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CRIME

Corpse found near SJSU raises concerns

By Melissa Lewelling @melissadanae91

A man's body was discovered in an SJSU parking area near South Campus Sunday morning, raising questions for some regarding campus safety.

San Jose Police found Daniel Winslow, 47, shot in the passenger seat of a parked car next to the tennis courts on East Humboldt Street between S. 11th and 12th Streets around 9:44 a.m. on Sunday, according to University Police Department Sgt. John Laws.

"We have determined that there's no actual connection between this incident and San Jose State University," Laws said, "other than this is where the car with the person in it was parked."

After performing routine "lifesaving measures" like CPR, Laws said paramedics quickly realized that Winslow was already deceased and saw "very visible" signs of foul play

UPD took over the investigation after San Jose Police officers realized that the SJSU-owned parking spaces where the body was found were out of their jurisdiction, Laws said

"We did expend a significant amount of resources because it's still our responsibility to investigate it," Laws said. "And it's realistically for the betterment of our community that we do what we're supposed to do."

Craig Yuhara, 62, was arrested on suspicion of homicide and using a firearm in the commission of a felony in connection with the slaying around 7 p.m. on Monday, according to Laws.

"It's not a simple who-done-it,

this is a very complex case," Laws said. "Simply determining who the suspect was is not the end of this investigation and so we have a lot of (work) left to do."

Chloe Perez, a freshman undeclared major, said she wanted to come to the Bay Area from Los Angeles because SJSU "seemed like a really great school," but stopped by the UPD office on Tuesday to see what information was available about campus safety when she became upset that the area didn't seem as safe as she had previously thought.

"I was just concerned because I wasn't really aware that safety was such an issue here and I know that people really strongly advocate being really cautious," Perez said. "They never say you know, 'It's fine, just go with a person,' they're like, 'Go with a person, but still be

really cautious' — it's just very unsettling."

Perez said her sense of safety has begun to influence her class selection, prompting her to possibly forgo signing up for night classes in areas with with dense tree-cover.

"I wanted to sign up for an evening class and I've been torn on the issue because it's in a really kind of shadier part of campus," Perez said. "I'm just upset that it has to be such an issue for me to think about signing up for a class just because of the time and the location."

While Winslow's body was found in the parking spaces next to SJSU's tennis courts, a few blocks away from Spartan Stadium on S. 7th Street and Alma Street, Laws said the shooting itself did not take place in the parking area and

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CAMPUS IMAGE

Students' artful solutions



Carolyn Seng | Spartan Daily

Lizzie Clapper, senior music major, writes a suggestion on a chalkboard in front of Clark Hall Wednesday Sept. 11. The chalkboard was available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for answers to "How would you improve SJSU?" as part of a project conducted by a student art group.

EDUCATION

Qayoumi plans to ease student transfer woes

By Andrew Forgy
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SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi proposed a plan to standardize lower division courses and offer hope for future transfer students throughout the California Higher Public education system.

The White Paper Plan, co-authored by Qayoumi and Kim Polese, a leading Silicon Valley entrepreneur and innovator, is a proposal to standardize the transfer system for students within the community college, CSU and UC systems.

This is so they do not have to take too many classes, or take the wrong classes in preparation for transferring, according to Qayoumi.

According to the White Paper Plan proposal, the average student who transfers from a community college to a four-year institution graduates with an average of 154 semester units.

Considering the required amount of semester units to graduate is 120 (over two full-time years), this is wasting valuable time and money; according to Qayoumi in the White Paper Plan proposal.

Currently, the nation loses an estimated \$30 billion a year from the less than ideal transfer systems, according to Qayoumi.

"If we get to a point where we have a much easier pathway for students so all their courses will get counted and will be a lower cost to the students," said President Qayoumi.

The task of finding the correct transferable courses is especially difficult in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics programs, in which only 60 percent of transfer students earn their Bachelor's degree in at least five years and 30 percent of them drop out in the first year of college, according to the proposal.

"The most trouble I had was actually finding the information on which classes would transfer," said Matthew Miller, a former SJSU and community college student and current sophomore computational mathematics major at UCSC. "At De Anza there was a website that explicitly stated which classes transferred over, but there aren't any similar re-

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ORGANIZATIONS

More student groups displaced by ongoing campus construction

By Kristi Myllenbeck @ricekristi

Due to construction for the new Student Health Center, many student organizations' recruiting efforts have been forced to relocate.

According to an online report by Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU's media relations director, construction began over the summer on what will eventually be "a three-story, 53,000-square-foot structure centrally located between the Event Center and Spartan Complex."

The report stated that the new health center will offer a wide range of services to students including existing services such as medical care and counseling and possibly the addition of optometry and dental services.

The report also stated that the cost of the new health center is \$25 million and is set to be completed in December 2014.

What is now a construction site was once where many fraternities, sororities and other student organizations focused their recruiting efforts in past years, according to look

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ACADEMICS

English and humanities programs rank 8th in the nation for high return on investment

By Samantha Clark @samanthabclark

The English and humanities programs at San Jose State University rank eighth among top universities, such as Harvard and UC Berkeley for the highest return on investment, according to Affordable Colleges Online.

"We are the least expensive school in America that can guarantee a big return on what you spend," said Professor John Engell, chair of the department of English and comparative literature. "What that means is that people who don't have a lot to spend can get a good investment."

According to Affordable Colleges Online, the

weighted total cost of SJSU is \$108,000 and the 30-year return on investment is \$744,800. Harvard, in first place, is \$1,178,000, and UCSC, in 20th place, is

SJSU trails Harvard, University of Pennsylvania, UC Berkeley, UCLA and Boston College and leads Rutgers, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and UCSB. The 20-school list includes Ivy Leagues, UCs, private schools and top regional universities.

