On Tuesday, September 10th, the University held a groundbreaking ceremony for the expansion of the University Center. After about three years, the time has come to start construction.

The University tried to pass the expansion in 2010, but students struck it down in a vote. Last year the students had another opportunity to weigh in on the issue when the question was put up to vote. The outcome resulted in an approval to add a student fee in tuition to fund the expansion.

The UC is undergoing a 35,000 square foot expansion. Senior Executive Director for Student Life, Lisa Perez, provided more detailed information about what will be added to the University Center when she spoke with Island Waves.

“We are increasing the amount of lounge space in the building, as well as providing some larger meeting rooms with the new multi-purpose ballrooms,” said Perez.

Along with more space, the students will also have more dining options to choose from.

“We’re putting our game room down on the first floor so that it becomes more visible,” said Perez. “Where the upstairs portion of the bookstore and the game room are, on the second floor, there will be an involvement center.”

The “Involvement Center” is where all the student organizations will meet. It will be an updated space from the current organization center.

Other features that students may have overlooked in the expansion of the UC are potential job opportunities. On-campus jobs, which are convenient to some, are a key factor in the decision to support the expansion.

Construction will accommodate growing student population, expected to be complete by summer 2015.

by ANDREA GUZMAN
news reporter

A rendering of the future University Center reveals a revamped commons area and modernized conference rooms. This is one of the many images that were used in the campaign to ensure the passage of the project.

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students can allow Islanders the opportunity to attend class and work. “We will have an opportunity as the UCSA staff and will have to come up with a staffing plan,” said Perez. “With the expanded space, we’re going to need students to assist us in operating the building. Our student employment program is a key component of what we do in our department.”

A&M-Corpus Christi President and CEO, Flavius Killebrew, was in attendance at the groundbreaking to give a speech. “As a central place for everyday activities, including lunch and study breaks, the University Center is an integral part of the on campus Islander experience,” Killebrew stated. With the population of the University rapidly increasing, the expansion of University facilities was inevitable, according to A&M officials. According to the University’s website, it is predicted that by the year 2020, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will have as many as 18,500 students enrolled.

Some students have expressed annoyance with the added construction on campus and the adjustments that come with it. Perez said that students should keep the bigger picture in mind when they become frustrated. “If they can just kind of see the light at the end of the tunnel and what the University is doing as a whole in trying to provide better services and better facilities so that our students can enjoy these time on campus, but also feel like they are a part of it and are engaged in a meaningful way,” said Perez. The construction for the UC expansion is expected to be complete by summer of 2015.

Students oppose preacher on campus
Member of the Trinitarian Pentecostal church visits A&M-Corpus Christi, spreads controversial message
University Health Center launches new magazine

Student Health 101 aims to provide students with basic health tips on an interactive magazine platform

by ANDREA GUZMAN
news reporter

A new magazine has been brought to A&M-Corpus Christi students called Student Health 101. This is a free online magazine that the University started receiving on September 1, 2013. Whether it is stress or nutrition you can find advice on many issues that college students deal with on an everyday basis.

Navigating through the online magazine is very simple: There are pages for fitness, money, and a cookbook tab with quick recipes for any college student. Something appealing to students is all the videos that Student Health 101 provides.

There are videos on how to cook recipes and videos that show how to do certain exercises. The money section gives students good advice on how to keep a budget. Health briefs provide some everyday tips like what kind of snacks to keep on hand and some advice on how to focus more. Along with the different advice on health, the magazine also provides some insight on how to better oneself when it comes to academics. Tips on studying are always useful.

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SPORTS

Undefeated Nicholls holds off Islanders, 2-1

FALL SPORTS

Islanders (9-0, 2-0 CCIW)
Nicholls (1-7-0, 0-2-0 CCIW)

Yvette Franco scored her team-leading eighth goal of the season, but the comeback effort was not enough for the Texas A&M-Corpus Christi women’s soccer team, as it was edged by Nicholls 2-1 on Sunday at the Dr. Jack Dugan Family Soccer & Track Stadium.

Nicholls (3-0-1, 2-0-0 Southland) remained undefeated on the season, netting a pair of first-half goals and then holding off a late charge by the Islanders (1-7-0, 0-2-0). Audra Baldwin turned aside 10 shots for the home squad in a losing effort.

“I think at the start of the game, we were just flat and waiting for things to happen,” head coach Shanna Caldwell said, “and a little disorganized with some injuries early. The second half was the Islanders very much what they all know. We had a bit to us and took to the attack. Yvette got involved and she and [Meghan] Cordero really each other well on the set piece to score the goal.

