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Mercado
Editor in Chief

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By now you have undoubtedly had dozens of people congratulate you on your acceptance into UC Santa Barbara. While learning new things will be exciting, the real pleasure of UCSB comes in its extra-curricular activities.

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Isla Vista is a wonderful community filled with aspiring local bands, delicious local restaurants, dedicated researchers and athletes competing at the highest level in college sports. In this issue, we hope to provide at least a glimpse into just what this place has to offer.

The *Daily Nexus* has been around throughout UCSB's history, consistently providing insight into all the happenings on and around campus. We have done amazing things, and will continue to do so, but that is only possible because of your support.

We are a small, but lively community and no one can better tell our stories than us students.

Beyond that, I cannot tell you how excited I am for you to start this journey. Three years ago I never could have imagined being in the position that I am today, but I think maybe that's the point: No matter what you expect, no matter who you are, you can find solace in the idea that most things won't go as planned.

The *Nexus* has been a saving grace for me. It has given me the opportunity to do something productive outside of campus and given me a goal beyond life in college. If there's one thing I hope you gain from the special issue we are bringing you today, it is that this is a wonderful paper filled with dedicated people. And if you have any interest in joining us, please feel free to stop by, my door is always open!

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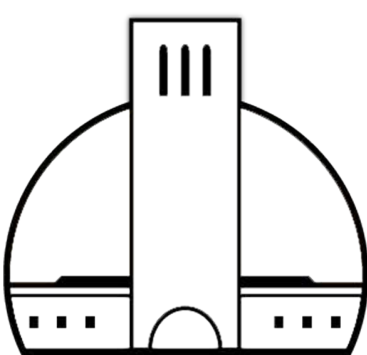
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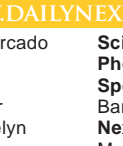
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 5 Arrange, as a vacation
 9 Washington neighbor
 14 "Splendor in the Grass" director Kazan
 15 Gutter site
 16 La Scala's city
 17 Top banana
 19 Mayan corn crop
 20 Observation after too many wrong turns
 21 "Dirty Harry" composer Schiffrin
 23 "Don't ____ stranger"
 24 Like a dog's hind leg
 25 A low-flow showerhead will help lower it
 27 Enzyme ending
 29 Online auction site
 30 50 cents, in slang
 35 After "get," gain an advantage
 39 Attending a Lakers game, say
 40 Ski resort named for a tree
 42 Longest river entirely in Switzerland
 43 Inning half
 45 Baker's container
 47 Dedicated works
 49 Taylor of fashion
 50 Hit generating four 71-Across
 54 Horizontal punctuator
 58 Hold up, as a bank
 59 Yogi, for one
 60 Wheel cover
 62 Hi hello
 64 "The Iron Horse," baseball's all-time 50-Across recordholder
 66 Jeopardy
 67 Hops kiln
 68 Took ____ loan
 69 It has reservations
 70 G.I. fare
 71 One of them is hidden in 17-, 25-, 30- and 45-Across

DOWN

1 Event before finals
 2 Ascend
 3 Path between rows
 4 Conductor's wand
 5 Cheeky
 6 Research site
 7 St. Teresa's city
 8 Cancel out
 9 Wicked
 10 Lunes o martes
 11 Perp's story
 12 Eye color
 13 "Shaq Diesel" rapper
 18 Founded: Abbr.
 22 Beirut's country
 25 Licks, as a stamp
 26 One way to play
 28 Cat breed
 30 White lie
 31 Dedicatee of Lennon's "Woman"
 32 Final: Abbr.
 33 Inform against
 34 Sunblock letters
 36 Gift of the garrulous?
 37 Ocean State sch.
 38 Pilot product

41 Jason with a record 63-yard field goal to his credit
 44 Weirdo
 46 Like inappropriate influence
 48 Picabo Street race
 50 It's plotted in math class
 51 Loggers' game
 52 Scrub the launch

53 Like a cheering crowd
 55 Can't stand
 56 Use elbow grease on
 57 Part of Hispaniola
 60 5'2", 6'3", etc.: Abbr.
 61 Some major golf tournaments, informally
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Coast Carvers Hit the Streets of Isla Vista



Courtesy of Masaki Osato

Sofia Mejias-Pascoe
Asst. News Editor

Ten women weaved through the streets of Isla Vista. Hair flying, wind whistling, skates clacking.

Coast Carvers, a newly formed group of all-female skaters in I.V., took to the streets of Del Playa last Sunday for their first skate session together.

Alaska Yokota, the founder of Coast Carvers, and the nine other girls who attended the session skated through I.V., teaching each other new tricks, showing off their skills at a skate ramp in I.V. and amassing supportive cheers from neighbors and people along the way.

“So many people cheered us on as we were skating too, it was great ... Just kind of like ‘Yeah, go girls, go!’” said Yokota, a fourth-year psychology major and art minor at UC Santa Barbara.

The first skate session of Coast Carvers was a huge success for Yokota, who created the group with the hope of bringing together girls locally for skate sessions and creating a space

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ALASKA YOKOTA

for girls to gain confidence in their skating.

“Being part of ... a group of girls that also have the same passion and level of interest as you just makes your love for it grow stronger,” Yokota said. “I think that’s my biggest purpose, is to make girls feel comfortable and confident in what they’re doing that they love.”

Coast Carvers has quickly gained traction among residents in I.V. after Yokota made a post on Facebook to recruit girls in the area to join “a group of girls who shred the streets like you,” as the post reads. Within seconds, Yokota quickly received likes, comments and messages in response to her post.

“For some reason it just blew up like crazy, so quickly, too. The second I posted it, my phone was blowing up with messages and notifications.”

At the time of the *Nexus* interview with Yokota, there were a total of 73 members in the GroupMe for Coast Carvers and approximately 100 people who had contacted Yokota about her post, from newcomers to I.V. to experienced skaters to parents using Yokota to teach their own kids how to skate.

Yokota founded the group after taking interest in a similar female skating group based out of Venice Beach called GRLSWRL, which is “a modern-retro all-female stoke-chasing community focused on bringing femininity... to the male dominated skate scene,” according to the group’s website.

Yokota was never able to attend one of GRLSWRL’s bi-weekly scheduled skate sessions, but from meeting up for casual skate sessions with some of the members, she felt that I.V. would provide the ideal space for a

group with similar purposes.

“It’s something that Isla Vista kind of needed, but nobody knew it needed that,” Yokota said.

Although they have similar missions, the two groups hold some key differences, such as Coast Carvers’ inclusion of “anything that shreds in I.V.,” namely roller-skating and surfing in addition to skating. Yokota says this inclusion is ideal for their group given the diversity of sports and hobbies practiced by girls in I.V.

Yokota also notes variations in the general energy and mood of the two skate groups, which she attributes to the differences of the locations that each group call home.

“[In Venice] there’s just a bunch of random people and strangers and it’s really crowded, it’s kind of stressful,” Yokota said. “But then when I skated on DP, it was a Sunday evening and I just had my nine girls with me, and it was just really peaceful honestly.”

Being a girl in the world of skating can prove to be intimidating for many people, she said. The seemingly overwhelming proportion of men to women who skate can make it difficult for women feel confident attending skateparks and the like, but skating in groups like Coast Carvers can afford them a sense of support and companionship, according to Yokota.

“It’s really hard to full-send something when you’re just scared ... so having girls around you just kind of builds your confidence,” Yokota said. “I don’t want girls to feel like they can’t do things just because they are girls or because there aren’t enough girls doing something.”

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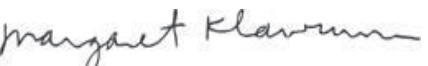
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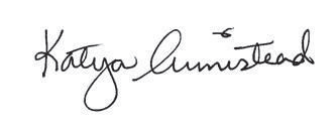
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Additional resources for addressing campus climate issues are available from the Office of Student Life, Educational Opportunity Program, MultiCultural Center, Dream Scholars Resource Team, and the Veteran’s Resource Center (contact information available at www.sa.ucsb.edu). Each department listed offers student involvement opportunities. We hope you will lead the way in making sure our campus is a safe and welcoming place for all.

Sincerely,


Margaret Klawunn
Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs


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UCSB Students to Launch Magazine Aiming to Represent Marginalized Groups

Katie Wolf
Asst. News Editor

Frances Woo got the idea to create her own magazine last year as she was sitting in an editorial meeting for Spectrum magazine, another publication at UC Santa Barbara. Woo, a second-year sociology major at UCSB, said the idea came to her while she and the rest of the editors were debating which article they should feature in their magazine. One editor suggested they print the article that was written by a woman because “women never get published in literary magazines.” “[That comment] got me

and sculptures, Woo said. “Um...” Magazine’s editorial team hopes to have print editions of their content by Winter Quarter 2019 according to Woo. While the magazine does plan on having consistent writers on their team, Woo said the majority of the content they wish to include will be submitted by students themselves, which will hopefully showcase students’ own personal struggles and stories. Anyone who wants to submit content will be allowed to do so, according to Woo. “The magazine would prioritize [marginalized] people ... but won’t exclude anyone who wanted to submit

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FRANCES WOO

thinking how a lot of times in magazines and media in general, that straight, white, abled-bodied heterosexual men tend to be prioritized unconsciously and consciously throughout society,” Woo said. Woo, along with a team of eight other second-year students, then decided to create a literary space of their own where students of all genders, races and sexualities could be equally represented. “I wanted to make a space and a platform for people who don’t live by those labels to showcase their art and creativity in a way that uplifts them and lets them speak for themselves,” Woo said. The publication will be called “Um...” Magazine because it represents the “psychological fillers” used by marginalized groups as they speak to others as not to come across as “aggressive,” “rude” or “harsh,” according to the magazine’s Gofundme page. The magazine will start out as a website that will feature content such as photography, videography, art and literary pieces. Each featured category will also have its own sub-section like poetry, prose, drawings, paintings

content,” she said. “We hope to give voices to those [marginalized] groups and opinions that don’t see as much light without feeling it necessary to censor or change what they have to say regardless of who’s listening,” the magazine’s Gofundme page states. Woo’s hope is that the magazine will turn into a community rather than just a publication. They will hold fundraisers and social events, such as open mic nights, throughout the year to get more students involved and interested. A goal for the magazine is to be able to hand out their publications for free, so more people can read their content. “I think opening up people’s eyes to new perspectives will help them practice more than just tolerance... they’ll practice acceptance and to support those who don’t fit into a very one-sided perspective,” Woo said. The magazine has its own Instagram page that will keep students updated on the progress of the publication process. They have also asked students to submit their own content, which is already


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Abortion Pill in Public Universities One Step Closer to Becoming Law

Simren Verma
University News Editor

Senate Bill 320, which would require all California public universities to provide their respective Student Health clinics with Mifeprex – also known as the “abortion pill” – passed its final Committee vote in the State Assembly, making it one step closer to becoming law.

