A.S. Executive Office: 2017-18 Term in Review

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As the current Associated Students elected officials’ terms are coming to a close, the Nexus has asked our current executives to look back on the past year and their time in A.S. They reflected on the challenges posed by natural disasters, their proudest moments in office and their hopes for the future.

Hieu Le, the A.S. president, was responsible for addressing student needs, overseeing the executive department and acting as a representative of A.S. on a federal, statewide and local level.

Jasmine Sandhu, the internal vice president, was tasked with advising the president and senate about university affairs and being an intermediary between A.S. and campus organizations.

Batsheva Labowe-Stoll, the external vice president for local affairs, acted as an advisor to the senate and A.S. president about local issues, and managed local Isla Vista and Santa Barbara County matters that have an effect on students.

Kristin Hsu, the external vice president for statewide affairs, was mandated to be a representative of A.S. in the University of California Students’ Association (UCSA) and the United States Students’ Association (USSA) and in other statewide affairs.

Jack Tannenbaum, the student advocate general, was expected to act as a nonpartisan official and help educate students about university policies and their rights on campus.

Though each elected official faced different challenges and had different aspirations, they all looked back on their term with pride in their work and optimism for the future.
Santa Barbara is the place we call home. We want to celebrate it, nourish it and, above all, see it thrive through engaged citizens and productive dialogue. This town hall is an opportunity to hear from specialists, ask questions and participate in a public conversation about a community issue. Why is society’s view of aging so grim when the lived reality is so different? Anti-aging activist and author Ashton Applewhite declares that it’s time for age pride. A leading voice in an emerging movement dedicated to dismantling ageism, Applewhite was named PBS News Tonight’s 2016 Influencer of the Year and has been recognized by The New York Times, NPR and the American Society on Aging as an expert on ageism.
Internal Vice President Jasmine Sandhu

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While Jasmine Sandhu feels grateful for the opportunities she has had to participate within Associated Students, she said serving as the 2017-18 Internal Vice President was the most meaningful of all time.

“The end of my term was welcomed because I’m exhausted, but I feel very proud because I’ve contributed to the projects that were important to people,” Sandhu said.

Sandhu was elected to the position of internal Vice President (IVP) during the 2016 Spring Quarter Elections after running with Campus United (CU).

She ran with the intent to streamline AS and improve communications between the Boards, Commissions and UCs (BCUs) and the AS.

Before serving as IVP, Sandhu served as a College of Letters & Science senator within AS. She also served as a student representative in the Internal Affairs Committee the year before.

Early on in her term, Sandhu said she had to adjust to the position after being offered the weight of her role. “This was my first time being so involved in 25 different positions in AS as well as her office staff,” she said.

Sandhu avoided being overwhelmed with the responsibilities they needed and giving them guidance as they worked to pass legislation and accomplish their personal projects and goals.

“I led my personal life first especially nourishing the students, and I feel like I did a pretty good job of doing that,” Sandhu said.

When training senators, Sandhu said she would offer legislative advice for how to draft a piece of legislation and how meetings ran.

During the AS Senate retreat, she said she facilitated a feedback survey for what senators thought of the retreat.

Former A.S. President Hieu Le reflects on his time in office

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Despite the volatile nature of UC Santa Barbara’s 2017-2018 school year—which involved several elections for the former A.S. President Hieu Le said it was “something [he] expected it to be.”

“I knew it was going to be challenging,” Le said in an interview with the News. “But I knew that I signed up for a tough job, and I knew I was going to do whatever I could.”

Le, who ran with Campus United during 2017 Spring Quarter elections, was elected over his IVA Vista Party opponent Naveen Nemichand and became UCSB’s first transfer student president.

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Students to advocate for more campus bills regarding sexual assault, needs including advocating for state funding.

2019 school year that the UC Hsu focused on preventing a across the state and nation. “It’s always been a struggle...

During her time as EVPSA, Hsu told the... "We make changes to the higher education system, specifically..."

As outgoing external vice president, Hsu said she is most proud of... "I would say we were in new territory in how we..."

Because of the work Hsu and other student advocates have been doing to prevent this increase, the Regents postponed the vote to raise in-state tuition until the end of May and have instead begun partnering with students to advocate for more funding from the state, Hsu said.

