



Demonstrators at a rally align their signs to depict “la mural de la raza,” which means the mural of the people.

Activists assemble to protect historic murals

By Mauricio La Plante
STAFF WRITER

Months after an abrupt paint job covered a historic mural in East San Jose, a group of advocates for Chicanos has taken legal and civic action to preserve artwork throughout the city.

Several organizations from around San Jose, such as Jovenes Activos and Silicon Valley De-bug have joined together to create “el comite for the preservation of Chicano arts.”

The committee helped organize a demonstration next to the graffiti-covered wall that used to display the historic mural, “la mural de la raza,” on Sunday.

“Our committee, which is an ad-hoc committee, came

“We are asking for them to protect them with plaques and also preserve the ones that have been erased.”

Paulina Cortes
committee member for the preservation of Chicano arts

together to really demand that this mural be restored,” said committee member Carlos Velazquez.

Along with the public protest, the committee is supporting José Meza Velasquez, the artist who painted “la mural de la raza,” in a lawsuit against the owners of the building, said Carlos Velazquez.

However, the Eastside mural is not the only

painting under the eyes of the committee.

They are compiling a list of murals and public artwork depicting Chicanos to present to the Historic Landmarks Commission, according to Eastside resident Paulina Cortes, a member of the committee.

It’s an opportunity to receive official protections for artwork that could be easily erased.

“It has to go further than these events that kind of engage the community and inform the community,” Cortes said. “We are trying to work with the landmarks commission and do it in a more formal way and ask for their assistance in something we’re already doing.”

For the committee, this meant going through a tedious documentation of artwork that could potentially be erased, Cortes said.

“We’ve compiled, basically a presentation where we’ve been looking at several different murals that depict Chicano history,” Cortes said. “We are asking for them to protect them with plaques and also preserve the ones

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Food pantry opens after long delay

By Kunal Mehta
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After being delayed for a semester, the Spartan Food Pantry opened on Monday, providing free food to food-insecure students.

Current San Jose State students who are qualified can visit the pantry once a week to get fresh produce, non-perishables and other food.

The permanent food pantry is located in the Student Union, with an entrance across from the engineering rotunda.

It will be open 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday. The pantry will also be open over spring break, with specific hours posted on the SJSU Spartan Food Pantry website.

More than 150 students shopped at the pantry on Monday, said Marko Mohlenhoff, student affairs case manager for SJSU Cares.

SJSU is the second-to-last California State University campus to open a food pantry, said Ben Falter, senior student affairs case manager. “We’ve been working on this for years,” he said.

“Virtually, every student ought to be eligible for this.”

Marko Mohlenhoff
SJSU Cares
student affairs case manager

Falter said it took so long for SJSU to open the pantry because of a lack of space and funding. After securing initial grant funding, the university had its annual 2018 fundraiser gala contribute toward the pantry, he said.

The pantry was expected to open last semester. However, it had been delayed pending approval from the county fire marshal and county health department, Mohlenhoff said earlier this month.

SJSU Vice President of Finance and Administration Charlie Faas said, “[The pantry] is beyond what I was hoping it would be.”

Students must earn a gross annual income of \$33,385 or less to qualify, though no documentation is required, according to

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Bravers shave heads for childhood cancer



Animation senior Nicole Newitt gets her head shaved in honor of her late mother who died after fighting with cancer.

By Cora Wilson
STAFF WRITER

When she was just 18, animation senior Nicole Newitt’s mom passed away after battling cancer for years.

Witnessing her mom go through the disease and chemotherapy inspired Newitt to have all of her hair shaved off in memory of her.

“It was emotionally really hard for her to let go of her hair when the chemo treatments started,” said Newitt. “I feel excited to give away my hair to someone else who can use it and for the opportunity to raise money for this foundation.”

San Jose State hosted its second St. Baldrick’s Foundation “Shave for the Brave” event, organized by entrepreneurship senior Jason Crudo and graduating psychology junior, Trinity Suriano. The event raised more than \$4,000 dollars to go toward the St. Baldrick’s Foundation.

According to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, they are a volunteer-powered charity that funds childhood cancer research grants more than any other organization, except the U.S. government.

“This event is something that I feel like SJSU can definitely benefit from and also benefit others from,” said Crudo. “It’s always good to give back.”

For five hours, 27 students and San Jose residents chose to get their heads shaved in support of the foundation.

“Fundraising is a big deal, but I think this one specifically comes from the goodness of people’s hearts,” said Crudo. “Sometimes we feel tied to certain philanthropies and they happen every year, but this one I feel happened very genuinely.”

According to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation, one child is diagnosed with cancer worldwide every two

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City looks to partner with SJSU to house students

By Mauricio La Plante
STAFF WRITER

The City of San Jose is exploring a partnership with San Jose State to provide resources for homeless students, according to a recently released open letter signed by four city council members.

In the document, originally sent to SJSU President Mary Papazian on March 14, Councilmembers Raul Perez, Maya Esparza, Magdalena Carrasco and Charles “Chappie” Jones cited

the CSU chancellor’s office study.

Around 4,300 SJSU students lack housing, which is 13.2 percent of the school, according to the study.

Perez represents the district that harbors SJSU.

He told the Spartan Daily that students who approached him felt that the school’s administration would feel more pressure to bring more immediate relief to students struggling without a home.

“I don’t care if you’re a student that’s homeless or you’re just a resident of district 3 or anywhere



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regarding the city’s letter:

“San Jose State University remains committed to partnering with the City of San Jose, students, and the community to identify and implement sustainable, long-term solutions that address

in the city, quite frankly you’re my responsibility,” said Perez.

The university released the following statement

student housing needs.”

For Perez, students struggling without a home is just another element he said his office is examining in their work to relieve homelessness in San Jose.

“The biggest issue I work on in my office is homelessness,” Perez said. “But there’s a focus right here in downtown, here in San Jose.”

In the past, councilmembers and students have criticized SJSU for lacking certain resources.

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Animation senior Nicole Newitt has been growing her hair out just to be able to donate it to the St. Baldrick’s Foundation for “Shave for the Brave” on Thursday.

