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# Bike share success prompts expansion



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Saul Maldonado parks a Bike Share bike into one of the pods at the MLK Library station on Fourth and San Fernando streets.

**By Nirmal Patel**  
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It's been a little more than three weeks since the Bay Area Bike Share program launched on Aug. 29, and some San Jose commuters have begun to depend on this mode of transportation.

John Brazil, from the city of San Jose Bicycle and Pedestrian program, said there has been positive initial feedback on the program in San Jose.

"Anecdotally, we are seeing lots of interest and usage in the downtown area," he said.

Brazil said the Bike Share program will expand by 2014. "Phase two is funded to add 300 more bikes in early 2014," he said.

In addition, Brazil added that the Bike Share program will expand across the five cities that are participating in the program. Those cities include: San Francisco, Redwood City, Palo Alto, Mountain View and San Jose.

According to Brazil, San Jose has about 140 bikes at 14 stations.

"In the next few weeks we'll add two stations and 20 bikes," he said. "In early 2014 we'll add about five stations and 50 bikes."

Brazil said that future kiosks would be in ideal locations near urban areas and good public transportation areas. Future locations would be near more public ar-

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**CAMPUS**

# A.S. proposes idea for future student senate

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The University Affairs Committee discussed the possibility of creating a student senate that would serve as an information group and advocate for all majors at SJSU at its first meeting on Wednesday.

Victor Hernandez, a junior history major and Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities, said he proposed to discuss creating the senate after reading about the impacted animation/illustration department's 3.85 transfer GPA requirement and a general lack of communication with students about departmental changes.

"The University did not inform transfer students about the very high GPA (requirement)," Hernandez said in the meeting. "I think that's something A.S. should be able to perhaps focus on ... being able to work on these different colleges, especially ones that are impacted and having a lot of trouble."

The problem, according to Aaron Miller, a junior political science major and Director of Internal Affairs, is that students don't have a central body of government where they can be informed about departmental changes and serve as a "check" in the policy creation process.

"At this point, A.S. doesn't have a process where we have regular contact with those people, unless we just happen to work with them in the (Academic) Senate," Miller said in the meeting. "That shows a necessity for the Senate we're discussing."

Although SJSU has an established Academic Senate made up of faculty, alumni and students, Miller said the proposed student senate would be a separate entity.

"The idea is to potentially have a separate (governing) body that kind of falls under the umbrella of Senate where policies would have to go through that as well, before they can make it to the (Academic) Senate floor," Miller said.

SJSU wouldn't be the first CSU to implement a student senate, according to Laura Hart, a senior humanities American studies major and Director of University Advising Affairs.

"As a Board, we all went to a conference ... called CSUnity and there were pretty much representatives from all 23 different CSUs present," Hart said. "We were able to talk with them, see how their A.S. is ... and what are some ideas maybe we can take on at SJSU."

A common thread and idea that "stuck" with Hart at the conference was a student senate made up of at least one person from every college at SJSU who could talk with other students in their classes to get a sense of what is happening in their department.

"If we'd had representation, for example, from the animation department, we could have found out about these things a lot sooner and advocated for them in the committees that we're already on," Hart said. "I think the student senate would be a good way to get that voice out."

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**BUDGET**

# Interest issues settled; loan problems persist

**By Leeta-Rose Ballester**  
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Decisions about interest rates for student loans were up in the air just days before the Fall semester started and now changes to how students pay off their loans are coming in 2014, but the new rules won't apply to current students who are grappling with loan debt.

Carolyn Guel, assistant director for the counseling and advising unit of the Financial Aid Office, said that the new provisions are centered on income-based payment options.

"New borrowers who assume loans after July 1, 2014, will be able to cap their student loan repayments at 10 percent of their discretionary income," Guel said. "If they

keep up with their payments over time, they will have the balance forgiven after 20 years."

She said it is hard to say how it will affect students because it requires 20 years of a "clean record of repayment."

Although the university doesn't have information on how many students have exclusively taken loans, they are able to track students who have both loans and other forms of financial aid through the school, according to Guel.

"About 43 percent of financial aid applicants apply for loans and the average loan debt is about \$17,851," Guel said.

During the summer, when there was a possibility for loan interest rates to double, Guel said that students didn't come in with questions about it.

"It could have been because students were not around, but for the most part, students don't really seem to worry about what the long-term impact of borrowing a student loan could mean," she said.

She said that most students seem focused on the immediate tasks at hand, like paying for tuition and bills.

Ryan Liu, junior civil engineering major, said next year will be the first time he will need to take out loans, but he isn't worried about how to pay it back.

"I think the interest is low," Liu said. "I figure I'll just have a job and pay it back."

Alex Shebanow, a University of California, Santa Cruz film school graduate, is creating a documentary, "Chained," about student-loan

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**MONEY**

# Students manage finances with help from on-campus ATM center

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Although the on-campus ATMs were originally planned in the 1980s, they still provide San Jose State students with easy access to their bank accounts.

Located between the Student Union and Boccardo Business Center is an ATM center offering Bank of America, Bank of the West, Chase and Wells Fargo customers 24/7 access to their accounts.

Additionally, the university has a U.S. Bank ATM in front of the Event Center and in the Student Union.

Efforts to install the ATMs were spearheaded by the Student Union Administration, according to Terry Gregory, associate director of the

Student Union.

Primarily, security aspects determined the location of the ATMs, including being in a well-lit area heavily crowded by students.

"The ATM building itself is very well-lit," said Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department. "Go with friends and don't be out there by yourself. Be aware of your surroundings."

Sophomore accounting major Nick Beach is a Chase customer and said there's no wait for the ATMs at night, but sometimes he's hesitant to use the ATMs after dark unless he's with a group of friends.

