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DJ Shneaky, also known as campuswide senator Ryan Perez, performed at the Triton Fest Haunted Hoedown this past Saturday. Photo by Megan Lee /UCSD Guardian.

UCSD

SAE President Apologizes for “Rush Boobs” Incident

BY KRITI SARIN NEWS EDITOR

Campuswide senator Thadeus Odom read a statement from the current president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the A.S. Council meeting Wednesday night, nearly one week after a pledge was caught asking a student to send him “rush boobs.”

SAE president Robbie Wilson’s written statement to A.S. Council reiterated that the fraternity’s leaders were unaware of the pledge’s actions.

“On the [Sunday before the incident occurred], I asked to see the member education portfolio for the current quarter and [‘rush boobs’] was not on the outline,” Wilson said in the statement. “Nobody on the executive board had any knowledge of this happening. The new member educator asked our newest initiated class to do this and only one person listened.”

Wilson apologized to Council and said he felt guilty for not being more involved in the member education process before the incident occurred.

“I am a leader of this organization and shouldn’t have been as complacent as I was,” Wilson said. “If I went [sic] to that first meeting, I could have prevented this

from happening. Furthermore, I could have asked more questions when I saw the member education outline last Sunday. I am so sorry that this happened and that my chapter offended so many people. I blame myself for this and therefore, I am putting the effort of change for this chapter on my shoulders.”

He mentioned that SAE had contacted the Women’s Center for advice on developing guidelines for educating its members and added that the chapter is going to elect a diversity and inclusion officer at its next meeting for the same reason.

“It’s worth noting that the educational process we adopt will be getting national recognition for SAE, meaning that our nationals are letting us formulate an education process that will take into effect for chapters across the country in years to come,” Wilson explained.

Associate Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Daniel Juarez told the UCSD Guardian that although they appreciated Wilson’s statement, it should not be misinterpreted as an end to the ongoing conversation about equality.

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SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Researchers Discover Fibrosis-Related Molecule

Preventing the formation of fibulin-5 could treat and inhibit the development of the disease.

BY MING-RAY LIAO
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An international team of researchers from UCSD and India’s IFOM-inSTEM identified a new molecule, fibulin-5, as a factor contributing to fibrosis. The researchers made the announcement on Oct. 15 and are aiming to eventually develop a more effective treatment or cure for fibrosis, which according to Colin Jamora, a biologist at IFOM - inSTEM and one of the study’s lead authors, contributes to approximately 30 percent of deaths worldwide.

Fibrosis is a condition that can affect tissues like those of the skin, lungs, heart and liver, causing them to develop fibrous connective tissues which lead to stiffening, swelling

and even loss of function. Shyni Varghese, a UCSD bioengineering professor and one of the study’s lead authors, explained that the treatment available so far is not ideal.

“One strategy is targeting the ‘transforming growth factor beta,’ or TGF Beta pathway, and thereby interfering with the disease,” Varghese told the UCSD Guardian. “However, the reality is that it’s not a very effective method, which led us to think that perhaps there are additional pathways that we needed to look into and target.”

Prior research has mostly focused on the more-abundant protein in the skin, collagen, which yielded the treatments currently available. This study instead focused on elastin — a protein that gives skin its elasticity, which is the ability to bounce back

to its original shape after being stretched — and fibulin-5, which is responsible for the formation of elastin. The team discovered that elevated levels of fibulin-5 caused elastin to form in abnormally large amounts, which correlated with subjects afflicted with fibrosis.

Varghese also gave further insight into why they decided to target elastin specifically in their study.

“There were not many studies with elastin, even though elasticity is a key protein found in the skin,” Varghese said. “So we decided to target elastin and since fibulin-5 plays a role in elastic fiber assembly, we also decided to look into that.”

Jamora stated that the research will result in more comprehensive

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UC SYSTEM

UC Students Protest for Increased Resources

Undocumented students protested outside President Napolitano’s office for more voting representation.

BY LISACHIK
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Undocumented students from across the University of California protested how UC President Janet Napolitano is handling issues faced by undocumented students. More than 30 students convened outside the UC Office of the President in Oakland on Oct. 19 to voice their concerns.

According to UCSD’s Migrants Rights Awareness student organization, the protest is an organized way to remind the UCOP of the institutionalized wrongs that have been affecting undocumented students for years.

UCOP agreed to launch a student nomination cycle for selecting student representatives in the first week of October this year, fifth-year UCLA student Vlad Stoicescu Ghica told the Daily Bruin. UCOP’s decision to halt these efforts prompted the recent demonstration.

When Napolitano took office in 2013, she launched a \$5 million system-wide initiative to enhance undocumented student services and financial aid. Services include academic advising, targeted counseling and coordinated campus services with community-based resources. The funding also provided UC loans, work-study opportunities and grants to financially needy, undocumented students in recognition of the financial barriers that they continue to face, according to UCOP Media Specialist Kate Moser.

UC officials announced in an email this month that they would pause the incorporation of student-nominated representatives in order to focus efforts on extending legal services to undocumented students and studying the impact of the \$5 million funding initiative.

“The momentum that undocumented student reps in the inter-UC coalition have built for the past five months has culminated to nothing because UCOP has arbitrarily decided to once again table our concerns and recommendations for change,” MiRA told the UCSD Guardian.

Moser told the Guardian that UCOP staff is collaborating with students to address the concerns of undocumented students.

“Staff in the Office of the President are actively working with the campuses and with students to further explore, and to implement where appropriate, the recommendations identified at the [last May’s] summit,” Moser told the Guardian. “The University is committed to continuing the dialogue with our students.”

Students walked out of Napolitano’s speech at the first-ever UC summit

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THINGS TO CONSIDER

By Sage Schubert Christian and Kyle Somers

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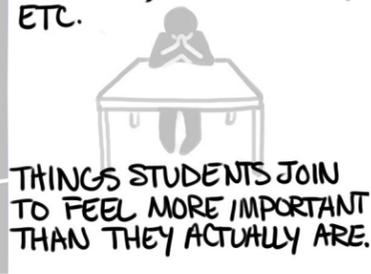
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AVERAGE CAT

By Christina Carlson



Scientists Ultimately Want to Manipulate Scar Tissue to Avoid Permanent Skin Damage

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fibrosis treatment in the future.

