RCSGD Personnel and Students Reconvene To Discuss 2017 Demands, Including Unmet Demand for New Building

UCSB Resource Center for Sexual & Gender Diversity 2017 DEMANDS

- The RCSGD will no longer be under the jurisdiction of the WGSE and will report directly to AVC/Dean Katya Armstead effectively immediately.
- The programming budget will be doubled immediately, with the intention of further increasing the budget.
- The Division of Student Affairs will begin to work with students, faculty and staff on the creation of a free standing building for the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity.
- Positions such as the Queer and Trans Health Advocate will receive emergency funding through the Resource Center for Sexual and Gender Diversity, in the case that their contract is not re-signed. The intent is to create a permanent position.

The demands in 2017 were written as a revision to a preexisting set of demands presented to Chancellor Henry T. Yang in 1998.

Graduate Students Hold Teach-In at Storke Tower To Protest Indian Prime Minister Modi’s Administration

At the teach-in, third-year College of Creative Studies biology major and speaker Salem Sadakkadulla from the UCSB Muslim Student Association criticized the process required to prove citizenship under the NRC, which declared 1.9 million applicants from the northeastern state of Assam — many of whom are Muslims and Bengali Hindus — to be stateless.

Sadakkadulla said, “Imagine waking up tomorrow, in IV. V. Sadakkadulla said, “Imagine waking up without carrying your wallet. Imagine being stopped by the IV. V. Foot Patrol and being asked to show your birth certificate. You don’t have that. Well, do you have your Social Security card? No? Well, if you don’t have that, do you have your driver’s license? No, you forgot it.”

Participants also handed out informational documents, stating that the CAA, which passed in December 2019, “when combined with the NRC, could lead to Indian Muslims, transgender people, address, poor people, elderly, women, those not having land ownership documents — being declared stateless.”

The CAA provides a path to citizenship for undocumented Hindu, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian refugees escaping religious persecution in countries where they are being persecuted.

Opponents to the act argue that it does not give eligibility to Muslims nor religious minorities that it does not give eligibility to Hindus, Sikh, Buddhist, Jain, Parsi and Christian refugees escaping religious persecution in countries where they are being persecuted.

The event drew over 100 attendees and featured chants led by graduate student Pratik Raghu, and included a strategizing session to discuss ways in which people can support the protests in India.
Psychedelic CUMBIA! with Ocho Ojos
MultiCultural Center Theater | 7:30 p.m.

McCarthy: Film Screening and Discussion
McCune Conference Room | 7 p.m.

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By the Mahmog Group

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POST-FILM DISCUSSION WITH DIRECTOR AVIN SOZEN AND CINEMATOGRAPHER GEORGES JARAFILLI TO FOLLOW.
On Wednesday, the Associated Students Senate voted to pass a bill to mandate negotiations for a specialized project labor agreement (PLA), primarily serves to hire local workers, according to Nickolas Harvey, a labor organizer for Union Auto Shop, Local 145 who the resolution's author, Off-Campus Senator Daniel Segura, co-authored when writing the bill. The bill focuses on new construction projects used with student fees and does not affect current laborers on other works or projects in their bidding phase; the bill will take effect immediately, rather than the next school year, due to specific language within its writing requiring that the bill be "enacted and enforced immediately.

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Sequera said that the resolution is aimed at "keeping things local and making sure that the workers that we are contracting with are unionized" and to "make sure that 'people that aren't being brought in from other places just because it's cheaper.'"

The Associated Students (A.S.) Bike shop, which the university is currently looking to relocate, is an example of an institution which might require a PLA, should it require construction work. Buildings which are paid for with student fees include the A.S. Bike Shop, A.S. Annex and Pardall Center, according to Dumlao.

"If those things were to be expanded, or moved, or changed, that's what this bill could fall under," Dumlao said.

If any A.S. entity desires to make another space and contract with construction workers, they would be required to negotiate a PLA, according to Dumlao.

"PLAs are a fantastic way of ensuring that the project will include local workers even if the structures are from out-of-town," Harvey said.

"Also, it's the only legal way of enforcing local hire," he added.

The bill contains a provision which calls for the Senate to pass a resolution of no confidence in the university should a UCSC office 'interferes with the exacting of this bill,' but Dumlao added that a no-confidence resolution would largely be a gesture, rather than any kind of detrimental.

Dumlao cited the bill's emphasis on union contracts, partially inspired by recent union actions, including AFSCME 3299's tentative contract with the University of California, as an attempt to get the university to be more union-friendly.

"This bill in particular was more of a proactive move because of all the union stuff that's been going on in order to try and get our university to just show more support for unions," Dumlao said.

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On the Grind: Student-Run Coffee Company Drips Down to UCSB

The University of California's largest union reached a tentative contract agreement with the university for its 16,000 patient care workers on Monday, less than a week after the union reached an agreement for a contract for its service workers.