"The location is convenient because I live near campus," Beach said. "It would be nice to have one more Chase ATM."

In determining the banks offered at the ATM center, the Student Union Administration sent



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For sophomore Nick Beach, withdrawing money at the Chase ATM is a quick and easy way to get cash when he needs it most.

out requests for proposals to literally every bank in the Valley, according to Gregory.

"They had to agree to put in \$25,000 each to construct (an) ATM building," Gregory said.

"Originally three banks responded: Bank of America, Bank of the West and a savings/loan

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REVIEW

## 'One Night with Janis Joplin' is a night well spent

By Raphael Kluzniok

The unmistakable smell of incense drifted through the lobby of the San Jose Repertory Theatre as ushers adorned with feather boas, beads and headbands handed out programs.

On first impression, "One Night with Janis Joplin" was as authentic an experience as one could hope for in the re-envisioning of the late musical icon.

Neither a cover concert, nor a play with a linear story, "One Night with Janis Joplin" is a performance meant to share the joy and beauty of the artist that was Janis Joplin.

Behind the "remember the good old days" appearance, this performance succeeds at engaging audiences young and old with a rocking band and an electrifying leading lady.

With a mixture of a concert-like performance, direct address and choreographed numbers, the show takes a casual stroll through the experiences and insights that led Janis Joplin to become the first "Rock Mama" icon.

**Kacey Clanton embodies the late Joplin well, carrying herself with the sexual magnetism which Joplin was famous for.**

The crafty use of soliloquy allows Joplin to step out of the 1960's concert stage and take the audience into her memories, sharing the times and music that drove her.

The performance serves as a canonization of Joplin into the heritage of American blues vocalists. The lineage to which Joplin belongs is embodied by

the blues singer character. The Blues Singer provides a voice for Joplin's inspirations, embodying Nina Simone, Aretha Franklin and others.

With a majority of the audience old enough to remember Joplin when was still alive, entire sections of the audience could be seen bobbing their heads, singing along and even rising to dance when encouraged to do so.

The performance wisely avoids the temptation to revel in the peace and love of the '60s and exploit the nostalgia of an aging generation. Instead it stays focused on the music that gave us Joplin, most importantly — the blues.

Kacey Clanton embodies the late Joplin well, carrying herself with the sexual magnetism which Joplin was famous for.

The most notable performance, however, was that of Shinnerrie Jackson as the blues singer. An integral part the performance's structure, Jackson carries the legacy of the blues with her impressive range and variety of vocalizations.

Jackson's portrayal of Aretha Franklin is the hidden gem of the performance, as she calls to the entire audience to stand up and dance. Interestingly enough, the high-energy segment featuring Franklin does not detract from Joplin's performance or persona, but rather bolsters it and validates her place among the great female vocalists.

The show touches on Joplin's life minimally, tending more toward introspection and reflection on Joplin's part.



Kirk Tuck | Courtesy of sjrep.com  
Kacey Clanton takes center stage in the San Jose Repertory Theatre's "One Night with Janis Joplin."

She shares her feelings and experiences on subjects ranging from art, music, sex and love.

The overall feel of the performance is fun, introspective and ultimately positive. It is very much a celebration of the artist, the culture that formed her and the legacy she left behind.

A cheery and exciting character, Joplin acknowledges the dark side of life with study about the blues. It describes how someone as vivacious and spirited as herself could express such pain and sadness as seen in her performance of "Maybe."

She describes the realization that some people just have a yearning, an insatiable desire, a "Kozmic Blues." She goes on to deliver the most ominous moment of the performance, recognizing the role of the blues singer in pop culture noting, "we like our blues singers dead."

The darkest moment of the performance, it is an inevitable reminder of the historical fate of the great Janis Joplin, but is a necessary element to remind us that she is immortalized in blues culture. She is one with her blues-singing heroines.

Raphael Kluzniok is a Spartan Daily contributing writer.

Editor's Note:

"One Night with Janis Joplin" is playing at the San Jose Repertory Theatre through Sunday, Oct. 6.

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## Transportation: Program expanding around town

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areas outside of downtown so they can be accessible to current members and future members.

Laura Ruchinskas, the marketing manager for the Bay Area Bike Share program, said that San Jose is not the only city that wants to expand as soon as possible.

"We are very pleased with the responses of the Bay Area Bike Share, from San Francisco to San Jose," she said.

Ruchinskas said that San Francisco is likely to have the biggest expansion, followed by San Jose.

Saul Maldonado, an annual member of the Bay Area Bike Share program, said he appreciates the cities for having the Bike Share program.

"I can't wait for the expansion," he said. Maldonado, an annual member paying \$88, said he does not mind paying more for a membership.

He said he first decided to try the program out with a 24-hour pass for \$9 but he had problems.

"I don't understand why you would have to put in different codes at different stations when you are on the 24-hour program," he said.

According to Maldonado, every time a bike is checked out for the 24-hour membership, a code generated by the kiosk has to be applied.

"You have to apply the code every time no matter what if you are on the 24-hour plan. It can be very confusing to first-time riders," he said.

Maldonado said the 24-hour membership was the only inconvenience for him.

As a rapid commuter throughout the Bay Area, Maldonado said the annual membership would be most beneficial.

Maldonado also said that it is worth every penny and he doesn't mind paying more.

"The 24-hour membership is expensive, but the annual membership is worth the cost," he said. "I would not mind paying \$150 for it either."

Maldonado is a teacher educator helping future teachers obtain their credentials. Maldonado said he is usually moving from city to city and is on the go most of the week.

