help things happen.”

C.A.R.E. operates on the basis of “services,” which Conway defines as “any interaction between a client and an advocate.” A service could be as simple as a short meeting, Conway said, or more extensive – such as going to accompany a survivor for “restraining order paperwork” or an interview at the Title IX office.

In respects to stalking, Conway said the “threat of fear” is a lot more common in survivors, especially in situations involving a high “volume” of harassment, which can be difficult to shake off when “peace and security” is all they want.

“The elements that make stalking stick out a little bit differently than the other forms of violence that we serve is around

the electronic component of it,” Conway said. “All they want is the behavior to stop.”

Due to the pervasiveness of stalking through texting and social media, Conway said that it’s easy for people to feel violated when stalkers find a way to

circumvent their boundaries.

“My whole family is obviously freaking the fuck out,” Alexis said. “I called my mom crying, like, can you imagine, can you imagine?” “Can you imagine your daughter calling you, telling you [that] someone wrote in blood

on her door? Like a stalker? It’s crazy,” she said. “[My parents] were really scared, and they kind of want me to come home and it’s crazy that that’s even an option, like that’s what I have to do [to feel safe], go home.”

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Armchair QB



The Golden State Warriors have been hit with the injury bug this season, knocking out all their stars. It's time for the Eric Paschall show.

SPORTS

UCSB Athletics

Congratulations to women's soccer senior forward Shaelan Murison for winning Big West Conference Offensive Player of the Year. Murison notched 17 goals and 7 assists, leading the Gauchos in big categories.

No. 15 Gauchos Secure Big West Second Seed, Set To Face Winner of UCI Versus CSUN Matchup

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With the regular season all wrapped up and having ended on a high note after UC Santa Barbara defeated Blue-Green rival Cal Poly for the second time this year, all eyes remain on the Gauchos as fans are eager to see what this team can achieve in the postseason.

The aforementioned victory over Cal Poly, which ended in a 2-0 score line, proved to be a significant result as it went on to grant UCSB a second-place finish in the Big West Conference standings, meaning the team now owns the No. 2 seed in the Big West Tournament. As a result, the Gauchos will be awarded a first-round bye and won't be aware of their weekend opponent until the conclusion of Wednesday night's quarterfinal fixtures; specifically, the match between UCI and CSUN will be the one to watch.

This added period of rest will be crucial for UCSB, as it means their semifinal opponent won't be as fresh come kickoff time. It also allows the team more time to prepare, especially important when considering the fact that the Gauchos couldn't grab a win against either side last time around.

The Blue and Gold will be carrying a 11-3-4 overall record into the postseason, a win percentage of .722 and a conference record of 4-1-2,

which netted them 14 total table points. In terms of national ranking, former No. 19 UCSB moved up four spots and are now considered a top-15 program in the latest United Soccer Coaches' poll for NCAA Division 1 Men's Soccer. They aren't the only Big West team to be nationally ranked, however, as their conference's first seed UC Davis hold the No. 24 spot.

After maintaining an 11-game undefeated streak not too long ago, UCSB's form hasn't been quite the same, as they've only won one match in their last four. Nevertheless, this is one of the most solid squads that Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg has fielded in recent years. It's also worth mentioning that the Gauchos managed to never drop an away game throughout the entirety of the regular season.

UCSB's semifinalist opponent won't be decided until after the 7 p.m. quarterfinal between UCI and CSUN, but it's still worth previewing the two sides regardless.

The Anteaters finished their regular season with an overall record of 7-6-5 and a conference record of 4-2-1, good enough for the Big West third seed. They also finished with a 1-0 loss to CSUN, who they'll be playing in back-to-back games.

Historically, the Gauchos hold the advantage in this matchup, as UCSB leads the all-time series by a record of 37-17-6. The Gauchos had gone five years without dropping a game to the Anteaters, but

October's 2-1 loss to UCI in overtime ended that streak.

As for CSUN, their 7-7-3 overall record entering the postseason only tells part of the story. The Matadors have been undefeated in their past three matches and will once again travel to UC Irvine in order to decide who progresses onto the next round of the Big West Tournament; my prediction is that the Matadors will win over their opponent again and go on to face the Gauchos in the semifinals.

For UCSB, senior forward Will Baynham is the man in form after scoring the opener against Cal Poly. On the season, Baynham is tied for second place in both goals and assists, with 6 of each category to his name. He'll most likely feature as the front man for the Gauchos, keeping the opposing center backs busy.

Christian Gutierrez, junior midfielder for the Anteaters, remains the top goalscorer for UC Irvine with a total of 6 to his name.

Meanwhile, CSUN will have a lineup of a threatening trio of attackers in junior forward Daniel Trejo, senior forward Johnny Rodriguez – who each have 8 goals apiece – and senior midfielder Julio Rubio, who will act as the primary playmaker with 9 total assists on the season.

Once again, UCSB will find out its semifinal opponent following the conclusion of Wednesday night's quarterfinal bout between UCI and CSUN. Regardless, the Gauchos will host the victor this Saturday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. in Harder Stadium.



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UCSB Women's Basketball Starts Off Season With Win Over Utah Valley

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The UCSB women's basketball team opened up its season with a bang on Tuesday afternoon with a dominant wire-to-wire win over Utah Valley. The Gauchos never trailed during the 59-51 victory and were able to get key contributions from freshman players playing in their first official game.

UCSB jumped out to a 17-2 lead early in the first quarter, with much of the run riding on the back of freshman center Ila Lane. The Bay Area native is a workhorse in the paint for the Gauchos, using her 6'4" frame to clear space and knock in a few early layups.

"The most impressive thing is how good Ila was," Head Coach Bonnie Henrickson said after the game. "How much confidence she had and how much confidence we had around her ... [Utah Valley] was giving up buckets at the rim because they wouldn't leave Ila. For a freshman big to be that aggressive and good early, it's [a] good sign for us."

Another first-year player that made an impact right away was guard Johnni Gonzalez, who was tasked with running the offense as the point guard when she entered the game with 4:24 to go in the first quarter. Gonzalez got her first assist as a Gaucho just one minute later when she passed to a wide-open Megan Ormiston, a jumper who put UCSB up 19-10 with just three minutes to play in the period.

The Wolverines would end the first quarter only down by 9 points after a solid 10-4 run, but the Gauchos didn't take their foot off the gas pedal for too long as their lead ballooned to double-digits in the second quarter. Although Utah Valley actually shot a better percentage from the field in the second period, UCSB's volume of shots was far greater due to

the team's advantage in rebounds.

The Gauchos went into the half up 37-23.

The crowd of hundreds of local elementary schoolers – who were there for "School Day" – frantically urged UCSB on as the second half tipped off, but it was actually the Wolverines who came out of the break energized to play. Utah Valley relied on offensive rebounds and second-chance opportunities to slowly whittle the lead down, and a 6-point swing in the last 30 seconds, which included a buzzer-beating 3-point heave by senior Alexis Cortez, cut the Gaucho lead to just 3 by the end of the third quarter.

"It was offensive rebounds [that kept Utah Valley in the game]," Coach Henrickson explained. "We gotta box out, the first five offensive rebounds were all guards ... we gotta clean that up."

The fourth quarter started off as a back-and-forth affair with a bucket by Josie Williams getting the Wolverines within 1 point of the Gauchos' lead with 8:26 to go. That would be the closest that Utah Valley would get, however, as a Lane shot and then two consecutive Danae Miller threes pushed the Gaucho lead back to nine.