The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3299 (AFSCME 3299) patient care and service workers have been without a contract for just under two years — reaching an agreement with the UC is a "testament to our members' commitment," AFSCME President Kathryn Lybarger said in a press release sent out by the union.

"This has been a long and hard process that required both sides to work common ground and work in good faith," Lybarger said.

"But it has brought important issues to light about the growing problem of income inequality, the fight for what’s left of America’s middle class and how large public institutions can uplift the middle class and how large public institutions can provide hard working UC employees with the benefits and protections they deserve, and it moves UC closer to being the kind of employer we need to be."

The terms of the contract for patient care workers include:
- A 6% across the board increase plus an experience-based increase.
- A one-time $500 payment to port diem and limited employees who worked at least 400 hours in 2019.
- Annual 3% across the board increases between 2021 and 2024.
- Annual 2% experience-based increases between 2020 and 2021.
- A one-time payment of $3,000 for all eligible full-time employees.
- A second one-time payment of $1,000 for all eligible full-time employees in 2021.
- A one-time payment of $1,000 for employees who have or will achieve 20 years of service for the UC while the contract is active.

The contract, along with directing that new employers receive the same pension benefits as current AFSCME-represented employees, also continues to prohibit layoffs as "a result of subcontracting decisions and creates career employment opportunities at UC by placing additional restrictions on UC's ability to contract out service unit work."

The road to coming to an agreement was not smooth — AFSCME workers went on strike several times during the contract negotiations, most recently in November 2019 over illegal unfair labor practices. The union filed six complaints against the UC on Nov. 1, alleging that the university had cut costs by contracting with private companies to do work that otherwise would have been done by union workers.

AFSCME patient care members will vote on whether to approve the contract in early February 2020.

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The Isla Vista Community Services District has moved forward with plans to absorb the Isla Vista Compost Collective, which has been left without funding since the beginning of Fall Quarter 2019, following eviction issues. As a result, the IVCC has scaled compost collection to the 96 homes currently served and cannot expand to the 106 homes currently on its waitlist.

The organization was created in Fall Quarter 2017 by current IVCC director and fourth-year environmental science major Jacob Bider, who conceived the idea of a grassroots-level composting group in I.V. when he moved out of on-campus housing after his freshman year and realized there was no composting in I.V.

Bider applied for an internship at the Santa Barbara chapter of the Surfrider Foundation and was accepted to lead their student-led composting initiative, which officially began in Winter Quarter 2018. Residents in I.V. can apply for composting buckets at their homes to be picked up weekly by IVCC workers — student workers for IVCC who pick up the bins each week, sort and deliver compost to gardens around I.V. and then bring the buckets back to people's homes.

IVCC started in Winter Quarter 2018 by serving approximately 30 homes and proceeded to double in size by the next quarter. A grant from the Coastal Fund in Spring Quarter 2018 allowed them to continue expanding, and by Fall Quarter 2019, IVCC was providing compost services to 96 homes.

IVCC's past three years of growth began stalling at the beginning of Fall Quarter 2019 when Surfrider notified IVCC that student workers like Bider were not allowed to be paid under a stipend and had to be paid by the hour instead.

Bider said in an interview that the amount students are paid on a stipend is equal to minimum wage, and that the decision to have students work in its original funding with the Coastal Fund, but that they have now expanded beyond that model. Surfrider told IVCC that those who worked from stipends to payroll, but as a nonprofit, Surfrider didn't have the capacity to do so. As a result, IVCC disbanded its relationship with Surfrider.

The main problem the IVCC faced was in the lack of a parent organization, the program didn't have funding. Bider explained — it has a development team that works to apply for grant funding, but as a nonprofit, Surfrider didn't have the capacity to help them expand operations. But in order to apply for any funding and put employees on a payroll system, it needed a larger organization to be a part of.

IVCC then turned to MarBorg Industries, a waste management company that collects residential and other compost. Currently, 20% of the compost collected by IVCC goes to MarBorg in order to present overleaf of the three gardens that collect compost in I.V., but Surfrider also told IVCC that it was unable to take on the project like the IVCC, Bider said.

The IVCC then reached out to MarBorg Industries to offer the community with two bins for composting bins for six months. MarBorg stressed the importance of having the bins strictly managed, if the bins were open, 70% of people would toss in non-compostable items and reduce the compost quality, said Bider.

With the option of having bins at the community center, the IVCC began discussing ways to give UC Regents Hold Town Hall at UC Berkeley To Discuss Selection Of New UC President

Emily Whitaker
Reporter

The UC Board of Regents Special Committee hosted a town hall meeting on Monday at UC Berkeley for students, staff and faculty to discuss the criteria for the new UC President and hear recommendations from the UC Staff Assemblies, UC Senate faculty, lecturers and students.

The search for a new president was announced after the resignation of current UC President Janet Napolitano, who stepped down in August 2020 after a seven-year tenure. Board of Regents Chair John A. Pérez appointed members of the Special Committee to facilitate the Special Committee’s Standard Selection of a President last September.