“I believe we are still moving in the right direction as a program,” she added, “and we showed our heart and fight in the second half. Dani [Gonzalez] did a great job coming back in after receiving stitches early in the game.”

In the opening 10 minutes, the Islanders had to deal with a pair of players going down on the back line, as Gonzalez and Mariah Olivé both had to come off the field due to injury. The Colonels struck first after earning a free kick just outside the penalty area in the 18th minute. Spencer Valdespino took the attempt, and sent it around the wall and into the bottom right corner for her ninth goal of the season, making it 1-0 at the 17:27 mark.

Just over four minutes later, Nicholls doubled its advantage on a wild scramble. Jess Coates got the first opportunity, ripping a shot on the left side off the crossbar from inside the 18. Baldwin tried to knock aside the ball, but it found its way to the foot of Hannah Seavey, and the fresh- man sent it into the back of the net at 21:58 for a 2-0 lead for the visitors. The Colonels carried that lead into the locker room.

The Islanders came out blazing, and got a goal back just under two minutes into the second half. Rachel Keeley threw a feed out of the box to the near post. Despite being the smallest player in the skirmish in the box, Franco managed to head it home, placing a head on it and sending it into the far side to make it a 2-1 game at the 47:23 mark.

From there, the game got slightly sloppy, with referee Luis Martinez issuing a trio of yellow cards in the second half. Kallyn Redona and Alyssa Miller were called for the Island- ers, while Jess Coates was booked for Nicholls.

A&M-Corpus Christi continued to show its determination into the clos- ing minutes, and had a couple of extra chances late to knot the score in the final 10 minutes. But Miller’s effort to get the puck on her foot in the 88th minute went wide of the left side. The Islanders hit the road for their next action, as they travel to Conway, Ark., for a matchup with the Central Arkansas on Friday, Sept. 27. Game time is set for 4 p.m., and updates will be provided on the official Twitter feed of Islanders Soccer, @IslandersSoccer.

Volleyball clinches fourth straight sweep with 3-0 victory over UTPA

**STAFF REPORTS goisladies**

The Texas A&M - Corpus Christi volleyball team clinched its fourth straight sweep Friday evening with a 3-0 victory (25-14, 25-18, 25-19) over Texas-Pan American in non-con- ference play in the Dugan Wellness Center. The Islanders saw their offensive put together an explosive performance with 51 kills while the Texas A&M - Corpus Christi defense put together an explosive performance with 51 kills while holding the Islanders to 30 attacks.

**NICHOLLS**

Nicholls (2-0-0, 2-0-0 Southland)

**UTPA**

Texas-Pan American (2-0-0, 2-0-0 Southland)

**Final**

Thursday, Sept. 26

Islanders 3
Nicholls 0

Set 1 - 25-14
Set 2 - 25-18
Set 3 - 25-19

**Scoring Summary**

Islanders 3 | 25-14 | 25-18 | 25-19
Nicholls 0 | 0 | 0 | 0

**Head Coaches**

Yvette Franco (Islanders)

**TV/Radio**

Islanders vs. Lamar
1:00 PM in Beaumont, Texas

**All Day**

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**SCORES**

Islanders 3
Nicholls 0

**Set 1**

Islanders 14 | 25-14
Nicholls 0

**Set 2**

Islanders 18 | 25-18
Nicholls 0

**Set 3**

Islanders 19 | 25-19
Nicholls 0

**Outstanding performances from the Islanders included:**

- **Kathy Baker** had a career-high 16 kills and 11 digs
- **Jade Kleeley** had 12 digs and 10 aces
- **Taylor Esparza** had 10 digs and 10 assists
- **Baresh Gonzalez** had double figures in kills and digs with 16 kills and 13 digs
- **Lombardo Ruiz Ledes** did a great job coming back in after a few minutes out

**What to Expect:**

Women’s Volleyball Islanders vs. Sam Houston State 7:00 PM in Huntsville, Texas

Sept. 27, 2013
Cross Country Islanders Splash (HS & MS Race)
All Day

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Women’s Soccer Islanders vs. Oral Roberts 1:00 PM in Tulsa, Okla.

by ALEXIS DE LEON

sports editor

With the new Drake CD being released, I took the time to lis- ten to a few of his earlier clas- sics. “Thank Me Now” really struck me when Drake says “I wear sports and music are synonymous. ‘Cause we wanna be them and they wanna be us.”