"Our demonstration that fibrosis can be prevented from occurring if we remove fibulin-5 from the picture offers a novel target," Jamora told the Guardian. "We believe fibulin-5 to be an important component of this disease that remains unidentified.

This manuscript demonstrates that fibulin-5, which is a relatively minor component of the population of proteins that make up the dermis, plays an oversized role in promoting fibrosis."

Additionally, Jamora indicated that the long-term goals of the research are aimed primarily at therapeutics such as fibrosis prevention.

"We would like to be able to control the amount of scar tissue that is formed following injury – to provide enough scar tissue for structural support but limited so that it doesn't become over-scarring that can have deleterious effects on normal organ function," Jamora said.

Jamora also remarked that the findings would be relevant to the

cosmetic industry in treating scars.

"The cosmetic industry would be interested in the potential scarless wound healing as there would be no lasting signs of a wound that can affect aesthetics and skin beauty," Jamora said.

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Fraternity Immediately Dismissed Pledge and Member Educator

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“What is desperately needed are people who will be willing to listen to those who want to share their experiences, to educate themselves and members in their own community, and most importantly, to change and/or alter their everyday practices that may be perpetuating racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, classism, ableism etc.,” Juarez said. “I am glad that a statement has been made, but now I am looking forward to see action — action that will yield tangible results.”

Senator Odom, who was the president of Sigma Alpha Epsilon last year, said that the fraternity was focused on fixing its mistake and finding a solution to prevent similar incidents in the future.

“It’s a tough situation,” Odom told council members after reading the

statement. “It blindsided us, and we’re just trying to react in the best way possible, once again, not to try to save our image on campus but to just try to help this issue to not be as much of an issue anymore. As we’ve seen, it’s happening far too often.”

Campuswide Senator and Greeks United for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity member Lauren Roberts recommended that Odom and SAE executives reach out to the EDI peer education team for help with creating workshops to educate members, a suggestion A.S. President Dominick Suvonnasupa strongly seconded.

Juarez added that their office has been in communication with the leaders of the Greek system as well as the Independent Review Committee and is scheduled to meet with them for the third time this Friday.

“We’re hoping that through collaboration there will be a willingness

to make changes that produce a different culture,” Juarez said. “We want these conversations to be solution-oriented. They can’t just be symbolic; they have to have an outcome.”

Juarez further explained that in order for these meetings to be productive, leaders across organizations needs to prioritize enforcing their new policies as well as promoting them.

“If we just let people slide through with a slap on the wrist, that’s not going to do anything,” Juarez commented. “The university needs to make a stance and decide what’s acceptable and what’s not.”

Wilson confirmed that two members of SAE — the pledge who sent the message and the fraternity’s member educator — were expelled hours after the incident went viral last Thursday.

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Future Summit to Discuss Undocumented Student Rights and Needs

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on undocumented students this past May to protest her former role as secretary of the Department of Homeland Security. UC students have previously expressed their discontent with Napolitano’s role in the DHS, knowing that 400,000 immigrants were annually deported during her four years in the administration, according to USA Today.

Following the summit, Ghica explained that a student-initiated coalition with members from each UC campus began work to increase student representation on the President’s Advisory Council on Undocumented Students.

“The council had only two student representatives in a council of 18 people,” Ghica told the Daily Bruin. “Our goal was to increase participation of undocumented students in helping

make decisions that affect their academic lives and opportunities.”

Funds provided to the UC Davis School of Law established a pilot legal services center with the purpose of serving students with immigration-related legal needs at UC campuses without law schools, including UCSD, UC San Francisco, UC Santa Barbara, UC Santa Cruz, UC Merced and UC Riverside.

MiRA explained that the benefits that the university offers to undocumented students are in reality ineffective services.

“Although some well-intentioned programs have been established, outreach and impact are severely lacking due to poor execution and coordination of resources,” MiRA said. “The existing infrastructures and programs are hidden and stigmatized. We recognize the need for confidentiality, but the culture

perpetuated by current resources at UCSD disempowers students.”

Associate Vice President of the Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Daniel Juarez expressed his intentions to maintain communications with the student body.

“I plan to continue listening to the concerns and demands of undocumented students here at UCSD, make sure that I am able to stand in solidarity with them and help them in any way possible to improve the campus environment for undocumented students,” Juarez told the Guardian.

UC students will collaborate to organize a student summit to address undocumented students’ issues regardless of whether or not the UCOP issues a response, according to Ghica.

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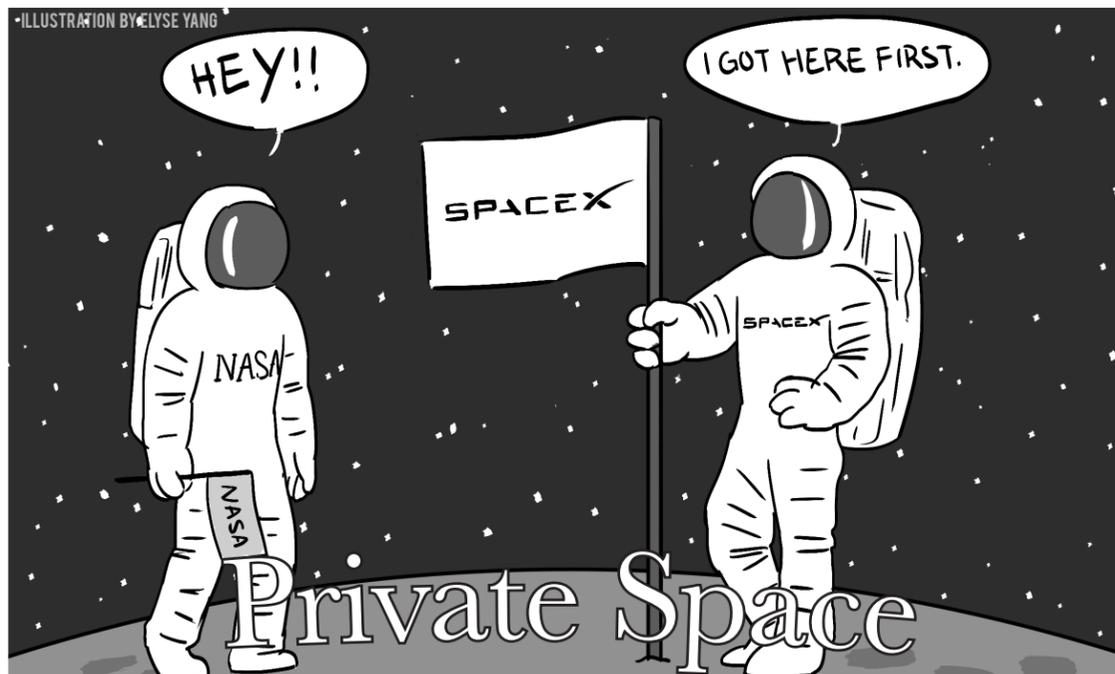


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OPINION

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Although NASA continues to be a powerful force of space exploration, privately funded companies such as Space X are proving to be formidable competitors, seeking to capitalize on new frontiers.