The event was the second of four town hall meetings; the first was held at UC Riverside. The discussions will also be held at UC Merced and UC San Diego. The committee has also held forums on campus, UC Davis and UC Los Angeles, as well as meetings with UC union leaders and UC health officials.

Students, staff and faculty took to the floor to share their concerns about the issues of equity and inclusion that this new president would bring. Brian Lighth, a delegate from Council of UC Staff members, said UC should hire a new president to consider if a new president could champion some ideas to help reduce the complexities that staff are increasingly seeing.

Bider said the event was a step towards the Special Committee’s Standard Selection of a President and that the conversation would continue to be held at UC Merced and UC San Diego. The committee will spend the next four months reviewing potential candidates and communicating with students and faculty from UC campuses. The Special Committee’s candidate recommendation for the presidential seat is expected in May.
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Pujita said: “I spent six years there and all my political upbringing happened there.”

One of the chants from the teach-in elaborated on that, comparing India to El Paso. “Detention camps have got to go.”

Pujita was initially mobilized to put on the teach-in after the attacks on Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU) in New Delhi on Jan. 5, in which 50 masked people, later identified as members of the right-wing Hindu Rashtra Dal, attacked faculty and students. One of them was a professor from the JNU department of humanities and social sciences.

“Anybody who is a student of the JNU, the solidarity movement emerging out of the JNU on campus were old and in an interconnectedness between the Chi-5 dorms. It's a couple of years down the road, but the university is in the process of moving some of the offices that are in the center of campus, and really need to be on the center of the campus, off-campus. And that's going to create more space,” Armistead said. However, several audiences objected to that idea, arguing that the buildings in that portion of campus were both old and in an unsustainable state. 

"You look at the Monarch Lounge, like it's a pretty poor excuse for how we serve undocumented students. It's a glorified portable, and relocating the RCSGD towards the center of campus will be probably within that space," said Emeralda Quintero, a third-year political science and sociology double major.

Armistead said that feasibility could also be moved into a number of soon-to-be-vacated sites closer to the center of campus, allowing for greater accessibility and interconnectedness with the Chi-5 dorms.

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"As the attacks on the universities have continued, [at] many universities, there’s been a broad coalition, visibly between Muslims, between Dalits [and] between women and students," Ghosh said in her speech. "It's a coalition which is extraordinary because it goes across ethnic and linguistic grounds, religious borders, castes, and so on ."

For Raghun, the teach-in at UCSB was an urgent call to action for people to care about "these oppressed millions who have taken to the streets in India.

"I've felt a keen sense of despair over the past few weeks ... over the past few years, really, as the authoritarianism has gained momentum in India," Raghun said. "And I've tried to use that sense of desperation to bring others into the struggle."
News

New Learning Platform Aims To Streamline Communication Between Students and Professors

KJ Clay

Look out, Slack, there is a new program in town. Nectir, a new learning and communication tool at UC Santa Barbara, was founded by and for UCSB students to better connect the student body with each other as well as with their professors.

Karitaa Ghi ’19 and Jordan Long, a second-year environmental science major, founded the start-up to provide UCSB students with an alternative to Slack.

Slack is an instant messaging platform generally used by large organizations for communication on the business level. Nectir, on the other hand, is a system based essentially on improving communication at the academic level between students and instructors. Nectir is actively being built into the Gauchospace program as an add-on, giving teachers and students the option to use it in their class as a tool.

According to Ghi, Slack is “a communication platform that’s made for enterprise,” meaning it is structured to support business at a corporate level, whereas the two envisioned Nectir as a communication tool in an academic environment. “While the idea of Slack is great, there are a lot of problems that make it unsuited at schools. They don’t have data within students…students…[and] it’s insanely expensive,” Ghi noted, adding that there are “a lot of technical problems” with Slack.

So Ghi and Long spent two years developing an alternative to Slack.

In the last two years, the team has met with university administrators, professors, teaching assistants and students. The purpose of these meetings was to understand what problems those people are seeing and facing every day on campus at a communicative level — allowing the team to create real solutions to real problems, Ghi said.

One of the first classes at UCSB to use the Nectir program was a workshop class in the Instructional Development department led by one of their instructional consultants, Mindy Colin. By adapting her class to the program, Ghi and Long were given the opportunity to see how Nectir would function in reality. Nectir was designed specifically to create lines of communication throughout an entire school, not just for those who have data privileges for major. In order for students to use the program, professors have to create a channel for their class — similar to those in Slack — that will be embedded in their class Gauchospace site.

The program had its soft launch in Fall Quarter 2019 and since then, Ghi and Long said that 15% of the people at UCSB have used or currently have access to a Nectir channel for a specific class. It is working as well that, according to Ghi, the team is in the process of signing a contract with the school for funding.

The team’s goal is that “every single student on campus should have Nectir regardless of whether their TA or professor decides to use it,” Ghi said, by Spring Quarter 2020.

The purpose behind Nectir is to address this “position of frustration” that students feel when they transition from a 30-person class in high school to a 500-person college course. Long explained, “It takes days to figure out things, and you’re often alone in the library banging your head against the wall trying to figure something out.”