"I am so thankful for the Bike Share Program. I usually work in Redwood City, San Francisco and San Jose," he said. "All of those cities have Bike Share so it's something I depend on getting me around town."

One thing Maldonado said he thinks the Bike Share program should do is increase the time people can check a bike out before returning it.

"For me I feel like 30 minutes is enough, but I feel like for some people 30 minutes may not be enough to return a bike from one station to another," he said. "I hope that soon they can increase the time just to avoid other members from getting charged extra."

Brazil said that there are no actual reports on how many memberships the Bike Share program has.

"I've heard that we have over 4,000 memberships, but we have to wait about a month to actually get the data," he said.

With the expansion coming soon, Ruchinskas said that Alta, the company that manages all the bikes and kiosks throughout the Bay Area, would not have any problems adding more bikes and kiosks.

Ruchinskas said the bikes and kiosk stations they plan to launch in 2014 will have no changes since they are experiencing great feedback from members.

When the Bike Share program first launched, Brazil said that he wouldn't know if vandalizing, lost and stolen bikes would be a problem.

According to Ruchinskas, there have not been any unusual accounts of lost, stolen or vandalized bikes. As with any system, some bikes have been lost, but soon recovered.

Ruchinskas said they do not fear broken or malfunctioning bikes and kiosks.

"Kiosks are checked every two weeks, unless a customer reports an issue," she said. "In that case, they are repaired almost immediately and the Alta operations team repairs all broken and damaged bikes."

Brazil said San Jose is ready for an expansion.

"More bikes and kiosks that are in the city would benefit members a lot," Maldonado said. "The more the better."

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## Banks: Credit union ATMs are not currently present on campus

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company." Gregory said each bank at the center is on a three to five year lease agreement.

"We're looking at keeping the facility as long as we can," Gregory said. "When we complete revocation on the existing Student Union, we're looking to install four to six additional front-loading ATMs on the exterior of the south-facing side of the building."

At the Bank of America on Fourth Street, branch manager Tran Dinh said the on-campus ATM is accessible to students.

"When students come in and open accounts, we tell

them about the ATM we have on campus and let them know they're available to them," Dinh said. "We want to make it easy and convenient for students to access their accounts."

Dinh said it's important for students to know there are different withdrawal limits for every customer. She also recommends downloading its online banking app to manage accounts for quick and easy access.

Although the university offers ATMs for popular banks in the area, it does not offer on-campus access to credit unions, according to Gregory.

"Credit unions are a great service for students, but they

don't generate enough business on campus," Gregory said. "Even with students, staff and faculty it's not lucrative enough for them to stay."

Gregory said students, staff and faculty are already doing business with other credit unions around the Valley and it didn't work out to their best interest for credit unions to have an ATM on campus.

According to Gregory, the crown level of the Event Center used to be home to a California State Employees' Credit Union branch. The Student Union has not signed leases with any credit unions for spaces at the ATM center near the Boccardo Business Center.

"I believe we did make contact with someone on campus in an effort to place an ATM," said Angela Hughes, director of business development at the Santa Clara County Federal Credit Union. "I was under the impression there were some changes being made on campus and we did not receive the information necessary to move forward at that time."

Hughes said students should have the right to choose whether to have a bank account owned by stockholders or a credit union owned by members who join it.

According to Hughes, the credit union is located across



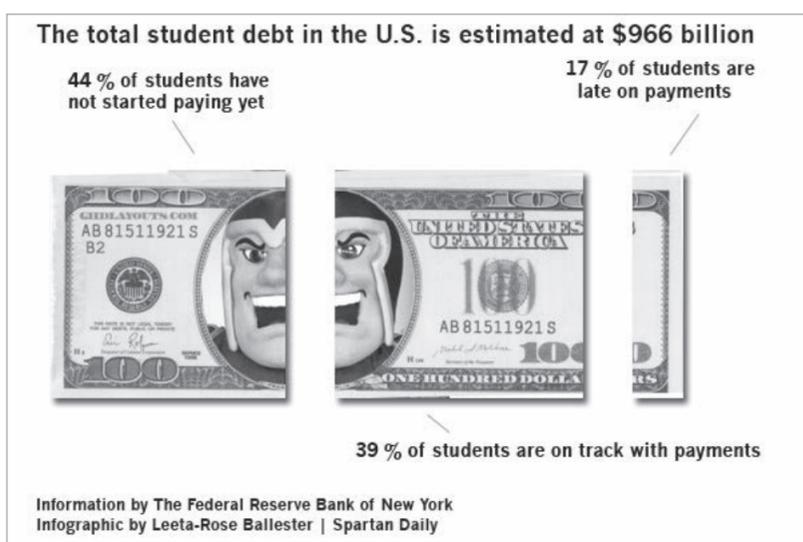
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Students wait in line to use the Wells Fargo ATMs Thursday.

the street from campus on East San Fernando Street, making it convenient for students to apply for membership and learn about the various auto-

ated services available to help them better manage their accounts.

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## Debt: Outstanding balances affect the financial futures of borrowers



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debt in the hopes of "trying to begin a conversation beyond interest rates."

He said he believes that the student debt "crisis" has much larger implications and that the future may be bleak for people who are in college now.

"The amount of debt that our generation carries is affecting us as consumers," Shebanow said. "It can create a lost generation."

According to Shebanow, there are many similarities between the housing market bubble and the status of student loan debt, beginning with the notion that home ownership and education are the epitome of the American dream.

"All we really want to do is better ourselves, but the cost has risen so dramatically that it's pricing out the middle and low-income," he said.

He also explained that the dream of owning a house may become nonexistent for those who carry a heavy loan debt because they won't qualify for a mortgage.