BY THOMAS FINN SENIOR STAFF WRITER

In seven months, UCSD will have its very own Triton alumna in space as Kate Rubins voyages with NASA to the International Space Station. She will join the growing ranks of human spacefarers, a pioneering subset of the world's population that expands with each passing year. While NASA remains a formidable and constant presence when it comes to sending people to space, the 21st century has set the stage for a new Space Race — this time not between posturing superpowers, but rather between entities of the public and private sectors.

Consider NASA's goal of having humans on an asteroid by 2025 and on Mars by the 2030s. Though NASA's status as a prevailing public space agency remains uncontested, this public agency is no longer the absolute gatekeeper of outer space. Elon Musk, a billionaire engineer and real-life Tony Stark, has set goals to match NASA's. He founded rival company SpaceX based on the notion that space agencies can thrive in the private sector.

SpaceX plans to put people on Mars in the 2020s and take advantage of space's vast resources for profit, well ahead of NASA's schedule. Another company, Mars One, also set lofty goals. It already started the process of selecting astronauts not only to visit Mars in 2026, but to experience the rest of their lives on the red planet, funded with an ongoing, international reality TV event. The clashing dates set for NASA versus SpaceX or Mars One reveal a healthy tension, a technological wager over who will gain the greater foothold off of Earth and in the universe. This wager carries implications beyond the specific organizations in question, speaking volumes about the state of private versus public blocs in society.

This juxtaposition parallels the original Space Race of the mid 20th century between the USSR and the USA. It happened as much for the sake of symbolically promoting capitalism against communism as for practical benefits. Though certainly not another Cold War, the new Space Race likewise represents a proving

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QUICK TAKES

THERE HAVE BEEN RECENT TRENDS TOWARD REBRANDING BUZZFEED INTO A MORE INVESTIGATIVE NEWS SOURCE, DESPITE ITS REPUTATION AS A POWERHOUSE OF MEMES AND VIRAL SENSATIONS.

Buzzfeed Successfully Engages Millennials, Creating a Promising Platform to Deliver Serious Journalism

After a few years of laying the groundwork for a rebranding, BuzzFeed is ready to take on the responsibility of "fine American news source." While the phrase "Buzzfeed reporter" may have once seemed an oxymoron, the well-known viral site is preparing to be a serious news source for the 21st century reader — and rightly so.

Buzzfeed's decision to tackle substantial news was not spontaneous. Rather, its movement began in 2011, when it hired Politico's Ben Smith, to create a national political reporting team. Since then, it has established a viable news source that releases investigative news stories at least once a month. Three weeks ago, it was BuzzFeed reporter Azeen Ghorayshi who compiled and published the report detailing a UC Berkeley professor's prolonged sexual harassment of female students over many years.

Still, there are concerns that BuzzFeed's effort to rebrand as a news source will attempt to make trained reporters out of writers who are more well-versed in social media and trend-predicting than in journalism. Another concern is that mixing BuzzFeed's flair for virality with the prestige associated with the New York Times will lead to a downgrade of journalism entirely. In hopes of establishing credibility, BuzzFeed now has 400 editorial writers, 170 reporters and 17 investigative journalists. To ensure its staff adheres to professional journalistic standards, BuzzFeed hired Lisa Tozzi from the New York Times as its news director and Ben Smith of Politico and New York Daily News as its editor-in-chief. It also established international outposts in places like Mumbai, Mexico City and Berlin to keep its coverage international.

Its distinctive entertainment sector will certainly still exist, but only as one of three major branches: news, lifestyle and web culture, the latter being BuzzFeed's signature feature.

Major United States publications have been struggling to keep up with readership since the Internet revolutionized our consumption of news. The exponentially-growing BuzzFeed easily has 150 million unique monthly viewers to mobilize as newsreaders and attentive citizens. In an attempt to bridge the gap between older styles of journalism and 21st century reporting, the rebranding of BuzzFeed — with its special repertoire of experienced newswriters and increasing dedication to investigative journalism — shows that now is the right time for widely-read news sources to focus on serious journalism, and responsibly dedicate themselves to being credible.

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Whether BuzzFeed Possesses the Credibility to Report Hard News or Not, Remains Questionable

A few years ago, BuzzFeed hired Ben Smith as its new Editor-in-Chief with the goal of expanding into serious journalism and long-form articles. Since that decision, BuzzFeed News regularly produces full-length articles about current events. Now, it has gotten to the point where even the casual browser is quoting Uncle Ben. With great power comes great responsibility, and BuzzFeed needs to gear up for the task of serious journalism.

The Orlando-based company has built a brand out of gifs, videos and quizzes catered to the short attention span of the internet procrastinator. As its expansion into professional journalism deepens, there is a growing concern about the influence of BuzzFeed's content. When the content is "20 Signs You're A 90s Kid," nobody pulls out an AP-Style Guide. When the stories cover the public lynching of two men near Mexico City, adherence to journalistic integrity is absolutely vital.

The problem arises in thinking that one requires utmost journalistic integrity to become a newspaper, which simply isn't the way free press works. If that were the case, the National Enquirer would have gone bankrupt years ago.

Journalistic integrity is not a requirement to enter the world of newspapers, it's a requirement to survive in it. Anybody can start a newspaper, but upholding the rigorous standards of modern newspapers is what allows them to succeed the long run.