Miller was the star of the show for UCSB, seemingly always having an answer for any Wolverine run. The junior guard shot a perfect 5 of 5 from the 3-point line, en route to a game-high 24 points, and was able to fit into more of a shooting-guard role instead of always having to facilitate.

"Danae's rhythm, her timing [were impressive]. She took those shots at the right time," Coach Henrickson said after the game. "I even told her that she has to be prepared to miss more shots this year, because she's going to take more ... because we need her to, because she's capable of that."



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Gauchos Aim To Tame Northridge Matadors in First Round of Women's Soccer Big West Tournament

Jake Ciccone
Staff Writer

After a successful final weekend of the season, the UC Santa Barbara women's soccer team has clinched a spot in the Big West Tournament for the second straight year. A win over Riverside and a tie against Irvine secured Santa Barbara a 4-1-3 conference record and a second-place finish in the regular season conference standings. Now, the Gauchos will head to Fullerton where two more wins will clinch them their first Big West title and NCAA Tournament appearance since 2009.

In the semifinal, UCSB will face Cal State Northridge, the only Big West team to have defeated them during the regular season. The Gauchos and the Matadors faced off on Oct. 17 in Northridge and CSUN emerged victorious by

a score of 1-0, thanks to a goal scored by Avery DeWitt in the 34th minute of that game.

Cal State Northridge is 11-6-3 on the season and 5-3 in Big West play. The team has five players who have recorded multiple goals on the season, so there are many capable offensive threats. Still, redshirt junior Bethany Fitzsimmons and sophomore Alexis White do a bulk of the scoring with 11 combined goals between them.

The Matadors are by no means an elite offensive squad, but their solid team defense is capable of strangling teams and gutting out low-scoring wins. CSUN leads the Big West by a large margin with .77 goals allowed per game and they have recorded 10 shutouts, meaning they held a team scoreless in half of their games this season. They play great team defense but they are also anchored by quite possibly the best goalie in the Big West in sophomore Amanda

Delgado. Delgado leads the Big West in both save percentage (.808) and goals allowed per game (.87) in just her first season as a full-time starter.

Northridge has held steady since their win over UCSB, going 2-2 in their next four games with losses against UC Davis and Cal State Fullerton. They are not on any sort of hot streak coming into this tournament, but anything can happen in two games, especially with their elite defense; the Matadors are contenders as much as anyone for the Big West crown.

UCSB is a vastly different team stylistically than CSUN because the Gauchos are a team that will go as far as their offense can take them. More specifically, the Gauchos will go as far as Shaelan Murison, frontrunner for Big West Player of the Year, can take them. That statement is not a hyperbole, because Murison has scored in 12 separate games this season, and UCSB's

record in those games is 7-0-5. Murison leads the conference in goals with 17, a mark that ties her with Jennifer Borcich for the ninth most single-season goals in UCSB history. Murison received her fourth Big West Women's Soccer Offensive Player of the Week award last week, which is the most for any Gaucho in a single season. She has also recorded a goal or assist in eight of the last nine contests, so it is safe to say she is primed to lead the Gauchos into the Big West tournament.

But UCSB's future does not entirely rest on Murison's shoulders because her surrounding cast is full of excellent players such as junior Isabella Viana, who is second on the team in both goals and assists with 4 and 5, respectively. Sophomore Jessica Wright and freshman Dylan Lewis also both have 3 goals apiece this year and have been major contributors in several Gaucho wins.



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Volleyball Ragnarök: Blue-Green Rivals UCSB, Cal Poly Set for Clash of the Season in San Luis Obispo

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With both teams currently in a dogfight for first place alongside perennial powerhouse Hawai'i, UC Santa Barbara and Cal Poly women's volleyball will compete against each other for the 83rd rendition of the Blue-Green rivalry.

UCSB comes into the matchup with a 9-2 conference, 19-3 overall record and currently sits in second place in the Big West conference. The Mustangs have an identical 9-2 conference record but sit at 16-7 overall.

Fortunately for the Gauchos, their win over Cal Poly at the Thunderdome earlier this season means they have a slight edge in the conference standings.

A loss this weekend, however, would level the playing field between these two teams and practically force the Gauchos to win all the games the rest of the way if they are to be crowned as the champions of the Big West.

Cal Poly traveled to the Thunderdome less than a month ago where they were routed at the hands of a Lindsey Ruddins-less Gaucho team.

Mustang Maia Dvoracek led both teams with 19 kills but also led both teams in errors with 9. Tallulah Froyley filled in for Ruddins more than adequately as she posted 16 kills from a .250 hitting percentage and also added 4 digs and 2 blocks.

Three strong sets from the Gauchos and a 10-1 run to win the third by Cal Poly resulted in the 3-1 UCSB win that saw Romoni Vivao, Olivia Lovenberg and Torre Glasker all post double-doubles.

The match was very much a back-and-forth game that saw the Gauchos roll out a lineup bursting with confidence and composure, and they will be hoping this weekend's match is more of the same.

There's no reason to expect anything else, really, given the current success of both teams. Cal Poly does, however, own the superior head-to-head record at 7-3 over the past 10 meetings despite the Gauchos' 50-31 record overall against the Mustangs.

Cal Poly is currently coming off a loss against Hawai'i (1-3) despite the incredible performance of Dvoracek.

Dvoracek posted her sixth double-double of the season with a match-high (and just one short of her career-high) 29 kills and 13 digs. The match

marked the 13th consecutive game with double-digit kills for the junior.

The performance was good enough to earn her Big West Player of the Week honors for the fourth time this season, and she'll surely be looking to replicate that form against a Gaucho squad that will include Lindsey Ruddins.

This weekend should prove to be one of the defining moments of the season for Big West women's volleyball.

What will be remembered? What will everyone be talking about?

Could it be that those bleeding blue and gold look back on this moment as the kick-start that was the Gauchos' late-season push to win silverware? Will this be the moment when the Mustangs just simply charge on as they have so very often done against this Gaucho team?

Even if Hawai'i does run away with the championship, does it really matter if second place was lost to Green?

The Gauchos and the Mustangs. The Blue and the Green. Huge stakes on the line.

The match kicks off this Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Mott Athletics Center in San Luis Obispo.

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Extremophiles Bring Excitement to Campus at Storke Show



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Hannah George
Staff Writer

The Noon Storke Show series was back for a Halloween special with a laid-back performance by Extremophiles, inviting Gauchos to come together and mellow out under the final day of October sun. Those who were lucky enough to catch the hour-long ensemble were graced with good vibes from the Isla Vista/Temecula masterpiece.

Consisting of Jaden Stodart on bass, Aston Flores on guitar and Charlie Kernkamp on drums, the guys make up a perfect alternative trio. In terms of the set, the band was off to a great start as a drum solo rocked the audience. For a solid two minutes, using just their instruments, Extremophiles drew in an ecstatic crowd – the lyrics were just the icing on the cake. From their first album, “Meadowview,” the boys played “Summertime Sunshine,” a beachy track reminiscing about a girl and good times. The next song was “What Am I To Do,” slowing down the beat with a nostalgic tune; think of the ending of a classic movie – absolutely fantastic. After the song’s completion, the band shouted, “This song goes out to Hannah!” Unfortunately, it wasn’t me they were talking about, but engaging with the crowd added to the overall excitement of the show.