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California law recognizes abortion as a basic health service that must be covered by Medi-Cal and by private, managed care insurance regulated by the state.

SENATE BILL 320

The bill passed in the California State Senate Appropriations Committee with 12 “ayes” and 5 “noes” on Aug. 16. It has now been sent to the full Assembly to be voted on.
SB 320, which was originally introduced by California Senator Connie Leyva in February 2017, was approved by the California Senate in January.

The bill would require all University of California and California State University campuses to offer the pills by Jan. 1, 2022, including UC Santa Barbara.
If the full Assembly votes to pass SB 320 with no amendments made, the bill heads straight to Governor Jerry Brown’s desk for signing.
However, if the full Assembly amends the bill before it passes, the bill must go back to the State Senate for re-approval before being sent to the governor.
“California law recognizes abortion as a basic health service that must be covered by Medi-Cal and by private, managed care insurance plans regulated by the state,” the bill reads.
“It is the intent of the Legislature that public university student health centers make abortion by medication techniques as accessible and cost-effective for students as possible, and thus public university student health centers should treat abortion by medication techniques as a basic health service.”
The bill also says that “abortion by medication techniques is extremely safe” and “staff at on-campus student health centers include health professionals who are licensed to provide abortion by medical techniques.”
The *Nexus* previously reported that The National Academy of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM), a non-partisan council, released a report on March 16 that confirmed that the Mifeprex pill is safe and effective.
“Often times, students may not find out that they are pregnant until the fifth or sixth week, so it is vital that these services can be accessed promptly at student health centers on campus where students feel safe and already receive health care services,” Senator Leyva said in a press release.
“College students should not have to delay medical care and travel many miles away from their work and school responsibilities to access to medication abortion services,” she added.

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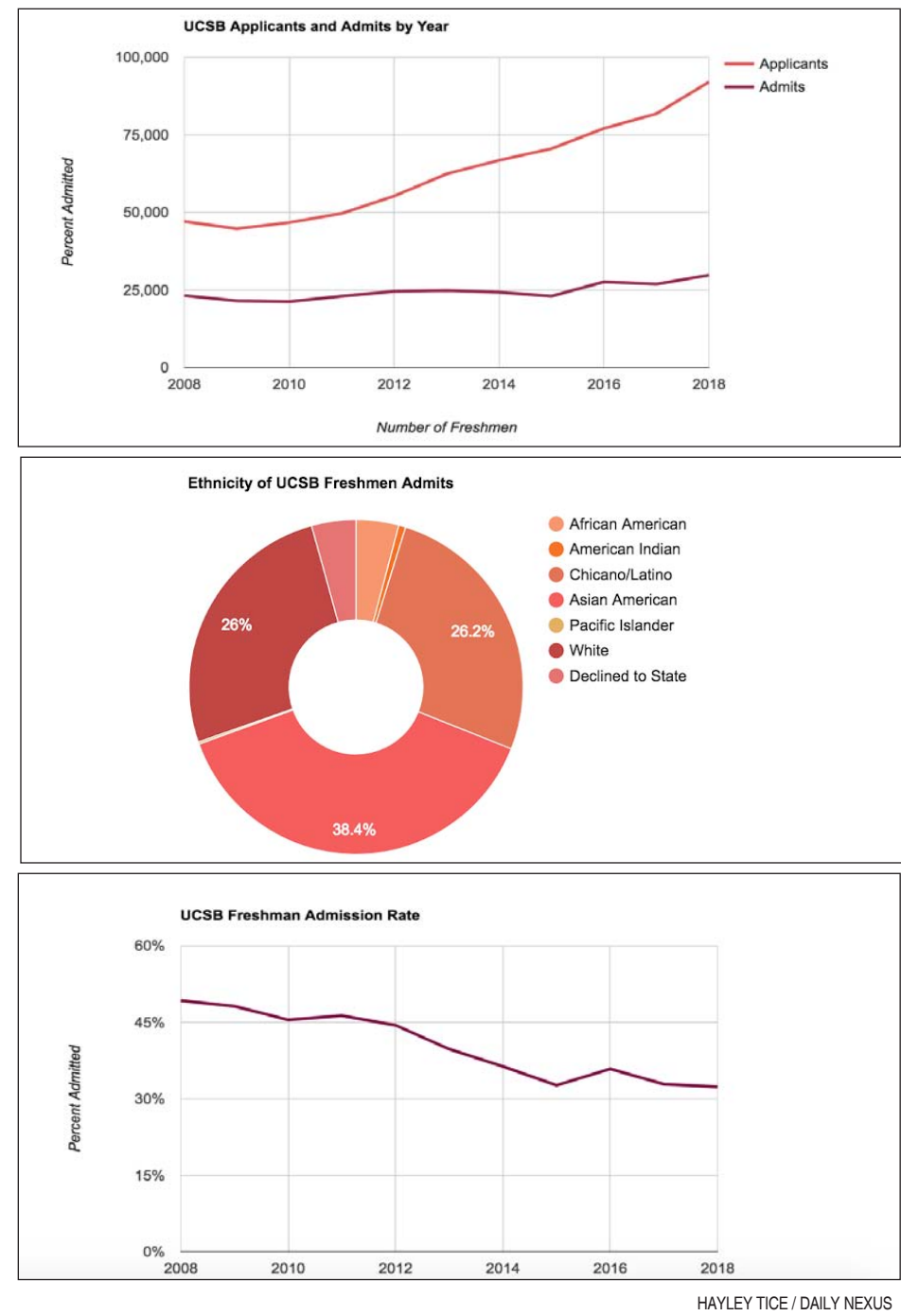
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Freshman Admit High School GPAs Increase



Hayley Tice
Data Editor

UC Santa Barbara admitted 32.4 percent of applicants for the class of 2022, according to data released by the UC Office of the President.

UCSB admitted 29,782 students out of 92,017 freshman applicants, both of which are record-high numbers compared to previous years.

The new admissions numbers represent an increase of 2,903 admitted freshman students compared to those admitted for the 2017-18 school year.

Out-of-state and international students make up approximately 60 percent of the increase in admitted freshmen.

UCSB accepted 991 more international students and 735 more out-of-state students for the freshman class than it did the previous year.

Non-resident students typically accept UC admission offers at a “much lower rate” than resident students, according to a press release from UC Office of the President (UCOP).

Asian Americans were the largest ethnic group admitted as freshmen at UCSB at 38 percent of admits, followed by Latinx and white students, each about 26 percent of admits.

African Americans represented four percent of admits, and the remaining six percent of admits were American Indian, Pacific Islander or declined to state their ethnicity.

The admission rate for freshmen applicants decreased slightly to 32.4 percent compared to 32.9 percent from the previous year. It has decreased from 48.2 percent since 2009.

UCSB admitted 736 more transfer students than in 2016-17.

White students were the largest ethnic group admitted as transfers at 36 percent, followed by Latinx students at 28 percent, Asian Americans at 27 percent and African Americans at five percent.

Approximately 38 percent of freshmen and 49 percent of community college transfer- admitted students were first-generation college students.

Additionally, about 35 percent of freshmen admits and 51 percent of transfer admits were categorized as low income.

Low income refers to students whose household income is less than \$52,006 for 2018, according to UCOP.

Current admissions statistics are preliminary and may change as the UC finalizes the data, according to UCOP.

UCSB Increases Admits, Admission Rate Drops Slightly

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As UC Santa Barbara’s freshmen prepare to begin their first year of college, the Nexus looked at what got them here.

The *Nexus* compared this year’s freshman class of 2022’s admission statistics to those of their predecessors and found that the class of 2022 had slightly higher average grade point averages (GPA) than those admitted last year, according to preliminary data from the UCSB Office of Admissions.

Freshman admits in 2017 had average GPAs of 4.25, while the average GPA of admitted students in 2018 was 4.28.

Between 2014 and 2018, the average high school GPA of admitted freshman students has increased steadily from the initial 4.15.

GPAs and S.A.T. scores, however, do not necessarily reflect the full experiences and qualifications of the freshman class, according to

Lisa Przekop, the UCSB director of admissions.

The campus also looks at extracurriculars, community service, awards and employment when determining whom to admit, Przekop said.

“The students coming to UCSB are excellent and continue to reflect both academic quality and substance outside of the classroom,” she said in an email.

The average S.A.T. scores of those admitted increased between 2014 to 2016 but decreased by 48 points between 2017 and 2018, according to the data from the UCSB Office of Admissions.

Data from 2017 and 2018 reflect scores on the new S.A.T., which is out of 1600 points, while 2014-16 scores show the old S.A.T., which was out of 2400 points.

The middle 25 to 75 percent of admitted students in 2018 who took the S.A.T. received S.A.T. Evidence Based Reading & Writing scores between 630 and 720, while S.A.T. Mathematics scores were between 640 and 780,

according to UCSB’s freshman admission profile from University of California Office of the President (UCOP).

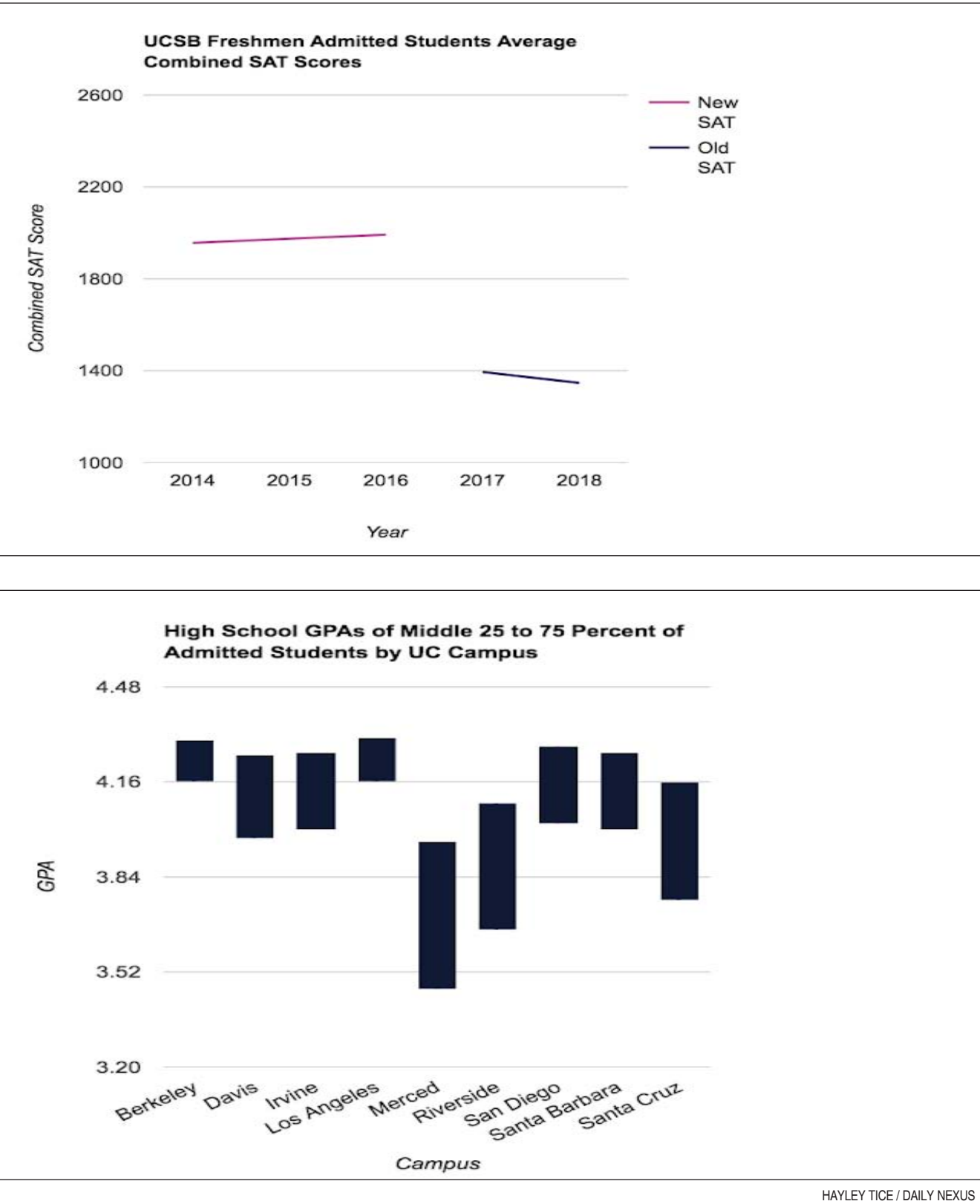
The middle 25 to 75 percent of students who took the A.C.T. received a composite score between 28 and 34 and an English Language Arts score between 26 and 31.