Long said, “We don’t know how to fix it, we don’t know how to create a new instructional system, but what we can do is use technology to connect people.”

Ghi added that a bonus of the program is that it was created by students, as opposed to being created by tech companies who create academic tools without factoring in student perspectives.

The actual set-up of the Nectir program was designed in-house; Long manages all of the technical parts in-house and runs the servers himself. Long and Ghi have been able to manage a huge portion of the work by bringing their ideas to life themselves, allowing them to move very quickly through the developing process while not needing a significant amount of start-up money.

“Now that we’re starting to reach out to other schools, it will eventually be time to bring other people onto the team, but for right now, for everything we have done at UCSB, it has worked really well with just the two of us,” Ghi added.

The team plans to first completely integrate the system at UCSB before branching out and attempting to spread the program to other schools, such as Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and other UC campuses.

UCSB To Undergo Building Upgrades To Meet Earthquake Safety Standards

Megan Ramsey

The university will begin upgrading buildings across campus to meet current earthquake safety codes, according to an email sent out by the UC Santa Barbara Administrative Services office, alerting the campus community about UC seismology safety standards.

The buildings that have now fallen below UC standards are in a level VI category which is labeled by the UCSB Design, Facilities & Safety Services website as a high priority for correction. These buildings are the Chemistry and Biochemistry Building, Elings Hall, Music Building, Phelps Hall, San Miguel Towers and Hesker and Catalina Towers, according to the campus-wide email sent out by Gary Mac Pherson, vice chancellor for administrative administration services.

Additionally, 99 campus buildings or portions of those buildings have a rating of V, meaning they will require a “second, more thorough evaluation, and any confirmed seismic deficiencies will be addressed.”

According to Mac Pherson, engineering teams have been reevaluating the UCSB campus since 2018 based on new guidelines. The retrofitting and upgrading of buildings is expected to be completed by 2025, according to the email.

“More science and technology become available, building codes are modified to incorporate advances in seismics practices and continually enhance building safety,” Mac Pherson said.

“Since the 1980s, the University of California has been a leader both in seismics and seismology research and in developing seismic codes and standards to address the risks that earthquakes pose,” Mac Pherson said in the email. “UC has set its standards for seismicity higher than those associated with state and local building codes.

Even with the extra precautions taken by the University of California, earthquakes still pose a risk. According to the California Earthquake Authority, there is a 75% chance of at least one earthquake occurring in Southern California with a magnitude of 7.0 or higher. The campus will begin upgrading building upgrades in summer 2021, according to university spokeswoman Andrea Estrada.

“Campus leadership is actively working on developing the schedule and sequencing of our seismic retrofit program to align with UC seismic safety policy. Currently for our housing facilities the goal is to schedule the seismic retrofit projects over the summer months, when they are least likely to impact our student residents and occupancy rates,” Estrada said.

Plans for the upgrades are not yet complete, so it is not known what aspects of UCSB life will be affected by the retrofit projects. Estrada also expressed that it is unclear what will need to be repaired in order to maintain the high building rating.
Gauchos Take On First Place Aggies Looking for Revenge

Brandon Victor
Sports Editor

After six games of conference play last season, the UC Santa Barbara women's basketball team found itself in the cellar of the conference with a 1-5 record. Following the team's stellar offensive performance on the road against Cal State Fullerton, the Gauchos are once again in the conference race, sitting in fifth place with a 3-3 conference record. If UCSB truly hopes to challenge for the regular season conference championship, they will need to earn a victory against UC Davis on Saturday – who currently lead the conference with a 4-1 record.

Kicking off the Aggies on the road will be no easy task for the Chos, who are just Thursday 68-56 at home to Davis. Despite limiting Davis to its second lowest offensive tally in conference play, the Gauchos' poor offensive output ultimately doomed the team's ability to close out the game. Davis scored 18% less from the floor and only had three players score more than two points.

Every time UCSB seemed to make a run, senior guard Kotsie Toole would make a basket to ensure that Davis kept the lead. To start the second half, Toole paced the Aggies with 18 points on an efficient 8-14 from the floor. In the rematch, the Chos will have to try to keep Toole in check while not throwing too many numbers at her defense. Davis features one of the most balanced offensive approaches in the conference, with four players averaging at least 12.6 points per game.

Davis is always a tough team to play because they play very consistently and their offense has a lot of movement to it,” junior forward Mira Shulman said. “They also have a lot of people shooting a very high percentage, which makes packing in the paint hard.”

At the end of the day, however, UCSB's success will come down to its ability to generate offense against a steady Aggies defense that has played lights out as of late. In the Aggies' road win over the weekend against Cal Poly, they held the Mustangs to 36 points on only 29.3% shooting from the floor.