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minutes and more children are lost to cancer in the U.S. than any other disease.

Among the volunteers who participated was a student who has been passionate about supporting children with cancer since he was in high school.

“In high school I volunteered for two and a half years at the local cancer center,” said kinesiology freshman Chico Salinas. “I was there to help kids through the process of them having cancer and I also helped kids grieve with their parents or family members having cancer.”

Aleah Longacre, Wag! walker in San Jose, works with Newitt and wanted to support her friend and the cause.

Wag! is a technology platform that connects people to a nationwide network of experienced dog walkers, boarders and sitters.

“Hair is a big part of identity for anyone – but especially me – and I just couldn’t imagine something like that if I was so young,” said Longacre. “Everyone keeps saying you’re so brave for doing this, but really, these kids are brave for having to fight cancer.”

Volunteers who aim to raise money



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Aleah Longacre
Wag! walker

for the St. Baldrick’s Foundation had the opportunity to join other volunteers in a team to raise money as a group. Two of the teams who raised the most money at the event were Team SJSU with \$3,008 and Sigma Alpha Epsilon with \$581.

Many students at the event shared how important it is for SJSU to have events like these on the campus and in front of the residence halls.

“Anything that supports a good cause is something the students should be interested in,” said Joseph Diaz, sophomore corporate accounting and finance major. “St. Baldrick’s Foundation is a really great foundation and I would definitely encourage others to be interested in participating next year.”

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the food pantry’s website.

“Virtually, every student ought to be eligible for this,” Mohlenhoff said.

The pantry is divided into six zones: produce, multiple use, cool zone, single use, toiletries and grab and go. Falter said that students will be encouraged to take food from the first two zones: produce and multiple use.

While the pantry won’t track exactly which foods individual students are taking, it will keep a record of the zones students are taking food from for tracking purposes, Falter said.

Shivanku Mahna, a computer science graduate student, said he was looking forward to the opening of the pantry.

“I really have high expectations of this. As an international student, I’m not too high on resources or money,” Mahna said. “Anything that’s free and of good quality doesn’t hurt.”

Mahna said he had been volunteering at and receiving food from the previous Just in Time mobile food pantries that happen once a month.

Students could get non-perishable foods at the mobile pantry, but it only happened once a month for an hour.

Falter said the permanent food pantry will allow them

to give students a more personal experience.

He compared the single hour per month that the mobile food pantry was open to the 20 hours this week that the new Spartan Food Pantry is open.

Mohlenhoff said the Just in Time mobile food pantry will continue in April and May while they better understand how students use the new permanent pantry.

He encouraged any student facing food insecurity to use the pantry, and to take advantage of all resources available to them.

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While the city amended its zoning code in February to allow for safe parking programs, SJSU rejected the Student Homeless Alliance’s demands for such a program in the 7th Street garage, earlier this month.

According to Student Homeless Alliance leaders, Papazian cited the program as too expensive for the university to implement.

“Well [Papazian] turned down the Safe Parking program here at San Jose State, which the city of San Jose’s parking ordinance would allow them to do that,” Esparza said in an earlier interview, before the city’s letter was made public.

Funds have been set aside in the City of San Jose’s new

budget for 50 safe parking spaces at the Roosevelt Community Center on Santa Clara Street.

“Whether the school does or does not do [safe parking], we are doing it,” Perez said.

SJSU has pointed to SJSU Cares, an emergency relief program for students experiencing sudden food or housing insecurity, as their best option for immediate assistance.

“We really want students to contact us, if they are going through housing insecurity, food insecurity, just to make they are going through the SJSU Cares program,” said Mayra Bernabe, president of the Student Homeless Alliance. “It’s easier to talk to another peer instead of administration.”

Bernabe is hoping that the Student Homeless Alliance can encourage

students to reach out to SJSU Cares.

“We have students who are contacting us that are couch-surfing, that don’t have enough to make next month’s rent,” Bernabe said.

These monthly dues are why Bernabe said immediate assistance is necessary.

“There’s no excuse to not do or come up with a solution,” Bernabe said. “Because the city is willing to provide financial support.”

Bernabe said the city’s support is a sign to that the Student Homeless Alliance and students without housing are not alone.

“Just in general this statement has created an opening, a new opening of hope, and just kind of revived our demands,” Bernabe said.

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Isabella walks among the demonstrators upset about the loss of the mural.

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that have been erased.”

However, for Cortes, the documentation is long overdue.

“I’m working on the first and pretty much only, that I can hear, photo documentation of the murals,” Cortes said. “That’s something that the city should already have, a formal photo documentation of the Chicano murals.”

During the demonstration, a series of speakers explained the importance of Chicano art and what is necessary to be preserved.

“With this destroyed, I just feel incredibly violated,” San Jose resident Elisa Marina

Alvarado said. “It’s kind of a personal affront to have that mural painted over.”

The mural was a way for youth to have “pride” in their heritage, Cortes said.

“There is so much historic significance even just on this street right here that was depicted on this mural,” Cortes said. “In the absence of Chicano studies in public education, we feel as Eastside San Jose residents that this was our Chicano studies.”

The committee will present its list of Chicano murals to the city council on May 1 to qualify as historic landmarks.

“The youth deserve to know that story,” Cortes said. “We’re trying to do something and we’re simply just asking for the support from the city to aid us.”

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Correction

On Thursday, March 21, the Spartan Daily published an article titled “Frats proclaim parties are safe” where Delta Sigma Pi was misidentified and was social probation and educational sanctions.

Spartan Daily regrets this error.

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PROFILE

Armoni LeGras: 'Audacity' and talent

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Not everyone can say that they know a busy college student who can write their own music while juggling the responsibilities of school and life.

From writing and releasing his own music, to winning the first ever Spartans Got Talent competition – fourth year Armoni LeGras, who is a radio, television and film (RTVF) major, is doing it all.

“If I’m not writing, I’m drawing. I just do that – that’s my whole life,” LeGras said. “Pretty much everyday I’m writing [songs] I keep it in my notes.”

LeGras’s mother, Stacy LeGras, said her son began writing original songs when he was just five years old.

LeGras continued to write songs as he got older, and is still writing today.