Additionally, UCSB’s freshman admission rate decreased from 36.3 percent to 32.4 percent between 2014 and 2018.

However, UCSB’s admission rate for transfers increased from approximately 48 percent to 57 percent over the same period, according to admissions data from UCOP.

The average GPA of transfer admits remained nearly flat. It increased .02 points from 3.57 to 3.59 between 2014 and 2018, according to the data from the UCSB Office of Admissions.

The middle 25 to 75 percent of high school GPAs for admitted freshmen to UCSB were similar to statistics from UC Irvine, UC Davis and UC San Diego.



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Regents Found in Contempt Of Court, Expelled Student Allowed to Return to UCSB



Doe initially made a formal complaint to UC Santa Barbara about the “harassment and stalking” by Jane Roe in December 2015. Doe said he left the school temporarily before the quarter ended to “escape the stressful situation,” alleging his grades suffered due to Roe’s harassment.

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The Santa Barbara Superior Court found the University of California Regents in contempt of court on Aug. 10, stating that a student accused of stalking and sexual violence had been denied due process on two separate occasions and thus would be allowed to return to UC Santa Barbara.

Judge Donna D. Geck ruled the UC Regents failed to provide a fair hearing for an accused student, known in court documents as John Doe, in a Title IX investigation. UCSB expelled Doe in Nov. 2016 after a student filed a Title IX complaint against him that June.

The student who filed the complaint, referred to as Jane Roe in court documents, said Doe stalked her on a daily basis after the two engaged in a sexual encounter in November 2015 and briefly dated.

UCSB Title IX investigator Brian Quillen

determined the stalking offense, among others, “more likely than not did occur,” according to court documents.

Following his expulsion, Doe attempted twice to appeal the decision: once with the Interpersonal Violence Appeal Review Committee (IPVARC) at UCSB in December 2016 and then again with the California Superior Court in December 2017, contending that the initial investigation had not been fair.

While the IPVARC did not find issues with the procedures of the Title IX case, Geck found issues with the IPVARC’s review. Namely, she agreed with Doe’s argument that UCSB’s internal policies were “Confusing, Internally Inconsistent, and Unfair,” and she lifted his expulsion and ordered his case be reconsidered.

The IPVARC panel reconvened in February 2018 and mirrored its original decision, once again expelling Doe.

Doe returned to court in June to contend that his case had not been seriously reconsidered by the IPVARC, citing the language of the original and new decision to show they were almost exactly

the same, minus one introductory sentence in the latter to address the court’s complaint.

On Aug. 10, Geck ruled the new decision was “merely a poorly rewritten decision that appears to be a justification for the earlier result,” finding UCSB in contempt of the court and annulling the panel’s decision.

Doe now has the option to return to the UC system beginning Fall Quarter 2018.

Prior to filing the Title IX complaint, Roe filed a harassment report with the Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office (SBSO) in May 2016. After the SBSO investigation determined there was no evidence of Doe’s alleged misconduct, she then filed the Title IX complaint.

Roe stated Doe, following the initial encounter, had: followed her “to and from her classes for nearly an entire academic year on a daily basis”; “had an unidentified third-party call Roe three times... threatened to kill her, rape her”; “waited outside of Roe’s apartment building for her”; and “deliberately maintained close proximity to Jane Roe and her boyfriend and engaged in



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conduct directed at her and her boyfriend” while at a sorority event.

Additionally, Roe alleged she said “no” multiple times during the November 2015 encounter, while Doe stated Roe provided “affirmative consent” throughout.

Doe later cited text messages sent between Doe’s former roommate and Roe to prove to the court that the encounter had been consensual. One of the text messages, sent by Roe the night of the Nov. encounter, read: “The truth is, if I had been waxed and more prepared, it would have gone further.”

Roe later said these messages were sent in an attempt to cope with the alleged assault.

In his statement to the court, Doe denied Roe’s allegations and alleged that she had aggressively pursued him after their initial sexual encounter in Nov., offering anecdotal evidence to demonstrate he had initially been reluctant to enter into a relationship with her.

He alleged Roe, following the initial encounter, had:

- “started frequently appearing in Doe’s room unannounced and uninvited”;
- “frequently stayed in the lounge of [his] residence hall, in his room, or outside his door for long periods of time” to the extent that he “no longer felt safe in his residence hall”;
- would “come to John Doe’s residence hall to party and drink alcohol”;
- “put up posters around John Doe’s residence hall and all over campus containing a diatribe against her alleged ‘sexual offender,’ with the objective of intimidating and harassing [him].”;
- and told him she would “file a restraining order against him” if he did not agree to meet with a mediator of her choice.

Doe initially made a formal complaint to UCSB about the “harassment and stalking” by Jane Roe in December 2015. Doe said he left the school temporarily before the quarter ended to “escape the stressful situation,” alleging his grades suffered due to Roe’s harassment.

Once he returned to UCSB, he requested a room change and was then allowed to move out of his residence hall.

However, Doe argued in his court case that none of his allegations were taken seriously by Title IX investigator Quillen. Instead, he argued Quillen was biased in the investigation and failed to provide him with the resources he was entitled to in order to defend himself adequately.

Following a federal investigation that revealed UC Berkeley violated Title IX policies, the University of California Office of the President is considering potential amendments to its system-wide policy.

If approved, several changes would aim to address concerns similar to those brought up by Doe in his case.

The amendments would include clarifying the types of evidence to be included in an investigation, outlining the contents of a formal notice of charges, providing students with the option to question the other party through the investigator and mandating consistent training for

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Unfinished Business: Gauchos Enter Season Hungry for Redemption

Brandon Victor
Staff Writer

At the press conference following the UCSB men's soccer team's shocking defeat against UC Riverside last season, a visibly irritated Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg had vowed that, no matter what, the team would come back stronger next season and that they would use that feeling of anguish and uselessness as extra motivation in the seven months to come.

Following their 7-0 dismantling of Westmont Aug. 18, it would be difficult to argue with Vom Steeg's assertion. This year's Gauchos, picked to finish second in the Big West behind only Cal State Fullerton, look poised to bounce back strong from last season's disappointment due to several key new acquisitions as well as nine returning starters from last season's team.

Last year, Santa Barbara was shackled by its lack of finesse in the final third, scoring only 18 goals in 19 games.

In an effort to bolster the attack, UCSB acquired junior transfer Thibault Candia, a pacey striker who led Temple last season with six goals. Candia already looked to be in mid-season form against Westmont, contributing two goals and chipping in two assists. He also displayed solid chemistry with junior Ignacio Tellechea, a returning starter who looks to better the four goals he scored last year for the squad. With the addition of freshman Carter Clemmensen, the Arizona Gatorade player of the year last season, UCSB should easily top its goal total from last season.

In the midfield, Santa Barbara returns two studs: sophomore Rodney Michael and junior captain Noah Billingsley. Billingsley struggled

with injuries last season but was a key cog of the lineup when healthy. When he started, the Gauchos had a 5-1-4 record, but the team went just 1-6-1 when Billingsley was unable to play.

Michael was one of the lone bright spots for UCSB last season, leading the team in both goals and assists en-route to a spot on the all-conference team as a freshman. With another year of training under his belt – as well as experience playing for the U-20 Sierra Leone national team – Michael will once again provide an offensive threat for Santa Barbara on the wing.

While UCSB was sound on defense last season, the additions of sophomore Carson Vom Steeg and junior Faouzi Taieb should make the side's back line even more dominant.

Vom Steeg, the son of Head Coach Tim Vom Steeg, played for Stanford last year, appearing in 18 games for a side that went on to win the national championship.

While he was unable to play in the exhibition match due to injury, Vom Steeg will immediately improve the organization and shape of the Gauchos' back line.

Taieb, a transfer from St. Francis who was named the NEC defensive player of the year last season, showed his worth immediately in the exhibition match, leading a back line that didn't allow a shot on goal in the entire 90 minutes.

Taieb was also named to the MACHERMANN award watch list – a list that highlights the top 75 players in the country heading into the season. If the two can get on the same page, the Gauchos should have arguably the most formidable back line in the conference.

UCSB won't have any grace period for their new players to get acclimated, as their first match of the season comes against St. John's, a historically strong program that has already



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topped a top-25 team in the preseason.

The other biggest tests in the off-season for Santa Barbara will come against Butler and UCLA, both in September. The Bulldogs were selected to finish second in the Big East conference, and before last season, the Bruins had made 34 consecutive NCAA tournaments.

In conference play, the Gauchos will take on last season's Big West champion, Cal State

Fullerton, at home on Oct. 6, and they will finish off the regular season at home Oct. 27 against Cal Poly in the traditional Blue-green rivalry game.

With an abundance of talent and the hunger to leave last season's blemish in the past, this UCSB squad has all of the tools necessary to challenge for the Big West title this season.



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UCSB Aims To Defy Expectations

Jake Ciccone
Staff Writer

Fall is here and the women's volleyball season is back and ready to go. This will be the seventh season for Head Coach Nicole Lantagne Welch as she hopes to guide this very promising squad to success in the upcoming 2018 season.