Thorough research, public accountability and objectivity when handling sensational topics and having a corporate structure that promotes honest reporting are all essential when you butt heads with old and respected publications, such as the New York Times.

This industry does not tolerate weakness; it ruthlessly edits out the weak links as institutions play the juggling act of presenting exciting news and maintaining professional objectivity. The redactions, scandals and accusations of libel of one newspaper become the front page headlines of BuzzFeed's competitor, The Week.

If BuzzFeed wants to play ball with the big kids on the playground, that is its corporate decision. Whether or not it belongs there is yet to be seen, but it is not worth losing sleep over. After all, if it doesn't we will always have "21 Ways To Tell if You're Not Cut Out For the News Industry."

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How-To Guru: Halloween Rampages

Are you giddy with excitement yet for the approaching holiday season? Of course you are. There is no time of year more skimpy, sugary or fraught with poor life choices than Halloween. But don't forget to brace yourself — this is a dangerous time of year. While it may be tempting to let your hair down to really unwind and relax this Friday, we beg you to resist this urge.

Hooligans may literally be hiding around every corner, as well as zombie-like students. Almost everyone will be brainwashed into flaunting costumes displaying a mixture of racially and sexually charged stereotypes. Few survivors will walk away unscarred by this spooky night of ghouls, monsters and togas. Fortunately, with this handy-dandy survival guide, you'll keep safe from all those ruffians while eating as much sugar as possible.

To prepare yourself to be the sneakiest candy bandit, obey the following safety procedures without question. You must stretch the lengths of your stomach to maximize future candy consumption. Stuff yourself with pumpkins. Yes, you heard us correctly. Pumpkins are loaded with good nutrition and potassium. With the rich nourishment of pumpkins, you will successfully retain sound judgment to deal with the many perils of Halloween. It's no coincidence that pumpkins are available at every food supplier within walking distance of UCSD. A short walk to Perks Cafe will provide you with a pumpkin-spiced latte. Stock up on pumpkin cereal bars, pumpkin sauce, pumpkin cheese and pumpkin candy corn at Sunshine Market. In fact, refuse to consume any food if it is not loaded with pumpkins for your pre-Halloween prep diet.

If you look like a buffalo, you're ready for Halloween. On the big day, your first task is to obtain as much candy as possible. None of that fun-sized crap. Go king-sized or go home. The underground candy market is booming, and you're going to infiltrate this mysterious system. Pretend you're going grocery shopping and bring about 12 bags. You never know which little kids you can steal from. It'll be like taking candy from a baby, literally.

When the cops come, tell them you're on an undercover mission, working as an agent from the Drug Enforcement Administration. Stare intently into a police officer's eyes as you take a generous bite of a toddler's Snickers bar. Authoritatively report to him, "It's clean." And then take another bite and say, "Just double checking." Hand the wrapper back to the child and let him or her know it's safe for consumption. Then when neither is looking, grab the bag and run.

Not sure what to wear as a costume? Just take our advice and go as your midterm grades. Take a translucent sheet of paper with those grades and tape it around your body. There is no scarier monster in this world. We guarantee this costume will make you a knock-out. Explain to your professor that you need to know your grades early for this purpose. If you wake up in a trash bin surrounded by candy wrappers the next morning, give yourself a pat on the back for a successful Halloween.

WORLDFRONT WINDOW By David Juarez



Competition Between the Private and Public Industries of Space Exploration, Push for Greater Progress and Discovery

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ground of this century's ideologies. Many consider public space agencies an outdated relic of the last century, undermining the free market's natural evolution into space. Others hope to preserve outer space from the pitfalls of capitalism, keeping it as the common heritage of our species rather than just more worlds for monetary exploitation. One philosophy might predominate in the coming decades, and SpaceX's success could make as fine a case for the former as NASA's could for the latter.

Regardless, this competition drives us to progress. The first Space Race drove NASA's funding to record highs, successfully earning 4.41 percent of the federal budget in 1966, compared to last year's .5 percent. This funding not only helped us reach the moon, but gave us many practical inventions originally developed for space, from solar cells and water purifiers, to artificial limbs and baby food. A new Space Race could reinvigorate scientific funding, except this time, all major players benefit the same economy. The younger private companies use NASA, a time-tested veteran of the first Space Race, to set their bold standards, while NASA

can eventually reap the scientific advancements made by these capitalist firms whether or not they find success in the global market. This upcoming Space Race can avoid the zero-sum shortcomings of the original. These new competitors can cooperate to some extent and benefit from one another's advancements. The categories of public and private do overlap in many noteworthy ways, like NASA funding private ventures or doing business with them. Nonetheless, the dichotomy remains in an ideological realm where competition has the potential to spark exponential progress that

the world has not seen in 50 years. The call-to-action here urges all to recognize that both paths lead forward and to support scientific and technological progress in all forms — to fight to increase funding for NASA, but also to fan the ambitions of private enterprises like SpaceX and Mars One. The move to explore outer space can unlock untold resources for humanity, both physical and intellectual. The answers to age-old questions about the nature of life and our one and only Spaceship Earth may very well lie in researching other celestial bodies. Economically speaking, just a small section of the asteroid belt

could contain hundreds of trillions of dollars of useful industrial materials, such as precious metals that could be potentially mined with no environmental consequences on Earth. The reasons for keeping space exploration relevant are limitless. In order to face the problems of the 21st century, humans need to keep driving one another forward and challenging each other to test the limits of our ideologies, while keeping in mind that our ultimate destination remains the same. In the race to explore the universe, regardless of the contestants, humanity wins in the end.

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Drop It Low:

Muir College Prepares for Annual Pumpkin Drop

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Art by Kyle Somers

About 600 pounds. That's how much "It Low," this year's pumpkin for the Muir Pumpkin Drop, weighs. On Friday, Oct. 30 at 12:30 p.m., students will gather around Tioga Hall to witness one of UCSD's oldest traditions.

First held in 1974, the Pumpkin Drop was created as Muir's answer to Revelle's Watermelon Drop, which began the previous June. At 41 years old, it is older than Sun God Festival and nearly all other campus traditions.

The pumpkins dropped here are no ordinary gourds; the Muir Residents' Office find unusually large ones grown by farmers and pumpkin enthusiasts throughout California.