“Ever since I was really young I just loved dancing and music – the whole nine,” LeGras said. “I wanted to make my own kind of vibe.”

His mother said LeGras has done nothing but make her and his father proud with his creativity and progression in music.

“We’ve been proud of [LeGras] for years,” Stacy LeGras said. “He’s always been that kid that just always shines. He has always shined no matter what he did.”

Until middle school, LeGras did not take his original songs too seriously. At this age, he started looking up to celebrity performers such as Bow Wow and Chris Brown.

“I really looked up to those kinds of performances and performers. It was awesome to me, so I wanted to try it out and thought I can do it,” LeGras said.

Today, LeGras likes to write music about his personal life and emotions. He said his lyrics are mostly about love and heartbreak since those are easy topics to write about.

“I like telling the truth, I don’t like garbage music. I don’t like people talking about stuff they don’t mean,” LeGras said. “I just try to put my own story into lyrics.”

LeGras said when writing songs, he listens for words in conversations that would be good and pairs them with the music.

“Usually somebody will say something to me that strikes a chord in my body,” LeGras said. “I always end up writing it down and put it on a song.”

In his music career now, LeGras has started working with a producer, Ayush Bahri, a fourth year mechanical engineering student at San Jose State.

Though Bahri has



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Fourth-year RTVF student Armoni LeGras performing at an on-campus talent show for the RTVF department.

only been producing for LeGras this last year, he shared his thoughts on how the songwriter’s opinion regarding professional music change over time.

“He’s definitely gotten more serious about it, as in, he wasn’t really looking at music as a thing that he could possibly be doing in the future full-time,” Bahri said. “Now, he’s definitely practicing his words and

everything. He talks about more sensible things [in his songs.]”

His mom said LeGras has always had a knack for creativity, whether it was drawing or making music.

LeGras said he was taught to put education first in hopes that it would help him with a music career in the future.

“I said ‘well first of all, you need to get your education,’” LeGras’

mother said. ““You get your degree in the field that you want to be [in] – that’s your top priority. Nothing can stop you.””

For others who want to start making music, LeGras shared a motto that helped him stay calm when releasing new projects.

“I always go by this saying, ‘fuck around and find out’ because if you like what you created, test

it out in front of people,” LeGras said. “Shoot for the stars, why not?”

As he continues his fourth year, LeGras plans on releasing new music before this summer.

His new music project will be called “The Audacity” and will be available on YouTube and Soundcloud.

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TECH SPOTLIGHT

Apple unveils latest software innovations

By Alyson Chuyang
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More creative curations flowed out of Cupertino on Monday morning, with the biggest names in the technology and entertainment world watching.

Apple unveiled its new software features coming this spring and fall. The company is upgrading its news, TV, payment and gaming applications.

The hour and a half keynote speech was filled with a star-studded crowd, simplistic visuals and the classic Apple introduction, complete with the tagline, “Think Different.”

Apple CEO Tim Cook and his other team curators presented nothing short of interesting upgrades on the already existing applications that Apple offers.

Magazines have now been added to Apple News, with over 300 publications available to users under one paid subscription.

With the amount of magazines available, a regular subscription to every one would cost someone about \$8,000, but with Apple News+, a user would pay \$9.99 per month for the same amount of stories.

Not only will users have access to it, but their experience will be more immersive with live covers, personalized choices and easy-to-navigate features for a digital magazine.

While some users may glance over the journalistic upgrade of Apple News+, the

next upgrade is something that could affect every user.

Apple announced that it is launching a new credit card, dubbed, Apple Card.

The card is described to have hit all of its key principles: simplistic, transparent and private. The card will be easy to sign up for through the Apple Wallet, and users can use it automatically.

The main goal for this card, as described by Jennifer Bailey, vice president of Apple Pay, is to be more financially conscious of your spending.

All of the transactions made on the card will be updated in real time and will appear more recognizable, unlike credit card statements that show unrecognizable merchant numbers.

For merchants that do not accept Apple Pay, they have created a physical and sleek card that people can use.

It’s a safer alternative as well, as it will generate a new security code every time you make a purchase. It also shows no credit card number, CVV or expiration date.

The first two upgrades benefit the users, but the changes made to the app store and Apple TV will benefit the creators and designers as well.

Apple also introduced Apple Arcade, which will allow users to pay for a subscription to an expansive array of games all curated by new and veteran game creators.

Users will not have to bother with advertisements or extra in-app fees when it comes to the games that

are offered in the arcade. These games can be played anywhere and will also not require wireless connection.

The last, and arguably the biggest announcement came with a star-studded cast. A dramatic video appears with multiple directors such as J.J. Abrams and Steven Spielberg spilling their exact emotions when making a movie.

As the event live streamed on Apple’s website, reactions poured in on Twitter, some noting how Spielberg took back his opinion on streaming websites. Earlier this month, the Spartan Daily reported on how Spielberg supposedly believed that original movies from streaming sites are not deserving of an Oscar.

However, Spielberg partnered with Apple and is making a reboot of his 1985 series, Amazing Stories, on the streaming platform.

Apple TV+ will offer original features that will be directed by and feature big names such as Jason Momoa, Jennifer Aniston and even Sesame Street characters. This streaming service now is in competition with other streaming sites like Amazon and Netflix, that have been producing originals themselves.


While the company has not rolled out any new hardware in this keynote, consumers will surely have many new features to look forward to with the new update.

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SAN JOSE GOES MAD FOR NCAA TOURNAMENT

ROUND 1 EAST

Homesley leads Liberty to third straight upset at SAP

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Reporters scrambled to line the tunnel outside of Liberty's locker after the No. 12 seed pulled off the third, and arguably the biggest upset on Friday, winning 80-76 against No. 5 Mississippi State.

But, the journalists stood puzzled mumbling, "Where's the team?"

After hearing cheers erupt from the locker room, the media soon discovered the Liberty players got so excited over their school's first ever NCAA win, they

left the court celebrating through the wrong tunnel.

"I think it means something, first NCAA Tournament win. But I don't think that we're done yet," said Liberty junior guard Caleb Homesley.

