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Fans and newcomers alike will be richly rewarded by this side-splitting evening with the man Entrepreneur Weekly dubs “the preeminent humorist of his generation.”

A rare artist who makes dance as innovative as it is engaging, tap genius Michelle Dorrance leads a company comprised of some of the best hoofers in the business. The MacArthur Fellow returns with a mesmerizing evening-length work that combines rhythm with interactive electronic music technology. The entire stage is filled with eight incredible dancers on electronic tap boards – plus three musicians playing live – become an orchestra creating an exciting visual and auditory polyphony that transforms modernity and tradition into pure bliss.
A.S. Calls on UCSB To Become Sanctuary Campus

Max Abrams
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On Wednesday night, the Associated Students Senate passed a resolution and tabled a bill, both of which support the protection of undocumented students at UC Santa Barbara.

While the resolution and bill are similar in nature, their overarching goals are different.

The resolution, “A Resolution to make UCSB a sanctuary campus,” advocates for the university-wide protection of undocumented students, while the bill, “A bill to make UCSB a sanctuary shuttle,” states that Associated Students (A.S.) “would not be permitted” to communicate with immigration enforcement agencies as well as interact, receive or grant funds from more than 10 different companies.

The resolution also condemns the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) and several large-scale companies that the university is currently invested in, such as Salesforce, ABM Industries and the Hewlett-Packard Company among others.

A.S. is condemning these companies due to their involvement with I.C.E.

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Before sitting on the board, she held a seat in Congress, worked on Wall Street for 14 years and was one of the first female members of the New York Stock Exchange, according to the UC Regents website.

While in Congress, Taucher served in several subcommittees, including the Strategic Forces Subcommittee and the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Taucher also received her bachelor’s degree in early childhood development from Seton Hall University.

Governor Gavin Newsom also released a statement on Taucher’s passing, saying, “She truly loved her country and it was an honor to work with her.” Feinstein said in the statement.

Taucher joined the Board of Regents in June 2017 while she was a member of the California Legislature.

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SRB Gains Support From A.S. for More Bike Parking

Katherine Swartz
Art, News Editor

On Wednesday, UC Santa Barbara Associated Students Senate unanimously passed a resolution through email vote supporting the Bike Committee’s demands for greater bicycle safety at the Student Resource Building.

The Associated Students (A.S.) Bike Committee worked with Bike Committee Liaison and On-Campus Senator Yash Nagpal to develop the resolution.

The resolution includes a letter written by the Associated Students (A.S.) Bike Committee, which focuses on maintaining campus bicycle infrastructure.

The letter criticizes the lack of bicycle parking and infrastructure in the newest design plan for the Student Resource Building (SRB) North Landscaping Design Project. The development plan for the lawn area south of the SRB and south of the bike path would provide more space in the SRB and expand outdoor study spaces, according to the letter.

Wednesday’s vote is in solidarity with the A.S. Bike Committee, which directs the SRB Governance Board to consider their request to put the project on hold until the design includes improvements to the SRBs bicycle system.

The resolution emphasizes how the current bicycle parking situation at the SRB threatens the safety of the campus. The bike parking lot for the Theater and Dance West building is on the bike path, according to the SRB’s challenging and dangerous during peak hours, according to the letter.

The letter notes that the SRB’s bike parking situation poses a potential congestion problem if either building facility receives greater traffic than usual, which happens every time a major event is held in either space.

The Bike Committee first became involved with the Student Resource Building Landscape Project in Spring Quarter 2017, and worked with the SRB Governance Board to add bike parking to their original design.

“The previous design included space for approximately 30 bike parking spaces near the main entrance. This space has been eliminated in the most recent proposal, and the Bike Committee hopes that it will be added back in,” A.S. Bike Committee Chair Anne Gleday said in the resolution.

Associate Dean of Student Life and SRB Governance Board Advisor Kim Equinox said the changes sacrificed more bike parking for programming and study space.