Affordable Colleges Online reviews data for all of the nation's universities.

"If the data indicates that a college, no matter its level or affiliation, illustrates a strong (return

on investment) either over-

all or for a specific major, then we highlight it," said Dan Schuessler, CEO of the website. "In this case, SJSU's English and humanities graduates display excellent long-term salaries over their lifetimes."

Dean Lisa Vollendorf of the College of Humanities and the Arts said she's proud of the English department's requirement that students take a foreign language for one year.

"This is critically important to prepare students for global marketplace," she

Engell said that while many English students plan to become teachers, they are

not the majority.

"(The College of Hu-

manities and Arts) students

graduate and get jobs in a variety of fields, including technical writing, editing, teaching, marketing and arts management," said Vollendorf. "They work in K-12 education, community colleges, universities, Silicon Valley businesses, non-profits and cultural institutions."

The humanities and arts often have a reputation of leading to just a few careers that offer low salaries, but Engell said it doesn't have to be like

"How can you be a lifelong learner if you have to hold down two jobs that are back breaking?" asked

Samantha Clark is a contributing writer

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SPORTS

FANTASY WEEK 2

Pseudo-squad smart starts

By Nirmal Patel @NirmalPatelSJSU

Fantasy football owners are going to have to make adjustments for week two because some of the performances did not meet the expectations of positions across the board.

Owners should continue to start their early-round picks like Peyton Manning, A.J. Green, Adrian Peterson and LeSean McCoy, whose production was at or above expectations, regardless of the opponent.

These players are projected to do well in any matchup.

Sit 'Em!

If fantasy owners have Steelers quarterback Ben Roethlisberger on their squad, it would be pretty safe to part ways with him. Roethlisberger performed poorly, only passing for 191 yards, a touchdown and an interception.

His age might be kicking in and his performance will not be the same. Roethlisberger only scored nine fantasy points. Consider picking up quarterbacks like Alex Smith, Terrelle Pryor and Carson Palmer for week two.

Owners should be aware that Knowshon Moreno is on the Broncos, therefore he will not see many touches. Denver uses three running backs instead of one, so Moreno will have limited carries. Moreno only accounted for five fantasy points.

Going into week two, owners that have Titans starting running back Chris Johnson should expect similar results from week one. Johnson only scored five points, rushing for 70 yards. He will go against a stout Texans defense.

Surprisingly, Atlanta Falcons wide receiver Roddy White did nothing to help owners. White only scored one fantasy point. It is clear that White is still fighting an injury and will not perform like he did last year until he recovers from that.

The Mike Wallace trade to the Dolphins was the talk of the offseason. Look for his performance to drop a bit from last year. Being the number one wide receiver and the fastest man on the field, he will see a lot of attention from defenses. If owners are worried this will be a continuing trend, they can look to snag the Dolphins second wide receiver, Brian Hartline, who finished last Sunday with nine receptions for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Antonio Gates only accounted for four fantasy points and 49 yards. Gates was only targeted four times, which is not something he is used to. Usually Gates and quarterback Philip Rivers are on the same page. With a tough schedule and an inconsistent offense, look to grab another tight end for your roster to be safe.

The Ravens are known for their dominant defense, but



Michael Ciaglo | Colorado Springs Gazette | MCT

Denver Broncos tight end Julius Thomas celebrates in the end zone after a 23-yard touchdown reception against the Baltimore Ravens in the second quarter on Thursday, Sept. 5 at Sports Authority Field at Mile High in Denver, Colo.SPARTAN

they ran into a furious Peyton Manning. Manning threw an NFL record-tying seven touchdowns and more than 450 yards. The poor defensive performance gave the Ravens a score of -6, the worst out of all 32 teams. The Ravens play the Browns next week, so they should improve from being the worst-ranked defense.

Start 'Em!

Detroit Lions starting running back Reggie Bush has proven in week one that he can get the job done rushing the ball or catching the ball. Bush totaled 191 combined yards with a touchdown.

Owners should expect Bush to have between 20-25 points in

Wide receiver Anquan Boldin was targeted 17 times by quarterback Colin Kaepernick. Boldin and Kaepernick are clearly on the same page, but the 49ers head to Seattle in week two to face arguably the best secondary and defense in football.

Expect tight end Julius Thomas to continue grabbing touchdowns. Denver has many threats on offense, and now that defenders are double-teaming them, it leaves the middle of the field open to Thomas. He was the recipient

of 110 yards and two touchdowns. Owners should pick him up if they haven't already.

The Cowboys' defense let the Giants score 31 points, but they accumulated the secondmost fantasy points as a defense. The Cowboys defense $forced\,three\,fumbles\,and\,three$ interceptions. In addition to six turnovers, two of the turnovers resulted in touchdowns for the Cowboys. Look for the defense to stay aggressive next week against Alex Smith and Kansas City.

Rams kcker Greg "Legatron" Zuerlein led all NFL kickers with 14 fantasy points. Right behind him was Cowboys kicker Dan Bailey with 13 points. Dallas has a better offense with Tony Romo behind center, so they would be more likely to get the ball in the red zone than the Rams. Bailey would be a better option in this

With week two ready to kick off, it's expected fantasy owners will be releasing players, trading them and acquiring them via free agency before kickoff. Browse the available players or look to make a trade to grab one of the hot fantasy players of the start of this season.

Nirmal Patel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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SPARTAN ATHLETICS

Simpson, Blume chosen as student athletes of August

Staff Report

Running back Jason Simpson, senior business marketing major on San Jose State's football team and senior communications major Hanah Blume from the women's volleyball team are the Spartan Foundation Student-Athletes of the Month for August, presented by ScholarShare.

Simpson came off the bench and rushed for a career-high 135 yards on 21 carries in San Jose State's 24-0 win over Sacramento

Simpson closed out the game's scoring with a 55-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. It was the longest run of his career and the longest rushing touchdown play by a Mountain West player in August.