Guel said the Financial Aid Office at SJSU has seen a rise in loan users during the past year, which she believes can be partly attributed to rising costs of rent and other expenses.

Justin Hughes, a linguistics graduate student, said it was a "big decision" for him to quit his day job and start SJSU this year after being out of school since 2007.

"I was weighing whether it was worth this piece of paper," Hughes said of his \$15,000 loan. "I tasked myself, 'Is linguistics my passion?'"

Hughes said he has lived in countries where education is completely free and that he doesn't feel school loans should be a business matter.

"I understand the risk in loaning money," he said, "but I don't think loaning money for educational purposes should be a money-making endeavor."

However, he said he thinks that the government understands the risk in loaning money out to students.

"If there are more people going to school than there are jobs, how can they possibly pay it back," Hughes said. "If you're really in it for the business, why would you give it to a linguistics major?"

According to Guel, students should get a head-start on paying off their loans if they can, particularly unsubsidized loans.

"These unsub loans accrue interest while the student is in school and is added to the principle amount when they go into repayment," she said, "so any payment they can make toward that interest balance will help lower their overall debt."

Subsidized loans, or those that do not have interest applied until graduation, are also available to students.

"Many students borrow the maximum amount offered to them because it was offered," she said. "It is best for students to take an honest look at what their expenses are to only borrow what they need."

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## ATHLETICS

# Women's basketball team excited for fresh start under new coach

By Allison Williams  
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With a little more than a month before basketball season begins, the women's basketball team has hired a new head coach. Jamie Craighead comes to San Jose State after four seasons with Sacramento State, where she led the Hornets to a winning conference record for the first time since their debut season in 1996, according to SJSU Athletics.

When she took the head-coaching job in 2009, Craighead was the youngest Division I head coach, according to SJSU Athletics. Craighead said she doesn't feel her youth affected the way she was treated as a head coach, at least not at Sacramento State.

The decision to leave Sacramento State wasn't an easy choice for Craighead, but she said that she is excited to get started at San Jose State.

"I think as coaches we tend to be selfless and put our kids in front of our own needs," Craighead said, "but this decision was the right one for me."

Rebecca Woodberry, a junior guard on the team, described Craighead as very personable and said there is already a relationship forming between the team and its new head coach.

Woodberry said she is looking forward to the up-tempo style of play that Craighead brings to the table, a style similar to how she played in high school.

"I think that she'll help us get into our best shape," Woodberry said.

Craighead said she agrees that defense is important, but said offense is important as well.

"I've always been an offensive-minded player and I was always told defense

"We're going to go out and try to win a lot of basketball games this year," Craighead said. "As they adjust to the system and things that we're going to do this year, it's going to really take off."

Junior guard Ta'Rea Cunnigan is going in to her third season with the women's basketball team.

"I know that (the team) probably looks to her for leadership, and I will too," Craighead said.

Cunnigan said that she looks forward to helping the younger players on the team through advice and guidance.

She said that she will help them to "remember to have confidence every time they step on the court."

Cunnigan said that Craighead's "spunky" personality fits well with the team.

"We're all extremely excited to get going," Cunnigan said.

Cunnigan said that Craighead's style of play is very similar to her own.

Along with excellence on the court, Craighead emphasizes the importance of their work off the court.

"Basketball is a passion," Craighead said. "This education opportunity is a blessing."

Craighead said that the degrees that they earn are much more important than what they do on the court.

Overall, Craighead said she's excited to get the season going.

"I'm going to work tirelessly to get this thing going in the direction we want for the conference," Craighead said. "I will work and work and work for these players."

Allison Williams is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Photo courtesy of SJSU Athletics

**... As they adjust to the system and things that we're going to do this year, it's going to really take off ...**

**Jamie Craighead**  
women's basketball  
head coach

wins games," Craighead said. "I agree that you have to play defense, but we want to put points on the scoreboard."

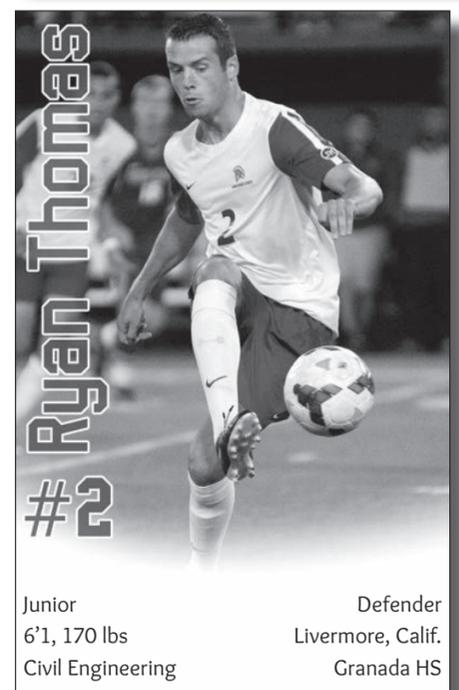
The women's basketball team is a relatively young team. Eight of 13 players are either freshmen or sophomores. Craighead said the youth of the team is a great thing that indicates the future of the program.

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## FOOTBALL

## Coach's Corner Week 4: Caragher sees progress despite loss to Minnesota

By Juan Reyes  
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It's been a rough start for the San Jose State football team this season. Not only has it lost two straight games, but senior Wide Receiver Noel Grigsby has been sidelined with a knee injury until further notice.

The Spartans look to bounce back after a disappointing 43-24 loss to Minnesota on Saturday, where the defense gave up a total of 23 unanswered points in a dismal second-half performance.

Although the offense was able to rack up a total of 486 yards, three costly turnovers, including an interception thrown by Quarterback David Fales early in the third quarter, started the Golden Gophers scoring rally.