There are many reasons to be excited about this year's team, such as the many returning contributors from 2017 as well as the youth and potential of a very talented recruiting class.

The Gauchos will only be losing two seniors from last year, which allows the returners to grow and improve themselves as well as their chemistry as a team. UCSB's five leaders in kills from last season were all underclassmen, and thus they are all returning as veterans in 2018.

One of these five is star outside hitter Lindsey Ruddins, who led the NCAA with 5.84 kills per set in 2017 and plans on returning to form again this year.

Also returning are the Gauchos' leaders in assists from last year, senior setters Annie Hasselmann and Lexi Rottman, who will benefit from another year of growth with a similar team. For a team that struggled at times last season to put everything together and compete, the return of most of the main contributors is important to having a comeback season.

While many key players will be returning to the floor again in 2018, Head Coach Lantagne Welch has also added more depth to the Gaucho roster by way of six freshman recruits and one transfer.

These Gaucho newcomers will certainly benefit from playing alongside the experience of the eight upperclassmen on the team, but they will also be asked to contribute a significant

amount in their first year due to the upside and talent of these accomplished freshmen.

One of the Gauchos' weaknesses in years past has been their overall depth, and opposing teams were able to exploit that over the course of a match. However, with so many experienced veterans and new pieces, the previous lack of depth should no longer be a weakness, but rather a strength that will benefit Lantagne Welch's squad this season.

Last season was difficult for the Gauchos, as they got off to a rough start and were only able to win one non-conference game in the early stages of the season. They managed to pick things up during conference play and put together a solid 7-9 record against Big West opponents.

The team will certainly expect more consistent play throughout the season with a more experienced and talented team this time around.

There is a lot of optimism going into this season with many interesting new pieces and returning stars; however, this does mean that expectations will be higher for the Gauchos and Coach Lantagne Welch.

UCSB women's volleyball has not had a winning record in the Big West since the 2013 season, during which they went 13-3, won a share of the conference title and secured an NCAA tournament berth.

While the expectations might not be that high for this year, improvement is expected, and the team knows this, so they will definitely come out of the gate motivated to show that this year is different.

The Gauchos begin their season on Friday, Aug. 24, with a match against the Cincinnati Bearcats, during which they hope to get their season started off on the right note.



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Men’s Basketball Breathing Life Into the Thunderdome

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Sports Editor

One year ago at this time, newly appointed Head Coach Joe Pasternack was in the midst of summer, tasked with turning around a team that finished its previous season with only six wins. It took only eight games into Pasternack’s first season for the team to notch the same win total, but that was just the beginning.

Now, one summer later, the Gauchos are looking to build off their refreshing 23-9 season that saw the breakout performance of guard Max Heidegger and a revitalization of the Thunderdome. Now, this year, UCSB men’s basketball is back knowing what the team is capable of under Pasternack’s system.

“We talk a lot about honoring the process,” explained Pasternack, “and that’s really what this program is about: honoring the process each day and the results will take care of themselves.”

The results were certainly taken care of, with the team tying a UCSB record with 23 wins and narrowly falling short in the Big West Tournament.

Crucial to the Gauchos’ success last season was now-junior Max Heidegger, who led UCSB with 19.1 points per game, and senior transfer Leland King II.

While King II, who averaged a double-double of 15.6 points and 10.2 boards per contest, won’t be on the court with the Gauchos this season, his production

I can’t tell you how important that is for our players to have the Thunderdome packed every night.

Joe Pasternack

demonstrates the immediate impact that recruited transfers can have for a team.

This will be especially important for UCSB. Despite losing four senior starters and seven seniors in total, Pasternack has brought in another talented class of recruits, highlighted by game-ready transfers capable of keeping Santa Barbara’s momentum alive.

“We had the biggest turnaround in NCAA history last year from six wins to 23 wins, and a big part of that is the students,” Pasternack continued. “When I first got here April 4, 2017, I said I wanted to build this program where everyone in the community of Santa Barbara and, most importantly, the

students, would make this their home court advantage.”

Heidegger’s lights-out shooting will surely bring fans to their feet again this season, filling the Thunderdome with new life.

Home court advantage was real for the Gauchos last season, as they won 11 straight at the Thunderdome to start the season and ended 12-2.

Coach Pasternack hopes to see the same kind of energy at home this season and will likely be putting together more enticing giveaways closer to the start of the regular season.

“Towards the end of the year, whether it was Irvine at home or the last game of the year, specifically Cal Poly, there was nothing like it; the energy and excitement in the Thunderdome was unbelievable. It was definitely a sixth man for us and I can’t tell you how important that is for our players to have the Thunderdome packed every night no matter who we’re playing. For our program, that’s our goal: to fill the Thunderdome each night,” said Pasternack.

There’s no substitute for a packed Thunderdome when the Gauchos hit a three in transition, so it says a lot for Pasternack and his staff to be so invested in the students and fans.

While another 17-win jump is simply impossible, the culture of the Thunderdome is back. And with momentum from last year’s success, the Gauchos are prepared for another remarkable season you’ll want to be a part of.



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The Freshman Guide To UCSB Sports In 2018-19

Omar Hernandez
Sports Editor

It is no secret that UC Santa Barbara is not a typical college sports powerhouse. Our location, combined with our party reputation and lack of a football team, make for little hype surrounding our college game days. While game days are a staple source of school spirit at other big schools, UCSB has yet to see similar excitement over sports in quite some time. With so many teams on the rise this upcoming year, we want to provide both incoming freshmen and returning students with a guide of what to look forward to and, hopefully, work toward cultivating a stronger, more unified sports culture here on campus.

UCSB can become a strong sports school in the future – we know this because we have seen glimpses of greatness in the past. Early footage from the 90s of the men’s basketball team facing #2 UNLV in the Thunderdome paints a very different image of our school than recent years. The palpable energy and electricity which gave the Thunderdome its name has yet to reach the same level as in the past, but our 2018-19 men’s basketball team might just have the power to turn the tide.

As pointed out in the article above, star junior guard Max Heidegger (ranked second in the Big West after scoring 19.1 points

per game last year) and the Gauchos are aiming for success – not just in the Big West, but on a national scale. While attendance was good last year, this year could and should be historic in terms of on-court production and off-court support. Head coach Joe Pasternack and various players on the team consistently pressed the point last season that their team feeds off the home crowd’s energy more than anything else, and their 12-2 home record backs that up. It’s up to us Gauchos to make the Thunderdome into a place that our opponents do not feel confident playing in.

One of the strongest, most consistent sources of school spirit is our blue-green rivalry with Cal Poly SLO, and nowhere is that more apparent than with our respective men’s soccer team. Other than the fact that in the last decade the matchups between SLO and UCSB here at Harder stadium have drawn five of the largest NCAA regular season crowds in history, the pride, and tortilla throwing, makes these games a hallmark of the UCSB experience.

Forwards Noah Billingsley and Rodney Michael were both selected for the preseason All-Big West team, and it looks like UCSB will have one of the most dynamic offenses in the conference.

The preseason coaches poll also had the Gauchos coming in second in the Big West this year, and although Cal Poly was last, they always seem to find a way to make the rivalry games interesting. If there is one sports event to show up to this year, it is the

clash between these two squads here on October 27th, so make sure to stock up on tortillas far in advance.

The last major storyline this upcoming year will be surrounding the continued dominance of junior volleyball standout Lindsey Ruddins. In the first half of her career here as a Gaucho, Ruddins has proved to be one of the most dominant forces in the country. Her accolades include the Big West Player of the Year award, AVCA All-American status and, most impressively, top in the country in kills per set last year with a whopping 5.84 per game. She literally changes opposing teams’ game plans by herself, and we are lucky enough to have her on the UCSB women’s volleyball team. It is rare to see a talent of that magnitude in any sport at any school, and as she heads into the latter half of her career here, the opportunity to see her will be gone before you know it. Do yourself a favor and get to a game before that time comes.

These definitely are not the only interesting storylines going into the new school year. All of our Club and Division I sports teams are intriguing and exciting in their own way, and, although we aren’t a typical sports school, there is a niche for everyone here. A huge part of college is exploration, and sports are just another avenue for that. Whether it be going as a fan, playing intramural or even covering them for an article, showing our enthusiasm for UCSB at sports games is what taking pride in being a Gaucho is all about.



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Under the Radar: A Profile of the SB DIY Scene

Santa Barbara is not typically one of the cities mentioned when discussing music’s DIY movement, which is based in punk roots. However, the underground scene’s influence has moved up the coast and found a home amongst the waves.

Sean Edwards
Reporter

The usual June fog hung over downtown Santa Barbara a few Friday nights ago on the south end of Olive Street. The low, heavy mist reflected the lights of State Street with an orange glow, and kids shuffled around outside the gate of DIY space Bici Centro between cigarettes and quiet words. The asphalt-covered space behind the gate housed 20 more people chatting among themselves listening to the first soundcheck. It was obvious that most of the people inside knew each other. There was a nervous energy that filled the air as the first band, Little Bitch, took the stage.

The outside crowd began to trickle in as Rose Nadis, lead vocalist of Little Bitch, stood at the mic. Stragglers from the outside crowd, lamenting the five dollars they had to pay in entry, filed through the gate for their stamp and joined the crowd. The band seemed to swell as the show carried on, becoming bolder and obviously having more fun as their friends began to shed the cool-guy affect generally associated with being at a show labeled “DIY” -- which, of course, stands for “Do It Yourself.”

With whimsical lyrics and a healthy amount of power chords, Little Bitch’s sound falls squarely in-between Neutral Milk Hotel and Beat Happening. It’s easy to see where they are drawing influence from -- and that’s a good thing. As musician Ian Svenonius of National of Ulysses, The Make Out, Escape-ism and countless other projects said to *Rolling Stone* earlier this year, every good band is essentially a cover band.

The dramatic climax of the set came at the peak of a song called “Pants-less Michael,” during which keyboard player, backup vocalist and band namesake Mikol Bitch (spelling as relayed to me by other band members while Mikol himself was hiding from angry concert-goers) tore off all his clothes and went careening into the crowd of teenagers. Most opted to part themselves instead of engage with the young man until he connected squarely with an unsuspecting friend of a friend, head buried in her phone mid-set. Mikol Bitch’s wiry frame connected with the girl and she subsequently connected with the asphalt. Mikol sprang up unfazed and charged back to the keys for the end of the song as his new friend charged straight out of the gate, learning a valuable lesson in show etiquette that she surely will not forget.

The value of DIY shows like this is their teachable moments. The bands and audience are all one in learning how to put on a show. While it often feels like the underground has

become pop culture in traditionally hip places like Los Angeles or San Francisco, the environment in Santa Barbara feels welcoming. The barrier to entry is relaxed, giving more space and an authentic platform for bands like Little Bitch to figure out how to be a band.