Students to encourage the establishment of a campus-based Middle Class Scholarship.

UCSB students to aid them in their heavy class load.

Hsu and other student advocates have been working with key state and student government officials. Hsu's elected successor Yapabandara and Hsu continued to pursue this project despite obstacles that arose.

Tannenbaum also spoke to transfer students in lectures about the role of the OSA in assisting students facing charges from UC Santa Barbara...
Gauchos Fall to USC in NCAA Tournament

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Weekly Staff Writer

The UCSC men's tennis team season ended in heartbreak on Saturday when the Gauchos narrowly fell to the No. 10 ranked USC Trojans, 4-3. Despite the score, Santa Barbara put itself in a prime position to win the NCAA tournament match. USC dropped doubles matches and singles on court four, freshman Victor Kravet assumed easy on court six to USC within a mere shootout.

All of the other singles matches went to three sets, with the Trojans ultimately eking out victories on courts five and one to take the match before the contested matches on courts two and three could be decided.

"We put ourselves in a great position to win that match but didn't get over the finish line," Head Coach Marty Davis said. "That win would have covered the only two goals we didn't accomplish." USC and UCSC NCAA Tournament win.

Regardless of the outcome, this Gauchos team had the character and skill to play with the top teams in the nation.

After starting the season 6-5 — with all five of its losses coming on the road — the Gauchos were currently riding a four-game win streak. Of those wins, 12 of its last 14 matches en route to an A-10 overall record. During that span, Santa Barbara picked up victories over No. 49 Liberty and No. 38 Richmond.

In addition, the Gauchos were dominant in Big West play, earning the conference's fourth straight conference title and attaining the goal of accomplishing what no other team in the conference had done.

The team also set a Big West record by winning their conference games of a combined score of 48-3.

The perfect score line in conference play is unbreakable, and a record that will never be topped, Davis said.

This team also once again established something that rival college tennis fans have long known: they have one of the best fan bases on the entire West Coast. Propelled behind the support of hundreds at each home match, the Gauchos finished the season 14-0 at home. Scrutiny has been going undated at home in the last three years.

The undefeated streak at home is a testament to the marvelous coaching and support from [the Gauchos]

The Gauchos rolled the innings of victory during the inaugural season of the Adams Cup. But once the Gauchos set their names into the history books.

With such a young and talented team to compliment the tremendous coaching leadership, the future for the Chos is looking bright as ever.
UCSB Claims Second & Fourth Place in Big West Championship Meet

Patrick Hunter
Staff Writer

The Big West Championship meet came to a close on Saturday evening, marking the end of a strong year from the conference. The UC Santa Barbara Gauchos entered the meet looking to make a statement after a dominant regular season. However, when the meet concluded on Thursday, UCSB finished second and fourth in the conference.

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Clairo Shines at Storke with Noontime Tunes

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Staff Writer

Over on the steps leading from the UCen to Storke Plaza, a smorgasbord of UCSB students flanneling colorful hair and wearing mom jeans or pastel-colored shoes munched on bags of Hot Cheetos under the sun as they anticipated the entrance of Claire Cottrill.

Cottrill, better known by her stage name Clairo, first entered the music scene back in 2015 when her music video for “Pretty Girl” — featuring the artist goofily dancing to her song and lip-syncing in front a webcam — went viral. In the span of less than a year, Clairo has risen to prominence among similar bedroom pop artists such as Bane's World, Jakob Ogawa, No Vacation and Gus Dapperton.

Nineteen-year-old Cottrill has been dreaming to break into music since she was 13, writing and posting music onto Bandcamp and SoundCloud. Now, entering her first year at Syracuse University, she is currently managed by the same manager Chance the Rapper had when he began his rise to stardom.

Recently, Clairo had her first big performance at Tiffie, the Creator's sold-out show at the Observatory for over 6,000 people. She performed alongside acts like Steve Lacy, Brockhampton, Michael Seyer and Inner Wave. Last Thursday, UCSB was lucky enough to be graced by Clairo’s first live performance with a band at A.S. Program Board’s Noon Storke Show.