Patricia Danylyshyn-Adams, Associate Dean of Student Affairs for Muir College, started working at UCSD 38 years ago, shortly after the pumpkin drop started. Adams, along with assistant director Sonia Rosado, is instrumental in organizing the Drop and bringing the pumpkin to campus every year.

Adams said that this year's pumpkin was grown by Jon Berndes from Alpine, about 30 minutes east of campus.

"He is a telecommunications person, and this is just a hobby he does," Adams told the UCSD Guardian. "He's probably grown five or six for us so far, and he's looking at a bigger one next year."

Most years the pumpkin weighs somewhere between 250 and 500 pounds. Last year's pumpkin, "Bruh," was one of the biggest, weighing 500 pounds. That still pales in comparison to "It Low," the Drop's largest one yet; at 600 pounds, it weighs as much as a typical vending machine.

Muir senior Trevor Murphy has seen the Pumpkin Drop three times and recalls exactly how big it looked from the ground.

"The first time I saw it, from quite a far distance, it was still huge, like the size of my palm at the distance of the top of a building," Murphy told the Guardian.

Muir faculty brought the "gourd of honor" to campus on Oct. 23, one week before the drop. Moving a vegetable of this size is a mammoth task in itself, so Adams needed a lot of helping hands to get the pumpkin safely to campus.

"We had probably seven or eight students that helped us pick up the pumpkin," Adams said. "With a carpet [to lift the pumpkin] and a flatbed we got it back here. There were some strange looks on the freeway; they took pictures because it was sitting in the back of our truck."

Every year's pumpkin gets a unique name. Some creative names from years past include 2011's "Dead Gorgeous" and 2010's "Drop and Give Me 50," named in honor of Muir's 50th anniversary. This year's pumpkin was named "It Low" so Muir Residents' Council can drop "It Low" on Oct. 30 at the Halloween Carnival in Muir, which will take place all day to kick off the Halloween weekend.

The pumpkin is currently on display at the Middle of Muir coffee shop. On Wednesday Oct. 28, it will be featured at Pines Dining Hall's Harvest Festival before Muir Residents' Council carves it on Thursday evening, taking out enough flesh to fill an entire trashcan.

After that comes 50 to 60 pounds worth of candy, enough to fill the colossal jack-o'-lantern to the brim. When the pumpkin splats, the candy spills out like a piñata, and eager students scramble to get their share.

Muir senior Angella Nwoye remembers waiting in a crowd of people to grab the candy that fell out.

"I remember last time that I wanted to run for the candy, but there were so many people running after it that I waited for them to all finish getting it, and then there was still a lot left for me to grab," says Nwoye. "There were a lot of people; they definitely filled up Muir Lawn."

The gargantuan gourd is dropped from the 11th floor of Tioga Hall, the highest point in Muir. Nearly dwarfing the people around it, the pumpkin has to be rolled off the roof by a maintenance crew, with ceremonial pushes by Muir Residents Council's Executive Board and the winner of the Muir Pumpkin Carving Contest.

The drop, predictably, creates a sizeable mess. In preparation, the maintenance staff boards up all the windows in the area to guard against the debris. Still, accidents do happen from time to time, according to Muir senior Alex Sinclair, who has seen the Pumpkin Drop three times.

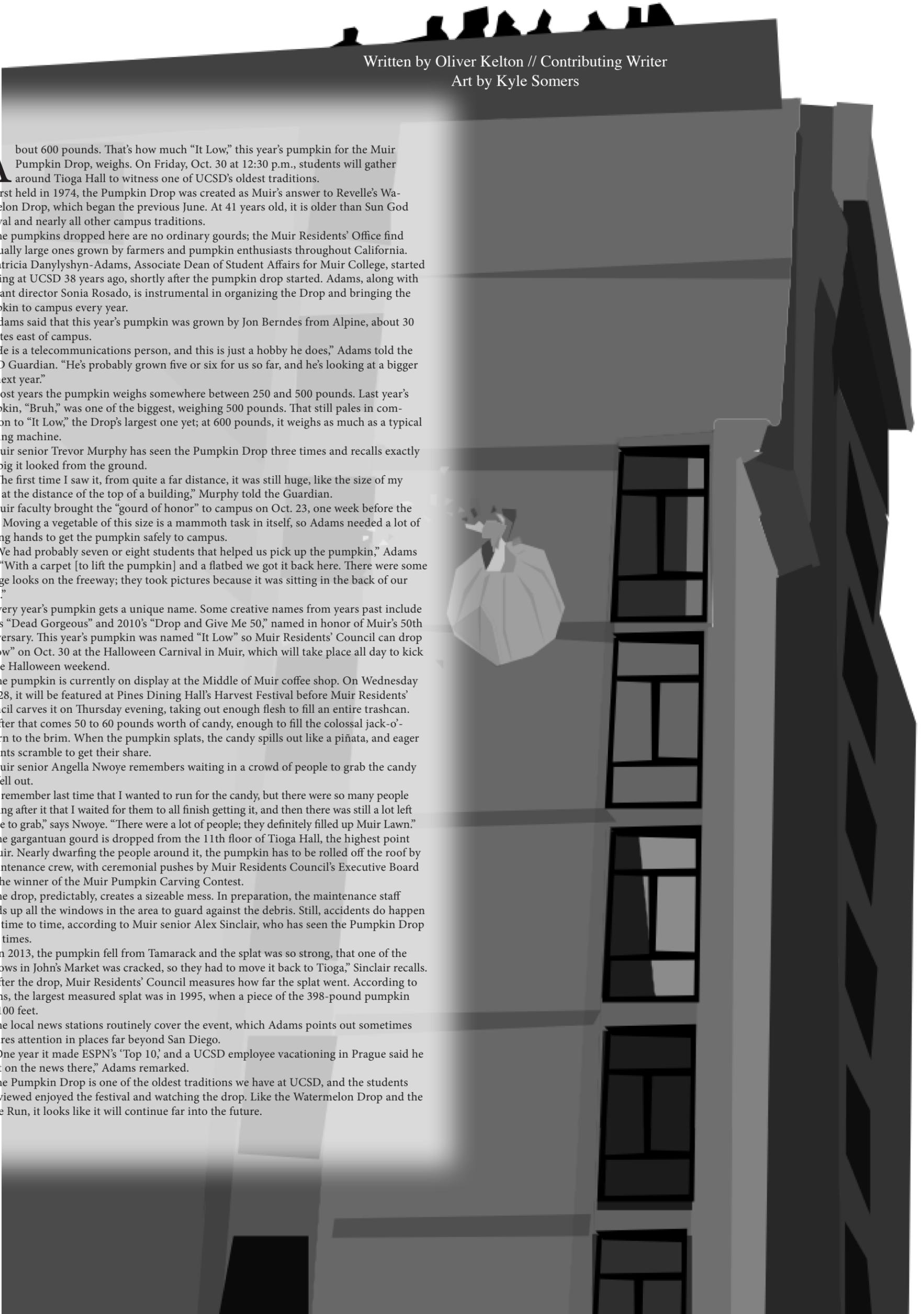
"In 2013, the pumpkin fell from Tamarack and the splat was so strong, that one of the windows in John's Market was cracked, so they had to move it back to Tioga," Sinclair recalls.

