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## ADMINISTRATION

## 'Call for Haas to put their Black students first'

HUBBA demands increased representation in faculty

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In a petition published July, the Haas Undergraduate Black Business Association, or HUBBA, demanded Haas School of Business to increase Black representation in faculty, among other goals.

HUBBA is calling on the school of business to hire three Black faculty members before the end of the school year, according to HUBBA President Sphanit Getahoun.

"This is a community call for Haas to put their Black students first," Getahoun said. "They claim to have an unequivocal commitment to foster diversity, equity and inclusion. However, they have failed on their promise."

According to the petition, HUBBA is also demanding for the school of business to create a paid student task force committed to the retention and recruitment "of underrepresented talent." Additionally, HUBBA seeks transparency in the hiring process by adding a student as a voting member on the hiring committee.

Currently, the school of business relies on three diversity, equity and inclusion consultations from Black and Latinx students — an "emotional labor" that other students do not have to shoulder, Getahoun noted.



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The Haas School of Business is being called upon by the Haas Undergraduate Black Business Association to hire Black faculty members before the end of the school year.

"A lot of people are finally being aware of what a lot of Black people go through and understanding the necessity of diverse perspectives in the workplace and classroom," said campus sophomore Tsadiku Obolu.

As of press time, 354 people have signed the petition, including Obolu. According to Obolu, most of the coursework he has encountered from the business school has not been centered around Black students,

and connecting with professors can be difficult due to cultural differences.

HUBBA Senior Advisor Cheukai Makari also noted the scarcity of Black professors among the business school's faculty.

"Me and my peers are not hearing from the perspective of Black America," Makari said. "I'm about to leave the school."

About one month after the petition was

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## ALAMEDA COUNTY

## Santa Rita jail to make reforms to its wellness resources

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Santa Rita Jail agreed to overhaul its mental health system following a settlement to a class-action lawsuit filed on behalf of the jail's incarcerated people.

"This will make a difference in people's lives," said Kara Janssen, senior counsel for Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld LLP, the firm which represented the plaintiffs.

The proposed settlement must be approved by a federal judge before it takes effect.

Tash Nguyen, a program manager at Restore Oakland, an organization part of Decarcerate Alameda County, alleged those inside the prison have told them mental health services are "sporadic and scarce" and that many with mental health needs are put into isolation.

Janssen alleged Santa Rita Jail's mental health services were "abhorrent," citing high mortality rates within the mental health unit.

"There have been 50 deaths in the past five or so years," Janssen

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### Vote 'no' on the CA recall election



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**SEE PAGE 5** While imperfect, Gov. Gavin Newsom is the only qualified candidate for the job, so show up and vote.

### Bears lace shoes in season opener



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**SEE BACK** On Sept. 5, Cal cross country opened its season at Golden Gate Park and accomplished everything it set out to do.

### Why you should stop setting goals



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**SEE ONLINE** I've realized that my habit of living life through the cycle of setting goals just to check them off was leaving me unfulfilled and unhappy. After reading the bestselling book "Atomic Habits," I decided to replace goal-setting with system-setting and see whether anything changed.

## ASUC

## ASUC EVP Aditya Varma steps down

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ASUC Executive Vice President Aditya Varma resigned due to ideological differences with the ASUC.

Antonio Kobe Lopez, formerly one of Varma's chiefs of staff, is acting as the interim EVP until a replacement is found.

"My wish for the ASUC as an institution is for its people to represent our students the best way possible through political and organizational process," Varma said in an email statement. "Ultimately, I chose to step down as I

believe the ASUC's environment is no longer congruent with that vision."

The ASUC has been working to fill the vacancy following Varma's resignation, according to ASUC Senator Amanda Hill.

A committee has been selected to aid the process and an emergency application has been posted on the ASUC's social media pages, with a Sept. 11 deadline.



ADITYA VARMA

"We believe we will be doing the interview process soon, hopefully, because I believe the new person must be determined by the fourth senate meeting," Hill said.

During his time as EVP, Varma has sponsored 11 senate resolutions, filled emergency vacant student union representative positions and worked with the campus LEAD Center to secure advising space for Registered Student Organizations, according to his statement. He also noted that his office worked alongside the Graduate Assembly to reestablish the ASUC budget committee and "ensure

student voices are included" in budgetary decisions.

According to Hill, however, there was controversy within the ASUC over Varma's committee selections, which they alleged were "based on party."

"I think the general consensus has been confusion," Hill said. "It was pretty abrupt. I don't think a lot of us expected a resignation by the third or second senate meeting from any official."

An acting EVP resigning from office is not unprecedented, however. In 2020, former ASUC EVP Andy Theocharous stepped

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## ADMINISTRATION

## UC Berkeley suffers connectivity issues

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For UC Berkeley junior Monet Siroosian, the first few weeks of the fall semester have been riddled with a lack of reliable Wi-Fi connection, an inability to fill out in-class attendance forms and difficulties taking a quiz.

Siroosian is one of many who have struggled to connect to any of campus's three Wi-Fi networks — Eduroam, AirBears2 and CalVisitor — since the semester began.

"I'm pretty shocked they haven't fixed it," Siroosian said. "We have some of the best technology minds at our campus, so it's a bit weird."

Dave Browne, executive director of UC Berkeley's campus

information technology, or IT, infrastructure, said the department first became aware of the "significant issues" in connecting to the campus Wi-Fi networks Aug. 30.

The struggles with connectivity were caused by an issue introduced via system updates and previously went undetected due to the low Wi-Fi traffic during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to Browne.

