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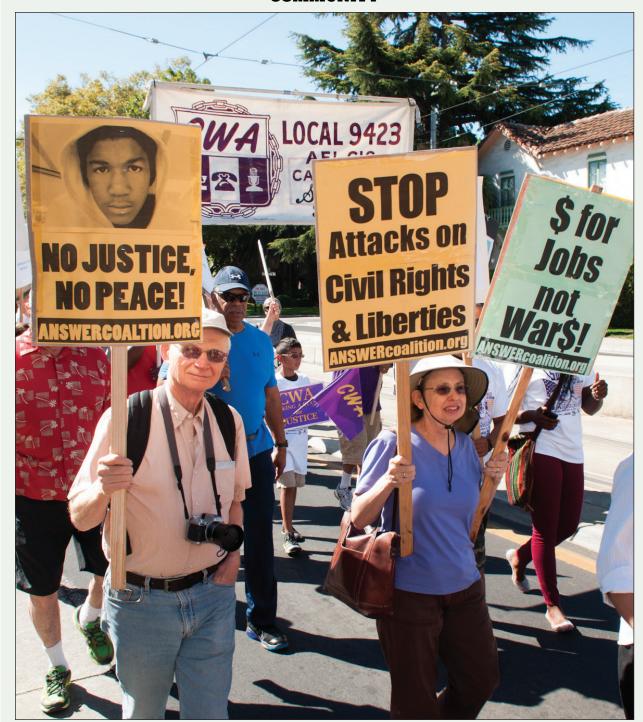
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#### COMMUNITY



# San Jose's 'March on Washington'





(*Top*) Participants of the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington celebration carry signs down First Street in downtown San Jose Saturday morning. (*Bottom Left*) Signs made by marchers feature Trayvon Martin, the Sanford, Fla. teen, who was killed by George Zimmerman in February 2012. (*Bottom Right*) Wearing his hood to honor Trayvon Martin, Dr. Harry Edwards addresses the crowd about the March on Washington in front of the Santa Clara County building. **Photos by Basil Sar / Spartan Daily** 

# Deaths of SJSU students leave

campus grieving



Kimberly Chico / Chico family photo

By Leeta-Rose Ballester @leetarose

Students, staff and families are seeking support and comfort as they cope with the reality that two young students were killed shortly before the beginning of a new semester.

Thuan "Tom" Nguyen, a senior health science major, was killed in a car crash in San Jose on Aug. 5, leaving behind a close-knit community in the health science department, according to Claudia Gonzalez, a junior health science major.

"When we heard, we thought someone was play-



Thuan "Tom" Nguyen / Health Science phot

ing a joke," Gonzalez said.
"It was hard to believe it was true."

Gonzalez said she had wanted to go to Nguyen's funeral but didn't think she "could handle it."

Nguyen had been working as a volunteer peer adviser over the summer, fielding questions from students about scheduling decisions and the health science program.

He was about to take on the role of lead peer adviser this semester, according to Anji Buckner, a faculty support adviser for the department.

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CAMPUS

# Internet and phone outages leave students without service

**By Tessa Terrill**@tweetvbirdTT

Biology graduate student Katherine Huotari and her fiancé got engaged on the day they moved into Campus Village Building C. When she went to Google to begin planning her wedding, she discovered that when she clicked on links, they did not work.

According to Joseph Azevedo, student assistant for the Campus Village Building B computer lab, campus Internet servers have been down since Aug. 16 due to an attempt to implement a system upgrade.

"It's older tech trying to talk to newer tech," he said.

Huotari, like many other students who just moved into housing, filled every available seat and part of the floor in the lobby of Campus Village Building B, in order to log into the SJSU campus network.

"We're looking at June to get married, so we have to start planning (the wedding) now," Huotari said.

Azevedo said that SJSU will no longer offer the \$90 Internet upgrade for campus housing due to a lack of de-

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TRANSPORTATION

## Bay Area Bike Share program set to launch in downtown San Jose

By Nirmal Patel
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The Bay Area Bike Share program will be in five cities starting Aug. 29, including San Francisco, Mountain View, Redwood City, Palo Alto and

According to Eyedin Zonobi, manager at the A.S. Transportation office at SJSU, the grand opening ceremony for San Jose will take place at San Jose City Hall at 200 East Santa Clara Street. There will be more than 50 bikes to test-ride at the opening ceremony

John Brazil from the City of San Jose bicycle and pedestrian program said the Bay Area Bike Share program plans to install more than 70 kiosk stations at a majority of transit hubs throughout the Bay Area in order to be more accessible to commutate

Zonobi said SJSU students who commute to campus would be able to see 14 of the 70 kiosk stations in San



Students cross Fourth Street at Paseo de San Carlos by one of the 14 Bike Share stations in San Jose. There are three stations nearby San Jose State University campus. All Bike Share stations throughout the Bay Area will be available for use beginning on Aug. 29. Jenny Bennett / Spartan Daily

Jose, including three kiosk stations on campus.