Homesley was the star on the court. Right after Mississippi State's Lamar Peters sunk a layup to take the biggest lead of the night, Homesley's survival mode kicked into drive.

Down 63-53 with 7 minutes 18 seconds to go, Homesley responded with 14 points, took the team on a 16-4 run, and with 2 minutes, 34 seconds left on the clock, carved out a 69-67 lead. He also finished the night with a career high of 30 points.

"[Homesley] took over," said Liberty head coach Ritchie McKay. "When he starts to feel good about his shot, he's such a dangerous offen-

sive player because he can score at all three levels, but he's also a tremendous passer."

The entire game was a tug of war for points. The Bulldogs opened the first 5:20 with an 8-2 run and held Liberty to only 14 percent shooting from the floor. But midway through, Liberty answered back with a 17-8 run, and later finished down by a bucket at halftime, 37-35.

The underdogs trailed Mississippi State for 29 minutes of the game, had nine lead changes, and kept it close to the very end. Liberty led by a nail biting 76-74 with 10.7 seconds remaining.

After free throws back and forth on both sides, Liberty walked off the court as winners, raced to high-five screaming fans with painted clown faces, and somehow ended up in the wrong tunnel.

- Lindsey Boyd, Sports Editor

Third time's a charm for Virginia Tech Hokies

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After making it to the first round of the NCAA tournament three years in a row, No. 4 Virginia Tech had a field day blowing out No. 13 Saint Louis, 40-18 in just the first half.

Despite getting outscored in the second half, the team punched its first ticket to the second round since 2007 with a final score of 66-52.

Head coach Buzz Williams said he was "emotion-

ally bankrupt" after the win and kept looking down at the score sheet in his hand as if to prove to himself that they had really done it.

The Hokies held the Billikens to just 36.5 percent shooting on the court, forced 18 turnovers and hyped up the crowd with 10 fast breaks. Virginia Tech's Justin Robinson only totaled 9 points after coming back from a foot injury, but was the heart and soul of the team.

From smiling and flexing after layups, to walking off the court in the second half after getting upset at a call, Robinson was the "engine" of the team, according to his teammate and roommate, Ahmed Hill.

As Williams's wife and kids sat taking pictures of him at the press conference, Williams took a few

seconds of silence to reflect on the value Robinson brings to his team.

"It's hard for me to quantify the peace that I have when [Robinson] is on the floor. Statistically I thought he was OK, but when the ball is in his hand, I think he is going to make the right decision," he said.

For three-time vet Ty Outlaw, the game was like "Back to the Future." He had seen the first round of the NCAA tournament twice before with his teammates Hill and Robinson. The difference this time?

"Everybody had each others back," said Outlaw. "Poise was a big factor . . . being able to get rebounds, get turnovers, push the ball."

- Lindsey Boyd, Sports Editor



(Left) UC Irvine's bench explodes in excitement after pulling off the biggest upset of the day. (Right) Wisconsin's star player Ethan Happ hangs his head after losing to Oregon.



ROUND 1 SOUTH

Oregon Ducks down Wisconsin Badgers in first round

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In a premiere matchup that featured two teams from Power Five Conferences, No. 12 University of Oregon prevailed with a 72-54 victory over No. 5 University of Wisconsin-Madison at the SAP Center on Friday.

It was the third time in the last six years that the two teams matched up in the NCAA Tournament.

The Ducks' head coach Dana Altman said it was the team's effort in the second half that ultimately got them over the hump against the Badgers.

"I thought we had a really good second half. I thought our guys played really hard defensively on both halves," Altman said.

The game started with fast-paced action on both sides as players worked down low in the paint and beyond the arc. The Badgers jumped out to a quick 7-2 lead over the first 3 minutes, 25 seconds of the game.

Oregon then ran off on a 7-0 run to take a 9-7 lead, after a made 3-point shot from freshman forward Louis King with 14:01 left in the first half.

The teams stayed neck and neck with each other for most of the first half, with neither team having a lead larger than 7 points.

With 6 seconds left in the half, a huge dunk by UW's senior guard Khalil Iverson tied up the game at 25 heading into halftime.

The second half was all about the Ducks and their

relentless effort on defense. They held the Badgers to shooting 33.3 percent from the field and 20 percent from the 3-point line for the entire game.

UO also shut down UW's best player, senior forward Ethan Happ, as the team held Happ to 12 points and 8 rebounds, well below his season averages.

Surprisingly, the Badgers held a 31-28 lead with 18:00 left in the game, but that was short-lived.

The Ducks ran off an 18-6 run over the next five minutes, retaking the lead at 46-37 with 12:38 left in the second half. UO built its lead up to 52-47 before going on another 18-2 run, pushing the score to its largest lead of the night, 70-49.

The Ducks ended the Badgers run in the tournament and advanced to play University of California, Irvine.

- Gabriel Mungaray, Senior Reporter

UC Irvine ignites SAP Center after Cinderella win

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In only their second-ever NCAA Tournament appearance, No. 13 University of California, Irvine completed the biggest upset of this year's tournament to date as it defeated No. 4 Kansas State University, 70-64 Friday at the SAP Center. This was the Anteaters first-ever NCAA Tournament victory and the fourth 13 vs. 4 seed upset since 2013.

The UCI Anteaters entered the game on a 16-game winning streak. They had not lost a

game since December, giving them the confidence that they could beat any team that stood in their way.

"We came into the game confident with belief that we could win, and I think that belief showed throughout the game, especially when we were down early, and we settled in," UCI head coach Russell Turner said.

The first half seemed like a game of runs as both teams traded 7-0 and 9-0 runs, ultimately leading to a 28-27 KSU lead with 3 minutes, 8 seconds left in the first half once the pace slowed down.

UCI junior guard Max Hazzard left the SAP Center crowd with an exclamation point after hitting a deep 3-point shot at the buzzer to tie the game at 30 at the end of the first half. This seemed like the momentum shift every double-digit seed

looks for when attempting to pull off an upset.

Cold-shooting and scoring droughts seemed to do the Wildcats in during the second half. From 16:06 to 14:45, KSU went on a scoring drought and shot 0-5 from the field, letting UCI take a 42-39 lead.