Acts from Santa Barbara help each other. The series of shows this summer at Bici Centro is, in part, organized by Ruben Zarate, the enigmatic frontman of Santa Barbara-based Dante Elephante. With his own band expe-

DIY scene.

Zarate, along with indie label Last Resort Forever, are helping to fill the void left by the popular DIY venue FUNZONE’s closing last year. FUNZONE, which occupied the old maintenance shed for the batting cages on Milpas in the back of East Beach Tacos, came alive at night with youthful energy. As Santa Barbara’s only all-ages venue for three years, it was at the heart of the scene. Local kids had a safe, substance-free space where their music

Hershman, manager of the East Beach Batting Cages where FUNZONE resided, started the venue as an experiment. It quickly became a breeding ground for local talent, with a regular cast including Little Bitch and Cave Babies. With the demise of FUNZONE, the shows at Bici Centro are now vital to the survival of the scene and to the cultivation of talent in the 805 area.

FUNZONE helped teach bands to be good members of the musical community. It’s understood in the underground scene that FUNZONE created a platform for alternative, indie and punk fans alike, and it connected both bands and fans to a sense of place that was once hard to find in an upper-class town with 21-plus venues and large stadium shows.

DIY venues along with self-organized house shows in Isla Vista provide a space for young alternative and indie bands that did not exist in years prior. Notable acts currently coming out of Santa Barbara, such as Clean Spill, Mellow Grass and The Anti Shiest, have created their own network, organizing shows that gather hundreds of people into Isla Vista backyards a couple nights a week. The big local names draw the crowds that lend exposure to the newer acts on the bill, and the significance of that kind of exposure to a young audience cannot be understated.

The Anti-Shiest is an act formed in Santa Barbara that has been paying their dues locally for the last few years. The boys have earned their spot as resident lords of the I.V. backyard scene. No proper I.V. backyard show is proper without them on the bill, and they do a large part in drawing crowds for new and visiting bands alike.

“The [Santa Barbara] scene is fucking rad,” says Sam Deeley, the notoriously shaggy lead vocalist and rhythm guitarist for The Anti-Shiest. Often likened to a golden retriever, Deeley plays shows like a hardened veteran with power and a shark-eyed gaze. Through position changes, drunken fumbles and beer-soaked equipment, Deeley along with Mikey Threet and Dan Carrol have been making waves that stretch farther than the 805. “Anyone looking to start up a band needs to lose the hesitation and indecision,” the band agreed.

This sentiment epitomizes what makes Santa Barbara’s DIY scene so special -- people and places like Ruben Zarate, FUNZONE and The Anti Shiest who share a strong sense of community and respect for the people and places that raised them.

The DIY ethos is alive and well in Santa Barbara, California. Ask for help, connect with those who are doing it, and “If they blow you off, then they aren’t a part of our scene.”



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riencing some success and earning praise for their project *Anglo-Saxon Summer*, Zarate turned inward and is helping foster a new wave of local groups coming from Santa Barbara’s

was the focus.

For a five-dollar donation, you got a night of music at FUNZONE -- a staple in the lives of those who frequented the spot. Spencer von-

Artsweek’s 7 Favorite Local Places to Catch a Show

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Santa Barbara Bowl

Oftentimes, the Bowl is a stop between Los Angeles and San Francisco for high-profile acts such as classic indie group The Flaming Lips -- or even rapper Travis Scott. It’s a beautiful, open-air space without the complications of a big-city stadium venue.

Arlington

The place that brought you every A24 film star during SBIFF week as well as renowned artists like James Blake, the Arlington Theatre is as exceptional in terms of venue quality as in the coveted acts it books. The mesmerizing decor of the theater sinks you into the streets of a Spaniard town. Despite the fairly large size of the venue, it truly allows you to experience an intimate setting with your favorite artists.

Granada

Located on State Street, away from the shops and restaurants, is the classically beautiful Granada Theatre. The Granada usually hosts classical music events, lectures from famous authors and world music concerts from UCSB Arts & Lectures.

Velvet Jones

Velvet Jones offers close proximity to your favorite rappers and some of the best post-show mac and cheese. If you are an avid rap consumer, the place you are bound to find yourself amidst a mosh pit is Velvet Jones. The pro tip I’d give before going to a Velvet Jones gig is bring five dollars in cash if you are

under 21. Other than that, you will probably have some of the best times of your life at this 350-person-capacity venue.

SOhO

SOhO is a trendy venue that caters more toward a 21-plus crowd, as it offers a full bar

with a seating area. SOhO and its in-house concert production company, We The Beat, have been recently collaborating to bring even more musicians to Santa Barbara. For example, Toro y Moi will be taking the SOhO stage this November.

Lobero

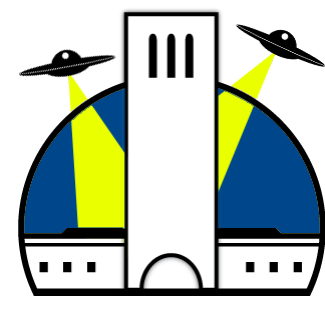
The Lobero is one of my favorite lesser-known venues in Santa Barbara. One of the best shows I’ve ever covered was from the understated, classic rock-influenced Dawes. The steep steps lead to a charming, mid-sized concert space with comfy seats and a welcoming ambiance. Nestled in between office buildings on downtown Santa Barbara side streets, the Lobero was the perfect venue to showcase a night of rock-and-roll.

Biko Garage

If you’re looking for something a little closer to our Isla Vista home, the Biko co-op house is a great spot to catch punk shows and open mic nights. And for lovers of spoken word, there’s even poetry. Biko is an orange house, named after South African activist Stephen Bantu Biko, located on the 66 block of Sueno. The house’s no-substance shows are held in the spacious garage, where Isla Vista residents crowd in for loaded lineups of local music.



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Just Some of the Terrible Things That Could Happen During Freshman Year

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Asst. Opinion Editor

Are you worried about all of the potentially horrible things that could happen to you your freshman year? Well you should be. Disaster lurks around every corner, so be prepared for any of the following scenarios:

- 1. Your roommates sacrifice you for a 4.0**
If you think your roommates are talking shit about you, they may just be planning to sacrifice you to the Academia Gods for a 4.0. Beware of any freaky chants and “Eyes Wide Shut”-esque robes and masks.
- 2. You get butane poisoning from taking a dab**
Not only will everyone know you’re incredibly lame and that you can’t hang, but dabs are stupid. Just smoke weed like everyone else.
- 3. You get food poisoning from the dining hall**
This is a rational fear, and it definitely will happen. Prepare your digestive system accordingly. Honestly, just go vegetarian now.
- 4. Your floormates could spread some incredibly rare and disgusting illness**
Mono is too on the nose. Hand, foot and mouth disease ran its course through I.V. two years ago. Let’s bring back swine flu, am I right?
- 5. Your top bunk roommate is a bed-wetter**
You may think you totally finessed the best bed in your shoebox of a triple, but all of that will change the first time you feel your blacked-out roommate’s piss drip through their mattress and onto your head in the wee hours of the morning.
- 6. Your TA does actually hate you and low-balls your grade**
Nobody really knows how TAs think and grade, but your TA

really fucking hates you. They die a little inside every time you show up in office hours and find slick ways to fuck with your grade.

- 7. You get caught in a mid-shower fire alarm**
This may seem like a classic cinematic trope but IT REALLY HAPPENS. You can avoid this highly-plausible scenario by never showering.
- 8. Your roommate is a chronic masturbator**
Look, everyone needs to let off some steam every once in a while, but for the love of god wait until you’re alone. If your roommate is jerkin’ it all the time, seriously just move out.
- 9. You get caught in the crossfire of your roommate’s criminal activity**
Possible red flags include if your roommate asks you to hang onto a large quantity of drugs or to dispose of something that looks like it belongs in an evidence lockup.
- 10. Your significant other is a Russian sleeper agent**
In this political climate anything is possible. It’s gotta be super disappointing to find out your new boo thang was just using you to establish their cover all while infiltrating national intelligence, though.
- 11. Your one night stand turns out to be your professor**
Yeah this shit happens all the time. Such a bummer when the person you thought you’d never see again turns out to be teaching your class for the next 10 weeks. Best to just stay in your age range on Tinder.

Hannah Jackson suffered from a mid-shower gas leak her freshman year. Mid-shampoo and everything.

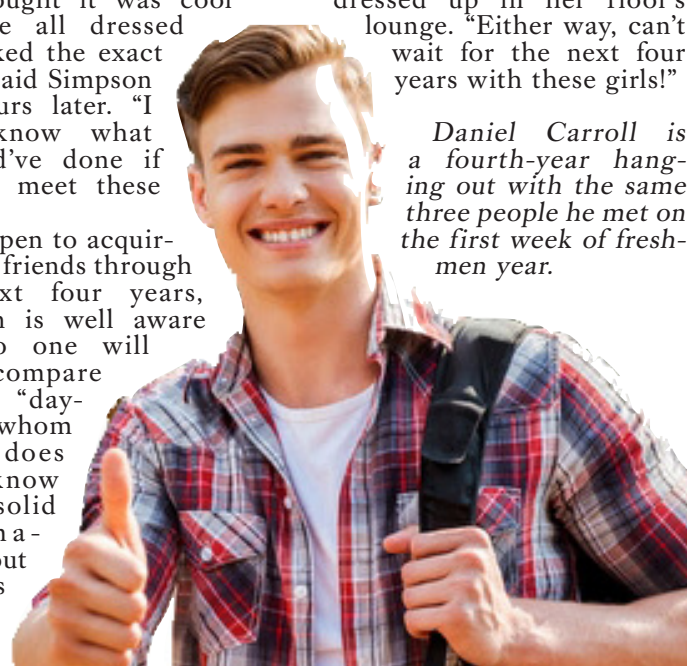
First Three People Freshman Encounters Seemingly Become Best Friends For Rest of College

Daniel Carroll
Staff Writer

Francisco Torres – Bonding over living on the same floor, loving avocados and enjoying getting shithouse plastered four nights a week, freshman Bailey Simpson stumbled upon her three best friends for the rest of college within the first half hour of move-in. “I thought it was cool how we all dressed and talked the exact same,” said Simpson just hours later. “I don’t know what I would’ve done if I didn’t meet these girls.” Still open to acquiring new friends through the next four years, Simpson is well aware that no one will ever compare to her “day-ones,” whom she does not know any solid information about besides a shared

upper-class socioeconomic background. Simpson noted that she is mainly concerned with spending every waking moment with her newfound sisters to establish that life-long college-bestie bond she’s always wanted. “Is this vacation or school?” asked Simpson in an Instagram caption posted that night featuring a photo of “the squad” dressed up in her floor’s lounge. “Either way, can’t wait for the next four years with these girls!”

Daniel Carroll is a fourth-year hanging out with the same three people he met on the first week of freshmen year.