As has been the case all season, the Chos will surely look to get freshman Ilia Lane involved early. A double-double machine, Lane was one of the few bright spots for UCSB in the first matchup between these sides, scoring 12 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

In the second half, however, the Aggies started to double-team Lane in the post, and limited her to only 5 second-half points. With Davis likely to employ a similar strategy on Saturday, UCSB will need their guard play to step up and carry the load on offense.

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Davis is a well-coached and senior guard Torrell Gomez of Out of Los Angeles, California, Gomez, a member of last year's All-Big West First Team, is bragging about his cover five of 26 points per game.

He's actually second on his team in field goal percentage, but he leads the way with 36.9 minutes per game and is consistently knocking down baskets night in and night out. He's also got a 50% clip from the line and still dials up 2.5 helpers a game.

Other notable information to highlight includes that Gauchos' sophomore forward Amadou Sanou has scored in double figures in five of the past six games and looks to shoot with a green light on Thursday. Junior guard Joe McLaughlin contributed but struggled to have a more significant impact in the win over the Highlanders after sustaining a sprained ankle earlier in the week. Junior guard Brandon Ormiston.

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Of the past three games,Heidegger's best performance was his 3-point dagger with 2.9 seconds left in the game in points. Senior guard Max Heidegger's 3-point dagger with 2.9 seconds left tied for second in the game in points, but Heidegger's 55% showing over the past three games suggests he may be the answer. He's one to watch in this Friday's game.

UCSB's overall record hasn't translated well to conference play yet and now they find themselves up against a Cal State University, Northridge (CSUN) team that has already bested them once. The Matadors' 8-14 record goes to show that it ain't just a cliche that anybody can win these games.

In fairness to CSUN, they've played much better than their overall record suggests, which is why looking at their performances in the more recent games can tell us a bit more.

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Davis is always a tough team to play because they play very consistently and their offense has a lot of movement to it,” junior forward Mira Shulman said. “They also have a lot of people shooting a very high percentage, which makes packing in the paint hard.”

At the end of the day, however, UCSB's success will come down to its ability to generate offense against a steady Aggies defense that has played lights out as of late. In the Aggies' road win over the weekend against Cal Poly, they held the Mustangs to 36 points on only 29.3% shooting from the floor.

As has been the case all season, the Chos will surely look to get freshman Ilia Lane involved early. A double-double machine, Lane was one of the few bright spots for UCSB in the first matchup between these sides, scoring 12 points and grabbing 14 rebounds.

In the second half, however, the Aggies started to double-team Lane in the post, and limited her to only 5 second-half points. With Davis likely to employ a similar strategy on Saturday, UCSB will need their guard play to step up and carry the load on offense.

While senior guard Colby Miller and junior guard Brandan Toole both managed to score big doubles in that matchup, they struggled to find any consistency on defense. Davis is a much more balanced team, with a defense that forces a lot of turnovers.

The Gauchos will need to control the ball and limit Davis to three points per game. It'll be a tough one to stop, but it'll have to get done if the Gauchos can steady the ship.
UCSB Students Mourn the Loss of Kobe Bryant and His Daughter

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Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and seven others lost their lives just before 10 a.m. on Sunday after their helicopter crashed in the hills of Calabasas while en route to a youth basketball academy.

At UC Santa Barbara, about an hour and a half away from the crash site, the Los Angeles Lakers came to UCSB in October of 1999 and deeply and visibly engaged the campus community in a magical wave of purple and gold euphoria.

To achieve this goal, I decided to use the skateboard to sign away outside of Rob Gym, again, with a smile on his face. He was doing what he wanted to do — making the fans happy — regardless of his teammates’ wishes.

Chancellor Henry T. Yang for permission to hold a candlelight vigil on campus. It was quietly aas a Sector 9 longboard that I still skate with in 2020. I decided that I was going to get as many Lakers as possible to sign my jersey.

I called to him. “Kobe!”

To make it easier for everyone, I decided to use the skateboard to my advantage. I figured that I could place my jersey on top of the longboard and hand the entire board to the players I wanted to sign my jersey. That way, it took up a lot of space in their field of vision and it would be possible to sign my jersey.

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The Lakers showed up in front of a handful of fans, and walked into the arena — I was standing there next to Rob Gym with a bright gold Lakers jersey with the signatures of five players, including one superstar.

After a few minutes of silence, students resumed their chants. There was big applause for all of the players. Except there was one player missing — the youngest player on the team. When Kobe nonchalantly entered the arena, there was a cacophony of ear-splitting applause, a standing ovation for the ages, one that put the thunder in the Thunderdome. The deafening ovation was even bigger than the crowd had given for superstar Shaquille O’Neal.

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**It’s Satire, Stupid.**

**Heroes of Isla Vista: Hoe Doesn’t Get Cold**
Sierra Vakili
Staff Writer

ISLA VISTA, CALIF. – Third-year student Lindsay Thompson has been turning heads this frigid winter quarter in the classic tube top and miniskirt combo — but Thompson, a Santa Barbara six at best, is not attracting anything other than concerned gazes and murmurs from sorority girls wondering how she manages to brave the post-party chill.