The kiosk stations on campus will be on South Ninth and East San Salvador Street between Campus Village Building A and Joe West Hall, South Fourth and East San Carlos Street, near the Fourth Street garage,

and South Fourth and East San Fernando Street, in front of the King Library.

Brazil said the Bike Share program will expand in 2014. "With available funding, in addition to what we currently have, we are looking to put out 300 more bikes

along with 30 more stations,"

Brazil said other cities could be a part of the program if funding is

According to Brazil, a regional funding program funds the Bike Share program.

"The Bay Area Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Valley Transportation Agency, San Mateo County Transit District, San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency, the City of Redwood City, and the County of San Mateo have all provided funding for the Bike Share program," he said.

According to Brazil, more than \$5 million was invested in the project.

"Bay Area Air Quality Management District and VTA funded near-

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BATICIC

# Monterey's First City festival finds its foothold

**By Sarah Kenoyer** @sarahkenoyer

Forty-six years ago, flocks of young music lovers descended upon the fairgrounds in the conservative beach town of Monterey for a concert that would usher in an era when rock and roll would serve as anthems for social progression.

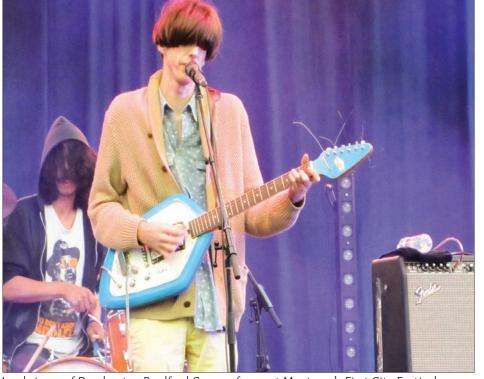
That festival, Monterey Pop, featured bands just emerging from relative obscurity, including Jefferson Airplane, The Who, The Mamas and the Papas, Janis Joplin and, of course, Jimi Hendrix, who famously set his guitar on fire after playing "Wild Thing." It also was among these events that introduced the hippie subculture to mainstream America.

Last weekend, a new generation of youth subculture attended the First City Festival at the site made famous by the iconic Monterey Pop Festival. There were girls in flowing dresses and combat boots, shirtless men in skin-tight pants, and both genders swallowed in oversized army jackets. Yes, we're talking about hipsters.

What's interesting about the attendees and all the hipsters is the diversity of their taste.

Acts ranged from country music like Neko Case and Lucero to pure pop such as Passion Pit; sloppy garage rock was represented by the Black Angels, and experimental rock bands Deerhunter and Modest Mouse rounded out the diverse offerings.

The first day of the festival failed to gain momentum until 3:30 p.m., when The Black



Lead singer of Deerhunter, Bradford Cox, performs at Monterey's First City Festival.

Sarah Kenoyer / Spartan Daily

Angels played the smallest of three stages. It was an overwhelming, psychedelic, sonic blast. The lead guitarist, reminiscent of Kurt Cobain, roughly handled his guitar and gratuitously convulsed in front of the audience of about a hundred fans.

"[The Black Angels] gave me goose bumps and heart thumps," audience member Sean Bereman said

Also on Saturday, Portland, OR band Blitzen Trapper played material from their new album, VII, which recalled classic southern rock bands such as The Marshall Tucker Band.

Headliner Passion Pit drew the largest crowd on Saturday, playing the largest stage in front of an estimated seven hundred fans. Pink and blue stage lights throbbed as they played their hit single, "Take a Walk," before an enthusiastic dancing audience.

On Sunday, the second day of the festival, the attendance was noticeably larger.

Popular indie folk artist Devendra Banhart seemed to beckon a large number of women in peasant skirts and men with long, unkempt hair. They were entranced by his quivering voice as he sang in English and Spanish.

One of the most anticipated acts, experimental rock group Deerhunter played the smallest stage as the sunset and fog encompassed the crowd. The thick mist enhanced the dark, somewhat creepy undertones of their songs.

Deerhunter's eccentric singer, Bradford Cox, suggested such a dark undertone before playing a single note.

"Your city is beautiful," he said. "I feel like I'm in a Steven Spielberg movie when I'm being a 12-year-old visited by an alien."