After the drop, Muir Residents' Council measures how far the splat went. According to Adams, the largest measured splat was in 1995, when a piece of the 398-pound pumpkin flew 100 feet.

The local news stations routinely cover the event, which Adams points out sometimes captures attention in places far beyond San Diego.

"One year it made ESPN's 'Top 10,' and a UCSD employee vacationing in Prague said he saw it on the news there," Adams remarked.

The Pumpkin Drop is one of the oldest traditions we have at UCSD, and the students interviewed enjoyed the festival and watching the drop. Like the Watermelon Drop and the Undie Run, it looks like it will continue far into the future.



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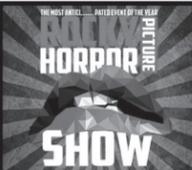
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MON 10.26

8am
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5pm
GLOBAL FORUM SPEAKER SERIES - THE GREAT HALL AT I-HOUSE

This year's Global Forum events cohere around the thematic of global citizenship. In thinking about global citizenship, we begin the fall quarter with a set of questions: How does one become a global citizen? How do different stakeholders in different geopolitical, cultural, and social milieus understand and operationalize the idea of 'global citizenship? Finally, what does global citizenship look like in terms of actions? We hope each of this quarter's events help our audiences approach these questions with new insights. While we are not looking to assemble a selection of 'correct' answers, we are interested in complementing and complicating the ways UCSD and San Diego communities answer these questions, and we hope our speakers keep them in mind while preparing their remarks.

5pm
FILM SERIES: RELIGION AND THE BODY - HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCI BLDG., RM 1128

This film series explores themes of religion and the body. The series opens with Lars Von Trier's "Breaking the Waves," an emotionally and spiritually challenging film that hammers on conventional morality. The series is hosted by Professor Dayna Kalleres. Each film presentation will be followed by an informal discussion about the theme. Open to undergraduates. Free admission. Registration/RSVP recommended.

THU 10.29

10am
MEDITATION - THE ZONE

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1:30pm
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3pm
R&R QUAD - THE ZONE

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3pm
PASSPORT TO CULTURE: CHILE - INTERNATIONAL HOUSE-CUZCO LOUNGE

Earn your passport and "travel to Chile!" Learn about life and culture from current students who have lived and studied in various regions of the world. Enjoy a traditional taste of food from the highlighted region each week! Week 5 "Passport to Culture" will highlight Chile!

6pm
ABEL IN ZION: NEGOTIATING LANGUAGE DIVERSITY IN PRE-1948 PALESTINE - FACULTY CLUB

A talk, in honor of Dean Padden, about the intersection of multiple spoken languages and Zionism in Israel.

TUE 10.27

10am
FITNESS ZONE: YOGA FLOW - THE ZONE

Yoga: This class will move from one asana (pose) to the next. Each class is a unique sequence of asanas. Classes take on a life of their own with the culmination of collective energy, movement and breath. Lead by FitLife instructor Jennie Olson Six and Nadine Lindseth.

7pm
OUTREACH TRIVIA NIGHTS - MIDDLE OF MUIR (MOM)

FOOD, FACTS, FRIENDS, & FUN! Come to Home Plate Cafe to meet new people and test your knowledge of various trivia categories! Free entry to all UCSD students and prizes for winning team! Make this a weekly event and turn up the competition! Happy hour prices on food and drinks for trivia participants! All students are welcome! Come as a team or by yourself!

7pm
ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW - PRICE CENTER THEATREN

What's better than candy on Halloween? Cult Classics! Dress up and get ready to dance along with us for a sexy night filled with the thrill, chills and trills of this unforgettable movie musical. There will be a LIVE performance of Rocky Horror to accompany the film screening! This event is free and open to the public. 7pm - Doors open: Time Warp Dance lessons, Costume Contest, and more 8pm - The movie madness begins Rocky Horror is a place to go where you'll be accepted, whoever you are. The music is wonderful, the costumes are flashy and fun, and the film is a vacation from reality. Contact: tmcmembers@ucsd.edu 8585344004

FRI 10.30

10am
FITNESS ZONE: ZUMBA - THE ZONE

Zumba: Experience the dance craze that's taking the fitness industry by storm! Zumba combines Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow dance moves to put the FUN back in your workout. Fast and slow rhythms are combined for an aerobic and toning workout that confers the benefits of interval training. Lead by FitLife instructor Olga Lazitski and Christine Gonzakez.

2pm
DE-STRESS W/ BIOFEEDBACK - THE ZONE

Come de-stress with the CAPS Wellness Peers! Measure your psychological stressors and learn more about what makes you most stressed, how it affects your well-being and how to keep your stress levels down! Workshops are all free. Space is limited and is first come, first served. Hosted by the CAPS Wellness Peer Educators

WED 10.28

2:30pm
CAREER CHATS WITH CSC ADVISOR - THE ZONE

Chat with Roxanne Farkas, a CSC Advisor, about professional career objectives and goal setting so you can be more successful in obtaining your career goals

11am
BODY COMPOSITION - THE ZONE

Walk in for your free analysis which includes: body weight, percentage body fat, total body water, and blood pressure. One free assessment per quarter is available to registered UCSD students.