State to its eighth consecutive win in football covering the last half of the 2012 season and the start of 2013.

Blume was named to the Tribe Invitational All-Tournament team. She recorded two double-doubles in three matches played over the weekend of Aug. 30 - 12 kills and 22 digs against William & Mary and 13 kills and 35 digs against Campbell.

Blume's 35 digs is just the fourth time in school history that a player has dug that many balls in a match and is the sixth-highest number of digs in a match in school history.

The last Spartan player to record 30 or more digs in a match was Courtney Zellmer who had 35 against Gonzaga on Aug. 28,

SJSU Athletics contributed to this staff

GOLF

Women's team finishes twelfth

Staff Report

The San Jose State women's golf team shot its best round of the Ptarmigan Ram Classic on Tuesday with a 303 and finished 12 out of 17 in the team standings with a three-round

score of 929. After finishing the second round on Tuesday morning, the Spartans made eight birdies in the final round. Freshman Alexandra Kristofersson shot the low-round for the team with a 74 as she made one birdie and 15 pars on her round. She and freshman My Leander, who shot a 77 in the final round, finished tied for 39th at 230.

Rachelle Reali, a senior recreation management major, finished 48th after shooting a 77 on Tuesday. Megan Osland, a junior business management major, shot a 75 with three birdies on her round and finished tied for 65th at 238. Kathleen Rojas, a junior health science major, rounded out the scoring as she was 75th at 244.

"This result was shocking and disappointing to us," said Head Coach John Dormann. "We have been practicing really well until this week. We have to learn from this tournament and prepare for our next

San Jose State next plays at Golfweek Challenge in Vail, Colo. on September 23-25.

SJSU Athletics contributed to this staff report.



SUPPORT

Effects of local crime on SJSU students' mental health

By Melissa Lewelling @melissadanae91

After learning about the body found in a parked car near SJSU's tennis courts on E. Humboldt Street on Sept. 8, some students expressed concerns about safety, which is a typical response according to Wiggsy Sivertsen, a former sociology professor at SJSU and a counselor at Counseling Services.

"I think when it's on your own campus or your own environment it's always problematic, (because) you're more likely to know somebody who knew somebody ...

so that makes it much more personal," Sivertsen said. "When it gets personal like that, it gets a bit more upset-

Because the most recent incident didn't involve an SJSU student and the crime wasn't perpetrated on SJSU's property, Sivertsen said it "didn't hit quite as close to home," but can still make an

"With 30,000 students," she said, "you'd be surprised how small the campus can

Manny Singh, a freshman computer engineering major, said the killing is "kind of shocking" and with the recent bomb scare and thefts that have occurred on campus, he doesn't feel that San Jose is

"All I've got to say is it's not safe, students have to take care of themselves and pretty much not trust any strangers," Singh said. "There are securities, but still you gotta take care of yourself."

Sivertsen said that in her 46 years at Counseling Services, she's seen a rise in the number of students who seek counseling after a violent incident occurs on

or around campus "because it scares them."

"One of the things important about having a counseling service here is simply because there are going to be a number of different reactions," Sivertsen said. "And people need to have a place where they can go and talk about that."

Chandler Jones, a senior sociology major and SJSU football player, said he heard about the discovery of the dead body while at physical therapy from a coach's wife, who was there when the body was

"I was pretty shocked just that it happened over in that area," Jones said. "I mean it's just pretty odd to hear about that."

Finding a dead body would be a "very upsetting" experience, but everyone's reaction to crime will be different, Sivertsen said.

"Could you imagine yourself walking out there and going, 'Oh, well this car's been out here a while, I think it's OK' and looking in it and seeing a dead body in there?" Sivertsen asked. "The reaction of the individual depends on where the individual is in their life in terms of their emotional well-being."

Sivertsen said people are more likely to seek help for "those kinds of feelings" nowadays because mental health issues aren't as looked down upon as they were before.

"Even in the news, people will talk about mental health, it's not quite this taboo kind of stuff that it used to be," Sivertsen said. "We've become more sophisticated about how to communicate ... about mental health services (and) we've been much more visible over the last several

Melissa Lewelling is a Spartan Daily staffwriter.

NETWORKING

Students join academic clubs for career-building opportunities

By Tiffany Gerami @TiffanyGerami

Academic clubs are offered to SJSU students to cater to their specific majors and career choices.

According to Willy Ten, chair of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers club and senior engineering major, in addition to building a resume, joining a club can offer great networking opportunities in a student's field of interest.

"It is important to get involved in your community and school to get your foot in the door," Ten said. "You don't want to be just another name and number, you need something to differentiate yourself from the competition and becoming a (club) member can give you those

According to Madeline MacKean, president of the California Nursing Students' Association, clubs provide students the opportunity to gain information and experiences in their future career field both on and off

"Joining a club is a good way to break from studying, network with others and improve your resume," MacKean said. "Financial and time constraints can make joining a club difficult, but don't let them stop you from these career oppor-

MacKean said she understands that college students are busy, but emphasizes the importance of taking advantage of practicing their skills and gaining networking opportunities.

According to Akash Patel, publicity coordinator for Engineering Without Borders club, said students can expand their knowledge by joining

"Clubs allow students to learn more than what is taught in a classroom," Patel said. "In a classroom, students learn how to solve problems and learn the theory and concept of something, but don't really get to apply what they have learned."

According to Patel, clubs cultivate several qualities in students to become more suitable for several career options and offer a head start in their classes with the new information they

"We have club members that are willing to tutor for free," Patel said.

He said that along with working on local projects, club members are offered the option to take part in local events and make students "feel at home" with people who have similar interests.