“The scope was narrowed to include one design area encompassing the grass area west of the SRB and south of the bike path. In that transition, the space was designed to maximize programming and study spaces,” Equinox said to the Senate.

When the A.S. Bike Committee found out the newest design plan did not include any bike space, they wrote a letter directly to the SRB Governance Board detailing why new bike parking is necessary for the SRB.

“Currently, students who wish to go to the Student Resource Building must park in the bike lot adjacent to the Theater and Dance West building. This poses a potential congestion problem if either building facility receives greater traffic than usual, which happens every time a major event is held in either space,” the letter states.

In response to the resolution, Equinox said “the SRB Governance Board is open to hearing any feedback and information that can help inform decisions.”

UCSB’s Lean On Me Chapter Launches Emotional Support Hotline

Simran Verma
University News Editor

UC Santa Barbara’s chapter of Lean On Me officially launched a student-run emotional support hotline service on Monday, with 12 trained student supporters on standby to respond to anyone who text the hotline.

Lean On Me is a national nonprofit organization that “automatically and anonymously matches peer-to-peer texting networks of instantaneous support,” according to the organization’s website.

Rushali Kothari, a third-year biological sciences major, founded UCSB’s chapter this past fall quarter after going through a four-hour online training session provided by the national organization, along with a three-hour in-person workshop led by Lean On Me executive board members.

“The online training was a lot about empathy and vulnerability and just being open to listening and validating how a person feels and how you do that, and then asking open-ended questions. Let the person talk, then ask what they want to talk about,” Kothari said.

The training also involved educating the student supporters about other resources in the local area so that they are able to refer people who text the hotline to those resources.

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UCSB Set To Take on Texas Tech in NCAA Tourney

By Annika Pearson

The UCSB men’s tennis team made program history last week, earning their fifth consecutive Big West Championship title. Now, they are set to face No. 24 Texas Tech in the first round of the 2019 NCAA Tournament.

The Gauchos (16-6, 5-0) made their Big West sweep look effortless. Beating Texas Tech, however, will not come with as much ease.

Santa Barbara brings four nationally-ranked, including No. 4 Texas Tech, six competitors have consisted solely of players ranked in the top 100.

For that reason, facing Santa Barbara’s co-captain may seem daunting, and rightly so, as Moreno de Alboran exceeds his and most of his recent opponent’s rankings. At court one for doubles, fellow co-captain and senior Anders Holm joins Moreno de Alboran.

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Multiple Gauchos Take Home Conference Accolades

By Brandon Victor

After dominating their competition on the court all season, the UCSB men’s tennis team continued their dominance off the court on Wednesday, winning a number of end-of-season conference accolades.

Most notably, for the second season in a row senior Nicolas Moreno De Alboran was named Big West Player of the Year, marking only the second time in school history that a Gaucho has won the award in consecutive seasons.

Moreno De Alboran finished the season with a 14-3 dual singles record, and currently resides as the No. 16 player in the country. If Moreno De Alboran came into his senior season with the prospect of being one of the program’s best players, and his outstanding performance so far has fully solidified the claim.

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This experience will lend itself to defeating Moreno de Alboran’s likely opponent, No. 79 Parker Wynn.

Though at one point he was riding on eight wins in a row, Wynn only recently broke a four-game losing streak against Baylor’s No. 22 Johannes Schretter. Granted, the junior’s last six competitors have consisted solely of players ranked in the top 100.

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Women's Water Polo Demonstrates Improvement, Finishes Third in Conference

Angie Banks / DAILY NEXUS

In the last weekend of their season, the Women's Water Polo team demonstrated their improvement and finished third in the Big West Conference.

The Gauchos fell to CSUN, marking the first time they lost a home game since February. However, this loss did not define their season. They managed to score 26 assists in their conference games, placing fourth in the conference for assists.

Junior utility Sarah Snyder played a critical role in the team's success. She finished the season with a total of 250 saves. Her consistency was crucial in contributing to the team's overall improvement.