Erupting into another hit, “Am I Sleeping” from the album, the song brought everyone into deep thought: “Are we sleeping... or are we dreaming?” From the firsthand experience of midterms last week, I’m sure we’re all sadly just sleeping. The relaxing beat took a turn as they played “Grass Is Greener,” the perfect melody for a long drive down the Pacific Coast Highway. Just as the beat picked up, it returned to a soft lull. This was 100% a crowd pleaser.

Coming to a close on new material, the band insisted the crowd gather around the set before they played their original hits. Naturally, the concertgoers flocked to the stage doing cartwheels, swinging each other around and head-moshing in pure bliss. The band was truly on fire on UC Santa Barbara’s campus, especially with two-thirds of the band members sporting flaming red hairstyles.

Taking us out of I.V. and into the city, the band began to close their set with their song “Subway,” from the album “Visual Audio,” something us beachgoers can hardly relate to. As the lead guitarist threw his electric guitar behind him and continued to rock, the audience was over the moon. Extremophiles finished off with “Babylon,” including an intense, fist-pumping drum solo. The show was the perfect afternoon activity for a UCSB Halloween.

Artsweek’s Picks for Tracks of the Month: October 2019

Artsweek Staff

“Highest in the Room” by Travis Scott

No stranger to making an appearance at the top of the charts, Houston-born rapper Travis Scott saw his latest single skyrocketed to No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 upon its release. “Highest in the Room,” in which Scott broods over his relationship with makeup mogul Kylie Jenner, has an irresistible hook laid over a psychedelic synth beat, which has defined La Flame’s artistic style over the years. The most captivating part of the track, however, is the 40-second outro. The beat impeccably morphs into a hazy, piano-driven production which will leave you feeling like you’re floating somewhere above Astroworld.

“Homegirl” by King Princess

20-year-old musical wunderkind Mikaela Straus perfectly nails the sweet sadness of young love in her freshman album “Cheap Queen.” Straus, who performs under the stage name King Princess, exemplifies her familiarity with the tricky balance of loving a friend in her song “Homegirl.” Letting her vocals take center stage, King Princess croons, “We’re friends at the party, I’ll give you my body at home” with a knowing pain that could easily leave a listener in tears. “Homegirl” is only one of King Princess’s many heartbreaking yet empowering tracks on her self-described “lesbian breakup album,” which was released on Oct. 25 via Zelig/Columbia Records.



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“Häagen Dazs” by Ghetto Sage

A collab between Noname, Smino and Saba has been clamored for since the trio spit bars and raised consciousness together for the first time in 2016 with “Shadow Man.” Under the name of Ghetto Sage, the group dropped their debut single, “Häagen Dazs,” on Oct. 17. This track features the three rappers having a field day with the beat in a much more relaxed and casual way – merely teasing at the insane bars that await us with their rumored album. Smino starts off the track with a clever allusion to The Roots: “I get the bands like The Roots / Black out all my thoughts, request the love, revenge the youth.” Saba and Noname then hop on the beat with their own skillful display of wordplay and rhyme scheme, with Saba singing rapid-fire and Noname rapping the final verse of the track with poetic finesse. Ultimately, Ghetto Sage has put out a fun tease of what’s to come for fans of the Chicago rap scene.

“Love Affair” by UMI

If you’ve enjoyed songs from UMI like “Down to Earth” and “Ordinary,” you’re bound to feel the same way about “Love Affair,” which is the leading single off her new EP “Love Language.” In this track, UMI explores her feelings, wondering if she’s overthinking a crush or maybe if it is truly love – a relatable struggle for many. She keeps the song light and easy, and combined with her smooth vocals, “Love Affair” proves to be a good listen for anybody.

In Review: Paul Rudd’s New Comedic Existential Crisis

Arielle Bitton
Reporter

Paul Rudd has built a very successful career based off of comedy films, which is why seeing him star in a rather dark drama is quite unexpected from the beloved actor. Netflix recently released a new original series, “Living with Yourself,” where Rudd plays two of the main characters. When bingeing this latest series, I was in complete awe of Rudd’s acting range.

Rudd does a phenomenal job portraying two very opposing personalities of the same character: one of increasing depression and self-pity, and the other, though in a more “healthy” state of mind, struggling with his understanding of his own existence. “Living with Yourself” is all about a middle-aged man who has hit quite a thick wall, and in complete desperation, searches for an easy fix. Not to give too much away, but imagine if there was a procedure that took all the best parts of you and put it in an identical body. The clone, compiled of all the best parts of its original, is supposed to be able to reach all the aspirations that this original (Rudd’s character) has failed to achieve. This makes it very interesting to watch both versions of the same person



With alternating perspectives, you slowly pick up on where the characters’ feelings are resonating from; this show truly challenges a person’s views on what actions can make certain events inevitable.

cohabitate, and rather poorly at that. Imagine having to live with a better version of yourself that harbors none of the negative traits that limit your ability to succeed.

Each episode is shown from different perspectives of the characters – this tactic helps fill in the gaps within the previous episodes. Throughout the series I found myself in a constant internal dispute, trying to figure out which character would be acceptable for me to sympathize with or pity. With alternating perspectives, you slowly pick up on where the characters’ feelings are resonating from; this show truly challenges a person’s views on what actions make certain events inevitable.