The parallels between music and sports are quite interesting; both bring joy to the world and can make people feel happy. Music and sports are so synonymous, ‘cause we can’t hide from the fact that music and sports are sometimes the same thing. When attending the “Sounds of the City” concert, I was so happy to see our sports on the island. Must we listen to and have always found it too much to ask for granted.

Today, everyone constantly wants more and more. They want a faster approach to life on the island. Maybe this year we take a new approach to life on the island. Maybe this year we stop fussing about no foot-

**Hitting**

Islanders | .239
Nicholls | .198

**Blocks**

Islanders | 1.0
Nicholls | .56

**Aces**

Islanders | 52
Nicholls | 35

**SET STATISTICS**

Islanders
Nicholls
Set 1 | 25-14 | 0
Set 2 | 25-18 | 0
Set 3 | 25-19 | 0

**ISLAND WAVES**

Women’s Soccer Islanders vs. Central Arkansas
4:00 PM in Conway, Ark.

Islanders 0
Nicholls 2

**Shots (on goal)**

Islanders | 1 (2)
Nicholls | 1 (1)

**Saves**

Islanders | 0
Nicholls | 10

**Corner Kicks**

Islanders | 10
Nicholls | 5

**Offsides**

Islanders | 2
Nicholls | 0

**TEAM STATISTICS**

Shots (on goal) | 1 (2) | 1 (1)
Saves | 0 | 10
Corner Kicks | 10 | 5
Offsides | 2 | 0

**Sports**

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**SPORTS**

Southern Eastern Louisiana vs. Islanders Final 1-0

Sept. 22 Loss

Nicholls vs. Islanders
Final 2-1

Women’s Volleyball

Sept. 19 Win

Islanders vs. Houston Baptist Final 3-0

Sept. 20 Win

Islanders vs. Texas Pan-American Final 3-0

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4:00 PM in Conway, Ark.

Sept. 28, 2013
Cross Country Islanders Splash (HS & MS Race)
All Day
Islanders dominate opening day of Marco & Co. Catering Islanders Open

The Texas A&M - Corpus Christi men's and women's tennis teams opened the fall season today at the Marco and Co. Catering Islanders Open. Despite inclement weather that pushed some matches indoors, the men's team advanced five to the singles quarterfinals and two doubles to the quarterfinals. The women's team also adapted to playing indoors and have advanced two in the quarterfinals of the doubles draw with the possibility of three moving on tomorrow. The women's team also dominated in the doubles draw with all three teams powering their way to the quarterfinals.

"I thought our players did a good job today of taking care of the things they can control," Director of Tennis Steve Moore said. "The rain and change to indoors gives you more challenges to prepare and focus and I like the choices our team made today. I thought they competed very hard and really encouraged each other."

The men's team played on the indoor and outdoor courts of the Corpus Christi Athletic Club and performed strong in their opening tournament of the fall. After receiving a bye in the opening round, Matt Westmoreland swept UIW's Tucker Brown 6-0, 6-0 to advance to the quarterfinals where he will face Islanders freshman Paul Cook. Cook secured a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Joseph Bishop of UTPA in his first collegiate match and followed it with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Leonard Ivicevic of UTSA.

In doubles action, Rausco and Jordao teamed up to advance to the semi-finals. The duo topped Thien and Brand of UTSA in the first round 8-3 and followed it with an 8-3 victory over Job and Sanoja of UTPA. The pair will play Hopker and Pundt of UTSA tomorrow. The duo of Westmoreland and Cook topped UTPA's Bishop and Pasado 8-6 in the second round after a first round bye. The two will take on Pearson and Kamajov of UTSA tomorrow in the semi-finals. The pair topped Maguyagita and Jordao 8-6 in the second round.

On the women's side, the reigning Marquis & Co. Catering Islanders Open champion Mader Martin clinched both of her singles matches at the HEB Tennis Center to advance to the quarterfinals. The sophomore sealed a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Brianna Creek of UIW in the opening round and followed it with a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Summer Biggs of UIW.

In doubles action, november overcame a bye in his first round and followed it with a 6-0, 6-1 impressive victory over Beatriz Rodriguez of UIW. Bettendorff will face Jair Assuncao of UIW tomorrow. The native of France secured a 6-2, 6-2 victory over Joseph Bishop of UTPA in his first collegiate match and followed it with a 6-3, 6-3 win over Harley Pearson of UTSA.