It also didn't help that SJSU was only able to go 1 for 9 on third down conversions.

Spartans Head Coach Ron Caragher said during his press conference on Monday that he was impressed with his team's performance on Saturday despite the loss and that there were plenty of positive things he saw during the game.

"Our offensive line played very well," Caragher said. "Particularly on the protecting the quarterback ... David rarely had pressure and the one time he did he was outside the pocket."

In fact, they didn't allow Fales to get sacked once. Caragher also said he was encouraged by the way the wide receivers stepped up, especially senior Wide Receiver Chandler Jones, who had seven receptions for 197 yards and three touchdowns.

The senior quarterback also had a brilliant performance, going 22 for 35 and throwing for 439 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions.

"The passing game seemed to click and it was pretty sharp," Caragher said. "There were times it could have done better. I think the third quarter was really our Achilles heel in that football game."

Still, the Spartans head coach said he was satisfied with the team's progress and admits

that it's been a bit of a struggle for the entire squad to adapt to a new set of coaching schemes and personnel.

"We brought in some new concepts and philosophies and David's done a really good job of being a team player and learning and growing with it," Caragher said. "You have to be adaptable and you have to learn new schemes."

This season, Fales has thrown for 880 yards along with six touchdowns and three interceptions, according to SJSU Athletics. He will need to keep the offense in gear now that the Mountain West Conference matchups come into play, starting with a national televised game against Utah State on Friday night.

The Aggies have a good quarterback of their own in Chuckie Keeton, who has thrown for 1102 yards with 14 touchdowns and only one interception this season, according to Utah State Athletics. However, he was roughed up a bit last week and was sacked for a season-high four times in a 17-14 loss to USC.

The Spartan defense will need to put the same kind of pressure on Keeton, and Caragher said they must contain a Utah State spread offense that likes to run zone option plays and pass the ball.

"This quarterback does a lot and he's a very good football player," he said. "I'm impressed, I like his style and I like how he plays the game. He throws the ball well and he runs well. It's another challenge and I'm excited for our defense to go against him."

When Caragher was asked about his thoughts on the Spartans going into their season matchups against conference foes, he said he was excited for the upcoming challenge and knew what his team was up against when it joined the Mountain West Conference this year.

"I think it's a good conference," Caragher said. "I think there's a lot of exciting play-makers in this conference and definitely every week it's going to be a challenge because there's going to be no easy football teams."

Juan Reyes is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## DISPLACEMENT

### SJSU bowling class relocates downtown

By Michael Chen  
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Renovations to the Student Union bowling center have forced students looking to practice their pin-knocking skills in bowling classes to relocate to downtown San Jose's 4th Street Bowl.

"What's happening is that they're getting all-new pin setting machines and scoring systems, including new software and hardware for automatic scoring," said James Baker, SJSU bowling instructor.

Located on the Student Union's first floor and sharing space with the arcade and pool tables, the Student Union Bowling Center was founded in 1969, according to Sharon Deaver, bowling center manager at SJSU.

Deaver said the bowling center closed on May 22, 2013 and will remain closed for renovations for a little more than a year.

Baker said bowling class enrollment has dropped off a bit, but remains optimistic in relocating to 4th Street Bowl.

"I saw a little bit of drop off once people started realizing we weren't going to hold the class on campus," he said. "Probably for some students, it's been a little bit of a hardship because some do have class before and after, but most people are willing to do it."

Matthew Martinez, a senior business major who is taking Baker's class, said it was a little inconvenient since it took a few minutes out of his way to ride the Valley Transportation Authority bus to 4th Street Bowl.

"I didn't know they were renovating the bowling center," Martinez said. "I didn't find out until summer."

Steven Fowler, senior accounting information systems major, said that the relocation actually made it more convenient for him because he lives in Milpitas.

He said because of his location, it takes him 15 minutes to drive to 4th Street Bowl.

SJSU's bowling team also moved its Tuesday and Thursday 4:30 p.m. practices to 4th Street Bowl, accord-

ing to SJSU bowling Head Coach Lindsey Wong.

Wong said the team practice was set around on-campus classes ending at 4:15 p.m. with practice starting 4:30 p.m. "Now they need to travel to 4th Street and it takes a little more time and effort," he said.

Further renovations to the bowling area's bathrooms will also move the bowling team's trophy case display which worries the team, according to Wong. He said replacement of the bathroom doorways would mean relocation of the trophy display and that it is uncertain where it will end up.

According to Baker, the Student Union bowling alley has been open to the university as a United States Bowling Congress (USBC) certified bowling alley since he started teaching classes in 2010.

Baker said the Student Union bowling alley will still retain the same 14 lanes but will have an upgraded bowler's area and concourse.

However, according to a Facebook post by the Student Union



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SJSU bowling class students toss warm-up shots down their appointed lanes before starting league bowling at downtown San Jose's 4th Street Bowl.

bowling center, On Campus Entertainment, which owns the arcade machines has not relocated and is in the process of selling its machines.

Martinez said he was disappointed in the possibility of the Student Union arcade closing.

"I don't think a lot of students would be happy about that," he said.

"I used to go to the arcade quite a bit."

Fowler said he also enjoyed the arcade in the past.

"They had air hockey," Fowler said. "I guess it'll be a little less entertaining for students."

Michael Chen is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

### Representatives: Committee discusses possible opportunity for advocacy group

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Makeda Shaw, a senior behavioral science major, said that she thinks creating a student senate is a "really good idea."

"A lot of times you get the authority figures, who aren't involved, telling you or trying to dictate things," Shaw said. "So I think that would be really beneficial to have input from a student level, and of course (if) all majors are included there's no one that gets left out."