Several buildings and classrooms across campus suffered from unreliable, poor or unavailable Wi-Fi connections, with Dwinelle Hall, Valley Life Science Building, Doe Memorial Library and Evans Hall among those experiencing the worst impact, Browne added.

During Public Policy 101 lectures, in Evans Hall, everyone, including the professor, would be



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Due to an undetected system issue, connectivity issues with campus Wi-Fi networks serve as a barrier for students' academic rhythm and performance.

"scrambling to get Wi-Fi" for the first 20 to 30 minutes, she said.

Similarly, campus freshman Stephanie Kim said the lack of Wi-Fi connectivity in the Valley Life Sciences Building has been

"especially bad."

The Wi-Fi issues extend even to the dorms, where Kim said she was unable to use her laptop or

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## RESEARCH &amp; IDEAS

# Researchers win \$2M for criminal justice datasets

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UC Berkeley researchers received a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation, or NSF, for the creation of criminal justice datasets.

The project seeks to create an accessible “data portal” containing police misconduct information for defense attorneys to reference on behalf of their clients, according to Aditya Parameswaran, assistant professor of electrical engineering and computer sciences, or EECS.

“Public defenders often have barely a few hours to prepare their case and are juggling many cases at once, so any tooling that will help them quickly paint a convincing picture for the jury, backed by data, is invaluable,” Parameswaran said in an email.

“Some early work by the Legal Aid Society in NYC showed that manually gathering a collection of police misconduct data led to a number of cases against innocent clients that were dismissed.”

The project’s primary authors included Parameswaran; computer science professor Joseph Hellerstein; Sarah Chasins, assistant professor of EECS; Niloufar Salehi, assistant professor at the School of Information; and Erin Kerrison, assistant professor at the School of Social Welfare.

According to Dan Cosley, a program director in the NSF Information and Intelligent Systems division, NSF will provide about \$700,000 per year over three years to fund the project’s execution.

“Justice system is an important work context,” Cosley said in an email. “Better tools for analyzing legal data could impact the quality of the U.S. justice system.”

Chasins noted that the funds will support graduate students developing technological solutions for organizing vast datasets of police misconduct into a digestible format.

She added that this data will also assist journalists working against police misconduct.

“One outcome that’s particularly inspiring to me is the possibility of sparking systemic change,” Chasins said in an email. “Some of our collaborators ... have used data like this to pressure individual cities to repeal police secrecy laws—laws that keep records of police misconduct hidden from the public.”

Parameswaran noted that as public defenders remain under-resourced, this project aims to equip them with unique data tools.

The researcher’s “secondary goal” is to create resources for data organization that do not require



Aditya Parameswaran, Niloufar Salehi, Sarah Chasins, Erin Kerrison and Joseph Hellerstein won a grant to create datasets that will assist defense attorneys.

coding expertise, Parameswaran added.

“The hope would be that these tools will not just apply for public defender needs across various jurisdictions in CA to start, but

also across the US, and more broadly, even going beyond the criminal justice domain to other similarly under-resourced domains,” Parameswaran said in an email. ■

## NATIONAL ISSUES

# City, campus react to Supreme Court abortion ruling

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Although she was involved in activism in high school, campus freshman Stephanie Quinones rarely focused on women’s rights because she saw the issue as less relevant in California.

However, when she heard about the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision Wednesday refusing to block Texas’ restrictive abortion law, she grew “outraged” and decided to offer women seeking abortions in the Bay Area transportation to and from the airport on Twitter.

“Knowing the Supreme Court had the power to override the bill — it just outrages me a lot, especially as a woman and a woman of color,” Quinones said. “Now is the time to step out of the bubble and start advocating.”

Texas’ law allows private

citizens to sue anyone involved in obtaining an abortion after the six-week window before fetal cardiac activity begins.

According to Rachel Johnson-Farias, executive director of the Center on Reproductive Rights and Justice at UC Berkeley School of Law, the Supreme Court’s decision could encourage other states to pass similar laws and drive those with unwanted pregnancies to seek out-of-state abortions.

The six-week window often passes before people know they are pregnant, Johnson-Farias said. She added that the ban is an extra burden on women of color and low-income women who may not have the means to pay the penalty for violating the ban or travel out-of-state to find care.

“The Supreme Court’s failure to block this law has effectively laid out a road map for those who would like to replicate it to

follow,” Johnson-Farias said. “This is the canary in the coal mine.”

The Supreme Court did not rule on the constitutionality of the law. However, Johnson-Farias said if some states decide to replicate the Texas ban, it could lead to a challenge to Roe v. Wade.

Chief Justice John Roberts sided with the minority in the 5-4 vote, in hopes of taking more time to consider the law’s unusual strategy of delegating enforcement of the ban to the public, according to his dissent.

“Never has Roe v. Wade been in so much risk of being overturned, and we must do what we can to prevent that from happening,” said Mayor Jesse Arreguin in an email. “In Berkeley we stand strongly by health care providers in Texas and throughout the country to continue to provide health care services to women without any restrictions.”



JOE RAVI | CREATIVE COMMONS

The U.S. Supreme Court is lit up in the evening. The Berkeley community responds to the court’s decision, which failed to block Texas’ abortion law.

Arreguin added that he is in support of efforts to pass federal legislation that would ensure the right to abortion.

Johnson-Farias also noted the need for stronger protections of reproductive rights beyond

Roe v. Wade.