The Islanders doubles teams had an impressive opening round of competition with all three advancing to the quarterfinals. Nicolae and Martin teamed up to take an 8-2 victory over Lapayeva and Summer of Lamar. The duo will play Sareda and Betancourt's of UIW tomorrow. Burges and Horan followed suit with an 8-3 victory over Strahl and Rebilin of UIW and will face a familiar pair in Rodriguez and Ashley Garza. The two sealed an 8-3 victory over Dashutina and Kulibaba of Lamar and will face Burgos and Hoan tomorrow.

"I can't thank Marco and Co. Catering enough for all of their support and the great food they provided the entire tournament," Moore added. "We are also very grateful to the HEB Tennis Center and the Corpus Christi Athletic Club for graciously helping us with the indoor courts. This tournament would not have been possible today without them."

The men's and women's doubles will begin at 8:30 a.m. tomorrow at the HEB Tennis Center with the women's singles to follow. The men's singles will start at 11 a.m. at the Corpus Christi Athletic Club.

For all the latest on Islanders Tennis, like the team on Facebook (IslandersTennis) and follow them on Twitter and Instagram (@IslandersTennis).
“This haunt is going to be the most terrifying haunt they have ever experienced in Corpus Christi,” Owner of Fright Night Haunted House Brandon Gonzalez said.

Eerie mazes, creepy hotel guests and loads of splattered blood fill Fright Night Haunted House’s new larger location at 615 Mesquite Street. Fright Night Haunted House has two new houses for local residents this year, The Haunted Hotel and the all-new Slaughter House in both Corpus Christi and San Antonio.

“Slaughterhouse will take you through the mind of a serial killer and let you experience it first-hand,” Gonzalez said.

Miss Fright Night, Stacey Lynn, got first-hand experience at The Slaughter House.

“I was definitely out of breath,” Lynn said. “That was amazing. They are doing a great job in there. They scared me and they really, really messed with me…they got me good.”

A full contact haunted house preview day was held on Friday, Sep. 13 called the Fear Experience.

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi psychology professors, Anthony Zoccolillo, lined up with other pre-registered people at the Fear Experience to get a dose of fear.

“I’m trying not to think about it. I’m terrified,” Zoccolillo said.

Some thrillseekers had their fear get the best of them and decided not enter the Fear Experience, including Zoccolillo.

Those entering the experience had their hands tied up with zip ties, eyes covered with tape, drenched from head to toe with a combination of fake blood, water and oatmeal, and was led through a maze of rooms representing a slaughterhouse operated by hillbilly cannibals.

Fright Night Haunted House is currently hiring college-aged actors to join them in scaring visitors. For more information visit www.imnotgoinginthere.com.

FRIGHT NIGHT HAUNTED HOUSE
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Are the monsters allowed to touch you?
The actors will not touch you. They will however get very close.

Is it Dark?
There are many areas throughout the haunts that are very dark.

How long does it take to go through?
It can take an average of 30-40 minutes to reach the end.

Are there any age restrictions?
The haunted houses are recommended for adults and teenagers.

Do you have security?
Off-duty Corpus Christi police officers will be on the premise.

IF YOU GO
Who: Fright Night Haunted House
What: The Haunted Hotel & The Slaughter House
When: Oct. 4-Nov. 2
Where: 615 Mesquite Street
Tickets: $10-30
University students give back through volunteering

by KATHLEEN RAMIREZ
features editor

From dog walking to donating clothes, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi students take a break from the classroom and find a way to give back to the community.

For animal biology major Dianne Rivas, volunteering isn’t something new. “To high school I used to volunteer as a dance teacher, so I wanted to do something productive since I was used to volunteering,” Rivas said.

Rivas, who spent her freshman year volunteering at the Gulf Coast Humane Society, said volunteering helped keep her from feeling lonely during her first year of college. “It was my first year away from home and it kept me busy and less homesick,” Rivas said. “It was also a great stress reliever, just playing with all these sweet dogs. My roommate and I would go, and we would basically spend time with the dogs that didn’t have a home. We took them out for walks and played with them.”

There were many benefits to volunteering at the Humane Society, but for Rivas, her favorite moment involved a dog named Jewels. “At the shelter, you just go in and take out whichever dog you want,” said Rivas. “Jewels was very shy, she had this skin allergy so many people ignored her. I started taking her out, she was scared of everything, but as weeks went by she started acting more like a dog and was playing with others.”