SAT 10.31

8am
CHALLENGE COURSE FACILITATOR TRAINING - UCSD CHALLENGE COURSE

Learn how to facilitate a group through a meaningful experience of team building, problem solving and group processing. This training program focuses on the core competencies necessary for facilitators on the UC San Diego Challenge Course. The training will offer a combination of technical safety skills and facilitation skills of working with individuals and groups.

10am
GARDEN HOURS - BEHIND LA JOLLA DANCE BUILDING AND CHE CAFE

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SUN 11.01

7am
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The renovated Alex G. Spanos Training Facility boasts 12,000 square feet of strength and conditioning zones, athletic training/rehabilitation zones, an outdoor conditioning plaza, offices and a conference room.

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Men's soccer has 19 points at the end of the season, and now has to wait eight days to see if that will be enough to qualify for the California Collegiate Athletic Association Championships.

8

A record eight-time CCAA champion, women's soccer clinched a second-straight CCAA Tournament berth.

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Freshman forward Mary Reilly has a league-leading nine goals.

MEN'S WATERPOLO

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CSU San Marcos

UCSD 4 - 0
Chico State

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Tritons Take Pair of Decisive Shutouts

UCSD clinches postseason berth and faces CSU San Marcos to end regular season.



PHOTO BY MEGAN LEE/GUARDIAN

BY ALEX WU
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

After dropping its last match against Sonoma State, the UCSD women's soccer team rebounded this past week as it went 2-0 against California Collegiate Athletic Association rivals, with a 2-0 win over Cal State San Marcos and 4-0 against Chico State. The second-place Tritons now have an 11-5-1 overall record and a 7-4-1 conference record, good enough to earn the team a spot in the CCAA tournament with one game remaining in its schedule.

Game One

In the freshman transfer's third start, midfielder Elisa Martinez scored for the first time this season off of a 20-yard shot that landed in the upper left corner of the goal. Shortly afterward,

the Tritons struck gold once again with a timely score by sophomore forward Katie O'Laughlin as she scored her sixth goal of the season from the left side. The early goals put the Tritons ahead 2-0 at the 33-minute mark, a lead the team would never relinquish.

The team shut out the Cougars with the help of UCSD senior goalkeeper Kelcie Brodsky's four saves, in her 25th career individual shutout. Cal State San Marcos freshman goalkeeper Allie Jara did not fare as well as she allowed two goals and was pulled after the first half.

Cal State San Marcos' offense was clearly stifled, as it was unable to score on any of its ten shots. Freshman defender Jenna Hernandez led the Cougars with a total of three shots, and a shot by senior forward Sarah Campbell bounced off the goalpost at the 72-minute mark.

UCSD scored twice on a total of twelve shots, seven of those shots on goal, along with a total of four assists. O'Laughlin led the team with three shots along with her one score.

UCSD improved to 10-5-1 overall and to 6-4-1 in the conference, while Cal State San Marcos fell to 3-7-5 overall and to 3-5-3 in the conference.

Game Two

Despite starting relatively slowly in comparison to its previous match, UCSD soon found its groove against Chico State. The game remained scoreless until sophomore midfielder Maxia Espino scored her second goal of the season by rebounding her missed header at the 38-minute mark. From that point onward, the Tritons never looked back.

"It took us the first 10-12 minutes to get our legs going, but once we did, we started getting hold of the ball,

moving it and getting (Chico State) chasing," UCSD Head Coach Brian McManus told the UCSD Athletics Department. "That allowed us to create a lot of chances, and we really dominated the rest of the first half."

With the start of the second period, the Tritons didn't waste any time to put points on the board. Within 39 seconds, junior forward Jamie Benedetto scored her first goal of the season off of an assist from sophomore midfielder Jordyn McNutt. The Tritons never took their foot off the gas and scored two more goals, notching one after freshman forward Mary Reilly scored her ninth goal of the season and another to close out the game as freshman forward Megumi Barber scored her third goal of the season.

The Wildcats simply could not contain the Tritons' offense, as they let the Tritons score four times on 11 shots on the goal. While the Wildcats had seven shots on the goal, the Tritons would not lose hold of their lead as Brodsky held her ground in the goal with six saves and another shutout, her 26th of her career. Reilly led the offensive with four shots on the goal with one score, with McNutt earning the only two assists of the game.

With the win, UCSD clinched a spot in the CCAA tournament with only one game remaining in its schedule. UCSD improved to 11-5-1 overall, while Chico State dropped to 9-4-2 overall.

"We're in the CCAA Tournament, and now just have to wait for the seeding," McManus said. "I feel like we're playing good soccer now, and don't really care who we get matched up with."

Up next, UCSD hosts a rematch with Cal State San Marcos on Oct. 30 to close out its regular season.

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MEN'S SOCCER

UCSD Finishes CCAA Regular Season

After this week's win and draw, UCSD remains in contention for CCAA berth.



PHOTO BY MEGAN LEE/GUARDIAN

BY DEV JAIN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The UCSD men's soccer team earned crucial points in hopes of a California Collegiate Athletic Association Championship berth this past week, beating Cal State San Marcos 1-0 on Wednesday and then drawing with Chico State 1-1 after two overtimes on Friday to wrap up its regular season. With the week's results, the Tritons are now 6-5-6 overall and 5-3-4 in the CCAA. UCSD is now in a three-way tie for third in the standings with Stanislaus State and Cal State Los Angeles.

Game One

In a must-win game for the Tritons, sophomore midfielder Eric Young delivered the game-winner in the 76th minute that propelled UCSD to victory over Cal State San Marcos at Triton Soccer Stadium on

Wednesday evening. It was a crucial win that kept the Tritons' postseason hopes alive.

Young scored on a header off a left-sided cross delivered from fellow sophomore midfielder Zachary Lagotta at 75:34 that ended up in the lower right corner of the net. It was Young's first goal of 2015 and the third of his career, as well as his second game-winning goal ever. Lagotta and junior midfielder Riley Harbour were each awarded with assists. Both now boast a team-high three over the season.

Young was also pivotal on defense — with 10 seconds left in the game, Cal State San Marcos' junior midfielder Louie Farfan leapt from the rest of the players and put a strong header to the goal, but Young was in the perfect place at the right post to clear the ball and keep Cal State San Marcos scoreless.