The Gauchos had a strong offensive performance, scoring 32 goals and 26 assists. Senior utility Kate Pipkin, who made First Team All-ConfERENCE, also had a season to remember as she was able to score 40 goals, 29 assists, and 18 steals.

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No. 8 Gauchos Look To Get Back On Track, Face CSUN

Jorge Mercado / Staff Writer

Last week was a bit of a wake-up call for the No. 8 UCSB baseball team. Santa Barbara traveled to UC Riverside with a bunch of momentum, riding the high of a program-best 13-straight wins.

What met them, however, was a swift punch in the face as the Gauchos stumbled losing their first conference series of the season, dropping two of three against the Highlanders.

Because of that, UCSB dropped to second in the Big West standings with a 2-1 conference mark. Following a win at home versus CSUN on Tuesday, Santa Barbara is now 3-5 overall.

This week, the Gauchos will have a similar test as they face CSUN, a team that has had its fair share of struggles this year currently boasting a 19-23 overall mark and a 6-9 league record placing them in the bottom third of the standings.

Last week, really everything that could go wrong did, go wrong for UCSB. In losses on Friday and Saturday, the Gauchos were outscored by a combined score of 18-4. On Friday, starter Ben Breech took his usual spot on the mound for the Gauchos. Coming into the game, Breech had pitchedstellar, but that night he was anything but. Breech (7-4) suffered his first loss of the season following an outing that included allowing eight hits and seven earned runs in just four innings of work. The junior also had a season low three strikeouts.

On Saturday, the story was the same for Jack Dadowood (6-1) who allowed his first loss of the season following a 4-2 inning outing that included allowing him six hits and five earned runs. Dadowood did strike out nine batters but gave up a season-high two home runs in the same game.

The Gauchos will hope to get back on track this week facing a CSUN team that ranks seventh in the conference in batting average. The team sports just a .231 batting average. However, when UCSB does get contact, it hits for power as its slugging percentage (.484) ranks third in the conference.

Women's Water Polo Demonstrates Improvement, Finishes Third in Conference

Kenan Mehta / Staff Writer

No. 11 UCSB women's water polo team wrapped up their season this past weekend with an overall record of 28-8. 3-2 in conference play as well as finished third place in the Big West. After having an up-and-down year last season where they only won six games, Santa Barbara was able to rack up six more wins. They were able to win the close games that they had lost the season prior because of strong leadership from their seniors.

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For junior utility Sarah Snyder, next year will be her final season where she will look to build upon her impressive numbers this year. Snyder netted a team-high 65 goals along with seven assists.

Although she is nearly impossible to stop on the offensive side of the pool, one aspect that she can improve on is her playing with the departure of Pipkin.

There is no doubt that UCSB will be excited about the Gauchos as they return the majority of their starters for next year, following their impressive freshman season.

Snyder, who is Sarah Snyder's younger sister, finished the season with 13 goals and 38 assists and will look to finish her UCSB career on a high note next year.

Another highlight for the 'Chos was the play of their goalkeepers.

Both sophomore Breca Buck and junior Kenzi Schiler shared time in front of the cage and combined for a total of 250 saves. This dynamic duo has grown a tremendous amount of confidence which will undoubtedly carry over to next year.

UCSB Swept by Upstart Matadors, Drop Fifth Straight

Jake Ciccone / Staff Writer

UCSB was unable to keep CSUN's offense at bay as the Gauchos dropped all three weekend games against the Matadors last weekend.

The conclusion of the series, the Gauchos fell deeper into the doldrums of the season as Santa Barbara charitable giving efforts for Santa Barbara were unable to dig themselves out of the season. With the sweep, the Matadors improved to 8-7 in the Big West and 24-24 overall. UCSB falls deeper into the doldrums of the season as they return the majority of their starters for next year.