The Wildcats went on an extended 10-2 run to take a brief 49-44 lead, but the Anteaters had answers to every KSU run.



UCI's Hazzard, senior guard Robert Cartwright and junior guard Evan Leonard sparked runs of 6-0, 9-0 and 12-0 respectively for the Anteaters for the rest of the game, to knock KSU out of the tournament.

Hazzard finished with 19 points on the game as his running mate Leonard also finished with 19 points and 6 rebounds to lead the Anteaters.

- Gabriel Mungaray, Senior Reporter

ROUND 2 EAST

Hokies blow out Liberty Flames' Sweet 16 wish

	5	LIBRTY	58
	4	VT	67

Forget the stat sheet. Just look at the five camera-hogging Liberty fans covered in clown paint go from screaming to sinking their heads as No. 4 Virginia Tech beat No. 12 Liberty, 67-58 Sunday.

Those clowns ping-ponged through the air, against one another, during the first half, as they watched the Flames fight point for point. Their team kept it a one to two bucket game during the first 10 minutes.

The turning point came with 8 minutes, 34 seconds left when Liberty pulled out a 11-6 run to push its lead from 15-12 to a stunning 26-18.

"First half I thought we played

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This is the church. This is the steeple. Open it up and there's the people. And anytime you have success, it's always the people.

defense, but we kind of was just 'eh,' " said Virginia Tech's Ahmed Hill.

After regrouping during a media timeout, Virginia Tech settled down in the last four minutes of the half, shot 4 of 5 from the floor while holding the Flames to 2 for 6.

The Hokies walked away at halftime

down, 32-29, a complete opposite story from Friday when they led at the half by 22.

Then, Hill came out screaming. "I start yelling, and I know it gets the guys going," Hill said.

Virginia Tech answered back with 2 layups and a 3-pointer by Hill to take back the lead 36-32 within the first 2:11.

The Hokies let the Flames hang around after fouling Myo Baxter-Bell four times in a row to take back the lead, 41-36.

With 15:08 left, Virginia Tech made it clear that enough was enough. They went on a commanding 16-3 run, powered by Ty Outlaw's 3-pointers, Hill's jump shots into traffic down low and Kerry Blackshear Jr. and Justin Robinson's soaring layups.

Hill later went on to drive through defenders down low, sink a jump shot

and go to the free throw line to take the biggest lead of the game, 59-50 with 3:13 left.

With that, the Flames' offense went cold, making only 2 of 12 jump shots.

By the time the buzzer ended and Nickeil Alexander-Walker looked up at the scoreboard, he stood under the hoop frozen with his eyes wide in shock. Meanwhile, Robinson dribbled over to his coach beaming while his teammates swarmed around him, jumping to cling on to each other.

"This is the church. This is the steeple. Open it up and there's the people. And anytime you have success, it's always the people," head coach Buzz Williams said of his team making it to the sweet sixteen. "And to be able to see it all come to fruition has scarred my heart forever in a good way."

- Lindsey Boyd, Sports Editor



(Left) Virginia Tech's Ahmed Hill hangs in the air as he goes up for a wide-open dunk. (Right) Head coach Buzz Williams yells out a play to run against Saint Louis.



ROUND 2 SOUTH

Clock strikes midnight for Cinderella team against Oregon

	12	OREGN	73
	13	UC IRV	54

The clock struck midnight for the cinderella team of the first round as No. 13 University of California-Irvine lost to No. 12 University of Oregon 73-54 at the SAP Center on Sunday.

The Ducks will head to Louisville, Kentucky to take on the No. 1 seed University of Virginia in the Sweet 16 of the South Region.

Ducks head coach Dana Altman highlighted the energy his bench players brought, helping lift the team past the Anteaters.

"Once we got a couple of baskets, our energy level went way," UO head coach Dana Altman said. "Ehab [Amin] had some key steals and then we just started bouncing around again."

Even with this just being a second round game of the NCAA Tournament, it had the atmosphere of a Final Four matchup. The crowd erupted after every made-shot and turnover forced from their respective team.

With each team playing at a frantic pace to begin the game, UO jumped out to a quick 15-6 lead with 13 minutes and 16 seconds left in the first half. Freshman guard Will Richardson hit a 3-point shot, and the Ducks steadily increased their lead throughout the opening half. They reached their largest lead of 14 points.

UCI graduate student Robert Cartwright made a layup right before the first half buzzer sounded to trim UO's lead to 35-23 heading into halftime.

The second half was a game of runs for both teams as they were fighting for the final spot in the Sweet 16.

The Anteaters went on an extended 11-0 run over the first 6 minutes of the second half, showing more attention to detail on

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defense as they were closing the driving lanes and forcing the Ducks into taking more 3-point shots.

UCI took a brief 37-35 lead before UO senior Ehab Amin knocked down a 3-point shot at the 12:28 mark to give the Ducks back the lead and end the team's scoring drought.

The Ducks then proceeded to go on a

12-3 run to extend their lead to 50-40 after a put-back dunk by sophomore forward Kenny Wooten, igniting the Oregon crowd section that had been quiet for the start of the second half.

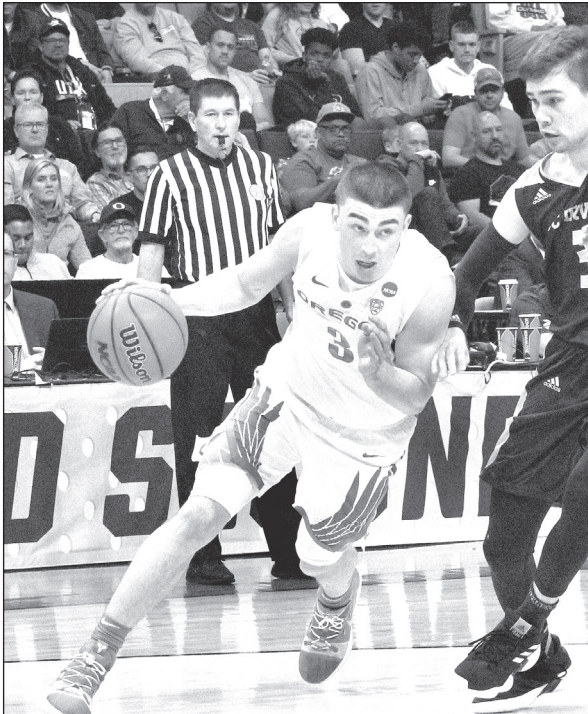
UO's suffocating defense, led by Wooten's 7 blocks on the night, made it a nightmare for UCI to score inside as they started to fall even more behind in the second half. The energy was sucked out of both the Anteater's team and their crowd as they saw their Sweet 16 hopes and dreams slip away after every missed shot.