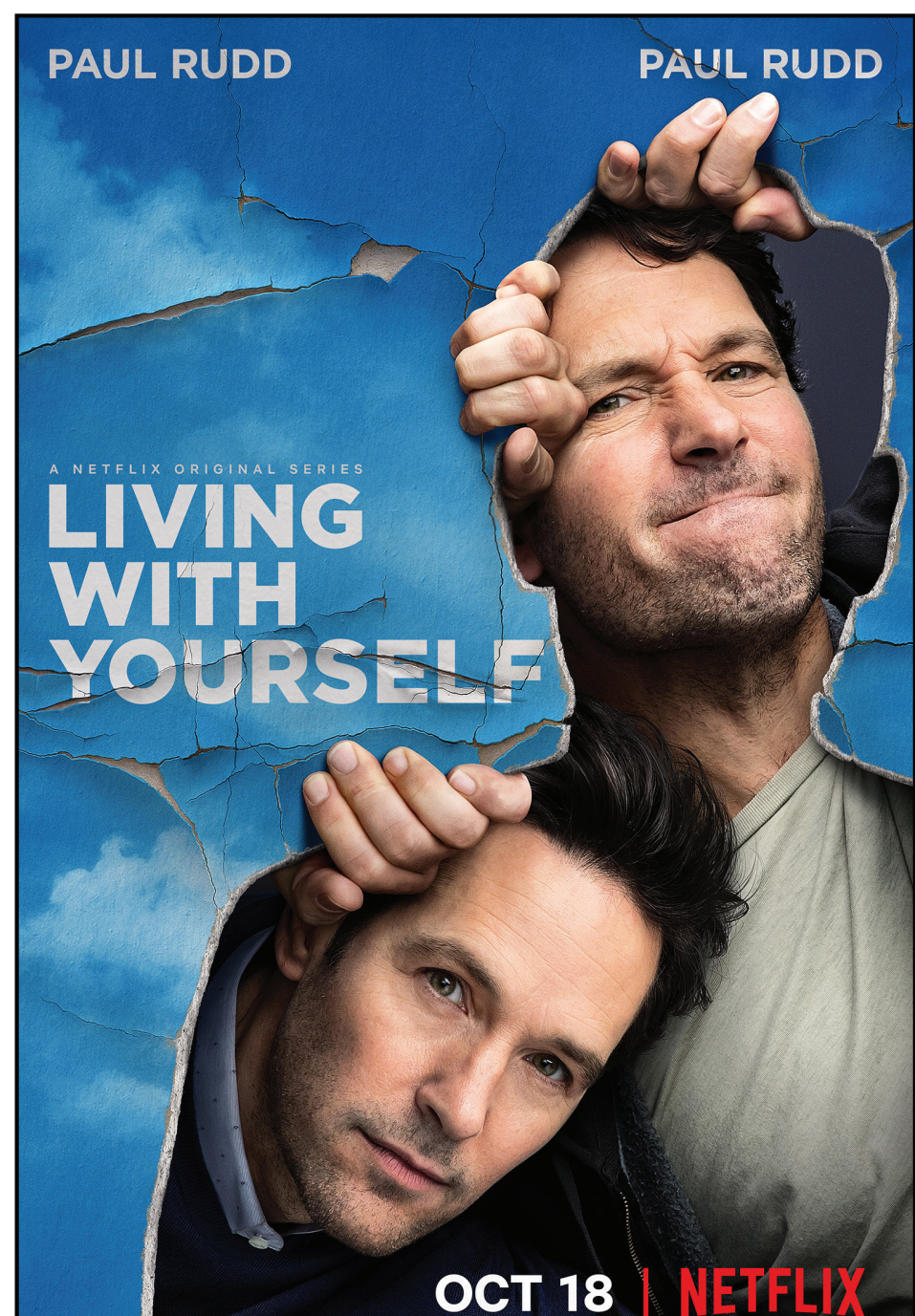
All of this self-evaluating and reconstructing of Rudd’s character’s life occurs while he and his wife are trying to get pregnant. Rudd’s character, Miles, has hit such a low that his depression begins to complicate his marriage, causing much strife between the couple.

Miles, now sharing his life with an identical clone, begins to receive help on how to fix his marriage despite the clone’s original purpose: to progress Miles’ career. However, the original Miles begins to notice how much better the clone is at living his life than he was, leading to the destruction of any self-esteem he may have had left. Of course, this then leads to extreme resentment and jealousy toward the upgraded version of himself. It was quite fascinating to watch the character struggle that occurs between Miles and his clone; this is where I truly believe that Rudd executed an outstanding performance. He is responding and reacting to himself, all while not actually being able to receive it in real time.

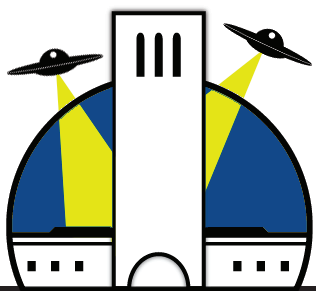
While sharing his life with a clone and each approaching certain situations with different attitudes, you can really see the different outcomes that arise. Just by viewing this in the first few episodes, it made me think back to many occasions in my life, and how approaching specific things in a different way could’ve changed my present entirely. The bad thing about realizing this about the past is that there is no longer anything you can do to change it. But, knowing this in the present can very much help you better assess the situation and respond in more “beneficial” ways that will lead to the future you and the overall life you desire.

This new Netflix series, “Living with Yourself,” demonstrates the boundless talents of Rudd as he perfectly executes a difficult performance of accessing different views and emotions of the same character, all while mastering the comprehension that they are separate entities.

8.5/10 – Brilliant acting matched with brilliant writing. A definitely satisfactory, binge-worthy series.



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It's Satire, Stupid.

Local Drug Dealer Now Accepts Gaucho Bucks

Raffi Torres
Reporter

Everyone knows someone who has been affected by the university's arcade token analog and Bitcoin-ripoff, Gaucho Bucks. Who could forget the June realization that there is an unredeemable \$400 on your Access Card which will force you to buy out the Arbor's supply of Yerba Mate and Takis?

"Oh, that system is an absolute scam," said an anonymous UCSB staff member. "We prey on parents who don't trust their kids enough to give them straight cash."

In a truly revolutionary and visionary move, local drug dealer Schmad Anderson is informing all his potential clients of a new way to get rid of that useless virtual currency: buy his drugs. That's right, Anderson is now accepting Gaucho Bucks.

Anderson's new business plan hits an underground market that desperately needs service: car-less, jobless freshmen. Freshmen who have been left behind by the Gaucho Bucks system.

"They advertised it as a credit card I could

take anywhere in Isla Vista," freshman Francine Torreira said. "I almost starved the first week because every restaurant said, 'Oh, we don't take that,' when I showed them my Access Card. It was bullshit. Thank god for Schmad. Now I can buy all the Adderall and ketamine I want with my parent's money!"

Despite the Gaucho Buck to U.S. dollar conversion being roughly 1.00 to 1.00, Anderson has been charging double the price he would be charging if he were accepting cash. Even with this bold surcharge, business has still been steady.

"Oh man, these kids don't care. It's their parents' money!" Anderson said.

So what's next for our visionary young entrepreneur? Global domination.

"Right now, I'm looking into taking Gaucho Bucks onto the open market. They're saying it's the next Bitcoin. I also have an interview with Forbes tomorrow, but I don't know if I can make it because I have a midterm later this week."

Raffi Torres knows multiple people affected by the Gaucho Bucks system.



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Mom Disappointed After Parents Weekend, "Thought This Was a Party School"

Chace Duma
Staff Writer

Having spent the previous weekend at Chico State doing keg stands and shotgunning beers with her son, "cool mom" Karen Smith, proud parent of a freshman at UC Santa Barbara, was thrilled at the idea of visiting her daughter over the legendary Isla Vista Halloweekend. However, instead of being met with the ragers she was expecting, she was instead faced with swaths of chain-link fences and police officers on every corner.

"I had heard legends of how wild Halloween gets around here, so when I saw the police officers walking around I thought they were students who were just a little too committed to their costumes," she said, embarrassed. "It wasn't until I noticed they were carrying tasers instead of open cans of beer that something was ... awry."

Karen grew even more confused when she realized that she was basically walking around a ghost town

that Saturday night. She explained that when she had visited at the beginning of the year, things were a lot different.

"I took a brief foray into Isla Vista the night after dropping my daughter off. There were people riding around on electric scooters in the nude, die flying through the air, puddles of vomit on the street ... a college student's Eden. Walking around on Halloween weekend, the most exciting thing was watching an overfed raccoon try to climb over the chain link fences."

Upon returning, Karen promised to buy her daughter and her group of friends train tickets to UCLA next Halloweekend, so they could "have some good old-fashioned spooky fun" instead of being locked in their dorms, afraid of the spookiest thing this Halloween: UCSB's annual authoritarian police state.

Chace Duma was disappointed he couldn't rage with his parents on Halloween weekend.



“Anything can be a straw if you suck hard enough.”

EGGBERT THE ALIEN

Top Six Chaser Alternatives To Use at Your Next Pregame

Betty Cocker
Reporter

Buying chaser can often be an afterthought. Sometimes, when you're already starting the pregame, it's too late to venture out into I.V. to actually buy some. We at Nexustentialism are here to bring you the best at-home alternatives to the classic Shasta lemon-lime soda you'd find at any DP function.