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Take a Bite out of Isla Vista

Tiffany Velazquez

On The Menu Editor

Your first year at UCSB will be filled with a plethora of new experiences: nights spent with your roommates in your dorm, sitting in a gigantic lecture hall full of 500 other students, pulling an all-nighter and venturing out into Isla Vista for a bite to eat ... Away from your family for what is probably the first time, endless possibilities seem to lie before you. It can be easy to feel overwhelmed, especially when it comes to food. While the dining halls may lie a mere five minutes from your residence hall, you'll find that after a couple weeks of eating the same cycle of food over and over, you're in the mood for something new. That's where I.V. comes in, and with numerous restaurants available to fulfill your different tastes and cravings, it's best to break things down.

EXTRA CHEESE PLEASE

Pizza: a staple in any college student's diet. As such, you can bet that there will be plenty of options within the roughly two square miles that make up I.V. Making your way down Pardall Road, you will find Blaze Pizza, which allows you to build your own pizza with a variety of toppings and sauces or select a signature pizza from their menu. Turning onto Embarcadero Del Norte, you will find Woodstocks, which has repeatedly been voted "Best Of" by *Nexus* readers. It is also available on campus to enjoy. Continuing onto Trigo Road, you will find Pizza My Heart, another UCSB favorite and frequent site for organizations' fundraisers. And, of course, on Embarcadero Del Mar you will find Domino's, which was a regular delivery in my dorm freshman year.

CAN'T GO WRONG WITH THE CLASSICS

If you're in I.V., chances are you're in the mood for something quick to eat. You don't necessarily want anything overly complicated, so fast food or something along those lines seems like the right choice. You're in luck here because there's everything from burgers to sandwiches and burritos

at your disposal. Just on Pardall Road you have Habit Burger, one of three Subways around campus, Freebirds, South Coast Deli and I.V. Deli Mart. The latter offers buffalo chicken cheese fries, which are not to be missed while you're in Santa Barbara and which are even offered with vegan chicken. Embarcadero Del Mar has Rosarito and Deja Vu offering Mexican and American food respectively. If Rosarito isn't your preferred choice, you also have Super Cuca's to satisfy your craving for burritos on Madrid Road. And, if you really just need a familiar taste of home, the Grilled Cheese Truck on Embarcadero Del Norte is exactly what you need.

SUGAR, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

As a full-time college student you're going to find yourself spending a lot of time in cafes and coffee shops. Whether it be Starbucks and Cafe Equilibrium on Pardall Road, Cajé and I.V. Drip on Embarcadero Del Norte, Bagel Cafe on Trigo Road or Spudnuts on Seville, you're going to need a little pick-me-up to keep you going in the midst of midterm exams and essays. Sweet or savory, you're bound to find what you're looking for at one of these.

IN THE MOOD FOR SOMETHING NEW

As with the dining commons, you may find yourself tired of the same old thing. After all, there are only so many times you can eat pizza and burgers. For those other times, you can try out a bread bowl with custom fillings at Buddha Bowls or fresh poke from PokeCeviche over on Embarcadero Del Mar, rice bowls and boba from Hana Kitchen or Hawaiian cuisine and juices from Hiwi Tropical Fusion on Pardall Road, steaming broth and fresh ingredients from 212° Hotpot on Trigo Road and Middle Eastern eats at Aladdin Cafe on Embarcadero Del Norte. Your options to eat in I.V. are as diverse as the students who inhabit it.

Take your time trying out the restaurants and eateries available at your disposal, and don't be afraid to venture beyond the comforts of I.V. Enjoy a taste of what life has to offer when you're living in paradise, and welcome to UCSB!

15 Ways to Fight Freshman 15

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ATTENTION: Freshman 15 ahead. Proceed with caution.

You've probably heard horror stories about those pesky calories sneaking in through late night pizza runs and the endless dining commons buffet. Let me tell you the truth: Freshman 15 is very real, and it's going to be difficult to fight it with buffalo chicken cheese fries and Freebirds nachos being so easily accessible. And while it's totally okay to indulge in I.V.'s comfort food, here are some tips to avoid the dreaded Freshman 15.

1. Limit yourself at the dining commons. I get it: It's difficult to resist trying everything. But grabbing a plate of every dish may not be a good idea. Suddenly, you're either stuck with five plates of uneaten food or you've finished everything and regret all your life choices.
2. Drink water, not soda. Again, the dining commons are complete with fountain drinks and even hot chocolate, but plain old water is a safe and healthy choice if you want to make your body happy.
3. Don't skip breakfast. If you're grinding on that research paper all night, it'll be tempting to get a few more minutes of sleep in the morning and just go straight to class. But breakfast is the most important meal of the day. It wakes up your metabolism and provides energy for your brain and muscles, so even if you're in a hurry, at least grab a piece of toast and a banana on your way to class.
4. Stock up on healthy snacks. No, I'm not saying to keep a bag of spinach in your fridge. Healthy snacks just mean anything with good proteins and carbs to fuel you for those long study sessions.
5. Watch out for binge snacking. You should probably skip out on keeping a family size bag of Hot Cheetos in your dorm to avoid binge eating during 2 a.m. Netflix marathons. Maybe try getting some sleep in, too.
6. Take advantage of the Rec Cen. UCSB has not one, but TWO gyms for its students, and stopping by for a short workout a few times a week will help you to stay active.
7. Eat with other people. It's easy to overeat when you're alone, and eating with friends is an easy way to keep each other accountable.

8. Don't neglect sleep. Massive amounts of schoolwork on the weekdays and late nights out on the weekends tend to make us forget that our bodies need rest. Make sure you're on a consistent sleeping schedule because disruptive sleeping patterns lead to weight gain.
9. Do mini workouts in your room. If hitting the gym isn't for you, consider working out in the dorm. You can do this during study breaks or even in between episodes of "The Office."
10. Get motivated to exercise. You can get paid to work out through Health Guardians of America. Their program FitLifeFlow awards users with a monetary reward if they go to the gym at least three times a week.
11. Drink your coffee black. Caffeine is a life-saver in college, but is all that sugar and creamer necessary? No, not when you're trying to avoid the Freshman 15. Also, drinking black coffee can prove beneficial for your physical and mental health.
12. Don't multitask while you eat. Try to avoid being on your phone or studying while you're eating a full meal because you're likely not to pay attention to what you put in your body, which tends to lead to overeating.
13. Skip the diet fads. If you do see yourself putting on a little weight, don't resort to a detox plan or a raw-food diet. People prefer the quick-fix solution to their weight gain, but these fad diets don't help you keep the weight off in the long term. Instead, practice portion control or do more research on a diet that is tailored to your specific health needs.
14. Eat slowly. You might be in a rush to get to class, but remember to take your time. Scarfing down that bowl of Lucky Charms isn't the best idea if you're watching your weight since people who eat too quickly often consume too many calories before realizing they're full.
15. Remember that everything is okay in moderation. Relax and don't be so stressed out about gaining weight. You don't have to stick to a strict diet plan the moment you step foot on campus, but just make sure to watch what you're putting into your body and stay as active as you can!



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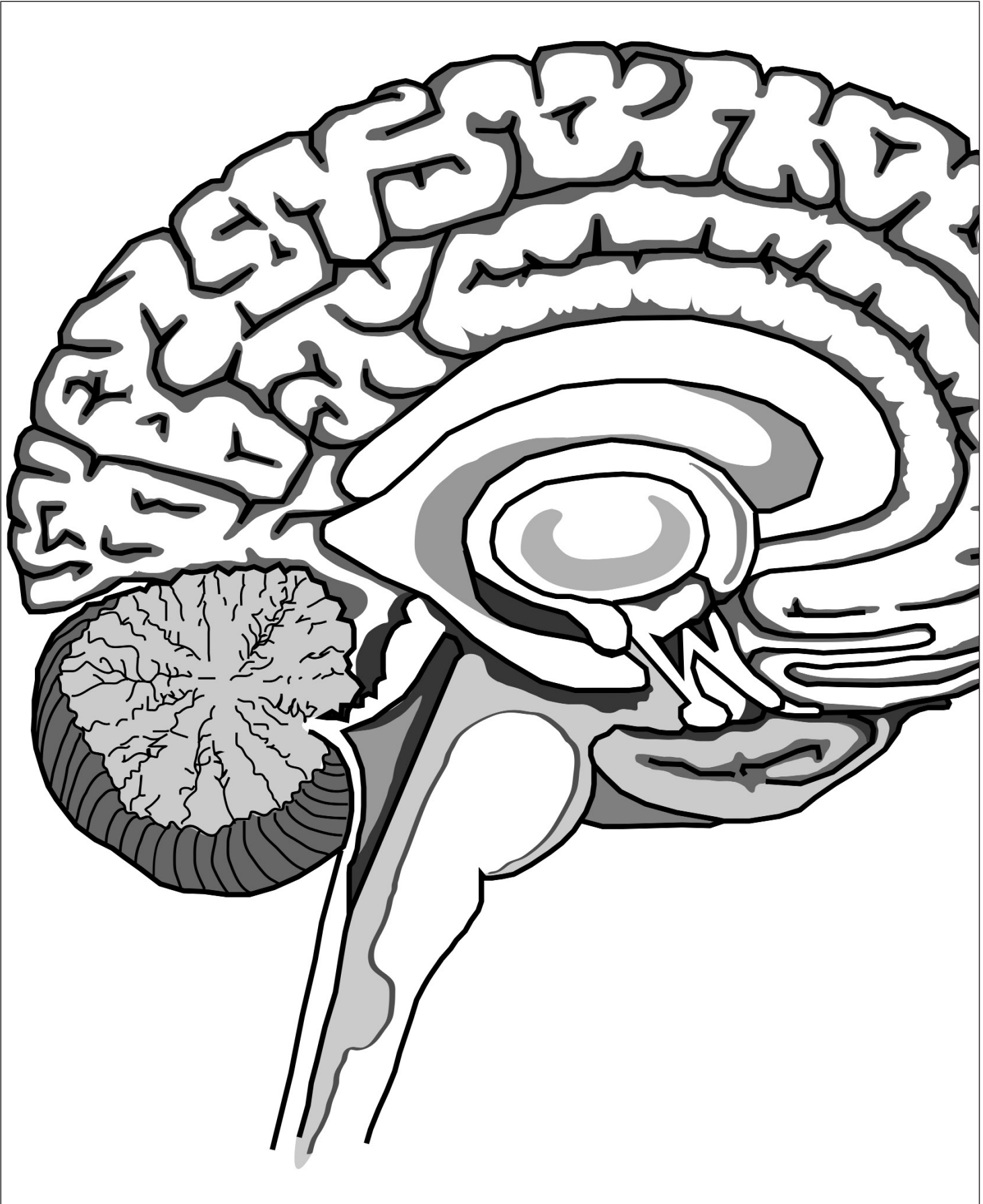
Dedicated UCSB Researcher Makes Headway in Cause of Brain Wrinkles