The eagerness to see Clairo garnered a crowd that filled the stairs and also hugged the walls overlooking Storke Plaza. Kids from an elementary school touring UCSB got to witness this gathering of students and entertained the collegiate group by dancing to the songs that filled the empty sound space before the show.

Clairo came out from the KCSB courtyard skipping and sporting a casual UCSB shirt, and the crowd anxiously awaited the emerging pop star, who is expected to drop a six-song EP featuring Dublin rapper Rejjie Snow later this year. Humorously, Program Board gave out free bags of Flaming Hot Cheetos (in reference to her popular single of the same name), along with Yerba Mate.

Clairo and her new band filled in blanks as Cottrill, better known by her stage name, along with Yerba Mate.

With a live band, her sound was very different from her recorded tracks — but in a good way. Ditching the lo-fi, synth-pop sound, Clairo took on a more indie-alternative feel to her songs, substituting manufactured electronic beats with echoing, raw guitar licks, rumbling electric bass lines and shrill strikes of cymbals.

For songs like “4EVER” and “Pretty Girl,” the band looped a backtrack of the iconic Flaming Hot Cheetos’ sound in her upcoming EP.

The charming, happy vibe of Clairo’s dreamy voice that floated above smooth guitar, bass and drums was the perfect sound to fill the air on a beautiful sunny day at UCSB.

When the set was beginning to wrap up, the crowd demanded more. It was a relatively quick set, consisting of no more than ten songs. The crowd was prepared, however, and immediately began suggesting other songs they wanted her to perform when she apologized for the short set.

Clairo was apparently flustered by the high demand of an encore, as she replied to her yelling fans, “Why are you yelling at me?”

This moment also made it onto the Overheard at UCSB Facebook page and was quote-tweeted by Clairo herself.

For Clairo’s much anticipated encore, the band did another performance of “4EVER.” This time, initiated by a student sitting near the stage, people were encouraged to leave the stairs and dance at the front. The concert turned into a dance party reminiscent of teenagers just letting loose and having fun, twirling and grooving away their cares to the upbeat pop tune.

After the dance party ended, people rushed to line up for the opportunity to meet her and take photos. Many students brought gifts; one handed her a bracelet and another a drawing. Students who came less prepared scrambled to find things for her to autograph. She was presented a range of items to sign: shoes, empty Hot Cheeto bags, skateboards, laptops and even an inhaler.

Clairo’s luminous presence left UCSB students glowing and wishing to “feel this way forever.” Make sure to look out for her EP; although it has no official release date, it’s expected to be released soon. We’re looking forward to seeing how this bedroom pop sensation continues to shift out of her lo-fi sound in her upcoming EP!
No Shit! New Portola Will Still Give You Food Poisoning

Hannah Jackson
Staff Writer

When second-year environmental studies major Kiple Jenkins decided to visit his old stomping grounds of FT, he was pleasantly surprised to find that underneath Portola’s fresh exterior, they are still steadfast in their unwavering commitment to fucking up your digestive system.

Jenkins concluded that even though Portola no longer looks like a 1980s Midwestern roadside Mexican restaurant, its corresponding food content remains unchanged. Despite Portola’s undisputed glow-up, its menu still contains fan favorites and guaranteed food poisoning go-tos, including the char burger, roast beef and swai fish.

While new residents of FT are not getting the “full experience” of dragging their hungover asses down to Portola to fuel up for a Ski and Snow dayger on powdered eggs and rubbery whole-wheat pancakes, Jenkins is satisfied with the poor quality new Portola brings to the table.

“I mobbed to Porty’s to make sure it was still living up to its standards. Thank god I came on enchilada night,” he said as he painstakingly removed the peas from his Mexican rice.

Jenkins reported that many students were enjoying a classic Portola Cereal Night...

When asked if the class of 2021 deserved the honor of screaming “FUCK FT!” while driving past the dorm, Jenkins chuckled.

“Of course not. Their food may be just as bad as ours, but they have the luxury of having a bathroom in the dining hall. At Old Portola, we just ate until we nearly shit ourselves,” he said with pride.

Hannah Jackson is proud to say that she never ate swai fish when she lived in FT.