Hot dog water: Ever wonder what to do with your leftover hot dog water? Don't pour this succulent beverage down the drain; use it as chaser! Our hard liquor connoisseurs recommend pairing hot dog water with tequila to bring out the subtle meaty undertones.

Oat milk: Dairy? That is so out. Alternative milk is the wave - particularly oat milk. Almond and soy are okay but so 2018. Now that Cajé and I.V. Drip are offering oat-y alternatives to lattes everywhere, why can't the tastemakers of I.V. lead the way with oat milk as the go-to for pregames

everywhere?

Crackers: Who said that chaser had to be a liquid? I can't even believe you would think that, you intolerant asshole. As palate cleansers, crackers serve a similar purpose with alcohol consumption. Don't want the taste of cheap vodka to linger in your mouth? Allow your dry, flaky crackers to suck up all of that excess alcohol. Pro tip: try the crackers next to the soup station at the Arbor.

A piece of fruit: It's practically juice.

The leftover beans that your housemate left sitting in a pot on the stove: This is just a crime of opportunity, really.

Flavored vodka: You know how they say that you forget the pain of childbirth immediately after experiencing it due to your overwhelming love for your child? I imagine the same applies when you take a shot of Vitali and chase it with Peach New Am immediately afterward.

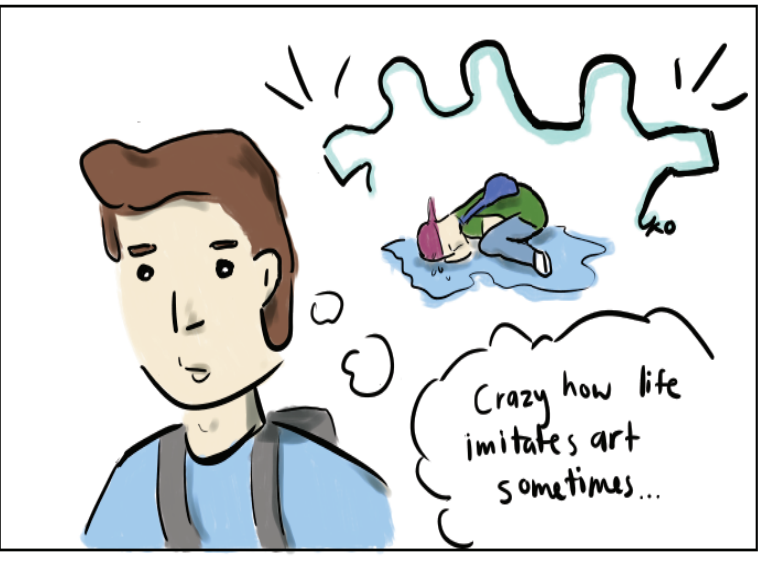
Betty Cocker once yakked from simply smelling a shot of Vitali.

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A Brew-tiful Time at Dune Coffee Roasters in Goleta

Sonya Raytburg
Reporter

It has become a trend among millennials and Gen Zs to work for hours in coffee shops and I love it. Getting out of the house to enjoy a fantastic cup of joe with chill music playing in the background, surrounded by people who may or may not actually be working behind their screen, all while making small talk with the baristas, has become an important part of our daily routine. I'm here to spill the beans on the best place to go for specialty coffee, pastries and productive vibes.

Dune Coffee Roasters, otherwise known as The French Press, hits all the requirements for an awesome coffee shop and let me tell you why. For starters, the coffee is delicious and they roast their own beans in the heart of downtown Santa Barbara. They have beans from Ethiopia, Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala for your classic pour-over coffee. Ranging from smooth chocolate, tropical watermelon, caramelly tangerine, brown sugar blueberry and apricot cherry, there is a single-origin or blend that will make anyone's taste buds happy. You can even snag a bag of your favorite one in the store and make it at home. If coffee isn't your thing, they have great matcha (which they also sell), tea, kombucha on tap and hot chocolate.

But what if you need a snack break and another drink just won't do? Dune has an option for any food craving you might be having. For a savory mood, you can grab an English muffin frittata sandwich, bagels,

pretzel sticks or homemade sourdough toast with smoked salmon, prosciutto, tomato, mozzarella and seasoning. For a sweet tooth, there are triple-berry scones, morning buns, blueberry muffins, croissants, yogurt parfaits with amazing granola, seasonal fruit danishes and homemade toast with almond butter and honey, butter and seasonal jam or butter and cinnamon sugar. Dune is a bakery and a coffee shop brewed into one and no one can be mad; it's the perfect blend.

While you're set on the food and coffee, we all know the layout of the cafe is important too. You can't sit somewhere dark for several hours without getting fidgety for fresh air and light, but this isn't a concern at Dune. It has huge open windows and outdoor seating that allows you to soak up the sun while catching up with a friend, journaling or studying for an upcoming midterm. There is plenty of space inside at communal tables, bar stools at high tables and bench seats for ultimate comfort. The bright, open, airy setup gives you so much personal space and relieves you of the pressure to rush out quickly. Take your time and enjoy the relaxed energy – you might even strike up a conversation with the person next to you. Everyone working at Dune is extremely friendly and I've had only great experiences, learning something new and having a laugh every time I've gone there.

So, there you have it – Dune is the best specialty coffee shop in town in this writer's opinion. Grab a friend for an essay-writing date, midterm study session or a good old catch up and head over to one of their three locations on Storke Road, State Street or Anacapa Street. I promise you'll love it a latte!



Rockfire's Wing Wednesday Brings Heat to Isla Vista

Leonard Paulasa
Staff Writer

Do you ever feel like someone lit a match in your mouth? Well, that's exactly what my friend and I felt last week when we tried Rockfire Grill's Nashville Hawt.

Rockfire Grill recently added a new deal on their already-busy Wednesday schedule known as Wing Wednesdays, serving up wings for only 75 cents apiece. The establishment offers six different flavors of wings: garlic parmesan, lemon pepper, BBQ, buffalo, honey garlic, sweet chili, Hawt Mango and Nashville Hawt, with the last wing being labeled with four fire symbols to signal its spice.

Being Filipino, I saw the four fire symbols and questioned how hot it could really be. So I invited another spice-loving friend of mine, and we ordered five pieces of Rockfire's Nashville Hawt as well as five pieces of their garlic parmesan.

Let me just tell you that Nashville Hawt is no joke. It's the type of spice that sneaks up on you, where you think you're okay, then BOOM! It took a solid 15 seconds for the spice to settle into our mouths, and my friend and I felt like we just betrayed our Asian heritage. The heat in those wings was unreal – it seriously felt like someone lit a match in my mouth. I found it difficult to gauge the actual flavor of the first wing because I was too focused on the fire burning in my mouth. Thankfully my friend and I had the insight to order beers and the garlic parmesan to alleviate some of the burning sensations.