“Roe v. Wade was never the ceiling — it was always the floor,” Johnson-Farias said. “What I hope is that this leads to the wholesale adoption (of) a fundamental right to abortion.” ■

## STATE GOVERNMENT

# SB 8 passed by CA Legislature, awaits approval from governor

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The California State Senate greenlighted Sen. Nancy Skinner’s SB 8 bill Wednesday, extending the duration of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019, SB 330, from 2025 to 2030 and allows for the construction of more housing.

SB 8 is an assurance that the full provisions of the original SB 330 bill, which aimed to streamline housing development and protect low-income housing, can be properly met within its new time frame, according to a press release from Skinner’s office.

“Today’s passage of SB 8 will ensure that the Housing Crisis Act won’t expire before its benefits are fully realized,” Skinner said in a press release. “California can be assured that housing that meets existing local and state rules doesn’t face unnecessary delays or get bogged down in red tape.”

SB 8 was met with considerable bipartisan support. SB 8 passed through the California State Senate with a vote of 30-3 and through the California State Assembly with a vote of 67-1. The bill now awaits approval by Gov. Gavin Newsom.

Due to its uncontroversial nature, SB 8 is expected to pass, according to Soli Alpert, vice chair of the Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board. Alpert has “absolute



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Approved by state legislature, SB 8 will extend the duration of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 and allow for construction of more housing across the state.

confidence” that Newsom will sign the bill when it is addressed.

While the timeline of the bill’s passage is unclear, Alpert predicted it may be approved by the end of the year.

“I think on a bill like this, which has sailed through the legislature, it’s probably prudent to give the governor some breathing room,” said Igor Tregub, chair of the Berkeley Measure O Bond Oversight Committee. “He’s dealing with a series of crises from the California wildfire and keeping the flare-up of the pandemic in check. He has a number of other bills that appear to me more contentious than this bill has been.”

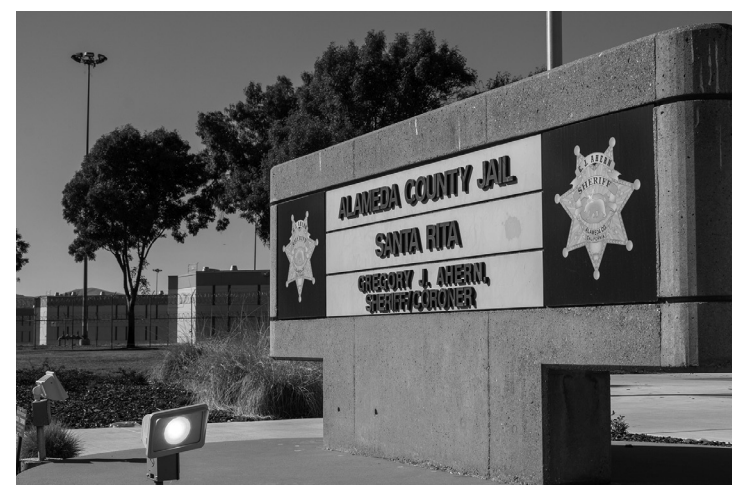
Organizations including Abundant Housing LA, Habitat for Humanity and the Housing

Action Coalition have expressed support for the passage of SB 8, according to Tregub. The bill is mainly opposed by local neighborhood cohorts and one environmental center, he added.

The impact of SB 8 may not resonate deeply with the Berkeley community, Alpert noted. Given the strictness of Berkeley’s demolition policies, many objectives of SB 8 do not apply to the city.

Alpert emphasized there is still work to be done, despite the progress made by SB 8.

“In the context of COVID-19, it is important to make sure that money for tenants is going out the door,” Alpert said. “What I’m hoping to see is increased emphasis for tenant support and resources.” ■



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The Santa Rita Jail will implement mental health reforms for those who are incarcerated after a three-year class-action lawsuit settlement.

## REFORM FROM FRONT

alleged. “That was a big red flag that something was wrong. A lot of those deaths and suicides were coming out of the mental health unit.”

The Alameda County Behavioral Health Services Agency could not be reached for comment.

Based on her conversations with those inside the jail, Janssen alleged that even if a person got help, it would only last a few minutes in a cell or a nonconfidential space. Furthermore, she alleged, those put into administrative segregation were allowed outside for one hour every other day.

According to the proposed settlement, Santa Rita Jail should hire over 300 new staff members and build the Mental Health/Program Services building proposed several years before.

Janssen added that the settlement requires the prison to

increase outdoor time given, create cells designed to minimize suicide risk and improve coordination with community-based organizations.

Nguyen, however, said they have “grave concerns” about the settlement.

“There seems to be no recommendations toward actually finding alternative means of providing mental health care in the community,” Nguyen said. “We hope to see dollars in staff allocations in the settlement be redirected towards community mental health providers.”

Janssen said while the settlement would not decrease the number of incarcerated people, it would improve the lives of the people currently at Santa Rita.

Janssen also said the reforms would reduce future recidivism.

“This settlement is a part of the overall reform picture here,” Janssen said. “This is not something that is itself going to fix everything, but we cannot abandon the people inside the jails.” ■

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## STATE GOVERNMENT

# CA Legislature approves SB 16 to improve police accountability

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The California State Legislature approved SB 16 to expand access to police misconduct records.

SB 16 has been sent to Gov. Gavin Newsom for approval.

Authored by Sen. Nancy Skinner, D-Berkeley, the bill allows communities to hold police agencies more accountable. The publicly available records will include information about officers who “engaged in biased or discriminatory behavior, conducted unlawful arrests or searches, or used force that is excessive or unreasonable,” according to the press release.