According to Ten, the benefits of joining an academic club comes with common issues that

"With work and school, it becomes easy to lose track of time and prioritize school and other club work," Ten said. "It's detrimental that students focus on their priorities and still stay involved in their extracurricular activities."

In addition to time management difficulties, according to Patel, another difficulty students may run into is the fear of not being accepted

"Almost all clubs do not have requirements that need to be met in order for you to join," Patel

ing enforcement at the tennis

ried too much about it, but

there has been concern from

the community in general

that there might be some il-

legal activity going on in that

parking lot," Laws said. "So we

might have to do a little more

direct enforcement to make sure that criminal activity

Melissa Lewelling is a Spar-

doesn't occur."

tan Daily staff writer.

"We haven't really wor-



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Senior engineering major and chair of the IEEE club Willy Ten speaks to the group about the importance of community involvement as Treasurer Michael Claussen listens.

said. "As long as you have an interest in what the club is about and has to offer, they will welcome you with open arms. There are so many clubs on campus, so the best thing to do is just get your feet wet and see which clubs are best suited for you."

Patel said the best way to handle a situation like this is to take a friend to the first general

According to Patel, in a club's first meeting, students will be able to gauge whether or not they will feel comfortable enough to join and have a chance to talk to the officers in the club about any doubts they may have.

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Slaying: Man arrested on suspicion of homicide

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that this particular incident "really didn't affect anybody's safety" on the main campus.

However, Laws said it's "still good to know what's going on" around campus and for students to be aware of their surroundings.

"Be cautious in some of the neighborhoods around campus, use the evening guide and Spartan shuttle programs," Laws said. "Be aware of what your safety options are."

Ashlea Coski, a senior kinesiology major and member of the women's water polo team at SJSU, said that her roommates have used the evening shuttles provided by UPD to get to their night classes and find the service "very helpful."

"(Winslow's killing) was really tragic ... (and) it just opens up your eyes (to the fact) that

this does happen in the whole city of San Jose," Coski said. "It was a surprise, but I feel like it just helps you be aware that you need to be careful where we are."

Chandler Jones, a senior sociology major and SJSU football player, said he spends the majority of his week at Spartan Stadium for football practice, but that the discovery of Winslow's body a few blocks away hasn't made him fearful of the

"I was always taught to be aware of my surroundings and stuff so I've always been kind of cautious of the places I'm going," Jones said. "I don't feel any more afraid, I just know to be aware of where I'm going and what I'm

According to Laws, the location of Winslow's body will probably open up conversa-

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PROFILE

Bringing art to life: A knock on David Chai's door

By Michael Chen

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A hard knock reverberates on an oriental screen door as shouting from soldiers shatters the silent night. A boy quivers with fright as the scurrying of footsteps fills the house and a Baptist minister is dragged away, never to be seen again.

This is the animated story of how David Chai's father, Hi Dong Chai, escaped the Korean War and arrived in America to start a new life.

"The film is a tribute to my father," Chai said. "The primary message in that film is to people who might feel as if there is no hope in their lives and to let them know that there is a possibility of finding happiness."

David Chai, 44, was born in a predominantly white neighborhood in upstate New York. He only knew four or five Korean families and grew up reading comic books such as Spider-Man and Batman. Chai moved to San Jose right before sixth grade where he found his calling as an animation producer.

As an independent animation producer and SJSU animation professor, Chai said he is driven by humor and passion for entertaining the audience and creat-

ing simple, colorful and profound short films that offer a slice of life and convey human emotion.

He said he's propelled to create thoughtful and profound short films because of his passion to make audiences smile and genuine love for art in telling stories.

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David Chai Animation Professor

It all started, he said, when he and his father zoomed down an American highway on a road trip across the country.

"I always thought of my dad as a pretty happy guy,"

He said the road trip



Photo courtesy of David Chai

A still image is shown from David Chai's animated film "A Knock on My Door," which he tributes to his father.

was a silent trudge before a shocking conversation shattered it. With a contemplative face, his father said, "Did I ever tell you I tried to kill myself?"

The story idea behind "A Knock on My Door" was born.

Chai said his father had lived a relatively fulfilling life. He had a successful career as an electrical engneer and a family of a wife and two kids. Yet an empty void in his heart left deep bouts of depression.

Hi Dong witnessing his father being taken prisoner in the Korean War before his very eyes and the inability to save him, left longlasting emotional scars.

A trip to the therapist revealed the once-invisible scars and Chai's father was able to release the doubt, regret and depression that had been overflowing

in his mind like flooded water.

Incorporating his father's voice into the movie was both a technical and emotional hurdle. Capturing 75 years of his father's turbulent life and condensing it into a ten-minute animated film was the ultimate test of economizing the story down to its bare roots, Chai

Having his father voice act his own character in the film, however, proved to be an emotional experience.

"Father started crying when reading the script," Chai said. "He thinks it's a great depiction of his life."

But Chai did not always hold the same admiration for animation in his days as a student.

As a graduate student at SJSU, Chai studied animation in order to increase his

drawing ability.

"I had no interest at all in animating," Chai said. "But once I saw the drawing come to life on the screen I was hooked."

SJSU professors of animation/illustration Courtney Granner and Alice Carter knew Chai well, as both his colleagues and mentors in the art graduate program.

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David Chai Animation Professor

"He was one of the more creative individuals in the class," Granner said. "His ideas were outside the norm and he was alert and enthusiastic."

Carter recalled Chai for his initial enthusiasm as a graduate student in SJSU's early animation program.

"He came up with crazy ideas for films," Carter said.
"He made it work."

Chai's use of 2D animation as a medium to weave together his short stories allowed him more creative freedom when transferring ideas from paper to animation.

Stylistic choices in using symbolism in his short films such as the incorporation of paper textures into Korean scenes allows the audience to see parallel views between scenes that induce critical thinking.