Redshirt junior goalkeeper

Cameron McElfresh was at his best, adding a pair of saves in what was his league-leading seventh shutout for UCSD, totalling 19 for his career. Cal State San Marcos' senior goalkeeper Zach Sheppard had two saves on his end. Even with the win, UCSD was outshot in the game 15-8.

The match served as UCSD's home finale but did not feature a traditional Senior Night ceremony prior to kickoff, as the Tritons have no seniors on their roster.

Game Two

UCSD earned a 1-1 draw versus rival Chico State after double overtime in the Tritons' CCAA finale at the University Soccer Stadium this Friday. The road point was valuable as the game once again held huge postseason implications.

Friday's match was the last in the Tritons' 2015 regular season schedule. The Tritons will now wait out the last eight days of the CCAA

schedule to see if their 19 points are good enough to earn them a third straight postseason berth. The top six teams qualify for the 2015 CCAA Tournament.

UCSD opened the score at the 19:19 mark when freshman midfielder Brandon Monteiro Magpayo took a free kick and Harbour headed the rebound into the net to give the Tritons a quick 1-0 lead.

Chico State tied the game at 59:30 as junior forward Omar Nuno scored on a penalty from a handball called near the penalty area. The penalty shot was the first shot attempt for the home team.

Both teams continued to push to take the lead. UCSD came close when a throw-in was tossed near the far post and freshman midfielder Christian Cordell slid in to knock the ball in, but freshman goalkeeper Andrew Matthews was there to block the shot. Chico State almost got the game winner at 3:09 in the first overtime session when senior forward Octavio Murillo's shot went just wide right. The game ended in a hard fought 1-1 draw after two overtime sessions.

"I thought the team played very well," UCSD head coach Jon Pascale told the UCSD Athletics Department. "Chico State was a very good opponent, but I thought we controlled the majority of the match. We were a little unfortunate to get the penalty called against us, and their goalkeeper made a great save late in the match [on Cordell]. I thought those two plays were the difference."

The Tritons have finished the regular season and will now have to wait until the CCAA season ends to find out if they are one of the six teams to make it to the postseason.

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M. Water Polo	10/29	VS Santa Clara
M. Golf	10/30	AT Dennis Rose Invitational
W. Soccer	10/30	VS CSU San Marcos
W. Volleyball	10/30	VS Cal Poly Pomona

Building a Legacy

UCSD Athletics community celebrates grand opening of new training facility.

*Written by Rosina Garcia // Staff Writer
Photos by Kenji Bennett // Guardian*

Last Wednesday, Oct. 21, UCSD celebrated the opening of its newest athletics facility, the Alex G. Spanos Athletic Performance Center, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The Spanos family donated \$500,000 to expand and renovate the existing training facility, adjacent to the track at North Campus.

The facility is open to all students and contains high-end machinery equipped for specific training and rehabilitation. The 12,000 square foot facility will also lessen the congestion student-athletes experience at RIMAC, as it offers additional fitness and training “zones,” as well as a conference room and even a hydrotherapy spa for the athletes.

“It was designed to have multiple teams training at one time, with each having its own work space,” UCSD Director of Strength and Conditioning Myles Cooper said at

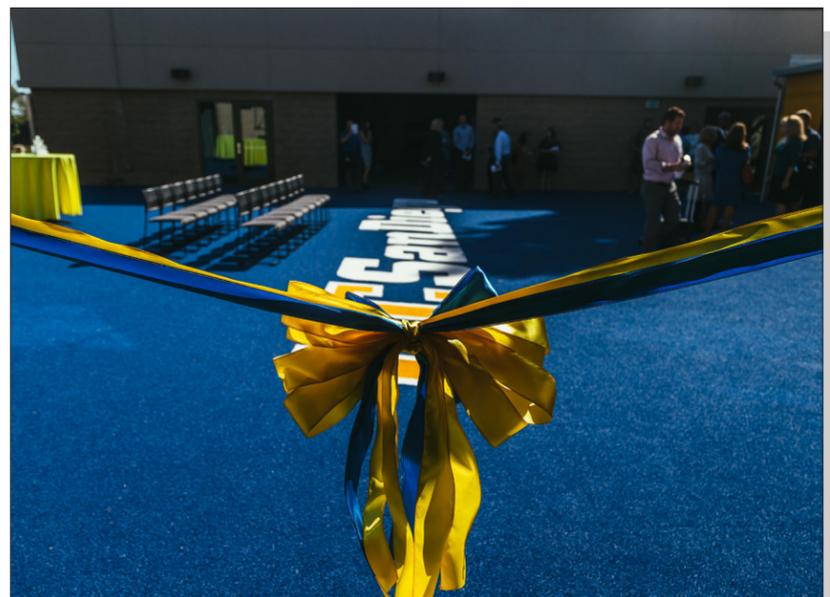


the ceremony. “In addition to the space, our new pieces of technology will ensure we are developing the correct physical qualities at the appropriate time of the season.”

In addition, the UCSD name and school colors are featured prominently within the facility, which is an extension of the other athletics projects that have been completed this year, including Triton Ballpark and Muir Field. UCSD Athletics Director Earl Edwards says that these blue and gold markers are part of the branding that UCSD and the Athletics Department are attempting.

“I think one of the things that we struggle with, the university, is a brand where a lot of people know who we are,” Edwards told the UCSD Guardian. “We’re a great institution, world-renowned institution, but a lot of people don’t know. So the more they can see UC San Diego, whether it’s facilities or on TV, the better off we’ll be as far as visibility and connecting with the community.”

The Spanos family has been part of the UCSD community since the 1980s when UCSD hosted the San Diego Chargers training camp. President of Football Operations for the Chargers John Spanos, grandson of Alex G. Spanos, the original Spanos owner



of the Chargers and namesake of the facility, hopes to continue the relationships the Chargers have with UCSD.

“[This relationship] is something my grandfather started, and it’s something we’ve been really proud to continue, and he really deserves all the credit for starting it,” Spanos explained to the Guardian.

The UCSD News Center reported that the Spanos family has given more to the UCSD Athletics Department than any other individual or family, with its contributions amounting to over \$1.6 million.

“UCSD holds a special place in our hearts,” Spanos added. “UCSD is a great institution that we’ve just been really happy and proud to be able to support the school.”

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