We’ve Run Out of Ideas, So We Guess It’s Time to Rank Bread Now

Mia Roncati
Staff Writer

You’re probably wondering, really, Nexus’ Bread? Are you really running out of ideas?

No! I have a plethora of dumb ideas throwing a tantrum in my brain to be noticed, but for the sanity of UCSB, they will never see the light of day.

We all know all bread isn’t created equal in the eyes of the Carb Lord. Here is the ranking that was given to me in a (not-drug induced, gosh) dream:

5. White Bread

Ah, yes, this staple of the American diet is at the bottom of the food chain. No, this isn’t racist. My health is screaming for me to put this bland-nothing down — and it didn’t even say anything when I ate six Hot Pockets.

4. Multi-Grain Bread

Healthier than white bread, but those hard pieces have GOT to go. It’s like going for smooth peanut butter and getting chunky: a total turn off. Would 10/10 only eat if there were no other options beside the aforementioned white bread.

3. Matzah

The most underrated bread of them all. Points are deducted for the lack of fluffiness, but religious reasons have been taken into consideration. Have you ever put Nutella on one of these babies? A thin slice of heaven. (Get it?)

2. The Dinner Roll

What would a full course meal be without this and one of those little pre-wrapped butter things? Hell, gimme eight rolls at an Italian restaurant, and it is a full course meal. Extra happy points added if it’s warmed.

1. Cinnabread

No, this isn’t cheating because it has additives. Carbs are carbs, dammit, and it is literal love you can taste. It’s as if self-love and happiness made a baby and slathered that baby in solidified sugar.

Pro-tip: You get a free cinnamon bread on your birthday from Woodstock’s!

Time to get 364 fake IDs.

The Daily Nexus is not responsible for over-consumption, nor is it liable for carb-induced illness.

Mia Roncati has been tricked into going to Carbs Anonymous after being told it was a new course offered for bread majors.
Mixing It Up with Cauldron Ice Cream

Winnie Lam
Asst. On The Menu Editor

The weather is finally getting warmer and you know what that means: it’s prime time for ice cream runs! Of course, we can always go to our local grocery store and grab a pint of our favorite McConnell’s ice cream, but with so many trendy ice cream spots, you’ll definitely want to try them all. At Cauldron Ice Cream, they feature a multitude of creative flavor combinations, freeze it with liquid nitrogen, scoop it in the center of a waffle cone and shape the ice cream into a beautiful rose all in a matter of minutes.

I visited the location in Glendale and the waffle ice cream was the perfect snack to go along with window-shopping at the Galeria and the Americas. When I went inside, I was rather overwhelmed by all the different ice cream options they had. This isn’t your average ice cream shop with vanilla, chocolate and strawberry. I did a little research before heading in and according to their website, they have a new flavor every month. Some of their creative varieties include Earl Grey Lavender, Vietnamese Coffee, Sun Moon & Stars (jasmine, sedan and green tea) and their signature flavor, The Cauldron (vanilla cinnamon with Oreos). Their flavors of the month were Cloverfield, a cereal milk ice cream topped with Lucky Charm marshmallows, and American Pie, apple pie ice cream with grahams and apple filling. Once you pick your flavor, you can stop there or take it a step further with a waffle cone, which is a Hong Kong version of a waffle, also known as an egg waffle. You can even choose between original, red velvet and chocolate for your waffle cone.

I had my heart set on the Sun Moon & Stars, but they ended up not having the flavor for some reason, so I decided to try the Earl Grey Lavender with the original waffle cone. Since it was made with liquid nitrogen, the ice cream itself was super creamy and flavorful. The earl grey flavor was spot on and the lavender added a nice floral touch that wasn’t overpowering. It also came with a drizzle of honey and at first, I thought it was going to be too sweet, but all the flavors actually worked well together. I didn’t think the flavored waffle cone would have paired well with the Earl Grey Lavender, so I just went with the original. The combinations of flavors and textures worked really well together, but after maybe half of the cone and ice cream, it was getting difficult to eat. It got a little messy and the portion itself was just really large.