Chai said becoming producer for a successful studio is on his to-do list, but he is happy being independent. He said being independent means more creative freedom to fill the empty canvas of film as he sees fit.

The whole process from story-boarding ideas to pen and paper and then to production may take months. A short two-minute film may take a large crew up to three to four weeks to complete.

Chai said the toughest part of production is editing. But he cracked a smile, admitting that he loved watching the audience's reaction to the final product.

Fellow colleague and SJSU animation professor David Yee describes Chai as an up-beat and energetic person.

"As an artist and animator, he is very energetic and positive and very enthusiastic about the art form," Yee said. "He loves animating and he loves other people."

In the next 10 to 20 years, Chai said he aims to win an Academy Award.

"I want to create a body of work, long after I'm dead, that's the legacy that lives on," Chai said. "I want to create things that evoke emotion."

Chai said he wants his students to be technically sound, artistically creative and to never lose touch with love of the art form.

"He's a great guy and a great teacher and he's very approachable to the students," Alex Turner, a senior animation/illustration major said. "He's very energetic and he will help you push your ideas as far as you can go."

"A Knock on My Door" won the Gold Medal in the Society of Illustrators 55 Moving Image category.

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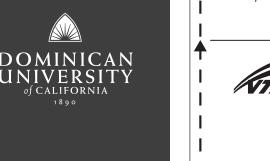
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STUDENT LIFE



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Jugglers Eric Matthews (left) and Edwin Lee practice with the juggling club every Monday and Wednesday on the lawn by MacQuarrie Hall.

Juggling club does more than clown around

By Kristi Myllenbeck @ricekristi

Knowing how to juggle is as important as knowing how to play a sport or an instrument according to Edwin Lee, senior communications major and SJSU juggling club president.

He said that juggling offers people a variety of skills and benefits.

Bradley Jackson, SJSU math professor and faculty adviser of the juggling club, said juggling can mean anything to students, from a welcome escape to a fun way to sharpen the mind.

Jackson said he started the juggling club in spring of 1984 during his first year at SJSU.

"I started the juggling club so that I could have other people to juggle with, because juggling is a fun way to relax and also because I like to teach other people to juggle," he said.

Lee said juggling has had a positive impact on his life.

"Juggling has helped me socialize better with my friends, become a better teacher and think more critically when I encounter a tough problem," he

Lee said students should join to meet more people and step outside of their comfort zones. "One of the biggest things that you get out of the club is a skill that helps you socialize with other people," he said.

To others, such as senior psychology major and juggling club vice president Kevin Legarda, it is more of a personal endeavor taken on as a challenge.

Legarda said juggling has opened his eyes to new possibilities.

"Juggling has showed me that you can do anything if you are

motivated enough and willing to fight through the hardships," he said. "It takes time and hard work to achieve a goal."

On top of social and mental benefits, Legarda said he believes that juggling also serves as an unconventional exercise.

"Juggling is a good way to exercise," he said. "Especially when you first start, you're going to be mobile from dropping and picking up things constantly."

Laurie Morgan, juggler and associate director for Campus Wellness, said juggling is a great method of stress reduction.





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"It allows you to take your mind off of anything and everything," she said. "It's a way for students to focus on just one thing."

Morgan said that on top of stress relief and relaxation, juggling also serves as a physical

"It actually burns the same amount of calories as walking,"

According to Morgan, juggling can increase the growth of gray matter in the brain.

"There are some articles that claim juggling is one of the few activities known to increase the size of your brain," Jackson

The club meets Mondays 1:30-2:30 p.m. and Wednesdays 12-1 p.m. on the lawn in front of MacQuarrie Hall.

Lee said that no experience is needed to join and equipment is provided.

To join the juggling club, attend a meeting or visit juggle.

Kristi Myllenbeck is a Spartan Daily staff writer.





OPINION

Do not fall in love with Molly

My friends and family always told me getting involved with drugs would be the worst decision of my life. Without even taking their words into consideration, I already knew it was something I would never

Recently at New York's annual Electric Zoo Labor Day weekend festival, two fatalities were the talk of



do, a 20-year-old already have University of New a career and Hampshire student and Jeffrey Russ, a they are 23-year-old Syracuse University graduate getting paid. student, both died after taking the drug MDMA.

MDMA is the powder or crystal form of Ecstasy. For young people, the powder form is referred to as the slang name "Molly."

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency, MDMA is usually used as a recreational drug that gets you high and gives you a big energy boost.

According to the New York Times, "Molly" gained its recognition and popularity with Electronic Dance Mu-

Many use "Molly" just for a boost during dances. It has created a culture that most Americans don't know

"Molly" has been so hyped up because of the generational usage of drugs. If you take a look back into the '60s and '70s, it was all about mari-

The New York Times says marijuana has never been known to have



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the symptoms that MDMA has. Marijuana is less intensive and usually relaxes you rather than making you active as MDMA would.

So what exactly is the hype with "molly?" Why are people willing to take this drug? Do they not understand its effects?

Today there are numerous artists who have songs related to drug use. I feel

like the artists carry some blame for a couple of good reasons.

Artists incorporate the actions of using drugs and getting high in their songs and music vid-

Songs such as "No Worries" by Lil Wayne set a tone for his target audience. Just because he has no worries does not

necessarily mean we don't.

Tyga's song "Molly" literally throws out the name about 20 times. His message is clear and by the end of the song it will have you Googling the word "Molly" if you don't know what it is already.

Lastly, Trinidad James' song, "All Gold Everything" has probably the worst interaction with "Molly." He raps "pop a Molly, I'm sweatin." The song has nothing to do with "molly," however, it is mentioned.

The primary audiences are young adults. Some young people get into these drugs that artists sing about because they idolize the artists and want to be just like them.