“Communities deserve to know that those hired to protect them can be counted on to do so,” Skinner said in the press release.

The bill increases the time agencies keep misconduct records to 15 years, the press release reads.

SB 16 also requires agencies to



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A pair of handcuffs lay on a table. SB 16 allows for communities to hold police agencies more accountable and expands access to police misconduct records.

review candidates’ prior history of complaints and misconduct before hiring them.

“Once there’s more transparency, police departments might have more incentive to make sure the officers are behaving in accordance with the

law,” Abel said.

SB 16 requires misconduct records to be released if an officer quits before the completion of a misconduct investigation, according to

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## RESEARCH &amp; IDEAS

# Campus study finds that filtration can lower indoor smoke levels

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A study conducted by UC Berkeley environmental scientists found that certain behaviors can significantly reduce the amount of wildfire smoke inside people’s houses.

The study found practices such as closing windows and doors and installing filtration systems can reduce wildfire smoke infiltration. Additionally, the study found infiltration was lower in newer buildings and those with air conditioning units as opposed to older buildings.

“The implications of the study is that people really can protect themselves in indoor spaces from wildfire smoke and with data on indoor concentrations and outdoor concentrations you can actually see how effective your efforts to reduce the infiltration of smoke into your home are,” said campus environmental studies and policy management, or ESPM, professor Allen Goldstein, a supervisor of the research.

According to Yutong Liang, a graduate student in the ESPM department and project lead, the researchers used PurpleAir



CELINE BELLEGARDA | FILE

Thick smoke rolls over the city of Berkeley. Campus research found that buildings with in-building filtration systems can better protect residents from wildfire smoke.

sensors to measure the PM2.5 inside and outside houses to create indoor/outdoor PM2.5 ratios.

PM2.5 is a class of air pollutants including inhalable particles that are usually 2.5 micrometers in diameter, according to the Environmental Protection Agency. PM2.5 can be emitted from fires, making it a concern for communities near active wildfires.

Researchers then associated the ratios they found and discovered that newer buildings protect

residents better.

These findings suggest that older buildings in regions such as the Berkeley Hills are more vulnerable to smoke infiltration, according to Deep Sengupta, a postdoctoral researcher in the ESPM department and study co-author.

“Berkeley has a lot of older buildings, especially in the Berkeley Hills area, where you have very beautiful weather,” Sengupta

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## CORRECTIONS

The Aug. 26 article “Protesters oppose UC Berkeley plans for People’s Park” incorrectly stated that no violence was used during the protest. In fact, four reports of battery were made.

The Sept. 3 article “Wolf Pack, meet Bears: Cal prepares to take field against Nevada” incorrectly stated that Nevada is part of the FCS conference. In fact, it is part of the Group of 5 conference.

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## OFF THE BEAT

# Silicon Valley needs to do more



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While discussing topics ranging from the most lucrative monetization plan for startups to data harvesting, a question that I was asked more than once during my summer living in a hacker house was, “How ethical or moral do you want to be?” Each time I was asked this question, my initial reaction was disgust; I felt taken aback that such a question could be asked so casually, carelessly and so often. However, this was only the first of a number of questions that made me think deeper about startup culture.

Having lived in Silicon Valley my entire life, I was intrigued by the idea of startups and startup communities from a young age. I had been working on launching a financial tech startup called Sotira that I founded in early 2021 along with a few other UC Berkeley students. When the opportunity to join an all-women’s hacker house in San Francisco presented itself to me, I jumped at the opportunity to join and moved into a 14-bedroom house in Nob Hill, San Francisco. Being around founders, hackers, creators and builders all the time gave me access to a network of people to bounce ideas, prototypes and landing page designs off of.

Many of the college-aged founders I met didn’t even attend college; they moved to San Francisco right after high school graduation. Silicon Valley to them was Los Angeles to influencers — the city where it’s possible to achieve the dream of founding a billion-dollar startup and being the face of Forbes 30 under 30.

For better or worse, I found that the culture of hacker houses in Silicon Valley was very much “work hard, play hard.” Founders would grind in WeWork getting the last line of code written until ungodly hours on weekdays and would let loose at 200-people mansion pool parties on the weekends.

Calling these parties, however, would be generous; in reality, they were networking events. As a young and new founder, I was never sure who I would meet at a party and in what way that person could change my life. There was something iconic about demoing the newest version of my prototype to a fellow founder while drinking cocktails or elevator pitching my startup’s mission and exchanging slide decks with a Sand Hill venture capitalist I met at a 3 a.m. rooftop party. All it would take was meeting one well-connected person who could introduce me to a Fortune 500 vice president, a prominent angel investor or a top artificial intelligence researcher. As a result, I often felt pressure to network at social events instead of making genuine connections.

And when I looked closer at our little Silicon Valley bubble, I realized friendship wasn’t the only promise that was a shallow front, it became obvious missions of “making the world a better place” were as well. I was surprised by the number of founders I met who were merely chasing money. I encountered founders who left big tech with the aspiration of building and working toward something more meaningful, yet these founders were selling their startup’s software back to the corporations they had left.

Improving workflow management for bankers is a startup idea that can make its founder a lot of money. But, it’s not solving an issue like climate change or income inequality, and it’s not helping the average person. Being surrounded by people whose dreams and goals were based solely on monetary success made me question why this was the overwhelming culture. How come, instead, people don’t feel a moral drive to build companies that solve big social problems, rather than rebuilding an internal dashboard for a large enterprise that only a small number of highly paid employees will benefit from using? I was surrounded by some of the most intelligent people I had ever known who I felt had the capacity to solve society’s most difficult problems, yet these people were dedicating their time and energy toward solving niche issues that will never impact the average person.