Shaw said she thinks other students would appreciate having a student senate because of the "crunch" to graduate and difficulty presented by budget cuts.

"If the school's giving students the opportunity, like 'Hey we want to speak out and advocate for you guys to graduate,' I think that would gain a lot of attention," Shaw said.

According to Miller, the proposed student senate is still in initial discussion, so it's unclear whether the student senators would be elected,

appointed or voluntary and if they would be compensated.

"I would like to see students who can be involved and actually feel like they're a part of something," Miller said.

Alisa Allen, a junior psychology major, recently transferred to SJSU and thinks creating a student senate is "definitely" a good idea.

"All the transfer students I've talked to, and there's a surprisingly large number of them in my classes, they're all confused," Allen said. "I

would say judging from all the transfer students in my ... classes, you'd have a ton of support from them."

While all seven members of the committee voiced support for the proposal, two said they didn't want it to take priority over A.S.'s other goal of extending library hours during finals.

Cole Niblett, a sophomore political science major, said he "gives higher priority" to extending library hours because it provides a "tangible benefit" to students.

"I think student senate would be a great way to more accurately represent student interests ... I just feel that it would be better served to put our energy toward library hours first," Niblett said.

Zach Rodriguez, a junior business major, said he thinks that students would be willing to overlook less visible signs of change for something bigger and that establishing a student senate would be "way better."

"I don't know too many that go to the library and they are open a lot of hours to begin with," Rodriguez said.

Although the proposal was discussed at the meeting in light of recent issues, Miller said the idea was initially proposed in the 2011-12 A.S. Board of Directors' strategic plan.

"We've been talking about it for so long and we're finally at a position where we can actually make it happen," Miller said.

Melissa Lewelling is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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## STUDENT LIFE

# The reality of financial aid

By Sydney Reed  
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Some SJSU students have been left to figure out how they are going to pay for tuition and get back into dropped classes until financial aid comes in, while others have been fortunate enough to receive it right before the deadline.

Depending on a number of variables, it could take approximately two to four months for students to be awarded financial aid, according to Coleetta McElroy, Financial Aid and Scholarship Office director.

Those variables include: the time it takes for the FAFSA to be filed with all of the required documents, which are the IRS Data Retrieval or Tax Transcript submission; and for new students, their admission status, she stated in an email.

"There are various priority filing and completion deadlines," McElroy stated. "For the FAFSA, March 2 is the priority filing deadline and is the absolute deadline for new applications for the California Grant program."

SJSU also has a financial aid completion deadline of May 31 for submission of documents for full consideration of the available financial aid programs, according to McElroy.

Nija Dantzler, a freshman justice studies major, said she's been waiting on financial aid since August and was told she would be awarded by the Sept. 14 payment due date but has yet to receive anything from the Financial Aid Office.

According to Dantzler, the Financial Aid Office never received the required documents they needed from her so she had to resubmit them, prolonging the financial aid process and she couldn't receive a fee deferral.

"When I went to go talk to financial aid when school started, the first person I talked to said it would be processed by Sept. 14," she said. "I have already been dropped from my classes twice and I'm currently dropped

right now since my financial aid hasn't gone through."

McElroy stated that students dropped from their courses due to non-payment need to work with their academic departments and the Registrar's Office to have their classes reinstated.

In order to be reinstated, Dantzler said she was told to pay \$200 for a late registration petition, pay her full tuition fees within three days and wait to be reimbursed later with her financial aid.

Dantzler said she's already had tests and her teachers are willing to let her take them over, but she's unable to access Canvas, which has the assignments and study guides, because she was dropped from the courses.

"When I click on my classes it says I am not authorized, so I'm pretty much in a hole right now," she said. "People have told me to keep going to my classes but for what? I can't do anything."

According to Dantzler she has no idea what she should do about classes as she commutes from Oakland and has no way to pay for school.

"I could wait until I receive my financial aid but classes are too far in," she said.

Sophomore psychology major Josey Kimani is another student who has not received financial aid.

"I've pretty much waited the whole summer and it will be about eight weeks before I receive it," Kimani said. "The day before school started, I was told they did not receive my tax information."

Because of this, Kimani said a hold was placed on her classes and her fee deferral expired.

According to McElroy, typically, fee deferrals are only assigned up to a month prior to the start of the semester but only for students who have submitted all required documents prior to mid-July.

"Due to the increased number of financial aid applicants and the time required to complete the federal verification process, award notifications cannot be guaranteed to be completed and financial aid disbursed prior to the September or January tuition payment due dates," she stated.

The payment of tuition is ultimately the responsibility of the student, regardless of financial aid status, McElroy stated.

In order to pay for her tuition, Kimani said she had to take out loans and use her mother's credit card, which has affected her payment of bills.

According to Kimani, a hold was also put on her classes.

"I couldn't add two classes and for right now, I had to pay \$45 extra to add another class because the hold would be pushed back to late registration," she said.

Kimani said it took three hours to add one class because of all the running back and forth to the department chair and Bursar's office.

"They were sending me from office to office telling me what I can and cannot do when one person could have gave me a straight answer," she said.

Joemar Yarcia, a senior computer science major, said he was fortunate enough to receive his financial aid the day before classes were dropped although he had some late documents.

According to Yarcia, during the summer he had a situation that delayed him from turning in his required documents on time and he wasn't able to go to the Financial Aid Office.

"I couldn't turn my paperwork in on time because I actually had an identity theft situation," he said. "When I found out, I called the office and they told me it was nothing I could do about it and I had to wait it out."

According to Yarcia, when he was able to go into the Financial Aid Office, he needed to turn in a document from the IRS stating that it was true that he was going through identity theft, but when talking to the office he was told there was nothing that could be done.