On the second piece, I was able to analyze the wing

more, and it wasn't too bad. After my mouth got used to the initial heat from the first wing – with the help of about half a pint of beer – I was really able to taste the wing. While the sauce, unfortunately, took away from some of the wing's crunch, the flavor was still there. The wings were juicy on the inside and well seasoned. The sauce might have washed away some of the seasoning, but I found it was a forgivable offense since I was mostly just looking for the challenge of overcoming the heat. On the third wing, it was all there. My mouth had gotten used to the burning sensation, and it became more of a strong kick. The flavor of the wing was more noticeable as the spice levels no longer overpowered the taste. For the price and taste of the Nashville Hawt, I would definitely recommend it to my fellow spice lovers. For those of you afraid of spicy food, don't even try to taste the sauce. Overall score: 7/10

The garlic parmesan was absolutely amazing. The crunch was there, and the seasoning were almost perfect, the wings were juicy, and the flavoring permeated through the breading and skin of the wing. The one negative thing I have to say about this wing is that it was slightly oversalted, but otherwise this wing was perfect. Again, for the price of the wing coupled with what it had to offer, I would highly recommend this wing. Absolutely perfect for your next karaoke night at Rockfire. Overall score: 9/10.

My experiences with the wings and at Rockfire in general were fantastic. For 75 cents, you're definitely getting a bang for your buck, so if you have a free Wednesday night, grab some friends, buy some wings, share a couple pints and sing some karaoke.



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SCIENCE & TECH

UCSB Anthropology Professor To Study Public Perception of NSF Synthetic Cells Projects

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Science & Tech Editor

“Life, uh, finds a way.”

The iconic line delivered by Jeff Goldblum’s character, Dr. Ian Malcolm, in the 1993 film “Jurassic Park” may soon apply to two new projects aiming to develop synthetic cells. The work will be “testing the boundaries of life as we know it,” the National Science Foundation states.

Both funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF), one project seeks to construct a synthetic neuron and programmable neuronal network and will be in development for the next four years. The other project, known as ProteoCell, will run for the next three years and has a goal to build functional, lipid-free, “living” cells with proteins. These are under one of the NSF’s long-term research priorities, Understanding the Rules of Life: Building a Synthetic Cell.

With ambitious goals such as these, many questions can emerge, including the societal significance of synthetic cells as well as the potential benefits, risks and possibilities they bring.

That’s where Barbara Harthorn, a UCSB professor of anthropology, comes in.

Along with her collaborators, Harthorn is providing a sociological and ethical perspective on the projects. They will focus on the public’s views – their beliefs, attitudes, values and concerns – on synthetic biology as well as its societal implications, including how people make sense of the novel technologies involved in the work. Currently, the technologies have very low awareness in the United States, according to Harthorn.

“We’re really trying to generate new knowledge about emergent public views about the risks and benefits of these kinds of new synthetic technologies,” Harthorn said.

She and the other researchers will share this information with the scientists and engineers developing these synthetic projects, the government funding the work and the public and policymakers. “Our aim is to gain information

and share it,” Harthorn said.

From an ethical standpoint, the public should be informed about technological developments to enable public participation, according to Harthorn. This may hold especially true in this context since these are publicly-funded research projects with potentially public ramifications. Under the principle of informed consent, people should be informed and “have an opportunity to give or not [give] their consent.”

“If there are risks and hazards that emerge in the course of developing these new devices and technologies, then you really need knowledge about public views in order to do ethical and possible research,” Harthorn said. “Meaning that you have to tailor that kind of creation provision to empirical data on different sectors or samples of the population.”

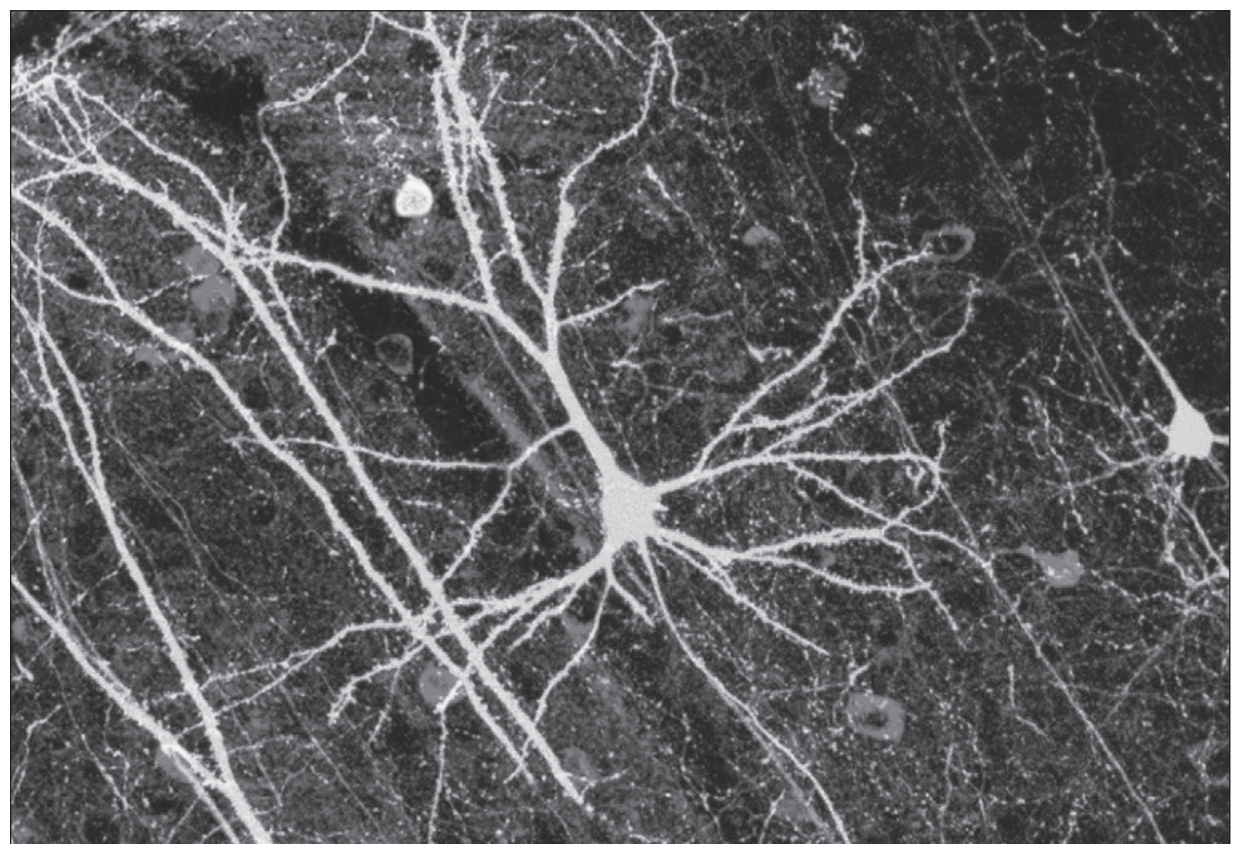
Doing so requires social science research and is a component of responsible communication. For these projects, Harthorn will work to increase inclusion in responsible research and innovation and thus indirectly increase public participation.

“Part of that is because involving the public and engaging in transparent communication with the public about what’s happening and how it might affect them is probably the only way to gain trust with the government and the industries,” she said.

Having served as the director of the NSF Center for Nanotechnology in Society at UCSB (CNS-UCSB) for 11 years, Harthorn has plenty of experience in this line of work. She led a research team in conducting a study on risk perceptions regarding nanotechnologies for energy and health purposes from multiple parties – including the public, various experts, regulators, industries and NGOs in the United States and abroad.

While Harthorn has dealt with studying complex technologies before, these new projects involving synthetic biology technologies will bring some different challenges. For instance, there is even lower public awareness of these technologies than of nanotechnology, she stated.