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The most obvious takeaway from this series is that UCSB's pitching staff was unable to slow down a very good CSUN offense, leading the Gauchos into a hole that they were unable to dig themselves out of. The Matadors outscored the Gauchos 22-7 over the course of three games and never trailed over that stretch. The pressure of playing from behind combined with solid pitching performances by CSUN put UCSB at a major disadvantage for the duration of the series.

Game one on Saturday was the most lop-sided game of the entire series, as CSUN was able to score five runs on six hits in the top of the first inning before the game ended and Northridge took the lead 8-0.

The second game played out in a very different way than the first but with a similar outcome. No runs were scored through the first six innings due to a single and a sacrifice play. The pressure of playing from behind combined with solid pitching performances by CSUN put UCSB at a major disadvantage for the duration of the series.

Northridge ended up striking first, putting up one run on one hit in the top of the first inning due to a single and a sacrifice play. The Matadors extended their lead to 8-0 in the top of the fifth inning before RRB's from Teas Thrus brought the lead to 8-2 in favor of CSUN.

The lead eventually ballooned back to 10-2 before the game ended and Northridge took a comfortable 1-0 lead.

The third game saw a similar outcome, with the Gauchos unable to come any way back as Kenede Jammers came in and staved off the Gauchos come-back effort.

The Matadors put up one more run in the sixth inning to extend their lead back to three, which proved to be insurmountable for Santa Barbara as they went on to win by a score of 8-3 and clinched the series sweep in the process.

The Gauchos will face UC Riverside next weekend in their final home series of the season, starting with a doubleheader at Campus Diamond starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4.
Students of History 178B: US Wealth and Poverty have found that somehow all class content ties back to non-traditional and fellow student Tammy Oblesky’s son, Ethan. This was unanimously discovered after Oblesky raised her hand to comment after the professor’s lecture on American ideals of meritocracy, saying that she follows this because she makes her son Ethan do chores before he can play Fortnite.

Oblesky’s classmates told Nexustentialism that she can be easily identified as the woman trying to commandeer the class, implementing alternative instructions to the professor’s (it is unclear if she assumes her likeness in age qualifies her to do this) or by her to-go mug that reads, “I’m a Mom. What’s your superpower?” Further, classmates are unclear as to how long Oblesky has been in school. Some say since 1985, others say forever. There is no in between. Whatever the case, classmate Nelida Silva stated, “At this point I probably know more about Ethan than American industry.”

When the professor lectured on American reconstruction, Oblesky told the class that Ethan watches YouTube gamers who advertise different energy drinks, which Ethan buys without her permission.

When classmate Ryan Thames commented that the current handout neglected to comment on workers’ rights of the time period, Tammy followed up by telling the class that as a baby, Ethan got a rash so severe he was hospitalized, and this is why he is short for his age.

Additionally, Oblesky has been an integral part of the class by being very vocal as to which page a pulled quote can be found and using the “find” function on her iPad to see how many times the word “industrial” appears. On more than one occasion, Oblesky has graciously gone out of her way to alert the professor that the word “imperialism” appeared on a handout 45 times.

There’s no word yet if the midterm will include material on Ethan and his goings-on, but classmates are sure to review Obelsky’s greatest points of contribution which include but are not limited to: Ethan’s experience at baseball camp over break, Ethan’s favorite type of Hansen soda (tangerine), Ethan’s attitude toward Fortnite (favorable), his attitude toward showing affection for Tammy (bad) and his burgeoning YouTube gaming channel.

Sam Penn
Staff Writer

After switching her major from biochemistry to medieval studies, third-year Ima Noying has longed to fill the empty void in her heart that used to be nourished by the steady source of suffering associated with being a S.T.E.M. major. The high concentration of dopamine levels in her bloodstream have resulted in Noying experiencing extreme discomfort and crippling paranoia due to the lack of anxiety.

“I know I was in trouble when I started singing ‘Happy’ by Pharrell Williams unironically,” Noying stated. “The fact that I’ve developed a sense of pop culture enough to know who Pharrell is without a Google search is already unsettling as it is.”