This generation has it easy compared to the '60s and '70s. Now anyone can get employment and afford cars with big wheels, name brand clothes and jewelry similar to what artists in the music industry wear.

Heck, I remember when students in my middle school used to put foil in their teeth pretending it was a gold grill. Idolizing these artists has gotten worse these days. People are starting to get tattoos like them and have piercings like them.

The behavior completely changes amongst young adults and it is easily

Young adults imitate these artists, leading them to go against parents and put their lives in danger. A bad decision related to drug use can effortlessly ruin your life.

Artists have music videos with women and men grinding on each other, taking hits of drugs off of each other and the next thing you know people in the real world act the same

Just having the music and videos exposed in front of growing teenagers can be fatal. The parents of Rotondo and Russ found out the hard

It's a real life wake up call. One minute you're fine and living and the next minute a funeral is being planned for you. These artists don't have anything to lose. They already have a career and are getting paid. It feels like that's all they care about.

I strongly think that the government should start getting more involved with rating these songs, enforce content they use in these songs and just promote more awareness. Rotondo and Russ could have been anyone's brother, sister or close

If the Federal Communications Commission and the music entertainment industry could start putting restrictions on content that gets viewed, maybe we would have two more Americans still alive today.

It was marijuana back then, and now the hype is all about "molly." Once molly gets played out, what drug will continue to ruin us?

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Letters 0 2 to the Editor

My guess is that best way to save African-Amercian studies is to find donors who will create an endowment that must specifically be used for an African-American studies professor. The best way to accomplish this would probably be a separate fundraising effort by private individuals who reach out to the local African-American community and African-American alumni to raise funds for such an endowment.

- SJSUSpartan1992 in response to "Amidst Acceleration celebration, AFAM representatives hold funeral for ethnic studies."

Parking has been a problem since I first went to school in '96. SJSU still has not addressed this problem, which is absolutely ridiculous. Yes, there is alternative transportation, but that should be an option, not the only choice

If Associated Students didn't provide the EcoPass, how would that work out for the students? Do you realize that A.S. is a separate auxiliary (unless President Mo has his way and tries to steal all the money from them) that provides this service, because the university was either unwilling, unable, or simply incompetent in taking care

But hey, since 1996 we have a new library, an upgraded BBC, the Student Services Center (which also took away parking in 10th street), Campus Village, we'll have a new Student Union, and we'll have a new Health Center. Too bad you won't be able to drive to campus to use these services.

- Kevin in response to "SJ-SU's inflated parking problem and why it's unfair."

Not sure if you can call 17,000 occupied seats "the packed house of fans," when Spartans Stadium can seat up to 30,000 plus people. More SJSU students and alumni in the Bay Area (and their family) need to come out to the game and really pack the house. We should have be adding at least 10K more people for the next home game.

I had a blast watching SJSU take on Sac State. Being an alumnus from SJSU and also a graduate from UCLA, and held season tickets from both universities when I was the student. Spartan Stadium is more enjoyable than Rose Bowl. It's cozy at Spartan Stadium, and you can see and hear these players making full contact. The walk to Spartan Stadium from the parking lot is a lot closer than walking from the golf couse-converted-to-parking lot to the Rose Bowl. Great game Sparties! Keep collecting the W's and I'll be reserving my flight and hotel to where ever the bowl game will be.

- Jay in response to "Spartans shutout Sac State; showdown with Stanford Saturday night."

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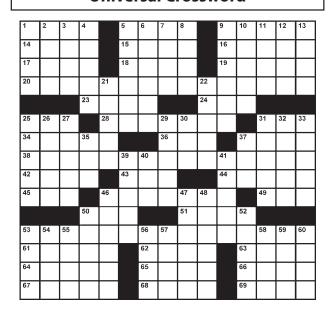
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OPINION

SJSU must get its students connected

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When I got my acceptance letters to SJSU, SFSU, Sacramento State and Chico State, I had quite the decision to make. I had worked hard for two and a half years at my community college to transfer with a 3.5 GPA (which for me was something to brag about since I graduated from high school with a 2.0)

and was completely ecstatic to receive acceptance to every school I applied to.

I stepped onto the SJSU campus and couldn't shake it from my mind, even after I had visited all of the other schools. The old buildings and tree-filled campus were where I wanted to be, and I had no doubt in my mind about it. I knew this was the school for me.

Before transferring, I had idealistic dreams of making

it on my own for the first time, making tons of life-long friends, and having so much fun that I'd forget I'm supposed to actually be learning.

After starting my second, and hopefully last, year here I have realized that those idealistic dreams have been shot

That's not to say I haven't had some fun and made some friends, but transferring to a four-year university simply is not what I thought it would be.

When I first moved on campus, I kept hearing students refer to SJSU as a "commuter school."

I have come to learn that this is what has greatly contributed to my experience on campus being a sub-par one.

Over the summer, I visited a friend who lives in Chico and he took me on a tour of Chico State.

As we walked his two chocolate labs around campus, we came upon a few

Everyone was friendly and wanted to chat about the dogs or tell us how cute

People were just so open and willing

This is the polar opposite of what happens at SJSU.

Yeah, I meet friends in my classes, but it hardly ever goes further than that.

Everyone lives in the surrounding cities and doesn't seem to see the value of participating in extracurriculars on

I do not know a single person who goes to the football games, or any campus sporting event for that matter.

Everyone just walks around campus with their headphones in or whizzes past on their skateboards and bicycles.

Even the students who live on campus have the same mindset.

Last year, I lived on campus and did not meet any of my neighbors. As much as I tried to smile and wave at anyone I passed in the hall coming to and from my dorm, nobody really wanted to interact.

I met a couple of neighbors, but we were never anything more than two humans who would awkwardly acknowl-

> edge each other as we scanned our keys to get in our respective apartments.