My startup aims to help nonstandard workers and independent contractors become more financially savvy and better manage their finances. And while I hope to not only help some people but create greater systematic change, when I’m working inside a bubble that so blatantly brushes off any moral responsibility in favor of gaining a competitive edge, it makes me doubt whether I’ll be able to succeed without sacrificing even an ounce of my integrity. I’ve grown up and am trying to succeed in a world where I’m expected to continually prove my value, not only as a leader, but also as a person capable of making change. So the fact that I can’t simply go in and fix the bug in Silicon Valley’s code that prioritizes getting rich over all else has been, and I foresee will continue to be, one of the biggest frustrations I’ll face as a startup founder. ■

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# PSYCHONAUTS 2

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With the release of Ratchet & Clank: Rift Apart barely in the rearview mirror, it's difficult to imagine a 3D platformer capable of pushing gameplay boundaries even further. Developer Double Fine's long-awaited PsychoNauts 2, however, manages to do just that.

A sequel to the wildly original 2005 cult hit, PsychoNauts 2 once again follows Razputin "Raz" Aquato, a young boy with gifted psychic powers who runs away from the circus to join the titular psychic agency and fend off evildoers. Though it's been 16 years since we last saw Raz, writer and game director Tim Schafer does not skip a beat. Not only does the story pick up where the original left off — with Raz and his friends on a mission to rescue PsychoNauts leader Truman Zanotto from the clutches of evil ex-dentist Dr. Loboto —

but Schafer also effortlessly recaptures Raz's personality and irresistible charm.

Like Rift Apart, this game largely succeeds due to its stellar technical quality and wit, as well as its humorous yet touching storylines. What sets PsychoNauts 2 apart, however, is Schafer's ability to deftly deal with darker, more disturbing subjects without compromising on the light, heartwarming tone and overall messaging.

Experiencing the game through Raz's perspective, players delve into the minds of other characters to quite literally sort their issues out. Abstract concepts, such as doubt and regret, are literalized

into dangerous enemies that Raz must fend off in between collecting anthropomorphic pieces of emotional baggage or breaking open vaults of repressed memories.

Each brain Raz delves into has its own unique mental block to clear or deep-seated

trauma to overcome, and each world's puzzle is crafted with a distinctively captivating spirit, making for a gameplay experience that fearlessly refreshes itself before any element can get old. In one exceptional early stage, Raz must help a man overcome his fear of being judged by guiding him to victory in a high-pressure game show that takes place within his mind.

As with the original game, much of PsychoNauts 2 deals directly with mental illness, which is portrayed with great depth and understanding. In a perfect synchrony of gameplay and narrative, as Raz solves platforming and combat puzzles in characters' minds, players learn more about the characters. Soon, players begin to see former antagonists as rounded, complex individuals driven by relatable, if not particularly admirable motives.

While Rift Apart may still triumph in terms of pure technical detail, PsychoNauts 2's

art style is not only far more eye-catching, but its stylized reality is more deeply in tune with its story's larger themes. Full of vibrant hues and paradoxical, psychedelic imagery, PsychoNauts 2 features some of the greatest level design in gaming history, evident both in the excellent mental stages — to which players feel compelled to return even after solving — and in the sprawling, gorgeous open world map that composes the game's reality. That PsychoNauts 2 can make Rift Apart feel dated in comparison is a testament to the strength of its strikingly imaginative platforming gameplay.

The exuberant art style extends to character design and animation as well. Raz's complex emotions are perfectly conveyed through his heightened facial expressions and cartoon mannerisms. His character quirks become apparent in idle animations and subtle reactions to gameplay permutations, each of which show a laudable attention to detail in world and character building.

PsychoNauts 2's gameplay also benefits from the wild arsenal of psychic abilities it trains players to use. Players can use revamped classics from the first game, such as



ARMAAN MUMTAZ | SENIOR STAFF

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## FILM

# Billie Eilish concert film adds new dimension to an already stellar project

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In Billie Eilish's new concert film "Happier Than Ever: A Love Letter to Los Angeles," viewers can sit in the comfort of their homes as they watch the young pop artist onstage at the Hollywood Bowl, performing her new hit album to an entirely empty theater. Accompanied by the Los Angeles Philharmonic and — as always — her brother-producer Finneas, Eilish pays tribute to both her hometown and the decades of musical icons that have come before her through a beautiful, hourlong sequential recital of the 16-track LP.

The album itself, released in late July, is one of Eilish's best works to date, a collection of songs that speaks candidly about coming of age under the microscopic lens of society as a public figure. Audiences find themselves bouncing from tracks that focus on difficult themes such as body dysmorphia and crippling mental health right over to inspirational rage records that push listeners to feel comfortable in their independence and celebrate the challenges of growing up. The lyrics are complex, and Eilish skillfully speaks bluntly to her listeners in an incredibly poetic way.

The transition of *Happier Than Ever* from a solely auditory to a fully visual format in the new film was

seamless. The haunting quality that reverberates throughout Eilish's vocals in the album was reflected in the simplicity of the stage decorations, the dim ambient lighting and the overall eeriness that accompanied the fact that the always-at-capacity Hollywood Bowl was now motionless, not a person in sight. Calling upon an older sound, less polished and more modern than the final recordings, Eilish gives a nod to the style of past Los Angeles idols, mixing her modernity with the qualities of classics such as Doris Day or Frank Sinatra.