In order to reestablish her connection to self-loathing and anguish, the newly branded “Positive Polly” has been actively seeking out new ways to hate her life. Noying has been seen openly walking through the Arbor without headphones and has been spotted at frat parties stone-cold sober on numerous occasions.

“I’m so happy that she finally has found peace,” reported her roommate. “It honestly was a bit painful watching her learn how to smile again.”

The hours Noying used to spend pouring over her lab reports are now used to engage in aggravating activities to maintain a balanced mindset.

She particularly enjoys arriving to her lectures 10 minutes late so that she has the option to sit on the rock-hard ground or interrupt the professor while hurding over her classmates to claim the one open seat in the middle of the row.

Noying is proud to announce that she has transitioned from “Happy” to her old time favorite “The Sounds of Silence” by Simon & Garfunkel.

Carly Kay agrees with Bill Nye that science does indeed rule.
Freddie Gibbs Intoxicates Velvet Jones

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The Gary, Ind., gangster rapper returned to Velvet Jones last Thursday completely in the pocket. In fact, he seemed like someone who could never in any way be shaken from the pocket, doing things like going a capella on his hardest verses while still making them sound like batter and challenging the crowd to keep up.

The world needs more rap shows like this – more rap shows that don’t stutter. That night, no one’s favorite lyrics were skipped, muffled, tripped over or mangled. The smoothness of Freddie Gibbs’ performance appeared to be unconscious, perhaps something to do with him having woken up just before taking the stage. After he came out singing “Now & Later Gators,” quite possibly the closest thing to a soul song in any gangster rapper’s discography, he explained, “I’m higher than a motherfucker, I just woke up.” He added, to doubtlessly anticipated whoops and cheers, “I don’t know what the fuck I smoked, you know what I’m saying, some California shit.”

That is not to say, though, that his performance was sedated. If you’ve ever heard a Freddie Gibbs song, you are familiar with the liquid intensity that permeates his music, warping to whatever flow he is masterfully steering at any –

There was no tension to speak of between man and crowd, they had some sort of unspoken agreement that prevented any of that. It was mutually understood that everyone was simply there to wild out to, as Freddie Gibbs put it, “some gangsta was simply there to wild out to, as you mutually understood that everyone was there to have fun.”

After “Still Livin’” and “Eastside Moonwalker” warmed the room all the way up – along with playful interludes involving his trademark trademark check-in, “Make some noise in this motherfucker,” and call-and-response yu-foo, “Say fuck po-lice, fuck po-lice,” and, “I say E-S, you say G-N, E-A, G-N,” – Freddie Gibbs did “Thuggin’.” And he didn’t just do it. He did it a capella – the entire thing. A full three minutes of three relentless, bare-knuckle versus with no heat to back them up. And it murdered. The number of people rapping along throughout it was no small surprise. To say the least, Santa Barbara is not a hiphop city – many more UCSB students would rather listen to EDM on a knockoff Bose than anything, even often you what you’re playing. His voice is more engaging than that it is hypnotic. It pulls at everyone’s heartstrings, but everyone’s heartstrings.

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1. “Old Town Road” — Lil Nas X

This is the obvious choice here. Dominating music pages for months now, everyone is chanting about how they’ve “got the horses in the back.”

2. “Before He Cheats” — Carrie Underwood

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The Santa Barbara County Fair Celebrates 128 Years

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Sponsored by the National Science Foundation’s Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation, the Bridge to the Doctorate Program at UCSB has chosen 12 doctoral fellows with peers and professors in their departments, the BD program aims to “enhance the diversity of STEM graduate education by recruiting, training, and graduating a cohort of 12 talented doctoral students,” its website says.

BD fellows receive financial support for the first two years of the Bridge to the Doctorate program. They also have opportunities for graduate student mentorship and professional development, career preparation and academic support through workshops for technical writing of reports and papers.