"They could have told me six weeks earlier," he said. "It caused a giant delay in my financial aid and I almost didn't get all the financial aid that I should (have gotten)."

Yarcia said if he could have gone into the Financial Aid Office sooner, he would have.

According to McElroy, most students may experience special circumstances and want their aid processed quicker, but there is no way to speed up the process.

"We do not speed up the financial aid process in an effort to maintain fairness and consistency," she stated. "This is when we encourage the early completion of the FAFSA and timely submission of all required documentation."

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Room 133, Art Building

### Israel 101

Thursday, Oct. 3  
6:30 p.m.  
Almaden Room,  
Student Union

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Thursday, Oct. 8  
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
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### ACROSS

- 1 Cartographer's goods
- 5 Eastern U.S. fruit tree
- 10 Imitates
- 14 Assist a crook
- 15 Licorice flavoring
- 16 Legendary chanteuse
- 17 Gambling game
- 18 Like the lowest sale prices
- 20 It's on a cupcake
- 22 Likable prez?
- 23 Tenant's contract
- 24 Plane wing component
- 26 Big bank-roll
- 28 Cause of waste?
- 30 Discharges from the RAF
- 35 Topaz month
- 38 Lacking the resources
- 39 Actor Alda
- 40 Built-out window
- 42 Drubbing
- 43 Man behind the counter?
- 45 Climbs awkwardly
- 47 Like many a ceremony

- 48 Excellent Monopoly purchase
- 49 Aunt of 1960s TV
- 51 The Ravens, to the Steelers
- 55 Babe Ruth's number
- 59 Trucker's tractor-trailer
- 61 Base eight system
- 62 Former name of a Colorado River barrier
- 65 Best Picture of 2013
- 66 Many Muslim men
- 67 Veri, to Verdi
- 68 Seaweed variety
- 69 Mathematician
- 70 Hypnotist's command
- 71 Some ladies of the field

### DOWN

- 1 "The Godfather" group
- 2 Adders with beads
- 3 Jeopardy
- 4 Prehistoric monument in England
- 5 Links number

- 6 Consecration performer
- 7 Elect
- 8 Not straight
- 9 Baseball mitt part
- 10 Penny in a pot, sometimes
- 11 Pocket full of food?
- 12 Role on "The Dukes of Hazzard"
- 13 "\_\_\_ to you, fellal!"
- 19 Of a by-gone time
- 21 Fat measure
- 25 "Look Back in Anger" playwright
- 27 Flatter excessively
- 29 "Love Story" novelist
- 31 Dessert option
- 32 Woodwind instrument
- 33 Vision imprecision
- 34 Groups
- 35 Badgers or bugs
- 36 Toast-topper, sometimes
- 37 Popular ski resort
- 41 Stretch out or lengthen
- 44 Fix deep and tight

- 46 Office reminder
- 50 Flynn of "Robin Hood"
- 52 Scatter
- 53 Bald bird
- 54 Feeds, as pigs
- 55 Alternative to a carpet lift
- 56 Excavation result
- 57 Totally destroy
- 58 "What \_\_\_ could go wrong?"
- 60 This isn't working?
- 63 Bad \_\_\_
- 64 Bucket go-with



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## Dear Melissa,

**This is my first year here and I'm new to San Jose as well, so I don't really know too many people. I really want to make some new friends here though to hang out with outside of school and was wondering if you had any advice on how to do that without the awkwardness.**

**-Lonely**

Dear Lonely,

Figuring out a completely new environment can be awkward. Don't feel like you're alone. I would say just to start small. Despite what social media tells us, we don't need 500 friends to be happy. Two or three good friends can be enough, so don't feel stressed to befriend everyone you meet.

If you live on campus, it'll

probably be a little easier since you can start with your roommate or neighbors on your floor. Developing a friendship takes time, but if you get along with your roommate, try inviting them to see a movie or getting some coffee. A situation is only as awkward as you choose to make it, so don't take it personally if they're too busy or aren't interested in making new friends. Just move on and consider it their loss.

If you commute, like many SJSU students, making new friends can be a little more difficult because you don't have a set group of people you interact with everyday, but it's not impossible. Try starting conversations with the people around you in class, stepping out of your comfort zone and introducing yourself to people is a great way to start a friendship.

If you find someone you particularly click with or have a good time talking to, trade phone numbers and actually text or call them. A great way to get to know someone and break down those initial awkward barriers is to hang out together during break times, since it's outside of class but still within the familiar environment of school.

It can take time before you meet someone you like enough to hang out with fully outside of class, but don't eliminate people you don't immediately click with. Push yourself to meet at least one new person a week and try asking one person a month to have lunch or something. Don't be afraid to be the first one to say hello and remember that your perception of the situation is in your control.

## Dear Melissa,

**I know it's the beginning of the school year, but I already feel mega stressed about my classes and the workload. I'm a full-time student and I work a part-time job as well. I always seem to start the first two weeks on top of it regarding homework, but then it seems like after that, there's always too much to do at once. Do you have any tips that might be helpful?**

**- Overwhelmed**

Dear Overwhelmed,

Balancing school and work is a difficult task that a lot of students have to figure out, but the biggest keys to success are: time management, perseverance and you-time. It's easy to start out with a plan and good momentum, but as time drags on, we get tired or overwhelmed and things start to slip.

It's important to keep planning ahead so that nothing in your schedule surprises you. Start by making a master plan for the semester. Put all your important class dates, such as tests, essays and finals on a calendar along with your work schedule so you can better visualize your time commitments and create a balance as necessary.

