

22nd Annual Muir College Pumpkin Drop and Halloween Carnival

October 26, 1999

MEDIA ADVISORY

EVENT: 22nd Annual Muir College Pumpkin Drop & Halloween Carnival, University of California, San Diego

DATE: Friday, October 29, 1999

TIME: 12:30 p.m. Pumpkin Drop; 11 a.m. 2 p.m. Carnival

LOCATION: Muir Quad between Tioga Hall and Tenaya Hall at UCSD (see map attached)

REMARKS: "Melvin," the pumpkin, will be dropped by members of the Muir College Residents Executive Council from the 11th story of Tioga Hall, the tallest building on the Muir College campus.

More than 100 pounds of candy have been added to this 350 pound pumpkin, grown by Dr. Hans Spiegelberg at his La Jolla home.

The pumpkin's "splat" is measured each year. The largest splat in the history of the pumpkin drop occurred in 1995, when a 398- pound pumpkin spewed over 100 feet.

ADDITIONALLY: The UCSD Bookstore will sponsor a Halloween costume contest for students, faculty and staff from 11:25 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. in the Price Center Plaza. Prizes will be awarded for the funniest, scariest, most creative and incredibly elaborate costumes.

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