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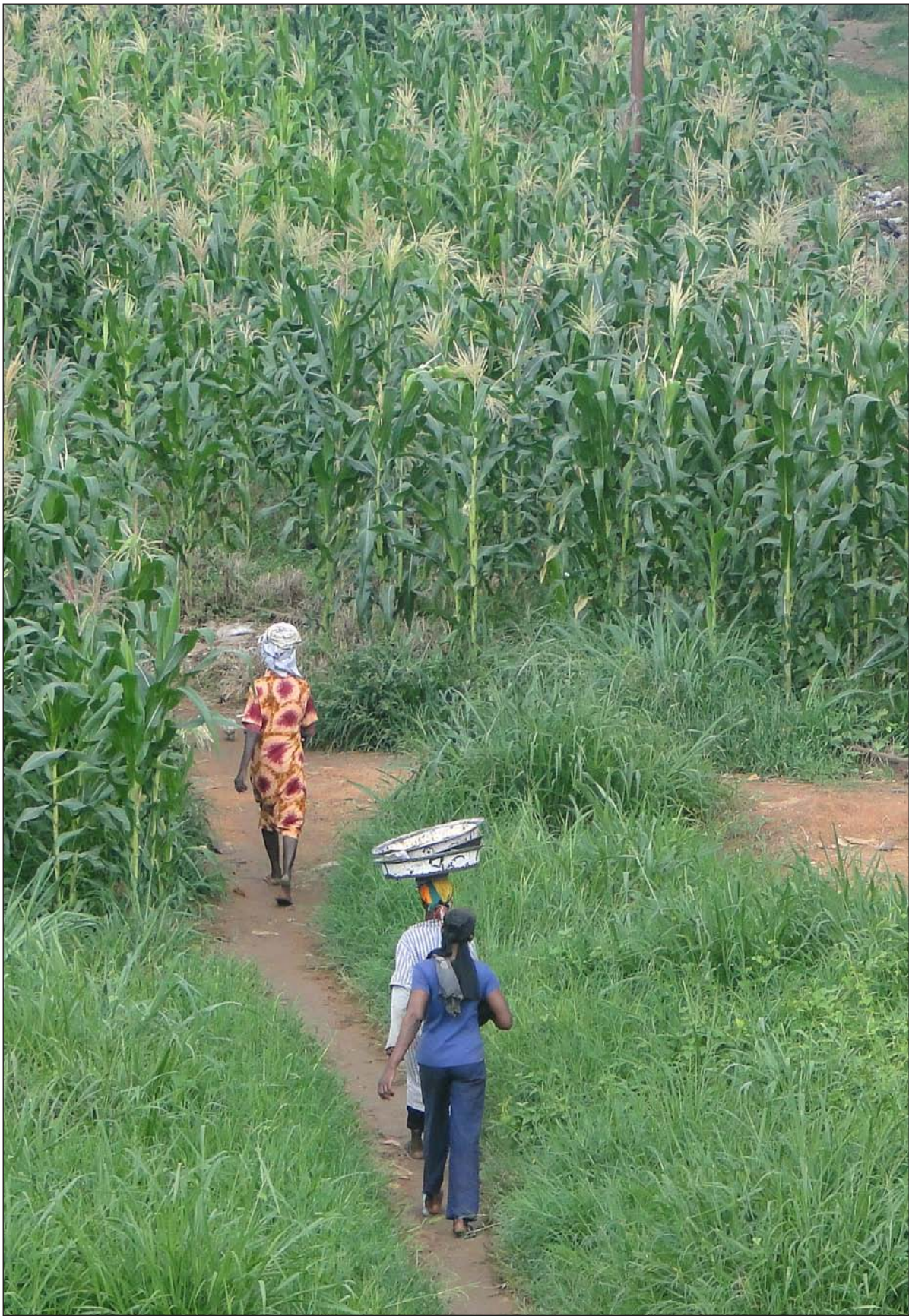
When you're asked to visualize the brain, one of the first things that may come to mind is that it is wrinkly, like our fingertips may get when submerged in water for an extended period of time. These wrinkles are extremely beneficial to us, as they create more surface area for our neurons to carry information and to continue making vital connections. They start forming during embryonic development and continue until the day we die. The process of how exactly our brain wrinkles are studied by Eyal Karzbrun, a KITP postdoctoral scholar working in UCSB's Streichan Lab. Karzbrun's research involves using 3D cultures of stem cells to study brain development and the physical constraints that may alter the shape of brain tissue. As stated by Karzbrun, "The brain is a complex organ whose organization is essential to its function. Yet it is 'assembled by itself." How this assembly takes place and what physics come into play is fundamental to our understanding of the brain." He goes on to explain

that when we are born, our neurons take their correct positions, causing the brain to start wrinkling before we exit the womb, and there are several different hypotheses as to why this is the case. "One of the main hypotheses is that the brain wrinkles due to a mechanical instability during growth, which is a purely physical phenomena," Karzbrun said. This physical phenomena goes back to the 1700s, when Leonhard Euler, a Swiss mathematician, discovered that a critical force will cause a straight and elastic material to fold into a wavy shape when it is compressed. Therefore, the same parallel can be drawn to our brain, as studies have shown that the outer part of the brain has a faster growth differential than the inner part. These different growth rates cause the tissue to fold, giving the brain its famous wrinkles. Our brain is an impressive computing machine, and it holds its remarkable architecture due to these folds, or wrinkles. Karzbrun, who specializes in biophysics and synthetic biology, draws parallels between a brain and a computer, stating that layout of

both are very similar. "The cerebral cortex, which occupies most of the volume in your brain, has a unique architecture in which neurons are layered on the outer surface of the brain, and the bulk of the brain is composed of axons, [or] biological wire which interconnect the neurons," he said. Similarly, in a computer, the computational elements are layered out on a surface. In terms of the intersection between physics and neurobiology that is necessary when studying our brain's wrinkles, Karzbrun states that the first step should be to study living systems. "From mechanics of active materials, to emergence of patterns in large collective of small interacting agents, [it is important to study] what makes a network of neurons into a computing brain," he said. These can help answer tough questions such as what determines the average lifespan of a human being versus a mouse. At the end of the day, a vast majority of the brain's functions and structural reasoning is still unknown; however, thanks to the continuous research done by scientists such as Karzbrun, we are able to get a few steps closer.



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UCSB Researchers Work Toward Agricultural Carbon Solution

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Science Editor

Here's a fun mental exercise: suppose you've got a plot of land in its original, untouched state. Assume you're a farmer and you need to grow some crops, but you're also environmentally conscious and want to do your part in decreasing the escape of CO2 into the atmosphere. The problem is that in order to clear land for your crops, you destroy forest area and all of the carbon that was stored safely inside the roots and leaves of the forest's first inhabitants is now released into the atmosphere. Given that some extent of destruction is inevitable, the eco-friendly agriculturalist turns to the sort of crops that will come next. Some crops conserve carbon more than others, but they're also lower yield, so you need more land to grow more food. It's an algorithm of sorts: maximize the yield while minimizing carbon loss to the atmosphere. How would you proceed? David Williams, a conservation scientist and postdoctoral scholar at UCSB's Bren Hall, has spent years researching an optimal solution. During his time in three different world regions, Williams and his team conducted field research exploring the complexities of the aforementioned puzzle. They found that regardless of the region, whether it be humid forests of Ghana, temperate Polish wetlands or dry areas of Mexico, the land-sparing option comes out on top. By preserving as much of the forest as possible, this technique uses the remaining land to do high-yield agriculture. This maintains biodiversity and contributes the least carbon to the atmosphere while allowing for a comparable level of food production. We've been doing about half that equation right so far. Worldwide over the past eight years, the global community has funneled \$777 billion into agriculture and forestry development. That's the funding that helps farmers up their yield. This makes no commitment to high-yield's counterpart, land-sparing (which must include some kind of conservation). Forest conservation only gets around \$20 billion a year. This is an important distinction. Some kinds of agriculture are dubbed "potentially land-sparing," simply because they're so high-yield. There are plenty of those systems. The rarer ones, the real gems here, use "strategies that have explicitly linked high yields with a land-sparing approach," according to Williams. The statistics above speak volumes about where global interest, and subsequently the globe's money, goes. "Unless this changes," Williams continued, "we're unlikely to make meaningful progress

toward lower-carbon agriculture." There's still hope, though: There are a few places throughout the world that have employed land-sparing and high-yield agriculture techniques. According to a policy paper published a few years ago by Ben Phalan, Costa Rica has cracked down on their land zoning, and this forces higher yield in an interesting way. When regulators zone only some land as okay for agriculture, farmers have a limited space, but the market doesn't care, so they find higher yield methods to get a comparable harvest using less land. In this sense, stricter agricultural expansion laws could spell success. Related to this method is another policy mechanism that makes use of environmental instruments, as Williams put it. "These could be land taxes, payments or subsidies that either encourage yield increases or provide assistance to farmers, dependent on them not expanding agriculture," he said. For example, Williams referenced several programs across the globe, including in an area of Northern India called Spiti, where the government has provided assistance to prevent snow leopard predation of farmers' flocks in return for the farmers agreeing to designate some spots as conservation areas. For this region, this works. Fewer of farmers' flock are picked off by the local predatory cats, so their business becomes higher-yield while practicing land-sparing. While successful techniques have proven highly contextual, one thing remains the same across all the regions Williams and his team studied. The carbon loss difference between small- and large-scale farming is tiny compared to that between untouched land and agriculture of any kind. This doesn't mean that you should give up hope at your local farmer's market, but rather this just puts the issue into perspective. Converting forest to farmland is detrimental to the Earth in a big way and isn't something that can be solved by buying only organic produce or only produce sold from under a tent. The two most accessible ways to broach both the political and social aspects of the web of issues that underlie the puzzle of agricultural and conservation, Williams agreed, is to vote and have conversations. The best path depends on the culture and politics of each area, so naturally, some mechanisms will be policy-based while others will rely on social change. Whatever the path we choose to pave for ourselves, however, Williams and his team have set up a beacon. We know where we're going, and we've got the freedom to decide how we'll get there.

OPINION

Vote Like Your Life Depends On It

At a time when civic participation is especially critical, casting your ballot is an essential step to ensure your voice is heard.



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Assistant Opinion Editor

I turned 18 on No. 2, 2016, six days before the 2016 election. As someone who has been politically engaged from a very young age, I was so excited to vote in the most important presidential election of my lifetime, and the thought of electing a woman as president of the United States made it all the more exhilarating.

The morning of the election, my roommate and I squealed with anticipation as we waited for the elevator, and later that afternoon I cast my first ballot in the Linda Vista room of FT beside one of my closest friends from high school.

The night of the election felt like a nightmare. My roommates and I watched in Portola as states closed their polls, and we watched the returns in our dorm lounge while a kid from my floor strutted around in his “Hillary for Prison” shirt.