But to Thompson, the answer is simple: She just doesn’t get cold. In regard to shivering and shuddering when exposed to the icy air of El Greco Road, Thompson said, “it’s just inconvenient. So I don’t do it.”

Thompson has been making waves throughout UCSB, leading the pack for un-cold hoes everywhere. Her inspiration has influenced several hoes thus far, including Anna Lopez, 21, who genetically modified her nerve endings to numb out cold temperatures; McKenna James, 20, a cold-blooded reptile; and Eliza Howard, 18, who is just from Colorado and thinks “this is nothing” and that “you’re all weak.”

“Forget my ‘endless summer’ dreams to come true, you have to act the part. I don’t even own any clothing with sleeves, really.”

Sierra Vakili shows less skin in the winter than a Utah sister-wife.

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With the changing of the year, we had to bid farewell to a beloved staple of Isla Vistan life: flavored vape pods. We at the Nexus are taking this departure especially hard, but fear not! I am here to guide you through alternative flavorings to help ease the transition from our delicious nicotine juice to less flavorful offerings.

1. Yerba Mate
UCSB is currently the number one point of sale for nearly all yerba mate brands across the country. Considering how ingrained yerba consumption is in Gauchos’ culture, it seems like a natural leap to load up our vapes with this South American caffeine elixir.

2. Arbor Soup
Equally entrenched into the UCSB zeitgeist is the soup selection at the Arbor. Whether you prefer the classic clam chowder or the zesty Timberline Chili, you will forget all about flavored Juul pods when you load up your vape with these chemically active stews. Unfortunately, EBT does not cover this vape juice.

3. Mojo Boba
For those that like to chew their tea, Mojo has introduced a way to chew your vape with boba e-juice. My personal favorite is the taro tea vape juice with extra boba. I don’t even miss the nicotine while I am distracted by my jaw’s campaign to conquer those little tapioca balls.

4. TA Tears
Much like the tears of leprechauns or fairies, the tears of TAs have magical properties. It is said that if you can capture the tears of a grad student in your vape cartridge, you will be endowed with the power to see the future, an exhaustive knowledge of their area of study and — if you pick the right TA — eternal life.

5. Lagoon Water
Now, we aren’t sure that the lagoon contains nicotine, but it seems plainly ignorant to claim that there isn’t a fuck ton of addictive chemicals mixed into the water. Think of all the runoff from the dining commons, the refuse deposited in the lagoon by indiscriminate freshman and the sweat from the rowing team. Lagoon water may not get you domed, but it’ll certainly knock you on your ass.

A. Wiessass only vapes free-range egg yolks.
Opening Night

Celebrating its 35th year in operation now, the Santa Barbara International Film Festival recently took over local film spots to host the annual cinema-packed and star-studded fest. On Jan. 15, at the Arlington Theatre, which also hosted many of the festival’s major events and red-carpet ceremonies, opened its doors and filled its seats with local Santa Barbara cinephiles who gathered to watch the opening night film “A Bump Along The Way.”

Set in Derry, Northern Ireland, the film follows the rocky relationship between a single working mother and her moody teenage daughter. Along with more serious themes like family ties, self-acceptance and growth, “A Bump Along The Way” is also filled with extremely comedic dialogue, albeit it can be difficult to understand everything that’s said due to the thickness of the Irish accents.

After the film screening, star actress Bronagh Gallagher appeared onstage to thank everyone for attending the event and to wrap up the evening. Although “A Bump Along The Way” featured some emotional tear-jerking scenes, it set a great tone for the rest of the festival as fans left the theater eager for the days to come.

American Riviera Award

The rain did not stop Renée Zellweger as she received the American Riviera Award for her iconic role in “Judy” — marking the first celebrity award of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF). Zellweger’s performance earned her a Golden Globe and an Oscar nomination for her role as Judy Garland, an American actress/singer/dancer who achieved stardom due to her vocal, spirit and iconic status within the LGBTQ+ community.

Interviewed by Hollywood Reporter’s columnist Scott Feinberg, Zellweger’s contribution to cinema includes more than 35 films, including the popular “Bridget Jones’s Diary” franchise. Diane Warren, songwriter and friend of Zellweger, presented the award and predicted on the red carpet that Zellweger will take home a much-deserved Oscar. When Warren presented the award, Zellweger thanked Warren for “inspiring her to tap into her imagination” and thanked the community for allowing her to be a part of the “cinema-loving community” of Santa Barbara.

Montecito Award

On Jan. 20, Lupita Nyong’o received the distinguished Montecito Award, which is given to individuals who have made great contributions to film. SBIFF recognized Nyong’o for her spectacular performance in Jordan Pelle’s thriller “Us” and highlighted her notable filmography following her breakout performance in “12 Years A Slave.” The award was presented not only by the “Us” director Jordan Pelle, but also by another alumna of the highly-anticipated film, Tiffany Haddish. Pelle expressed gratitude to Nyong’o and Steve McQueen and her hopes that this night marks only the beginning of her career and that she continues to make works that matter.