To aid herself, Harthorn will employ both the methods and the knowledge from her previous



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Harthorn and other researchers will provide a societal perspective on the National Science Foundation projects to construct synthetic neurons and synthetic functional, lipid-free cells.

CNS project to embark on these newer ones.

The main research method she and her collaborators have been developing across the series of research projects is public deliberation. With it, they can engage the public under low-awareness conditions. They can also engage the public in a certain two-way dialogue that’s focused on sharing enough information about the kinds of technologies that might be used. This can enable people to “form their own view based on their own experiences, gender, race and ethnicity, their employment, etc.,” Harthorn described.

Harthorn’s overarching goal is to convey the societal ramifications of these technologies and

help people gain an understanding of how they might be used in terms of balancing risk with benefits.

Harthorn and her team are currently gearing up for their first year of public deliberation research, including developing the surveys that they will use for next year’s work.

One exciting component of these new projects for Harthorn is to work with UCSB students.

“Usually in the past, I’ve had postdoc researchers on this, but in this project, we’re working with graduate student researchers here at UCSB. I’m looking forward to that. And there may be opportunities for undergrads to work as interns in this project.”

Fungus Among Us: Researchers Map Lineages of Chytrid Fungus Affecting Sierra Nevada Frogs

Sean Crommelin
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Not unlike the plot of a B-list horror movie, a fatal disease in frogs, chytridiomycosis, has spread all across the world on a pandemic scale in mere decades.

First identified in Australian frogs in the late ‘90s, this disease has since been detected on every continent besides Antarctica, spurred in part largely by human activities.

Roland Knapp, a research biologist at UC Santa Barbara’s Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory (S.N.A.R.L.) and Cherie Briggs, a professor in UCSB’s Department of Ecology, Evolution and Marine Biology, have collaborated with other researchers from numerous institutions to better understand the genetic lineage of the fungus responsible – *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, or Bd – and trace its migration across the globe.

In a paper published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the team detailed their methods for genotyping Bd DNA samples from skin swabs, as well as their discovery of *BdASIA3*, a divergent lineage of the fungus.

The fungal infection, chytridiomycosis, parasitizes frogs by infecting skin cells, leading to hyperkeratosis, or a thickening of the skin, which compromises osmotic regulation and eventually leads to cardiac arrest.

“When it’s in there, it disrupts the function of the cell. In doing so, it keeps the cells from removing waste and bringing nutrients in, and furthermore, by disrupting this process, the electrolyte balance of the

frog is disrupted,” Thomas Smith, a colleague and frequent collaborator with Knapp at S.N.A.R.L., said.

An obstacle to the genotyping of Bd has been the necessity to maintain pure cultures of the fungus. To circumvent this, the researchers collected skin swab samples and used a microfluidic PCR genotyping method, focusing in on almost 200 loci throughout the genome.

“There are different ways to sort of get the genes of the fungus off of the frog. Typically our group this year in the Sierra Nevada uses the skin swab. You just rub it on their belly and their legs and that gets the frog skin. Some of the frog skin gets on that giant Q-tip,” Smith said.

“The advantage to the skin swab method is that you can sample a lot of frogs very quickly. The greater range of sampling you have, the better you can represent all of the different possible variations in the genes relevant for the study,” he added.

In contrast, while pure cultures maintained in petri dishes allow for the creation of very high quality samples, they are more labor-intensive and require lab infrastructure which is not always feasible in a field setting.

Bd poses an existential threat to hundreds of frog species, and it is widely distributed in habitats across the Americas. However, the virulence of Bd varies depending on lineage.

“This large cast of authors pooled all their DNA samples from Bd that they collected all over the world ... A lot of these places are bases that Bd has caused major amphibian declines in some species, but not all. They were able to find different lineages of Bd and they found that these are local to different parts of the world

and some of them overlap with each other,” Smith said.

Of particular note was the known GPL, or the Global Pandemic Lineage. The lineage exhibits very little genetic variation, meaning that it likely is a new lineage that hasn’t had the time to diversify during its global expansion.

“We study the Sierra Nevada frogs that live in the Sierra Nevada, so Yosemite, Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Those frogs are not doing well. They’re federally and state-listed as endangered and there are very few healthy populations left. All of those frogs are infected with this Global Pandemic Lineage,” Smith explained.

Previously undiscovered pockets of genetic diversity were found in Southeast Asia, widely distributed in the Philippines, Indonesia and parts of China. In the Philippines in particular, one sample had a unique genetic signature. It couldn’t be assigned to any of the known lineages of Bd and lacked the characteristics of a mixed infection or a hybrid.

The sample instead “appears to be distinct from currently named lineages and possibly represents another undescribed, early branching lineage,” according to the paper.

However, there is still much research to be done.

“There’s a huge knowledge gap, and this disease has such a big impact on amphibians around the world. It’s the largest disease-driven extinction in the history of biodiversity that we know about,” Smith said.

“Any amount of understanding we have of this disease is important for figuring out how to potentially approach management, stopping it in its tracks and restoring the amphibians that have been impacted by it.”



Courtesy of Thomas Smith

Severe population decline of the Sierra Nevada yellow-legged frog and other amphibian species worldwide has been associated with chytridiomycosis, spread by the fungus *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*, or Bd.



Courtesy of Thomas Smith

Researchers at UC Santa Barbara’s Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Laboratory collect skin swab samples from the endangered Sierra Nevada frogs to study and better understand the genetic lineage of Bd.

OPINION

How and Why Greek Life Socials Enable Sexual Violence

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Two men stop me at the door and ask for an invitation. Shivering from the coastal breeze, I anxiously pull up the GroupMe chat between my sorority and their fraternity. I explain that I just need to get inside to walk my roommates home, showing the group chat for leverage. They deny me access, allowing women in “higher-ranked” sororities through the door. Still standing there, they roll their eyes and state: “If you can name two brothers we’ll let you in.” I name two members who I know from high school. “Okay, call them to let you in.” After ten minutes of failed calls, they finally let me in under the condition that I “leave immediately with ‘said’ roommates.”

I couldn’t believe that fraternity events gave men the power to directly objectify and degrade me. I hated that I and so many other women silently adhered to this sexist power dynamic. After quitting Greek life last year, I realized that this dynamic enables the sexist hookup culture that endures on our campus.

In the past month, sexual violence against female students has become the unfortunate topic of conversation for UC Santa Barbara students and a horrible reality for more than three reported victims.

The Nexus reported that on Oct. 3, a Sigma Pi fraternity member allegedly assaulted two women at a party. A UCSB-issued report stated that there had been two reported incidents of the use of date-rape drugs at a fraternity party on Oct. 5. And on Oct. 27, a student was allegedly raped in a fraternity house, according to a UCPD-issued timely warning.

Not all fraternity members are rapists, and Greek life is not inherently bad. But neither UCSB’s administration nor its students can deny the commonalities between those three separate allegations, each of which allegedly occurred at a fraternity house. Furthermore, three separate studies have corroborated the

fact that fraternity men are more likely to rape or sexually assault someone in college than other male college students.

Greek life is structured around the dichotomy of sororities and fraternities. Socials and bi-weekly parties are held on fraternity property where the frat provides alcohol for the sororities. The structure of these events is inherently sexist and creates an immediate issue of reciprocity: The men provide the drinks and the space. The girls are invited, but what do they provide?

