Dear all UCSB EAP globetrotters,

Welcome to the Winter edition of the Gaucho Globetrotter! The UCSB EAP office is pleased to present to you our official quarterly newsletter, tailored just to you, as UCSB students. We will update you on what you have missed while you have been exploring the wonders of the world. In this edition, you will find the different delectable cuisines around the globe to the top hotspot destinations to vacation at. We hope to have you make the most of the rest of your time while abroad! Thanks for reading, and happy travelling!

Yours truly,
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Singapore

Fish head curry- If you are a fan of spicy foods and seafood, this is the dish for you! The name says it all!

Chicken Biryani- A popular and traditional Indian spiced rice dish with chicken.

Beef Rendang- A much celebrated slow-cooked beef simmered in spices and coconut dish.

Spain

Paella- A must have Spanish rice dish. Paella is a seasoned saffron rice mixed with vegetables and a variety of seafood and meat.

Calçots- This is a Catalan favorite! Calçots is a grilled green onion dish, dipped in sauce made of almonds, tomatoes, garlic, peppers, vinegar, and oil.

Tortilla de patata- Also known as Tortilla Espanola; a thick omelet with potatoes, onions and egg.

Pisto manchego- If you love ratatouille, you’ll love Spain’s version, made up of summer squash, onions, garlic, and tomatoes.

Greece

Youvarlakia me Avgolemono- This is a beef/lamb and rice meatball dish cooked in a creamy, egg-lemon sauce.

Dolmathes- Grape leaves stuffed with rice, mint, dill, tomatoes, olive oil & lemon.

Taiwan

Mian mian Bing- If you are a fan of dessert, try this Taiwanese flavored shaved ice, sweetened with condensed milk and green tea!

Phoenix Eggs- These are grilled quail eggs with sauce on skewer sticks.

Oyster pancakes- This dish is a starchy egg batter with oysters, much like an omelet.

Ghana

Banku and groundnut stew- Banku is grated maize and cassava root pounded into a dough eaten with a spicy peanut meat soup with chicken and tripe

Fufu- Another type of stew to try is Fufu, made from pounded cassava with okra

Plaintain chips- If you have the munchies, plantain chips make a great snack!

Jollof rice- Also known as Benachin; this dish is made of tomatoes, onions, spices, chili pepper, and vegetables.

Brazil

Churrasco- If you are a meat lover, this is a must try Brazilian barbeque cuisine. It is all you can eat steak slices.

Brigadeiro- For all you chocolate lovers, Brigadeiro is a Brazilian chocolate bonbon made of condensed milk and chocolate powder, covered in chocolate sprinkles.
After disappointing basketball and volleyball seasons, the Gauchos look to the diamond to re-establish athletic dominance in the Big West Conference. Historically very strong teams, both softball and baseball have gotten off to a great start in winter quarter. The upcoming Softball Mary Nutter Collegiate Classic will test the 1st place Gauchos as they face other top ranked national teams. When asked about the upcoming Classic, freshman catcher Sami Stark said “I feel like we’re a really cohesive team, especially with all the new people coming in, the older girls and all the returners did a really good job of welcoming us in and we really work well as a group.” Even with the challenge of playing undefeated teams, the Gauchos are confident in their ability to work as a team to step-up to the challenge. Their positive and driven attitude is one that has carried over across the fence and onto the baseball field.

The UCSB baseball team made sure to establish their presence as a top contender after the season’s first weekend of baseball in the Big West, finishing with a record of 2-1. Similar to the Softball team, young talent is vital to the success of this year’s baseball team. Sophomore right-hander, Austin Pettibone started off his season with an 8-1 win over Fresno State, making the statement that the Gauchos are here to play. Winter quarter is now coming to a close, but things are looking good as both teams dive into spring and the full-swing of the season.

The Harlem Shake has become the new fad all around universities and organizations. Some of you may have spent minutes to hours, watching videos after videos of the different versions of the Harlem Shake. The Harlem Shake is a crazy dance in which a large number of people gather, dressed up in ridiculous outfits and shake what their momma gave them. It has become such a big thing that even UCSB had one just a couple of weeks ago by Storke Tower! If you’re interested in watching it, it is now on Youtube!

photo by Maya Martinez
It’s that time of year! Time to set aside that textbook, dig out the sunblock, and scavenge together all the spare change you can find from under your couch in order to book those spring break travel plans.

We’ve come with up with a list of our exotic dream vacations around the world, for each of our study abroad regions!

**Ibiza**, the little Spanish island off the Mediterranean, promises beautiful beaches and a nightlife known worldwide for its techno and electronic dance scene. If that’s not quite your cup of sangria, why not try the more relaxed surfer town **San Sebastian** in the north of Spain for a weekend spent surfing and eating delicious basque tapas?