Unfortunately, the choice to intersperse animated sequences throughout the film detracts from the powerful draw of Eilish's performance. While the intent was likely to be cinematic, the contrast between the live and cartoon likeness ends up feeling goofy, like a video game cut scene disrupting an otherwise emotional tribute concert. This is not to discredit the talent of the artist, Oscar winner Peter Osborne, who did a phenomenal job painting a wide range of worlds, from stunning replications of California's coastal landscapes during the opening track "Getting Older" to haunting graveyards in "Everybody Dies." However, every time the caricature of Eilish appears behind the steering wheel on screen, the film's success in creating a deep listener-artist

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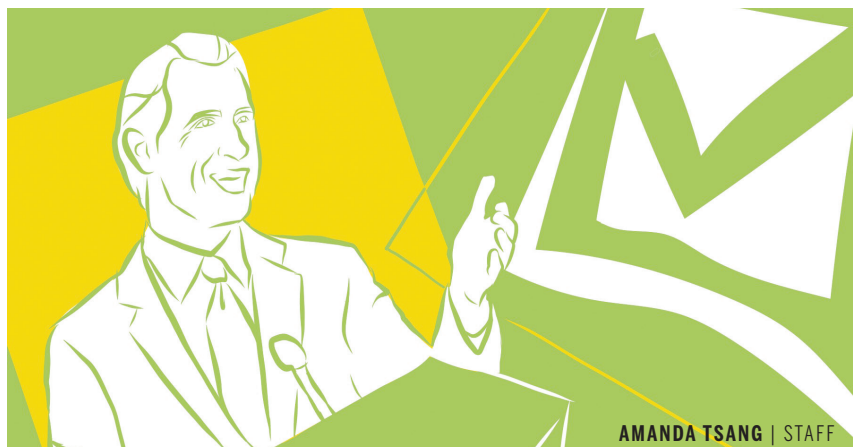
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## EDITORIAL

# Vote, don't recall CA Gov. Gavin Newsom



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## STATE AFFAIRS

California is facing the fourth gubernatorial recall election in national history, and all eligible voters must rise to the occasion. While the election seems more like a \$276 million production put on by conservatives than a beneficial use of funds, it could have real effects for millions of Californians. In order to ensure the state continues to productively respond to the COVID-19 and climate change crises, among other issues, residents must vote not to recall CA Gov. Gavin Newsom.

The election will take place through vote-by-mail ballots that must be postmarked or dropped off at a voting location by Sep. 14. The recall ballot includes two questions, one asking if voters want to recall the current governor and the other asking who they want to take his place if he is recalled. Voters only need to respond to the first question, but should do their research and vote in the other section of the ballot as well.

If more than 50% of voters vote to recall Newsom, California's government and policies could be, in many ways, upended during a time of both local and national turmoil. His successor would be in office for about a year, during which they could reinstate the death penalty, roll back mask mandates and other necessary COVID-19 safety precautions, reverse California's phasing out of gas-powered cars and undo additional executive orders signed by Newsom.

Perhaps most frightening is that if anything were to happen to U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-California, the



new governor could appoint a replacement. With the Senate evenly divided, this could have national implications.

While Newsom won by a large margin in 2018, he is facing a tighter race this election. He is, however, leading by 10% in a Sept. 5 poll from FiveThirtyEight. While encouraging, residents must still vote to keep him in office. Newsom certainly has had his shortcomings as governor, including his sluggishness in raising taxes on gun purchases and establishing sustainable fire prevention methods. However, he is currently the best candidate for the job. Newsom helped turn California from one of the epicenters for COVID-19 into a leader in pandemic protection policies, launched his signature anti-poverty program, banned future fracking in California and more.

College students in particular, who have historically low voter turnout, must step up.

If Newsom is recalled, Republican and conservative talk radio host Lary Elder will likely be his replacement. Elder should not be elected governor. His platforms — which are antithetical to many California residents' values — include lowering the minimum wage to \$0 and suspending the Environmental Quality Act.

Ultimately, Californians need to show up and vote. After just escaping a tumultuous presidency, it's important for Californians to avoid a similar fate locally. While imperfect, Newsom is the only candidate who is both qualified and exemplifies the ideals of California's majority. Vote “no” on recalling Newsom. ■

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## OP-ED | Campus affairs

# ‘Welcome to Berkeley,’ a message to new and returning Golden Bears

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We write to extend a warm welcome to all of our new and returning Golden Bears. We are so excited to welcome so many of you back to Berkeley and neighboring communities. You join us at a challenging moment in our nation's history, and we hope you are excited to embark on a new year of learning, discovery and personal growth as students at the very best public university in the world.

Berkeley is a wonderfully diverse city — home to a rich history of political activism and an astounding array of intellectual, cultural, artistic and recreational activities. We encourage you to safely explore the many opportunities the community and campus have to offer and to do so in a way that is respectful to all of us who call Berkeley home.

As you explore our community or return to favorite attractions, we would like to share a few thoughts and recommendations with you:

### Keep your community healthy.

Taking steps to safeguard your health and that of others has never been more important. We encourage you to keep up with the public health guidelines the city and campus develop to keep everyone healthy as this unprecedented pandemic continues. The city of Berkeley's COVID-19 mandatory public health orders require face coverings when indoors with limited exceptions, as well as proof of vaccination inside places serving food or drink, as well as gyms, among other businesses, beginning Sept. 10.