After you have that, set it and forget it for a while. Looking too far in the future can cause unnecessary stress and make you feel overwhelmed, especially if your work schedule varies. Set smaller agendas based on a timeline of just a week or two to look at everyday, and incorporate pieces of longer term projects

so you can work on those over time. Always aim to stay slightly ahead of homework due dates, because you never know when life or work is going to throw you a curve ball that might make last minute plans unfeasible.

If you have a plan and it's working for you, stick to it – no matter how tired you get. Planning can be exhausting and stressful on its own, but in the long run it's worth it, so persevere through the low points and don't give up when you start to feel things slip. Be honest with your employer about your availability so they can try to better accommodate your school schedule if possible.

Don't forget to take some time for yourself, even if it's just a few minutes, to rest your mind and put things into perspective. Listen to some music during your breaks at work or take breaks during long homework sessions, and take advantage of relaxation opportunities when they present themselves. If you start to feel stressed to the point that you think you need outside help, stop by Counseling Services in Administration building room 201 to talk to someone. There's nothing wrong with getting help when you need it, and sometimes just talking about a situation can help bring clarity or relieve anxiety.

The biggest thing to remember is that you need rest and getting a good night's sleep or having an occasional night out with friends can be just as important to your well-being as working to pay the bills or writing that long essay. Pace yourself, remember to breathe and take it one day at a time.

# Careless reporting is a disaster in itself

There's no mystery that news outlets have been known to mess up a story from time to time because of incompetent reporting.

The world of social media and the technology used to disseminate breaking news should be utilized responsibly and there's minimal room, or sometimes none at all, for critical errors in the industry of journalism.

But recently, the big dogs at CNN, CBS and NBC have not been up to par when it comes to accurate

reporting during a time of chaos and, to be honest, I think it's pure laziness along with a dash of an "I don't give a shit mentality."

When the horrific shooting took place in Washington D.C. on Sept. 16, the buffoons at FOX 5 D.C. posted tweets like "Scanner: Woman - shot in the shoulder - awaiting help - atop a roof on grounds of Wash Navy Yard," and "AT LEAST 5 PEOPLE SHOT - WASH NAVY YARD."

Really? They posted new bits of details every five to ten minutes just the way I would for a local high school football game and to top it off, they reported sensitive, and maybe flawed, material on their Twitter feed.

NBC and CBS News didn't learn a lesson when they identified the Navy Yard shooter in last week's affair but realized it was false information and quickly removed all of their tweets. According to Rem Rieder of USA Today News, a Twitter feed from Charlie Kaye of CBS read,



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"BREAKING. @johnmillerCBS advises the initial reports identifying the suspected shooter as Rollie Chance are wrong."

I thought it was a smart move by CNN not to report anything this time around since their tiny blunder about the police making an arrest on an alleged suspect in the Boston Marathon bombing on April 14.

The New York Post originally reported the story of a Saudi Arabian man being held under suspicion of the bombing and was guarded at a local hospital. It turned out he was only a witness and not the "person of interest" the cops were looking for.

The New York Post claimed they received information from John Miller of CBS News, and a former associate director at the FBI, about the so-called suspect of the bombing that was taken into custody.

The newspaper also reported 12 people were killed in the attack and posted a picture of a different group of alleged bombers. They were wrong again and it turned out to be three deaths, not 12 and everyone the New York Post had accused as the bombers were eventually released.

It just boggles my mind how these journalists with so much experience under their belts can't gather precise information from legitimate sources, it's amateur reporting at its finest.

They choose to rely on random intelligence

from a police scanner radio and then compete against other reporters to be the first one to get the information out without confirming if it's true or not.

I think it's a big problem that news outlets are treating the craftsmanship of reporting as a game of immediacy. Companies are pushing to get their stuff out first and have lost the patience to gather trustworthy facts for a genuine and factual story.

Don't get me wrong, I like coming in first place just as the person next to me, but not when it comes to reporting artificial details and a bunch of nonsense.

I saw an episode of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart and he had some words to say about the recent poor reporting done during the Washington D.C. incident. He was baffled by the nonsense CNN was showing on TV.

For example, Stewart played a montage of clips from a report done by Brian Todd of CNN going into detail about his surroundings and nothing about the shooting. The final excerpt showed a helicopter flying by and Todd saying, "That's about as low as we've seen him go so that's an interesting development."

Stewart replied to the clip in frustration, "No, No. That's not an interesting development. Those aren't interesting developments. You're just standing in front of a camera naming shit you see."

"It's like walking down the street with a five-year-old," he added.

But let's be honest, this isn't the first time phony details from supposedly reliable news sources have come into play and it definitely won't be the last.

In 1912, the New York Times reported a story that stemmed from a set of fake telegraphs and they ended up writing that the Titanic had not gone down, but was actually on its way to Halifax. Sadly, that wasn't the case and the lack of proper investigating made the folks at the New York Times look like fools.

Last, but definitely never forgotten, there's the Sandy Hook Elementary incident that took place on Dec. 14, 2012. CNN broke the news that Ryan Lanza was the alleged shooter when it turned out that it was actually Adam, not Ryan. A local report also said Adam Lanza's dad was killed and CBS News reported there was a second gunman in custody, both turned out to be inaccurate.

I'm sure some bad reporting had a lot to do with the authorities giving out the wrong details, but even I know to wait for a final police report where statements and names go on record. I would rather have my news story come out a little later with the exact facts than some garbage with phony details.

Not only does it save my ass from keeping a job but it also won't make me look like an ignorant moron that blabbers a bunch of hogwash information. Don't get me wrong, the name of the game in journalism is to get the news out as fast as possible, but what's the use of getting a story out quickly if it turns out to be a fairy tale in the end?

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