The Ducks led by as much as 22 points in the second half and were energized by junior guard Payton Pritchard who finished with 18 points and 7 assists. He further proved why UO is going to be a force to be reckoned with heading into the Sweet 16.

- Gabriel Mungaray, Senior Staff Writer



(RIGHT) UC Irvine's guard Robert Cartwright gives head coach Russell Turner a hug before the game. (Left) Oregon guard Payton Pritchard drives past Robert Cartwright.



2 FAIR 2 BALANCED

Democratic mainstream feels the ‘Bern’



Kunal Mehta
STAFF WRITER

In this installment of “2 Fair 2 Balanced,” I’m breaking down the 2020 Democratic presidential candidates from the perspective of a San Jose State student, hopefully giving you real, practical advice on who you should be voting for in the primary.

The third 2020 presidential candidate we’re looking at is the independent senator from Vermont, Bernie Sanders.

Full disclosure: I voted for Sanders the last time his name showed up on my ballot.

Despite losing in the 2016 primary, Sanders scored major victories in turning his policy positions like “Medicare for all” into mainstream Democratic ideas.

New Deal, a stimulus plan to invest into green technology.

In a 2017 op-ed he co-wrote in The Guardian, Sanders said “We must aggressively transition our energy system away from fossil fuels and toward clean, renewable energy solutions such as energy efficiency, solar, wind and geothermal energy, and electric vehicles.”

His voting record speaks for itself – the League of Conservation Voters gave Sanders a 100 percent on pro-environmental votes in 2018.

The Sierra Club described him in 2017 as “one of the strongest voices for environmental protection, clean energy and climate action not just in the United States Senate, but in the world.”

2 Fair 2 Balanced Rating

Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT.)

Environment: ★★★★★

Wage Disparity: ★★★★★

Social Justice: ★★★★★

Supreme Court: ★★★★★

Despite being an independent, it’s hard not to consider Sanders a “capital D” Democrat.

So, let’s dig into the issues: the environment, wage disparity, social and criminal justice reform and the Supreme Court.

Back in December 2018, Sanders and now-congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY) held a livestreamed town hall discussing how to deal with the issue of climate change.

Sanders has since endorsed the Green

I think the main thing Sanders is missing is concrete proposals or legislation to pass – but I feel comfortable in assuming that those will show up later on in his campaign.

Attacking wage and income disparity has become Sanders’ signature issue.

He’s proposed raising the federal minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

“Doing so would give more than 40 million low-wage workers a raise, more than 25 percent of the U.S. workforce,” Sanders tweet-



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Independent Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders speaks to supporters at San Francisco’s Fort Mason on March 24.

ed in February.

PolitiFact rated his statement as “half true,” explaining that the survey being cited was for 39.7 million workers, and that there would likely be job losses in addition to the wage gains.

It’s not reasonable for us to expect candidates to be 100 percent correct all the time, but I expect better of Sanders when it comes to one of his main campaign platforms.

Following allegations that his 2016 campaign mistreated women campaign workers, Sanders announced that his 2020 campaign would be unionized – the first presidential campaign to ever do so.

In addition to strengthening his campaign, Sanders is sending a clear pro-union and pro-worker message to voters.

Sanders’ advocacy of a universal health care system could fit under both the issues of wage disparity and social justice reform, but I’m going put it in the latter.

Sanders wants to create a universal Medicare program that covers all Americans.

From a citizen’s perspective, there’s not much to dislike.

Acknowledging that he was wrong is one of the biggest signs to me that Sanders is serious on reforming our criminal justice system.

Vox’s 2017 analysis of his plan explained that patients would have no out-of-pocket costs and it would be more expansive than most employer-sponsored plans.

Paying for this plan is where the holes start to appear – his home state of Vermont’s single-payer plan in 2014 was abandoned after they were unable to figure out how to pay for it, Vox reported.

Maybe his proposed tax on the uber-wealthy would cover it, but for all the promises, a more solid foundation would be nice.

Sanders has admitted that in the past he didn’t fully realize the criminal justice problem in America.

“I had no idea hundreds of thousands of Americans, particularly African-Americans, were being held in jail, for months or years, even though

they’ve never been convicted of a crime, simply because they can’t afford bail,” Sanders told The Intercept reporter Shaun King in 2018.

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When it comes to the Supreme Court, Sanders has made a single ruling his target – Citizens United.

“I think that we need a Supreme Court justice who will make it crystal clear, and this nominee has not yet done that, crystal clear that he or she will vote to overturn Citizens United and make sure that American democracy is not undermined,” Sanders once said.

Sanders has said this in a 2016 debate when addressing the failed Supreme Court confir-

mation hearing of judge Merrick Garland.

Sanders’ frustration at the decision may be warranted, but that’s not how Supreme Court justices should be nominated nor confirmed.

Justices deal with plenty more issues than just campaign finance, and it would be wrong to prioritize that single issue over all others.

The right way to go about overturning Citizens United would be a constitutional amendment – and to his credit, Sanders has proposed one.

But holding the Supreme Court hostage until that is done would be a mistake.

Overall, Sanders is mostly the same candidate he was back in 2016. His consistency sticks out among his fellow candidates.

He just has a large share of Democratic voters behind his policies out of the gate this time.

In next week’s installment, we’ll look at the only other candidate who is known by his first name more than Bernie: former Texas congressman Beto O’Rourke.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Greek houses still clear and present dangers

Dear Spartan Daily,

On March 21, your paper published an article titled “Frats proclaim parties to be safe.”