Not only did the dogs benefit from Rivas’ help, but Rivas said volunteering also helped her feel better. “Making them happy made me feel useful, especially because these dogs aren’t used to being around people,” Rivas said. “Having people spend time with the dogs prepares them for when they are hopefully adopted.”

Communication major Brittany Figueroa is another A&M-Corpus Christi student who enjoys volunteering in her spare time. During her freshman year, Figueroa organized a clothing donation drive at A&M-Corpus Christi. “I had clothes I didn’t wear anymore, and I figured that other students had the same issue of a cluttered closet full of clothes that they weren’t wearing anymore,” Figueroa said.

In all, Figueroa collected a box full of clothes from the other residents who lived in her dorm. With the help of her resident advisor, Figueroa donated the clothes to the Salvation Army. “I love helping out people in the community,” Figueroa said. “Donating to people in the community who were in need of clothes was the best option.”

For Figueroa, the best part about organizing the clothing drive was the impact she made within the community. “I don’t mind doing community service, whether it’s required or not, because I understand the issues within the community, and I know that I am making a difference in it,” Figueroa said.

Figueroa and Rivas both agree that volunteering is a great experience and that other students should try and volunteer at least once in their lifetime. “I believe people should take some time in helping out the community because that’s what helps it become stronger,” Figueroa said. “If we don’t help each other out once in a while, then what’s the point in being called a community? A community means people coming together and building a foundation so you know that if you are ever in need, you’ll be able to have somebody out there who is going to lend a helping hand. Even volunteering for an hour or a day can make a difference in someone else’s eyes.”

 Communicating under fire

by TINA LENTZ
features reporter

Despite the many failures that past incidents have shown in crisis communication, many companies and organizations don’t have a plan in place and aren’t thinking ahead. Many of these companies are small businesses. She said that a crisis plan can cost thousands of dollars, and that just isn’t feasible for the type of clients that her class takes on.

“People don’t realize who all can be involved in a crisis communication,” said Cortney Parkhurst, a Psychology major with a minor in Public Relations. “It’s not only a business major, a political science major or even a nursing major. If you want to find out more about how crisis communication could relate to other fields of study, Marsh-Fuehrer is participating in a book lecture series on Oct. 1 at the Barnes & Noble store on campus where she will do a short lecture on crisis communication and how it impacts many different majors. There will be a book signing at the event and the book will be discounted for that day.”

Dr. Michelle Marsh-Fuehrer
Assistant Professor of Communication

Creating Organizational Crisis Plans

Dr. Michelle Marsh-Fuehrer is Assistant Professor of Communication at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, and has just recently published a book on the topic of crisis communication and creating a crisis plan. “It’s important to know what you’re going to do ahead of time,” said Marsh-Fuehrer. “When that happens it’s important to know what you’re going to do.”

One way that Marsh-Fuehrer is implementing the ideas found in her book is by creating crisis plans for local non-profit organizations and small businesses. She said that a crisis plan can cost anywhere between thousands to millions of dollars, and that just isn’t feasible for the type of clients that her class takes on.

“We like to help these companies that can’t afford that and do it for them,” she said. This year her class is creating a crisis plan for the Texas Parks and Recreation Latchkey program.

Dina Ruiz, a communications major with public relations minor talked about crisis communications, and says that thinking about crisis plans have made her think ahead.

“It teaches you how to think about the bigger picture,” Ruiz said. “Many people don’t realize who all can be involved in a crisis and who it affects. It can affect big companies and non-profits, all the way down to an individual like a celebrity, a public figure or well-known figure in the community, a politician or an athlete.”

Marsh-Fuehrer also stressed that it is applicable to all fields of study—whether one is a business major, a political science major or even a nursing major. If you want to find out more about how crisis communication could relate to other fields of study, Marsh-Fuehrer is participating in a book lecture series on Oct. 1 at the Barnes & Noble store on campus where she will do a short lecture on crisis communication and how it impacts many different majors. There will be a book signing at the event and the book will be discounted for that day.
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**HOW IT WORKS**

Electronic cigarette

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**Battery**

**Comparison**

**Regular cigarette**

**Electronic cigarette**

**Nicotine per puff**

Cigarette with 24 mg nicotine: 0.16 mg/puff

Cigarette with 16 mg nicotine: 0.16 mg/puff

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**Electronic component**

Such as control circuits, pneumatic airflow sensor

**Vaporizer**

Atomizes the nicotine smoking liquid in the liquid container

**Nicotine liquid container**

**Light Stimulates cigarette glow, indicates when device is ready for use and works as battery indicator**

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WHEN: Sept. 26-7pm
Sept. 27-11:30am-5pm
Sept. 28-9am-4:15pm
WHERE: PAC, Dugan Wellness Center, and Island Hall.

