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According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the omicron variant is "not easy. " It’s bad organization and bad planning," Nguyen said although he’s disappointed about the university’s “late response,” he’s been trying to support other students with words of encouragement on the SAMMY App.

"Don’t let these variants like omicron get in your way of learning and pursuing your careers and dreams," Nguyen said. "I can tell you how it is to take in that struggle, the stress, and the anxiety for students having to go through this . . . it’s not easy.”

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Driving down a California highway late at night with nothing but cars and street lights passing by, you turn the volume dial and the voice of a radio station DJ breaks the silence.

“You are now listening to 103.5 Dawn FM,” the DJ says as an hour of commercial-free, family-synthy-wave begins to play.

“Dawn FM” is the name of Canadian singer-songwriter The Weeknd’s newest album released on Jan. 7.

The Weeknd is known for his clean vocals, dark lyrics about failed relationships, drugs and alcohol and a consistent ear for great production that sets a mood and accentuates his voice.

“Dawn FM” is an evolution of the artist’s transition to electropop from his 2020 album “After Hours.”

With Canadian-American actor Jim Carrey playing a fictional DJ for the radio station “Dawn FM,” the album is more than just a collection of songs; it’s a 16-track immersive audio experience that evokes funky ‘70s disco, ‘80s new romantic and experimental pop.

The synthy-heavy electronic production combined with The Weeknd’s vocals create replayable, upbeat songs that totally connect the entire album.

The album is best experienced by listening to it in concert with Carrey’s omnisexual DJ narration punctually opening, ending and transitioning the songs.

Singles including “Take My Breath Away” and “Scarecrow” are reminiscent of the ‘80s pop-revival method used by Michael Jackson and are accompanied by radio-friendly vocal intros similar to Jackson’s 1982 hit “Thriller.”

The Weeknd lets the beat ride during songs so listeners can fully appreciate a song’s synthy-heavy beats, catchsy choruses and echoey use of his voice during the bridges.

The five track sequence which includes “Out of Time,” “Here We Go… Again,” “Best Friends,” “Drivesick” and “The Best Friend” are the perfect mix of retro and experimental pop.

The tracks are multifunctional songs that can be listened to at a concert or even during a long drive with your parents.

“Out of Time” has a slow-futurist vibe similar to The Weeknd’s 2016 song “I Feel It Coming” from his album Starboy. Sampling Japanese pop singer Tomoko Arai’s 1983 “Midnight Pardoners,” The Weeknd song “I’m there for you but I’m out of time” during the chorus.

“Here We Go… Again” allows listeners to imagine playing with their significant other on a dance floor under a disco ball.

“Drivesick” is a hip-hop/pop-esque ballad that serves as an analogy to seeing the light before death. The obscure song serves as a great standover.

In the track “Best Friends,” The Weeknd sings to a friend who he arguies with a lover and eventually forgives her with vocalization that truly showcases the multifaceted elements of the album.

“Dawn FM” radio station commercials are ingeniously put at the end of select songs to smoothly transition listeners to different tracks and create a full experience.

The finale of the album doesn’t stick the landing because the few songs that comprise the album’s ending are mostly forgettable.

“Every Angel is Terrifying” and “Phantom Regret by Jim” include infomercials for “Dawn FM” and “Afterlife,” a fictional over-the-counter drug that serves as an analogy to seeing the light before death making the album cohesive, but the tracks are not replayable for future listens.

Slow songs such as “Don’t Break My Heart” and “I Heard You’re Married” are the worst songs on the album, with the latter song including one of the worst vocals ever written by hip-hop legend Lil Wayne.

“If it’s your husband, can’t be your hybrid. I heard you’ve married. I bet he treats you like Virgin Mary. You like it dirty and I’m Dirty Harry. I thought we were some love birds, carrots, word to Larry,” Lil Wayne raps. Save yourself the pain of listening to that verse and just skip the song.

Despite a few unsatisfactory tracks, the album is a must-listen that has the potential to take over radio and social media this year.

Even though the album is not The Weeknd’s typical sound, his newest release is definitely worth a listen. “Dawn FM” is the perfect soundtrack for a late night drive with friends or even studying in a library.

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A tsunami can be both a local and a distant disturbance. For example, if an earthquake off the coast of Alaska causes a tsunami that affects Alaska and Hawaii, it is a local tsunami for Alaska, but a distant tsunami for Hawaii.

**Experts explain unusual tidal movement**

By Boytíl Hernandez

A Jan. 15 undersea volcanic eruption in the South Pacific caused a powerful tsunami to hit the Kingdom of Tonga and result in tsunami advisories for the entire West Coast, including the San Francisco Bay Area.

A San Jose State University student, who preferred to go by one name for privacy reasons, said she was at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk that morning walking with her friends and initially had no idea why the water was crashing against the hillside and you could see four rods falling. "Josie said it all made sense once she got a notification system that disseminates emergency information to the campus community during critical incidents, according to the University's Alert SJSU webpage.

"The tsunami program is a federal and state partnership with a goal of saving lives and protecting property before, during and after tsunami collisions, according to the NOAA tsunami program webpage.

All of this information is how the tsunami with those instruments, you can predict how high that tsunami might be. More information is how researchers at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) generate the tsunami warnings.

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"In cases of emergencies, the Alert SJSU system is the best way for the campus community to stay informed," he said. Alert SJSU is a campus emergency notification system that disseminates emergency information to the campus community during critical incidents, according to the University's Alert SJSU webpage.

"This volcano eruption occurred more than 5,000 miles away from [California] so the prediction time of [the tsunami] was well known hours in advance," Reed said in a Zoom call. "[The tsunami] was predicted to arrive between 7:30-8:30 a.m."

The Jan. 15 tsunami arrived when the tide had already reached the highest point of the day. [The tsunami] happened during a high tide, adding another foot and a half, almost two feet on top of a five-foot-high tide, Reed said.

He said the high tide allowed the water to extend further inland and the high swell added to the energy that affected the shoreline.

Swells are generated by waves that have traveled out of the area where they originated, according to the National Weather Service Marine Definition webpage.

"Avoid areas that are prone to flooding if you see the water receding rapidly that's an indication that a tsunami is coming, rather than going towards [the water], get away from the beach," Tom Connolly, SJSU physical oceanography assistant professor.

Read the full story on spartandaily.com.