This article discussed the guidelines and expectations of Greek organizations to be able to function the way that they do – specifically in terms of social events and keeping attendees safe.

I, myself, as a member of the Greek community, do agree with the points made about how Greek members are held to a certain standard in order to have the privileges of holding social events for the Greek community.

I appreciate the point that was made about how consequences are incurred due to failure to follow these set standards.

I think that this point helps to emphasize to those who do not know much about Greek life that there are rules that Greek organizations have to abide by in order to continue to be recognized by the school.

A point that was made in this article that caught my attention was the claim that fraternity houses are safe because they are held responsible for the actions of their house.

Despite the fact that each fraternity and sorority is held liable, I believe that there is still high potential for unsafe incidents to occur.

While it is stated that there are punishments that occur when a breach of rules happens, there


may be instances where situations do not get reported because of fear from victims or those involved in the incident.

Having the threat of being punished for wrongdoings does not equate to a safe setting.

Overall, the article was informative in sharing more insight about the precautions Greek organizations take in order to keep members of their houses and those who partake in their social events safe, but I also believe that this article comes to false conclusions regarding the safety of fraternity parties.


Thank you for your time.

- Katrina Festejo
SJSU Residence Hall Association President



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Looking for a few poor men of color



Roman Contreras
STAFF WRITER

“What if you could guarantee yourself a prosperous future? YOU CAN! Use the United States Army as a catalyst to jump start your career and education,” read the second sentence of an email I received from a local army recruiter. Emails like these are sent out to the masses on a daily basis.

I would urge anyone tempted to enlist in the service for financial benefit to do research, and seek out others who may have done the same.

They seem harmless, but there are many young individuals out there who will give this email more than just a quick skim. The offers and promises in emails such as these are enticing. A guaranteed job or degree, no student debt, bonuses for enlisting – these are all attractive offers to students both in and entering university. Army recruiting centers can of-

ten be found in low-income communities. “It does make sense because there’s a lot of benefits, they offer the GI bill and incentives for things like free medical and free dental,” said management information systems senior Michael Carandang. The children and teens in low-income commu-

change for your service to the country is a bargain to those in these less-fortunate communities of color. For those eager enough to accept the bait, the fine print is usually an area they skip paying close attention to. All too often, those enlisting don’t actually know what they are getting themselves into when the opportunity shows up. The potential to go to war and to be stationed in foreign locations are all feasible realities for these people willing to enlist. An article published by The New York Times in 2018 explored the correlation between the economy and army recruitment rates. The Times’ research found that when the economy is prospering, recruitment rates are not. In fact, the recruitment rates in 2018 were 6,500 people short of their projected total of 76,500, per the New York Times. The New York times also reported that the decline in enlistments hadn’t reached such a low since 2006 during the war in Iraq. Taking this into consideration, one can infer that the army does a significant job of drawing in those from the underprivileged communities with these financial incentives.



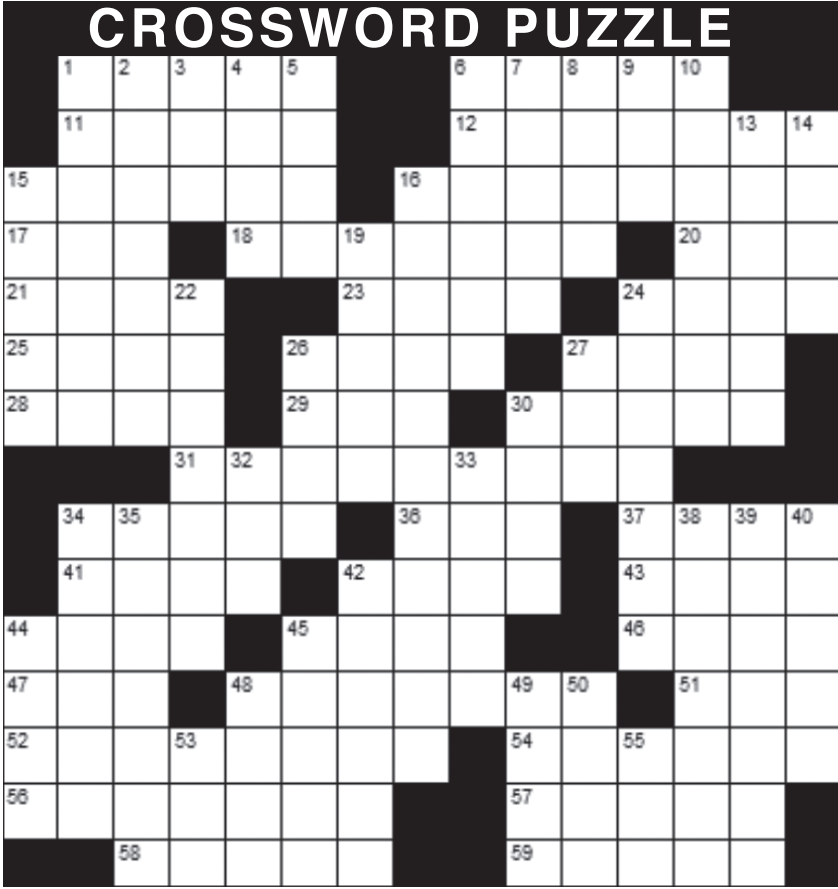
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Now, I am in no way saying that having a strong army with large numbers is a negative thing. Protection for the country and the people who reside here is very important. The issue lies with how the army is getting the individuals to defend the country. The fact is that in this country, our armed forces have a long history of undue favoritism toward the nation’s elite and high class. During the Civil War, eligible Confederates could avoid military service if they came from a wealthy family. This spurred the saying, “Rich man’s war, poor man’s blood” and was another contributing factor to their defeat to the union. These underprivileged young men and women deserve a chance to be told the truth, and not be lured into a lifelong commitment in exchange for a debt-free education. When serving and defending the country, the list of fine print terms and conditions is too long. I would urge anyone tempted to enlist in the service for financial benefit to do research, and seek out others who may have done the same. Proper knowledge is key to ensuring you are not making a mistake that may cost you your life.