While not all fraternity members feel entitled to “hook up” with women at their events, there is a systemic issue created by the structure of socials. While fraternities are at liberty to provide alcohol at their events, National Panhellenic laws prohibit sororities from doing the same. Entering fraternity parties, the women are in a foreign territory, and the men are in the comfort of their own space.

Fraternity members who check people at the door have the power to let someone in or deny them entry for any reason, and most of the time it has to do with beauty or status, typically determined by the sorority they’re in. Men will encourage women to drink more, and they have the power to go behind the bar and get more alcohol because it is their space.

This power structure doesn’t necessarily empower every fraternity member, but that doesn’t mean it isn’t a problem. And it’s also not a problem unique to Greek life. Most parties where men host have a similar structure: A bouncer determines if a woman is attractive enough or a man is unthreatening enough to enter, and the hosts control the consumption of alcohol.

These party dynamics create unsafe environments for women. Even if the male host doesn’t explicitly feel owed, transactional relationships are so ingrained in our society that it subconsciously manifests in harmful actions. Rape and sexual assault, especially when consent is revoked in the middle of a sexual encounter, often occur because the perpetrator feels entitled to what they want and what they thought they were going to receive.

Although only 11% of the UCSB student body directly participates in Greek life, many female students will attend a frat party at one point in their college experience and one sexual assault should be enough to prompt people to take action. The continuation of fraternity parties and sororities endorsing participation in them invalidates the victims’ horrific and life-altering experiences.

When fraternity men continue to host parties after these crimes occur, they are actively ignoring the fact that their organization empowers their brothers to bring harm unto others. And when sorority women continue to attend fraternity events, they are passively allowing this systemic issue to go unresolved.

All Greek life organizations should take a stand against sexual violence against women until the Panhellenic Council, Interfraternity Council and UCSB leadership find a way to protect female students. There are small steps that UCSB Greek life can take in finding a solution. UCSB fraternities should adhere to the no-hard-liquor policy that the Northern American Interfraternity Conference passed for implementation no later than Sept 1, 2019. And following UC Berkeley’s example, upon entry at fraternity events, participants should meet designated sober brothers, fraternity members who will not be drinking at the event, and be informed of the pillars of consent, a thorough definition of the components of consent.

These crimes happen in the fraternity member’s space, in his house and under his control. The fraternities provide the alcohol and the event space.

So again, what do the women provide?
Themselves.

Abbigale Berry believes Greek life has the potential to empower young women and men – but only when issues of sexism and power are addressed.

Why Aren’t We Talking About Banning Fraternities at UCSB?

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Sexual assault perpetrated by fraternity members or at fraternities is such a frequent occurrence that it no longer comes as a shock when incidents of sexual violence are reported in our own community. Why is an institution that perpetuates and is deeply intertwined with rape culture not being dismantled? The possibility of banning frats altogether is seen as a delusional utopian ideal.

A nationwide ban on college fraternities is beyond the scope of my focus. However, the recent allegations of sexual assault at UC Santa Barbara’s Sigma Pi fraternity remind us that the issue continues to plague our own community and deeply affect our students.

Men in frats are more likely to commit rape than their non-Greek counterparts. A 2016 article from Noozhawk about rape and sexual assault in Isla Vista reported 56 rape investigations and 48 sexual assault incidents. The Santa Barbara County Sheriff’s Department noted that this was an increase from previous years.

To understand the present situation, I need you to imagine a number in your head much higher than 56 or 48. These numbers are outdated and are insufficient for understanding the scope of the problem, as only 20% of female student victims report sexual assault cases to law enforcement.

There are three additional points to understand about sexual assault statistics. One: Many rape and sexual assault cases are missing from these numbers due to complications arising from the reporting process, such as failing to obtain a rape kit or believing that police cannot or will not be able to assist. Two: As noted in the statistic above, 80% of female students from the ages of 18 to 24 do not report incidents of sexual assault. Based on my own experiences and those of women I know, I can tell you that many women do not report out of fear, shame or longing for the situation to go away. Therefore, even updated statistics would not accurately inform us of the number of sexual violence incidents that occur at UCSB. If you take the time to have a conversation with a female friend about sexual violence, you will begin to grasp

how common this phenomenon is – even if the numbers don’t reflect it.

Lastly, my inability to find statistics regarding the correlation between reported sexual assaults and fraternities left me dumbfounded. This lack of data does not reflect the reality of the situation. Quickly searching “frat rapes” on Google leads to link after link, story after story, of hundreds of abhorrent sexual assault cases across the country. UCSB is not alone. This lack of data sheds blinding light on the fact that women and our safety at UCSB are not prioritized by our university or within the college community as a whole.

If they were priorities, universities and community members would place more pressure on those responsible for collecting data about sexual assault on college campuses to expose the high rates of frat-related sexual assault incidents. If the safety of women at UCSB was valued, frats would be banned – or at the very least, the topic of banning them would be a prevalent conversation amongst students and community leaders. It is no longer a question of whether or not rape culture exists and whether it is perpetuated by frats at UCSB. It’s not, “Will any girls get raped in a frat or by a frat member this year?” Instead, it is “How many?” Your phones buzzing with emails reading, “This is a timely warning of a sexual assault incident” should be a strong enough reminder that sexual assaults are a repugnant reality in our community.

Rape and sexual assault should not be a partisan issue. Liberal or conservative, Greek life member or not – this topic does not deserve any form of tolerance. The fact that this argument needs to be made reflects the core of the problem: Issues pertaining to women do not receive the attention or gravity that they deserve. What atrocities need to take place in order for fraternities to be disbanded at our university? Because currently, rape is not enough.

Regarding solutions, banning accused fraternities and/or fraternity members is not substantial enough. Putting a hold on frat parties until “interpersonal violence prevention practices” are implemented is not effective either. These proposed solutions only slap a Band-Aid on a festering wound. Year after year, at universities

around the country, one frat member after another is charged with assault. Universities that have tried enforcing “prevention practices” in frats still find their fraternities committing sexual assault. In 2004, SDSU implemented “FratMANers,” which stands for Fraternity Men Against Negative Environments And Rape Situations. Men in fraternities at SDSU have been cycling through this program for years, yet in 2014 there were 13 sexual assaults reported in just one semester. Whether fraternity members want to accept it or not, an all-male institution which places an onus on drinking and sex is bound to attract men who think they can get away with assault.

I end this piece with notes for the university, for all UCSB students and specifically for men and frat members. To our university: Why don’t you ban fraternities and dedicate your attention, effort and money to creating and promoting other institutions that students can safely partake in? In other words, what is the value in keeping frats around if they have been proven over and over again to perpetuate sexual violence?

I get it, everyone wants to have fun. People like to feel like they belong to something. A lot of people like to party. Why don’t we fill the space frats currently occupy with the endless list of clubs and societies which do not have a long, atrocious track record of sexual violence?

To students: Do not turn a blind eye to what happens in frats and the behaviors of certain frat members. Think about the institution you are supporting when you attend frat parties or rush frats yourselves. Instead of supporting these organizations, take action. The university needs to feel pressure from its students before it will even begin to think about disbanding frats.

And to the men who participate in fraternities: Rethink your decision to be a part of a fraternity. Is fraternity membership worth it when it is more than likely that someone you call your “brother” is a rapist?

Jemma Robson believes that universities and their students should consider banning fraternities altogether.



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