As the different news outlets began calling Donald Trump the victor, it felt as though all of the life had been sucked out of the room. Stunned, everyone dragged themselves into the isolation of their own rooms, and more than a few tears were shed.

The weeks and months following the election were incredibly frustrating. I became disillusioned by the ways in which our government functions, especially in terms of the Electoral College and the seemingly untouchable power of superdelegates. I was incredibly disappointed with my friends who did not vote.

And I still find myself frustrated with people who don't vote. Sure, one vote won't change the fact that California is always a blue state, but every vote matters in local elections.

To think nationally or even globally, we have to start by acting locally. Change truly does start at the bottom, and the upcoming midterm election is an incredible example of this even in a blue state like California.

The 2018 election can give us the opportunity to flip the House of Representatives and to unseat some of Trump's most notable enablers, like Dana Rohrabacher and Darrell Issa of California's 48th congressional district and Devin Nunes of California's 22nd congressional district.

To the incoming freshmen: For many of you this will be your first opportunity to cast your vote, and there are so many factors to consider. UCSB has one of the highest rates of voter registration in the country, which is fantastic.

However, if you are coming from a red state or a district like the 22nd (San Joaquin Valley, Fresno and Tulare counties) or 48th (Orange County), ask yourself where your vote will matter the most. Voting in Isla Vista will contribute to more local change in an already very progressive area.

On the other hand, choosing to vote via absentee ballot in your home state or county may not yield as many direct results for you but could contribute to voting candidates who do not hold your best interest out of office.

If you choose to register in Isla Vista, your vote will be just as important. Last June, Isla Vista residents voted yes

on Measure R, a small tax on utilities to invest in the community through growing the Isla Vista Community Services District, tenant rights, community safety and a myriad of other benefits for inhabitants of our small community.

In the greater Santa Barbara area, your vote can contribute to the makeup of the city council, which is usually split between the conservative north county and the more liberal south county. The council is comprised of five members, and the power usually favors one party 3-2.

South county has long been a hub of anti-war activism and liberalism; it is believed that Earth Day began in Santa Barbara after the 1969 oil spill, but on the flip side, Santa Barbara was the only county in all of Southern California to vote against Proposition 8, which supported gay marriage, in 2008. UCSB students contribute to the more liberal atmosphere of the notoriously wealthy county that could very easily shift to a more conservative streak should students stop participating locally.

Voting locally contributes to the overall well-being of our country in so many ways. Elected representatives are responsible for drawing district lines, and gerrymandering in this country has stifled the voices of marginalized communities. Additionally, as young people, we are going to be suffering the consequences of the elections for decades to come; the Supreme Court will certainly be tipped toward the right for years, which could jeopardize a whole host of hard-fought battles.

Everything from the environment to LGBTQ+ rights to reproductive rights are at stake under the new administration. As millennials and Gen Z, we have always lived in a time of guaranteed abortion rights, but that all hangs in the balance now.

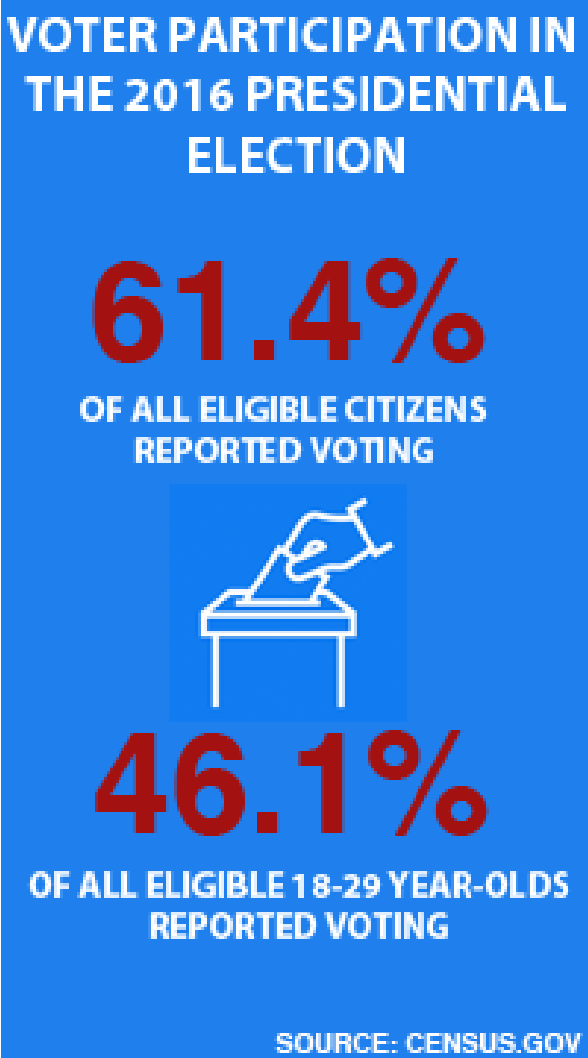
Even if you think these issues will never affect you, consider all of the people – including friends and fellow



sider the kind of world you want to live in when you finish college and have to support yourself. You don't want to be thrust into another housing market crash, a recession or difficult access to healthcare. Do your future self a favor and educate yourself on the candidates who will bring you closest to your ideal future.

Young people are an incredibly powerful force. If we vote at a similar rate as the older generations, we will be unstoppable in making positive waves of change for generations to come. So vote on Nov. 6 for the midterms, vote in 2020 for the next president and vote in local elections!

Hannah Jackson encourages freshmen (and everyone else) to make their voices heard by voting.

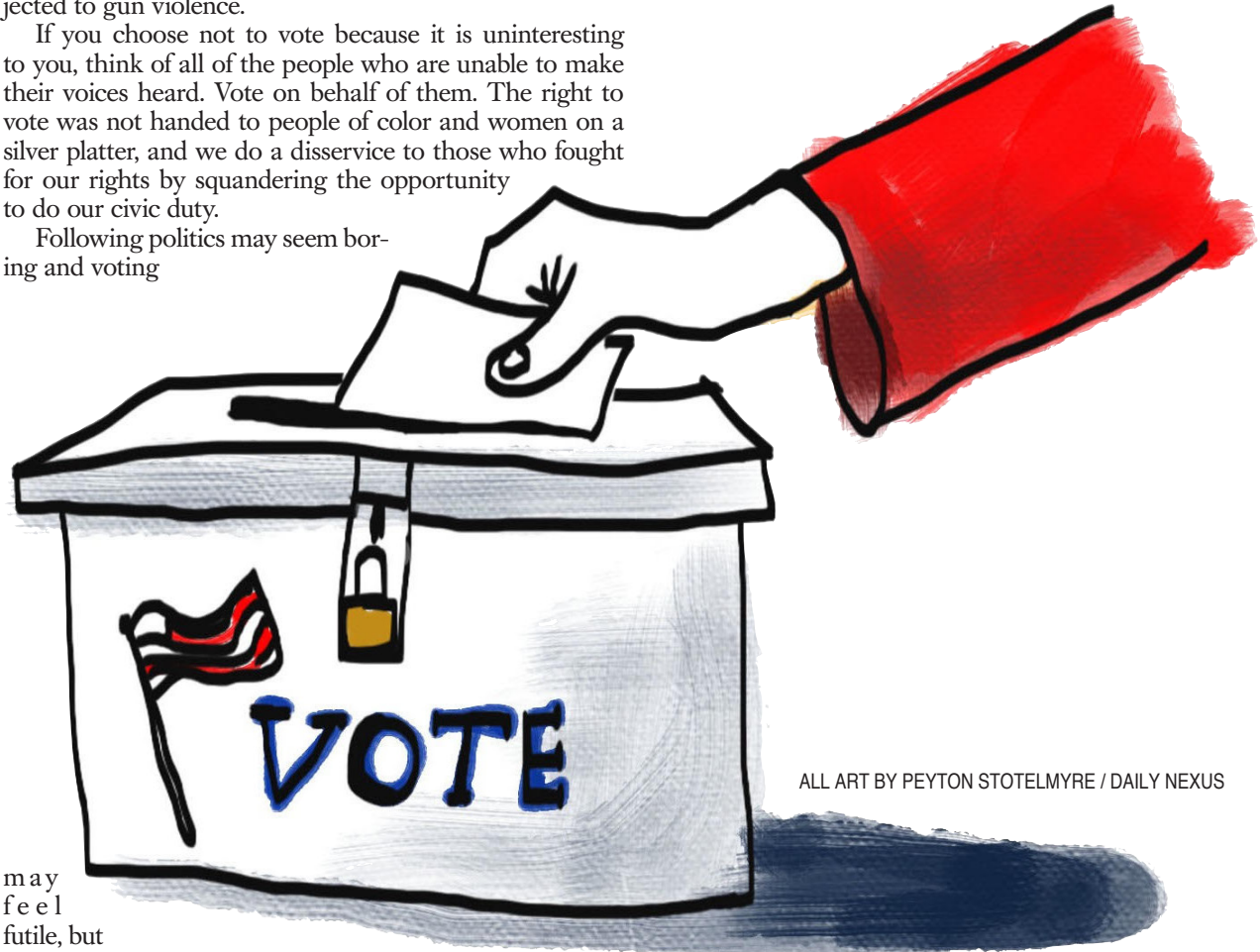


students – who rely on Planned Parenthood as a crucial resource. Consider the children who suffer at the hands of Betsy DeVos's education reform and all the people subjected to gun violence.

If you choose not to vote because it is uninteresting to you, think of all of the people who are unable to make their voices heard. Vote on behalf of them. The right to vote was not handed to people of color and women on a silver platter, and we do a disservice to those who fought for our rights by squandering the opportunity to do our civic duty.

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Following politics may seem boring and voting may feel futile, but consider the kind of world you want to live in when you finish college and have to support yourself.



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HOROSCOPES

The signs as predictions for your freshman year

ARIES

MARCH 21 - APRIL 19

You'll find a bug in your food at Portola Dining Commons

TAURUS

APRIL 20 - MAY 20

You will be forced to wear a turtleneck in 80 degree weather to hide your hickeys

GEMINI

MAY 21 - JUNE 20

You will hook up with someone on your dorm floor and instantly regret it

CANCER

JUNE 21 - JULY 22

You will get written up by your RA for weed that isn't yours

LEO

JULY 23 - AUGUST 22

Your first trip to Student Health will be to take care of that nasty yeast infection

VIRGO

AUGUST 23 - SEPTEMBER 22

Your roommate will hook up with someone while you're in the room

LIBRA

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22

Your bike will get stolen

SCORPIO

OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21

You won't get laid all year

SAGITTARIUS

NOVEMBER 22 - DECEMBER 21

You will get a Minor In Possession

CAPRICORN

DECEMBER 22 - JANUARY 19

You won't get a bid to your first choice frat

AQUARIUS

JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18

You will post a basic picture of the beach captioned "Can't believe I get to call this home!"

PISCES

FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20

You will only eat beans all year