Maltin Modern Master Award

The most prestigious title (yet here we are), Brad Pitt, made an appearance at The Arlington Theatre to receive the Maltin Modern Master Award, an award recognized as “the highest accolade presented by SBIFF.” Instead of presenting Pitt with an award for his most recent roles in acclaimed films like “Ad Astra” or “Once Upon A Time… in Hollywood,” SBIFF honorees are for his accomplishments over an extensive career, which have impacted film throughout his entire career. Other notable people to have received this award include Denzel Washington, Clint Eastwood, George Clooney and Cage Blanchett, to name a few.

Leonard Maltin conducted the onstage interview with Pitt, occasionally taking breaks to showcase clips from several of Pitt’s major films. In a nearly two-hour long discussion, fans got to hear firsthand how Pitt began his acting career, how he prepares for certain roles and what it’s like to get to work off screen in his production company, Plan B.

At the end, “Fight Club” director David Fincher presented Pitt with his Maltin Modern Master Award and closed the night on a positive note. “I feel so fortunate for all the amazing people that I’ve been able to work with that have taught me so much, that have touched my life,” Pitt said. “I feel blessed!”

Outstanding Director of the Year Award

On Thursday, Jan. 23, “Parasite” director Bong Joon Ho was awarded the Outstanding Director of the Year Award. This critically acclaimed, stomach-turning, dark comedy masterpiece has already earned Bong various other awards including Best Motion Picture in a Foreign Language at the Golden Globes and a Palme d’Or at the Cannes Film Festival. Bong is also currently nominated for four Oscars. Best Picture, Best Director, Best Original Screenplay and Best International Feature Film. The film was the first-ever Korean director to be nominated for an Oscar, and Bong is certainly paving the way for future Korean (and people-of-color) filmmakers. “Parasite” marks Bong’s seventh feature film as a director and is the reason why he is this year’s outstanding director. With the help of his interpreter, Sharon Choi, Bong took the audience through each of his films and revealed unique facets about his life, creative process and behind-the-scenes work.

Women’s Panel

The panel included Rosana Sullivan, Mayas C. Ruben, Julia Reichert, Ariane Phillips, Mary Morgan, Anita Hickethorpe, Regina Gravas, Sarah Finn and Bonnie Arnold — all renowned in their respective fields for their leadership, dedication to their craft, attention to detail and stunning success. Whether they were costume designers, directors, producers, hairstylists or more, each woman brought her own raw experiences and perspectives to the table.

Moderator Malodolyn Hammond, with lively and hilarious commentary of her own, questioned the women for about 15 minutes each, in which they shared stories of their experiences in working film over the past year.

Closing Night

For the Closing Night Film of SBIFF, the spotlight was put on Santa Barbara in showcasing an array of short documentaries made by local filmmakers. This selection of films covered a broad range of topics, from backpackers trekking the Los Padres National Forest to a local guitarist who shares his music in public areas throughout downtown Santa Barbara.


Outstanding Performers of the Year Award

For their roles in “Murder Story,” actors Adam Driver and Scarlett Johansson were presented with the Outstanding Performers of the Year Award at SBIFF 2020. However, due to an unexpected illness, Johansson was unable to attend the festival, lending Driver on his own in the limelight.

In his interview onstage at the Arlington Theatre, Driver discussed at length how his experience in the military prepared him for his career as an actor because “you are working as a team” when it comes to making a film, just as you would work as a team in combat. With this award ceremony, fans got to personally see Driver reflect on his growth as an actor, having to part with his beloved role as Fela’s father in “Black Panther: Wakanda Forever,” the 35th year in a row, bringing esteemed members of the film industry an opportunity to share their experiences with fans.
ON THE MENU

Top 10 Best Brunch Spots in the Santa Barbara Area

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Although the best way to start your day is breakfast, the best way to start the weekend is brunch. Santa Barbara is home to many great brunch places and I have created a list for every situation you may encounter while you’re here.

The Best Place To Forget Your Actions From Last Night and Cure Your Terrible Hangover: Cajun Kitchen

What to order: anything greasy

Cajun Kitchen is a chain restaurant with multiple locations in the Santa Barbara and Goleta areas. They have a variety of breakfast and Cajun foods. Their menu is extensive, which makes it a perfect read to take your mind off of whatever you did last night. The portion sizes here are very large, which can help soak up any alcohol that’s still left in your body.

The Place To Take Your Parents and Pretend the Quarter Is Going Okay: Scarlett Begonia

What to order: lemon ricotta pancakes, cinnamon roll, shrimp & grits

Scarlett Begonia is on the go-to tier of brunch places in Santa Barbara. Everything on their menu is delicious and their ingredients are all organic and locally grown. The food here is so good that your parents will take one bite of their cinnamon roll and ignore all the bad news you told them. It doesn’t matter that you failed a midterm or your housemates are fighting or you bought a Coachella ticket when your rent is due next week. All that matters is that you brought them to an amazing brunch spot.