> Whenever I would try to talk or make friends, they would mumble a few sounds that vaguely resembled words and scurry away.

> Even the girls I lived with were hesitant to become friends with each other.

> Either my pure awesomeness is too intimidating for everyone or they are a product of their environment.

Although there were hall get-togethers and other events out in the Campus Village outdoor area, there was no encouragement to actually go. The only way a person would be notified of these happenings was if they actually read the posters on the walls, and we all know nobody does that.

I meet friends in my classes, but it hardly ever goes further than that.

On top of that, I lived in the hall for transfer students. Before moving, I had to sign a paper saying I would attend a bunch of mandatory floor meetings. We had one at the beginning of the year and

This year, I am living on campus again. I have met a few neighbors and my housemates are more willing to form relationships with each other. But I still have not heard anything about floor gettogethers or campus events.

I am not a sorority girl and my class schedule is too hectic to allow for joining any campus organizations.

As a transfer student, it has been harder for me to get involved.

If I am paying through the nose to ve on campus, the least the university could have done is help make my transition as easy as possible.

A sense of community is such an important part of the college experience and SJSU can definitely do more to get students involved.

Tessa Terrill is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Just put your phones down

When Apple launched its first iPhone in 2007, it changed everything. What started as a new smartphone soon transformed into a mind-controlling, handheld addiction.

While I didn't get my first smartphone until my junior year of high school, you can't walk down the street now without seeing toddlers crying, only to be silenced by their mother's newest game on her

I love my iPhone, I really do. But when I think about how something fitting in the palm of my hand has affected users, it's disappointing how something so small can become such a big part of someone's daily routine.

One of the most practical uses of an iPhone is to serve as a phone. Apparently practicality is a thing of the past.

In middle school, I remember when my parents gave me my first flip phone. For those of you who remember, a flip phone didn't have a retina-display screen, it didn't have apps and the camera took pixelated photos to use for contact IDs.

My parents provided me with the phone with one rule in mind -"Emergencies only." There was no texting plan, no data plan, just a number pad and a small two-inch screen inside.

My phone was so basic, there wasn't even a screen to see who was calling on the front of the phone. Because I only used the phone for emergencies, I focused more on winning the turkey trot in P.E. than my latest text message.

Come to think of it, luckily for us, texting wasn't all the rage when I was 13. I lived across the alley from my best friend and when we wanted to hangout, I'd poke my head above the fence and scream, "Natalie!"

When I look at students now in the same shoes I was in during middle school, they're on their phone 24/7. Whether it's texting in their lap during class or taking a "selfie" to post on Facebook, teens' eyes are glued to their phones.

Today's kids sit on the couch, bust out their phones and try to beat their next level on Candy Crush. Parents don't say anything because they're doing the same

thing and it keeps parents from having to spend time and money on their kids. The release of the iPhone 5C

and 5S will lure more users and addicts with a variety of colors and new features. Back in "my day," the neigh-

borhood kids and I would meet up on a Saturday morning to ride our bikes or jump in the pool on a hot

What this generation needs is a reality check. We've become so dependent on getting satisfaction from our iPhones, we crash into other people walking because we're smiling at a text message from our

Too often I find myself swerving to avoid students texting while walking through campus. My boyfriend and I have a rule when we're together of not being on our phones at the same time. Rules such as this may seem silly, but they remind us of the importance of face-to-face conversations and staying in-tune with our surroundings.

Although some people, myself included, say they feel "naked" when they don't have their phone, it's what generations of the past have done for centuries. Even just turning off your phone for a couple of hours relieves you of the stress of wanting to constantly check your phone.

When I go for a run and leave my phone at home, I feel free at last. At first, I feel vulnerable driv-



feeling of being disconnected from their phone Follow Samantha for granted. Being without a phone makes most @sam_mendoza_ people uncomfortable

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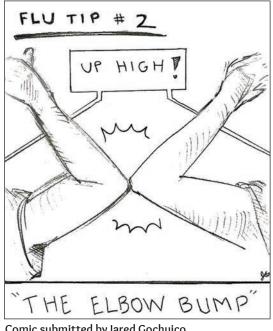
There's only a few times I condone relying on my smartphone. When I'm lost and don't know which way I should take Interstate 280 to get from school to work, I need my Waze navigation to guide

Another time I find myself needing my iPhone is when I'm playing my favorite Luke Bryan song on Spotify while walking from class to class. Smartphones are also convenient when it comes to online banking and you don't have the time to drive all the way to the nearest ATM machine just to check your balance.

Contrary to popular belief, taking a break from your smartphone empowers users. It makes them stronger than those users who are too weak to be away from their smartphone for even just a few minutes. By only using our smartphones when we really need them, we can feel more independent and at the same time save battery life for emergencies.

As the next wave of smartphones prepares to crash at the feet of iPhone addicts, parents need to remember their priorities and think of their children. Buying the latest iPhone and putting it under the tree on Christmas Eve doesn't guarantee happiness. It promises the next generation of smartphone-hungry animals.

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Comic submitted by Jared Gochuico

Letters to the Editor

My name is Ryan Craighead, transfer junior from Long Beach, California, and my first three weeks at SJSU have not been easy.

I lost count of the classes I have been denied adding. I lost count of the hours I spent in the Student Union, searching for classes and wiling away the hours until the next hopefully open class, living my collegiate life 90 minutes at a time. I spent a significant amount of time in both the Financial Aid and Bursar's Office, fighting for aid which was awarded to me yet maddeningly tricky to physically possess.

My trials are not singular; I expect many,

many others to be in my place, dealing with the self-same stressors of transitioning to real-college life. My intention is to provide some relief, some distraction to ease the stress of the first semester as a Spartan.