I was over the moon when I found out I was chosen as a BD fellow,” Lourdes Velaquez, a first-year Ph.D. student in the biomolecular science and engineering program, said in an email. “I still find it hard to believe that I have such amazing opportunities. Because my path has been very nonlinear, being chosen as a BD fellow reaffirmed my confidence in moving forward with a Ph.D. program. I honestly don’t know if I would be here if it weren’t for BD.”

As part of the program’s requirements to do rotations, Velazquez is currently in her third rotation in mechanical engineering. She explained. “I was really excited when I got [the BD program]. I was happy because it’s not as intense. For me, you have to figure out what to do in certain situations where you feel like you don’t belong. There’s always a certain club like National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) or SENCER (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science) – very small communities that are usually very there for you because they can share that same sentiment. So it’s a huge blessing because it gives you a community that will always be there for you.”

While coming to graduate school, the feeling of being out of place has “increased tenfold,” Aguilera reflected. “There’s a lot fewer minorities in that sector. Nowadays the thought of not feeling like I belong still lingers there but it’s not as intense. For me, you have to figure out what to do in certain situations where you feel like you don’t belong. There’s always a certain club like National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) or SENCER (Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science) – very small communities that are usually very there for you because they can share that same sentiment. So it’s a huge blessing because it gives you a community that will always be there for you.”

That’s one reason why joining the BD program means so much to Aguilera. “It’s also given me the opportunity to be part of a cohort,” he said. “Part of the cohort’s very diverse. You have people from statistics, you have people from biology, electrical engineering, mechanical engineering – all very broad areas.”

While he finds it “very easy to socialize with people” within his own department, becoming a BD fellow has allowed Aguilera to become familiar with people from other departments. “It’s a good way to hear about what’s going on in other places,” he said. “It’s a good way to network with other people, that may have some expertise in an area that I need. And maybe sometimes I need to be someone with some type of coding resource, teach them how to code or something like that,” Aguilera said.

“I’m very grateful for the Bridge to Doctorate fellowship. I hope opportunities like this can be more available to others.”
The Border Wall Argument Stands on a Shaky Foundation

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It's 2019 and whether support, desire or remain in the country, there is a sentiment towards Donald Trump. Every week seems to bring a new surge of headlines, some of which could argue that the country is undergoing a political revolution. It takes national political interest to the border wall and the millions of people who are being sent to back to the country they claimed to much to escape. It simply makes no sense.

One of the biggest arguments pushing for stricter enforcement of the border is the notion that illegal immigrants are a problem. The most vocal among these are Americans who have been sent to back to their country due to Trump's policies. The administration has been accused of being "hardly successful" in stopping illegal immigrants from crossing the border.

Trump has been a staple of not only his administrative goals, but his campaign as well. It has been repeatedly stated that the border wall was one of his campaign promises. According to the New York Times, Trump launched his campaign in June 2015 and since then, the administration has been working to build the wall.

While this declaration of division among the citizens of the country is certainly troublesome, Trump’s argument that immigrants are a danger to the country is not unfounded. According to the Pew Research Center, unauthorized immigrants make up an average of 5% of the U.S. workforce. Despite the low number, these unauthorized immigrants make up a large share of the country’s labor force and population. They are often the first to be hired for low-skilled jobs and are taking on the types of work that Americans do not want to do.

It is important to note that while the administration has been pushing for stricter enforcement of the border, there has actually been an 81% decline in the apprehension of undocumented immigrants crossing the border. This decline is due in part to the Trump administration's policies, such as the Travel Ban and the building of the border wall.

Sadly, there is what documentation for this wall is even more concerning. According to a report by the Government Accountability Office, the wall is not being built to the specifications set by the Trump administration. The report found that the administration has not provided clear plans for the construction of the wall and has not conducted a thorough environmental impact analysis.

The border wall argument is often used as a way to divide the country and togain political support. It is important to remember that the border wall is not the solution to the problem of illegal immigration. There are other, more effective ways to address this issue, such as improving border security and immigration enforcement.

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