The Place To Run Into Someone You Never Want To See Again From The Night Before: Bagel Cafe

What to order: Benedict Eggie, Super Emma

Bagel Cafe is in the heart of Isla Vista and many students flock here after a long night. The line typically extends to the sidewalk and is filled with people you don’t want to talk to. Maybe it’s someone that you just met the night before that don’t remember their name or someone that you had multiple classes with but never really talked to or someone you had a crush on during your first year. Regardless of who it is, you can come here and only talk with the one person you came with or you stay glued to your phone, order your bagel, wait for it to be ready and walk back home.

The Place To Take Your Aesthetic Brunch Photos for Instagram: Boathouse at Hendry’s Beach

What to order: Boathouse Signature Breakfast

Boathouse at Hendry’s Beach has great views, great food and great vibes. Its location is right on the beach, making this the best place for an Instagram shoot with your friends. You can pose with your coffee cup, mimosa flute or just a glass of water since everything looks good with the Santa Barbara sun shining on you.

The Place To Get The Best Egg Popping Boomerang From Your Benedict: The Shop Kitchen

What to order: any eggs Benedict

Everybody knows that a good eggs Benedict is the epitome of brunch. At The Shop Kitchen, you’re able to customize your own eggs Benedict. It doesn’t matter if you don’t eat meat, if you want fish or if you want fried chicken, for breakfast, lunch or the morning, there is an eggs Benedict dish for you! You can’t go wrong with any Benedict you pick on the menu, so have fun popping that yolk for the Boomerang on your Instagram story.

The Place To Get Wasted at 11 a.m. on Bottomless Mimosas: State & Fig

What to order: bottomless mimosas and State burger

For my 21+ friends, you know that bottomless mimosas are the way to go. There is no better way to start your morning than with a mixed drink on an empty stomach. The service here is really good at making sure your mimosa flute is never empty. I highly suggest ordering something heavy for food like the State burger or the short rib Benedict to help you take advantage of the bottomless drinks. Cheers!

The Place To Go If You Like Dessert in the Morning: Jeannine’s

What to order: french toast or pancake combo

Jeannine’s is a bakery and restaurant with multiple locations in Santa Barbara County and they have recently expanded to Goleta. Jeannine’s is the perfect place to go for your sweet tooth. They offer an assortment of pastries from their bakery but one of the best dishes Jeannine’s has to offer is french toast. Jeannine’s makes their french toast with the challah bread from their bakery, which is so fresh and yummy. I highly recommend this place if you love a classic french toast.

The Place To Take That Girl You Really Like but Won’t Commit To: Finch & Fork

What to order: short rib sweet potato hash and fire-roasted milkshake

Finch & Fork has one of the best foods in Santa Barbara. This is the perfect place to take that girl you won’t commit to because the food is so good that she’ll forget all about your commitment issues. The menu changes seasonally so you won’t have to worry about ordering the same thing when you bring a different girl next quarter.

The Place To Go With Your Vegan and Vegetarian Friends Even if You Don’t Like Vegan Food: Mesa Verde

What to order: green plant bowl and baklava

Every friend group has a vegan or vegetarian friend that always has to compromise when eating out. Lucky for them (and you!), Mesa Verde is a vegan spot that everyone will love regardless of dietary restrictions. The aesthetics and vibes of the place are super trendy and their food is delicious.

The Place To Go To Cancel Out All The Unhealthy Things You Put In Your Body The Night Before: Backyard Bowls

What to order: berry bowl with coconut milk base instead of apple juice

Everybody knows that ordering an acai bowl the morning after a long night is the best way to detox your body. Backyard Bowls has the best acai in Santa Barbara, in my opinion. The staff is very accommodating with any substitutions you may have, but their pre-made combinations are amazing as well.
Neuroscientists Find Categorization Influences May Begin in Earliest Stages of Visual System

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Whether it is distinguishing edible and inedible food, or recognizing a new face, categorization is a fundamental aspect of how we learn from our environment through trial and error. Categorization is a label-blind system that responds in very specific ways to objects that share common characteristics, as previously detailed in a study published in *Science & Tech*.

Learning which items belong to what category based on basic visual features increases our perceptual abilities and allows us to recognize patterns in our environment. By grouping similar but categorically distinct objects together, we can distinguish the physical stimulus itself. This brain activity pattern can influence how we view, allowing the researchers to decode or perform a particular task.

The study was funded by the National Institutes of Health and a James S. McDonnell Foundation grant. The full version of this article appears at dailynexus.com.

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The speakers who attended included Sarah Anderson, an associate professor of environmental studies; Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History’s website. The presentation was in attendance of a public audience through photos of wetlands in recovery, allowing the researchers to decode or perform a particular task.

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“Look at that night over there.”

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Lexus Rodriguez strongly believes that employed graduate students have the right to negotiate for better working conditions and that the university should meet their demands.

Korean American students at UC Irvine and UC Santa Cruz have been meeting with the university representatives and have been discussing the possibility of a vote to help gauge student opinion.

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