On campus, face coverings are required indoors and are optional outdoors. Students are required to be vaccinated against COVID-19 or request an exemption, and we want to thank students for their cooperation and for helping us reduce virus transmission.

### Be a good neighbor.

Take the time to meet your neighbors. You can safely get to know them through a masked and distanced encounter, a note or an email. Some of your Berkeley neighbors remain at higher risk during the pandemic. You can help keep them safe by understanding their needs and expectations. The Happy Neighbors program can help.

### Support local businesses, respect their service.

When you safely venture out with your face covering, or when you order in, please consider supporting Berkeley's diverse small businesses. The neighborhoods adjacent to campus are home to dozens of businesses that have carefully adapted to public health requirements and eagerly await your patronage. We ask that you remember to be kind and patient to those behind the counter and at the register. It is still a challenging time, so let's be considerate of their health and respectful of their service.

### Be an engaged citizen.

Ahead of the 2022 mid-term election cycle, register to vote here or in your home state. Berkeley is engaging in a once-in-a-decade redistricting process that will redraw City Council district boundaries. Input from our student residents is essential to this process. And don't miss the chance to get involved in your local community — try attending virtual meetings of the City Council and other boards and commissions, or volunteer through The Berkeley Project or the Public Service Center.

### Learn about the area's rich past and its connection to the present.

You have probably learned that UC Berkeley sits on land that was originally inhabited by the Ohlone, the Native American people who remain indigenous to this area. Put on your mask and head north to visit Mortar Rock Park to see the acorn-grinding pits carved into solid rock by the ancestors of the local Ohlone people. Closer to campus, use the Telegraph Berkeley Tour app to hear Berkeley residents talk about civil rights “shop-ins,” the disability rights movement, Japanese internment during World War II, the Free Speech Movement and more of our shared history.

### Go green — think sustainably.

While the health of our community remains a priority, as members of campus and Berkeley residents, we must also think and act sustainably. UC Berkeley and the city have ambitious zero waste goals: Your help in diverting, recycling, reusing and reducing during the pandemic is critical. Talk to your roommates about reducing waste: Ecology Center has tips for low-waste living, and Student Environmental Resource Center has resources to help you achieve sustainability goals while seeking a more equitable, just and resilient future.

### Work with others to keep yourself and your community safe.

Berkeley is not free from crime, but you can reduce risk by planning ahead and being aware of your surroundings. At night, travel in groups, along main thoroughfares and keep your electronics out of sight. Campus operates night safety services such as BearWALK, night safety shuttles and door-to-door rides. If you see something suspicious, call the nonemergency number for UCPD at (510) 642-3333 or the Berkeley Police Department at (510) 981-5900. In an emergency, call 911, or from a cell phone, call (510) 981-5911.

Living in Berkeley gives you the chance to interact with a wonderfully diverse population, to take advantage of countless resources and opportunities and to gain perspectives and skills that will serve you well after college. Let's embrace all that the city of Berkeley has to offer and do our part to keep the Berkeley community healthy and vibrant. Here's to a safe semester, and go Bears! ■

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## OP-ED | State affairs

# UC pandemic residency policies must be equal for all

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With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of campus, many students have been forced to return to their family homes. They have to worry not only for their health and safety, but also for their residency status if their family lives out of state. In general, undergraduate students with in-state residency for tuition purposes are not able to leave California for more than six weeks without risking losing their in-state

status. For a student used to paying in-state rates, the loss of residency could make UC tuition entirely unaffordable — \$30,000 more per year.

Luckily, the UC Board of Regents thoughtfully made an exemption for University of California, or UC, students who studied remotely. According to the UC Board of Regents Residency Guidelines site, “Eligible students who studied remotely during 2020-21 may be eligible to qualify for residency in 2021-22 effective with the term in which they physically reside in California.”

I am grateful for the UC Board of Regents' foresight in writing this rule. Regrettably, however, the exception only applies to UC students, not California community college students.

As an incoming transfer, this means it will not be financially practicable for me to attend the university past January of this coming academic year, due to my unplanned physical absence from the state for more than six weeks during the pandemic.

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## SPORTS

*"I mean, we'll look at it tomorrow."*

— CAL FOOTBALL HEAD COACH JUSTIN WILCOX

## CROSS COUNTRY

## Bears soak up season opener



PHILLIP DOWNEY | FILE

Amid a gloomy day in Golden Gate Park, Cal cross country performed exactly how it wanted to — shaking out their legs and getting good practice to prepare for future races. The men's team brought home a second place overall finish, indicating more success to come later in season.

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Like most days at Golden Gate Park, the morning of the USF Invitational arrived shrouded in gloom. The park grounds, damp with dew and matted in mud, sent several runners to their knees, left leagues more smattered with earth and soiled an imprudently dressed spectator's brand-new Air Force 1s.

The Cal cross country team was facing difficulties on the home front as well. Injuries and illnesses kept multiple members of the team from competing in Saturday's

season opening meet and left the women's squad with only four racers.

But amid the gloom, slips, footwear tragedies and setbacks, Cal cross country accomplished exactly what it set out to do in its fall 2021 debut. Fifth-year senior Meredith Corda, who placed ninth overall and was the first Bear across the finish line, described the women's team's success in carrying out its game plan over the course of its 6K, three-lap race around the Golden Gate Park polo fields.

"It went as we'd planned it," Corda said. "We tried to do a moderate tempo effort for the first two loops, and

then the last loop we tried to close hard and finish strong, and that's pretty much exactly how it went."