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CLASSIFIEDS

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- Hangman’s knot
- Aspect
- Put forward
- Sports competitor
- Endure
- People on a picket line
- Night before
- Clairvoyant
- Indian bread
- Make (one’s way)
- District
- Stow, as cargo
- Convenience
- Blacken
- Large
- A song for 2
- Ouch!
- Duck down
- Vibrated
- Nautical for stop
- Actress Lupino
- Ancient Peruvian
- Photos
- Annoying insect
- Sailors
- Habit
- Cry

- God of love
- Era
- Horrible
- Caviar
- Storytellers
- Empty
- Quantify
- Angry
- Deserved
- Not outer

DOWN

- French for “New”
- Umbrage
- Not on
- Dribble
- Makes a mistake
- Male parent
- Courtyards
- Fashionable
- Antlered animal
- Adolescent
- Wall Street figure
- Feudal worker
- Stitched
- Skininess
- Country bumpkin
- Diminish

- Opponent of technological progress
- Vesicle
- Hasten
- French for “State”
- S
- Adjust
- Orbital high point
- Dilute acetic acid
- Provide commentary
- Balladeer
- Something of value
- Adjusted
- Not cool
- What place?
- Oversupply
- 57 in Roman numerals
- Tale
- An Old Testament king
- Tin

SUDOKU PUZZLE

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Which type of vegetable tries to be cool, but is only partly successful at it?

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HOKIES, DUCKS SOAR TO SWEET 16

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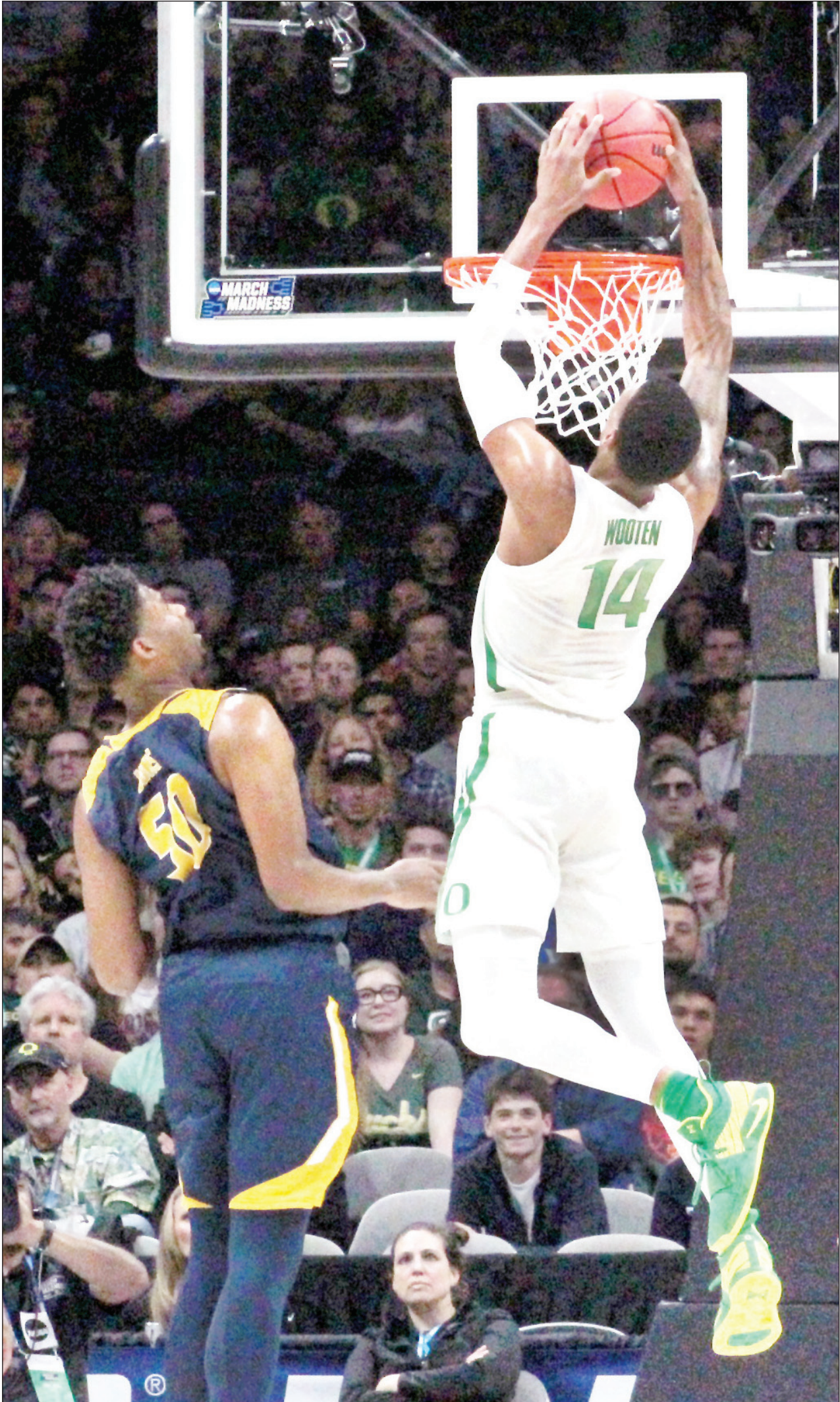
Oregon guard Ehab Amin leaps through the air while UCI guard Spencer Rivers blows past him in the opening minutes of the second half, Sunday.



Head coach Dana Altman and the Oregon bench erupt into cheers after a slam dunk by Kenny Wooten in the second half, bringing the score to 50-40.



Ahmed Hill screams in excitement after driving to the hoop, sinking his jump shot and getting the foul to take the biggest lead of the night against Liberty, 59-50.



Oregon forward Kenny Wooten springs through the air to dunk over UCI's Elston Jones and extend the lead, 50-40.



Virginia Tech's Ty Outlaw spreads out on the floor for a few seconds after trying to take the charge in the first half as Liberty takes a 26-18 lead. The Hokies ended the first half of Sunday's game down, 32-29.



Virginia Tech's Justin Robinson floats through the air to lay it up in the second half during the team's 16-3 run.