WHAT: SOAR, the College of Science and Engineering, and ELITE at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi will celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with a "Hispanic in Higher Ed: Inside Edition" event
WHEN: 9 a.m. to noon
WHERE: University Center, Lone Star Ballroom.

WHAT: The School of Arts, Media and Communication (SAMC) at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and the Corpus Christi Concert Ballet will host the 14th annual Bailando Dance Festival Gala Celebration Concert
WHEN: 7:30 pm
WHERE: Performing Arts Center

WHAT: The Department of Music will present the School of Arts, Media & Communication’s “Sunday Afternoon Music Concert”
WHEN: 3:00 pm
WHERE: Performing Arts Center

WHAT: The Texas A&M University Corpus Christi Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center will host an Entrepreneur Open House.
WHEN: 6-8 p.m.
WHERE: The Coastal Bend Business Innovation Center

WHAT: The Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi’s Music Department will present a concert series to celebrate our Hispanic Heritage. ¡Vivan Los Niños!
WHEN: 7:30 p.m.
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WHEN: Noon
WHERE: Stripes Headquarters, 4525 Ayers St.

WHAT: Sherri Shepherd, Comedienne, Actress, and Co-Host of the award-winning daytime show “The View,” will speak on diabetes awareness.
WHEN: 10 a.m.
WHERE: Performing Arts Center

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 and Rock CC invite you to come out and join a local music showcase by the Chickas Rock and Turntable Academy students
WHEN: 7pm
WHERE: Dr. Rockit’s Blues Bar, 709 N. Chaparral

WHAT: Ideas Week Corpus Christi 2013 and the Corpus Christi Water Gardens invites you to join in a community “Water Gardens Re-energized: Cleanup and Painting”
WHEN: 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE: Corpus Christi Watergarden Park, 1900 N. Chaparral
Hispanic heritage is alive, fighting

While we celebrate our identities, Hispanics and their allies need to remember our collective identities are embedded in struggle.

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good number of us grew up in South Texas, and so it can be easy to forget that technically Hispanics are still considered a minority. So when we grow up in an environment in which we don't necessarily see discrimination in an upfront way, or are not painted as an "other," we may sometimes leave us at a loss of what it means to have a meaningful connection to our Hispanic heritage.

Recently, the University kicked off celebrations to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month. Festive bands played and food was consumed in the UC ballrooms as students were welcomed to hit piñatas.

While several organizations are currently spending time and effort dedicated to celebrating Hispanic heritage, it's important to keep looking for other lasting ways to learn and embrace the culture we've grown desensitized to.

While this may simply mean reading up on the difference between September 16 and Césco de Mayo (two very and completely different days), one can also look to simply asking parents and other relatives about our heritage and where it is that we come from.

While the efforts on campus normally see a huge turnout for celebratory events, the more informative endeavors usually are not met with the same enthusiasm.

Because Hispanics have had such a tumultuous history with the United States, it's important to know that we simply can't forget about the past struggles Latinas have been a part of. Maintenance of our identity is vital so that efforts to whitewash our identity do not occur.

It's also important to remember that there are currently still struggles taking place to maintain status quo. Currently teachers in Mexico have been on strike against a proposed amendment to implement new laws that would push education in Mexico towards privatization and more standardized testing, an effort that has tried to be implemented in the US and been met with similar opposition.

While we know the importance of education for the public, in a country like Mexico in which the class lines are much more evident, the sentiments on both sides are especially remarkable.

In Leith, North Dakota, there is current an effort by Neo-Nazi’s to take over the town. Currently, minority groups of all backgrounds are protesting the Neo-Nazi’s efforts. So while such blatant discrimination or racism is not present in South Texas, the fight in solidarity still is.

Knowing history written in the perspective of the people it affected is important to ensure that it's not told in the voice of the victors but also of the oppressed. It is also important to understand that our history isn’t dead but living through us. Currently, we are making history, and what happens next is up to our generation.

When we are constantly fighting rhetoric that tells us that we’re not good enough and lazy, but know that it is our generation that is rising up against further stealing of our resources, it is not only important but necessary to remember. Struggle in Hispanics is part of our heritage and we must never forget that or give up.