With only four runners able to compete, the Bears were unable to tally an official team score in the women's race. But for the blue and gold, results at the USF Invitational are an afterthought, as the meet is basically used as a dress rehearsal for higher stakes contests later in the season.

Not being able to post a team score didn't stop the crew from enjoying the moment, especially not Corda.

"I was so excited to be here," Corda said. "It's an experience just to run cross

country and for me to be back for my fifth year. We had lots of supporters and lots of alumni that came out, which made this so fun."

Senior Colin FitzGerald, who placed sixth individually in the men's 8K race and led the Bears to a second-place team finish, echoed Corda's sentiments about the thrill of having an opportunity to compete and reacclimate to racing in a laid-back environment.

"It was exciting just to be back out there leading the team, to get back in the swing of things and lock-in, do what (head coach Bobby Lockhart) says," FitzGerald said.

It was FitzGerald's first



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time racing cross country since November 2019, but he arrived at the USF Invitational primed to make a strong season debut and uplift his teammates.

"My job was primarily to make sure that all the guys were with me, and to lead the team and make sure that if someone's getting a little in their head, I try to keep them going," FitzGerald said. "I'm a senior now, so I've got to lead the guys and do my job."

All in all, Cal's trip to Golden Gate Park was a successful one. The men's and women's teams accomplished their mission of getting a solid workout in and restoring their racing legs and were able to soak up the atmosphere of their season opener.

The Bears won't be back in action until Oct. 1's Sacramento State Invitational. In the meantime, they'll be working to build upon the performance they turned in at the USF Invitational.

"It's time to lock in, get our nutrition proper, get our sleep, get our classwork done and all that," FitzGerald said. "Now we're zeroing in and putting our heads down so that we're locked in for when (pre-nationals) comes around."

With the way the blue and gold executed in spite of adversity this past weekend, it's evident that they'll be ready to compete on a bigger stage when the time comes. ■

## VOLLEYBALL

## Cal takes all 3 at Pacific Tournament

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If there is any other Pac-12 team more universally disliked in Berkeley, it would be West Coast foe Nevada — the Wolf Pack just slashed any hope for an undefeated Cal football season.

While the only revenge the football team can exact on the desert school is flexing its academic might, Cal volleyball has a chance for a much more tangible payoff. The Bears will invite the Wolf Pack into their lair Friday as part of the Cal tournament.

Not only will the blue and gold be back playing in friendly confines for their first home game of the season, but it will welcome fans back into Haas Pavilion for the first time since Nov. 17, 2019 — nearly two years ago.

"It's really exciting to be back, just in comparison to our spring COVID-19 season," said head coach Sam Crosson. "There is definitely a shift toward normalcy."

There may be no better time to have fans back in full force as the Bears are playing their best volleyball in years. After sweeping through the Pacific tournament, Cal boasts a solid 5-1 record through two preseason tournaments.

"I took for granted how nice it is to play out of conference teams to prepare yourself for such a hard Pac-12 season," said senior outside hitter Katie Smoot. "It has been really good, figuring out what our weakest points are without a tremendous loss in the season."

Despite coming in as the biggest opposing name in the tournament, Nevada has limped through its preseason thus far, compiling just one win to five losses. After having a reasonably successful campaign in 2019 in which it finished four games more than .500, the program has declined over the past two years.

Meanwhile, North Dakota State and Butler — the two teams rounding out the tournament field — both enter with 3-3 records, though they have only faced one Power-5 team combined (Butler lost to Indiana 3-0). Cal most recently faced NDSU in 2019, in which it won in four sets.

This will be Cal's third and last tournament as it prepares for the upcoming conference slate. Its opening Pac-12 matchup will be against Stanford in just under two weeks.

"Everyone coming to this tournament is a good team; no one should be taken for granted," Smoot said. "They're not gonna back down just cause we are a Pac-12 team."



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Over the weekend, Cal volleyball swept clean its slate of competition at the Pacific Tournament. The Bears now improve to an overall record of 5-1.

Past their overall 5-1 record, the Bears have put together some solid peripherals. They are outperforming their opponents .283 to .136, averaging 2.8 more kills per set and, possibly most importantly, have committed 34 fewer errors over their six games.

Four Bears — Smoot, Mima Mirkovic, Bella Bergmark and Leah Schmidt — have led the charge on offense, all contributing more than 40 points individually while combining for more than 70% of Cal's total points as a group.

While Smoot leads the team with nearly double the kills of the next closest Bear, it has been Bergmark who has risen to the top of Cal's reliability

rankings; her .405 hitting percentage leads all qualified teammates, while also playing in all 21 of the Bears' sets.

Bergmark's success, though seemingly sudden, has been a long time coming. Her solid play in the shortened season last year coupled with an offseason of hard work has really elevated her performance.

Bergmark and company hope to avenge Cal football's loss in their first game Friday, Sept. 10, before taking on NDSU later in the day. Their tournament final against Butler will be played Saturday, Sept. 11, as the Bears look to capitalize on one of their last chances to work out their kinks before conference play. ■

## FOOTBALL

## Why chase success?



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With about three months left before conference championship games kick off, the typical college fan thinks there's still a chance their schools will find their footing and start playing well in November. Even after losing an opening game, positive change is still within the realm of possibility.

Cal fans may not feel the same way, and for good reason. Saturday's season-opening 22-17 loss to Nevada at home was an embarrassment, even though the Wolf Pack didn't exactly dominate on either side of the ball. Indeed, the box score reflects a fairly even matchup. It was the Bears lost — by abandoning a winning game plan — that is the

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