For those of you studying abroad in Asia, instead, try a trip to **Bangkok**, Thailand to take a cruise down Bangkok’s waterways and check out the floating markets. Or, opt for one of Thailand’s popular islands, such as **Phuket** and **Koh Tao** to relax on the beach.

If you’re in Africa, head down to **Cape Town** in South Africa. You might try diving with sharks off the coast, or if that’s more than a little terrifying, hike around the beautiful Cape Point Nature Reserve. The V&A waterfront promises excellent food and shopping, or you can choose to lounge on one of Cape Town’s many sandy beaches.

If you’re on one of our Australian programs, you might consider taking a trip out into the wilderness, be it **Tasmania** or the **Kakadu National Park** in Australia for hiking, jeeping, or exploring waterfalls and untamed beaches.

For New Zealand, indulge in your inner nerd and hike through **Tongariro National Park**, the official film site of Mordor from *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy and also home to the Alpine Trail, one of the world’s top ranked hikes.

For our South American adventures, **Easter Island** off the coast of Chile has a great mixture of both ancient culture and modern amenities. Ogle those creepy giant heads in the mornings and then spend your afternoons tanning on the picturesque beaches and snorkeling off the coast.

No matter what you do for your spring break, whether it’s going somewhere exotic or simply spending some time enjoying R&R in your new home abroad, remember that those of us stuck back home are exceptionally jealous either way. Spring Break 2013, baby!
This January Santa Barbara welcomed the 28th year of the Santa Barbara International Film Festival (SBIFF), celebrating both local and international filmmaking right here on our very own sunny State Street. For ten days, the theaters of downtown Santa Barbara were flooded with feature films and shorts alike, from all over the world and all ages of filmmakers. While many of the films being shown were professional indies doing the festival route, the 10-10-10 student filmmaking competition showcased local student talent, including works by our very own UCSB students.

The festival kicked off January 24th with the US premier of Disconnect, including Jason Bateman and Alexander Skarsgård as part of an ensemble cast in this compelling drama about several different families all colliding in an increasingly online world.

At the close of the festival, the Best International Film Award was given to comedy-drama Coming of Age (Anfang 80), an Austrian film directed by Sabine Hiebler and Gerhard Ertl. The film explores the romance of two eighty year-olds who decide that one is never be too old to fall in love.

Throughout the week, the Arlington theater downtown hosted a handful of A-list actors at red carpet awards events meant to showcase the talent in Hollywood this year. The stars present during the ten days of the festival included Amy Adams (The Master, 2012), Daniel Day Lewis (Lincoln, 2012), Quentin Tarantino (Django Unchained, 2012), Jennifer Lawrence (Silver Linings Playbook, 2012), and Ben Affleck (Argo, 2012).

“The journey makes the destination worthwhile,” Quentin Tarantino said of his writing process in his candid Q&A session, but this is a sentiment that applies not only to writing but to life in general. “You can only have a worthwhile destination after you’ve had a worthwhile journey,” he explained. And that’s something we at EAP believe you can take abroad with you!
While studying abroad, one has no need to feel envious about missing the festivities at home. However no one is immune from the sentiments of longing and desire for the expression of the most mind blowing musical talent ever: Coachella.

The answer to combating the little green Coachella monster inside of you is to explore the international music scene!

**Europe**

**Sensation**

*Location*: Multiple.
*Date*: varies
*Headliners*: Afrojack, Sander Van Doorn.

**Estrella Levante SOS 4.8**

*Location*: Murcia, Spain
*Date*: May 3-4, 2013
*Headliners*: Bloc Party, M83, The XX

**Africa**

**RAMfest Alternative music festival**

*Location*: Cape town, South Africa
*Date*: March 7-10, 2013
*Headliners*: Rise Against, Bring me the Horizon, Pendulum, The Black Cat Bones

**National Festival of Popular Arts**

*Location*: Marrakech, Morocco
*Date*: June 20-24, 2013
Experience offers belly dancers, fire swallowers, traditional folk music and more.

**Australia**

**Future Music Festival**

*Location*: Australia tour
*Date*: March 2-11, 2013

**Groovin’ The Moo**

*Location*: Australia tour
*Date*: April 27-May 11, 2013
*Headliners*: Matt & Kim, Tegan & Sara, The Temper Trap, Yacht

**South America**

**Lollapalooza**

*Location*: Santiago, Chile; Sân Paolo, Brazil
*Date*: March 29-31, 2013; April 6-7, 2013

**Asia**

**Ozzfest 2013**

*Location*: Chiba, Japan
*Date*: May 11-12, 2013
*Headliners*: Black Sabbath, Slipknot, Tool, Slash, Stone Sour

**Ultra Music Festival**

*Location*: Seoul, Korea
*Date*: June 14-15, 2013
*Headliners*: Armin Van Buuren, Avicii, and Carl Cox & Friends