A free pass for the VTA might just be the biggest reason that I will last past the first few weeks of the semester. The trains are clean and, with the exception of a few more, ah, colorful locals, a pleasure to be on. The first friends I made were from the light rail, both waiting at the Paseo station and on the train itself.

Food has been the easiest connection to normalcy in what was suddenly (and hopefully temporary) my topsy-turvy life. A breakfast burrito in the Student Union followed by a super quesadilla topped with orange sauce will make anyone's day better. Trying the local fare, aided by my Spartan Survival Guide that I

picked up at the Associated Students building, has kept me both occupied and sane.

During the first week of the semester, the gravity of my decision had finally descended upon my now bowed shoulders. I know enough about stress to understand I had to counteract the stress, so I went to a movie. I took advantage of the student movie night at the Camera 12, saw The World's End for six bucks and laughed heartily.

Financial aid will come, my academics will get figured out. This I know; the only thing I can do now is work hard and enjoy the ride. Oh, yeah: Go Spartans.

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Proposal: White Paper plan aims to benefit STEM majors

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sources for CSUs."

Having standardization for lower division courses would make transferring through the system much easier for students in the science-, technology-, engineering- and mathematics-related fields. This would not only create the possibility of more graduates in these fields, but also boost our economy, according to Oxyoumi

As stated in the proposal, five out of eight new jobs in the next 10 years will be in the aforementioned fields; and according to the U.S Bureau of Labor Statistics, there will be more than 1.2 million job openings in the science-, technology-, engineering- and mathematics-related fields by 2018.

The United States has an estimated 16 percent of science-, technology-, engineering- and mathematics-related graduates earning de-

grees by the year 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

If put into action, Qayoumi said he has a goal of increasing science-, technology-, engineering- and mathematics-related professionals by an extra one million in the next decade.

"This year we have started the conversation (of the White Paper Plan) on campus, as well as having conversations off campus, as well with some of the embassy friends, donors, and other thought leaders in the Silicon Valley," said Qayoumi on the White Paper Plan's current state

If students have any opinions, suggestions or would like to know more about the White Paper Plan, both President Qayoumi and Kim Polese encourage them to join the conversation at reinventingeducation-group@sjsu.edu.

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Displacement: Greeks adjust recruitment tactics to compensate

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Ojeda, a sophomore civil engineering student and Sigma Delta Alpha member.

The organizations' recruiting efforts have since been moved to the walkway between the Event Center and Hoover

Ojeda said the relocation has had a positive effect on the fraternity's recruiting efforts.

"We get about the same amount of foot traffic here as we did over there, if not more," he said. "I think it's harder to avoid (for students) since the dorms are right here."

According to Ashley Bulatao, a senior sociology major and Alpha Kappa Omicron member, the move has also posed some problems that were not an issue in the previous location.

"The old location was more of a main walkway so this new location is a little easier to avoid," she said. "It's a lot more congested, so we have to be here earlier to get a good spot."

According to Bulatao, the organizations go by a first-come, first-served basis so they

compete for a visible, high traffic location on the walkway.

Bulatao said having the organizations grouped together helps increase visibility and presence, so the move hasn't had much of an effect on Alpha Kappa Omicron's recruiting efforts.

Most of the fraternities and sororities set up in the morning as early as 6 a.m., stay during high traffic times to catch students walking to class, then pack up around 2 p.m., according to Bulatao.

Jessica Hsu, a senior child and adolescent development major and Alpha Kappa Delta Phi member said the Health Center construction "is annoying" because of the noise and close location to buildings where classes are, but it hasn't affected the sorority's recruiting.

"I feel like we've gotten around the same response," she said. "If people want to come through, they will."

Kristi Myllenbeck is as Spartan Daily staffwriter.

NATION

San Francisco sues Nevada over 'patient dumping'

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The state of Nevada and its primary psychiatric hospital "intentionally and wrongfully" foisted the cost of caring for indigent mentally ill people onto California cities and counties by issuing patients bus tickets out of town without making proper arrangements for their care, a lawsuit filed Tuesday in San Francisco charges.

San Francisco City Attorney Dennis Herrera filed the class-action lawsuit against Nevada, Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital in Las Vegas and state mental health administrators, seeking reimbursement for the care of indigent patients he said the system "dumped" onto California in an effort to save money.

"What the defendants have been doing for years is horribly wrong on two levels," Herrera said in a written statement announcing the lawsuit. "It cruelly

victimizes a defenseless population, and punishes jurisdictions for providing health and human services that others won't provide."

In addition to unspeci-

fied financial damages, the suit asks for a permanent injunction preventing Nevada from dispatching psychiatric patients to California unless they are residents of the destination city or county, are being sent to family members who have agreed to care for them, or are being sent to a medical facility

where arrangements have been made for their treatment.

Mary Woods, spokeswoman for the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services, said Tuesday afternoon that her agency would have no immediate comment on the suit.

The action follows a formal demand Herrera issued last month to Nevada officials. He said he planned to take legal action within weeks unless the state reimbursed San Francisco \$500,000 for care

of patients he maintains were improperly bused to the city since 2008. Herrera said an investigation by his office had identified 24 patients who had been bused to San Francisco over the past five years, 20 of whom Herrera said required emergency treatment upon arrival.

Nevada's attorney general responded this week with a letter arguing that San Francisco had offered insufficient evidence to justify its claim. Records gathered by state health

officials and given to Herrera "demonstrate that the policies are appropriate and that only proper discharges were made," reads the letter, sent Monday and signed by Chief Deputy Attorney General Linda Anderson.

Nevada's mental health system has been in the spotlight for months, following a Sacramento Bee report published earlier this year that found Rawson-Neal had bused 1,500 mentally ill patients out of Southern Nevada from July 2008 through early March 2013. About 500 were given one-way tickets to California.