I went with a couple of my friends and one of them got The Cauldron ice cream flavor with the red velvet waffle cone. The vanilla and cinnamon was really tasty, especially with the crushed Oreos on top that gave it more texture contrast than mine. I couldn’t really taste the red velvet too well in the waffle cone, but it was definitely sweeter than the original.

Although Cauldron Ice Cream is famous for its Instagram-worthy waffle cone and rose-shaped ice cream, they are also in the works of new menu items, like their gluten-free ice blended drinks. These frosts are layered beautifully and come in four different flavors that match with their ice creams: The Cauldron, Sun, Moon & Stars, Pineapple Express and Earl Grey Lavender. I haven’t tried these new blends, but they seem like the perfect alternative for those of you who aren’t ice cream fanatics but still want to try out Cauldron Ice Cream’s innovative flavors. If ice cream and blended drinks still sound too sweet for you, they’ve also brewed a Blue Bantha coffee, which is a Star Wars-themed beverage that’s sure to keep you awake.

I finished my whole cone and ice cream, but I would definitely recommend sharing it with someone because it really is a mouthful. Also, make sure you don’t get too caught up taking pictures of these Instagram-worthy rose ice cream waffle cones or else you risk getting yourself into a sticky mess. I would really like to go back and try all the other flavors of ice cream as well as waffle cones, but all the Cauldron Ice Cream locations are too far away right now, so hopefully they’ll expand their franchise to Santa Barbara in the near future!
Hippopotamus Dung Affects African Ecosystem

During the dry season, however, high-density hippopotami pools differed drastically in almost all measured attributes of water chemistry and exhibited depressed fish and insect diversity and fish abundance compared with low-density hippopotami pools. “During the dry season when there was no flow, the pools were completely separated,” Stears said. “We found a huge buildup of hippo dung, and therefore nutrient concentrations within high-density hippo pools. The high influx of nutrients caused the dissolved oxygen concentration to decline to sublethal levels for most fish species.”

Only a few species of fish and insects are able to survive in the hippo pools when the river dries, because of extreme losses of dissolved oxygen in these pools. Stears and his colleagues noted large reductions in fish diversity and abundance inside the pools that were overfueled by dung when river flow ceased.

“This suggests some kind of resilience within the system that allows it to recover after the hydrological disturbance every dry season,” Stears said. “This resilience signifies that there is hope for this system, but without intervention soon, the chronic stress caused by river drying and overfertilization of hippo dung may cause long-term species loss in this river system.”

However, it appeared to promote aquatic invertebrate diversity. Widespread human-driven shifts in hydrology appear to redefine the role of hippopotamus, altering their influence on ecosystem diversity and functioning in a fashion that may be more severe than presently appreciated.

“Disentangling the impacts of hippopotamus upon this ecosystem is made more complex, and yet more important, because of its recent history of human modification. As has been documented elsewhere, hippopotami positively influence aquatic communities via nutrient provisioning during the wet season,” the study said.

However, as river discharge wanes, hippopotami switch, especially at the local scale, from being providers of nutrients to aquatic communities to largely serving as an agent of over enriching waters, eutrophication and biodiversity loss. The amplified negative effects observed during the dry season are likely new and may be shifting the balance of the net impacts that hippopotami have on watershed-level biodiversity.

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KEEAN STEARS
Isla Vista Needs Your Support for Measure R

James Ferraro  
Op-Ed Submission

Voting yes on Measure R is common sense for every voter in Isla Vista.

The 8 percent utility user tax would raise approximately $780,000 in funding annually for the Isla Vista Community Services District (CSD), the local government formed by residents in 2013. The CSD will automatically dissolve.

Isla Vista self-governance and the state of affairs in I.V. have made significant strides from the days of Bank of America burning to the ground and regular rioting, yet challenging people.

The current approach of regulating Deltopia is neither sustainable nor cost effective, while business as usual will not suffice.

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For those who oppose the proposed tax simply because it is a tax, consider the implications of a lack of resources, and an incident of catastrophic proportions.

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Whole communities are单元ary by our passion for rejecting ideas that oppose our preconceptions, and too willing to discard ideas that are not in our comfort zone. We must work to end canceled culture both on and off campus.

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