Cox maintained his glib tone when an audience member yelled at the band to announce it was his birthday.

"Happy birthday," Cox said. "Now here's a song about my dead brother."

Sunday's headliner, the experimental band Modest Mouse, closed the festival, playing until 10:45 p.m. The band primarily played songs from their most critically successful album, The Moon and Antarctica, which was released in 2000.

Singer Isaac Brock, who has been longrumored to play concerts while he's intoxicated, attempted to engage with the audience between songs.

"I enjoy mumbling more than I enjoy making sense," Brock said.

Sarah Kenoyer is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

New Downtown San Jose cafe is something to 'whisper' about



at Whispers Cafe and Creperie on Second Street.

Allison Williams / Spartan Daily



**By Allison Williams** @all3ybobally

Downtown San Jose's newest restaurant is nothing to keep hush-hush. Just a few blocks from campus on South Second Street, Whispers Cafe and Creperie provides a refreshing change from the fast foodheavy area.

After 11 years in Belmont, Calif., owner Danny Qutami decided to branch out and open two more locations: one on Brokaw Road and another on Second Street.

Opened August 14, the Second Street location sits where Clubhouse Restaurant and Sports Lounge once was. Qutami said the mixture of businesses, residences and its close proximity to San Jose State attracted him to the location.

Added onto the front of the building is a Europeanstyle patio with glass partitions separating customers from the outside hustle without feeling like a cage.

The light brown tables and wicker chairs are shaded by large umbrellas and sit far enough away from each other to make you feel like your conversation is safe from your neighbors' ears.

It's a short walk through the patio and the doubleglass doors before you truly enter Whispers.

Dark mahogany tables, some raised, others not, line the perimeter of the restaurant to leave room for walking customers and the bar that sits just past the counter.

Whispers is the perfect place for a student looking for a bite to eat and some peace and quiet to work on their homework.

There is no reason to wonder what's going on behind a wall, because you can see nearly everything.

After that, you'll probably notice the menu, a large

blackboard with colorful items that takes up the wall behind the counter.

Whether you're in the mood for something sweet like a crepe or savory like a steak, the extensive menu has something for everyone.

For breakfast, there are options from omelets to French toast to pancakes. There are just as many options for lunch and dinner: sandwiches, tacos, burgers, seafood, soups and salads.

Whispers is the perfect place for a student looking for a bite to eat and some peace and quiet to work on their homework.

Prices range from \$6.75 for a crepe to \$16.95 for a New York Steak. Make sure to show the cashier your student ID for a 10 percent discount. While you eat, you can connect to the free Wi-Fi Whispers offers.

The biggest problem I encountered at Whispers was trying to finish all of the food. The portion was well worth every cent. I ordered the pesto sandwich, which had chicken breast on focaccia bread piled high with tomatoes, crisp lettuce and peppers.

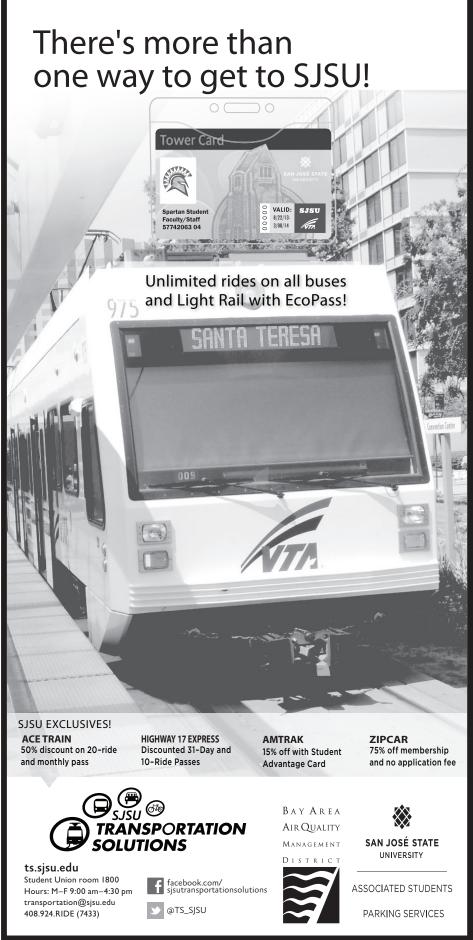
I had to take half of my sandwich home with me for the next day's lunch. I was never short on soda or water because of the attentive staff.

If you're looking for a place to socialize while you eat, Whispers has you covered with their daily happy hour. Every Monday through Thursday 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., draft beers are \$3, margaritas are \$4 and drink specials and appetizers are \$5.

Whispers Cafe and Creperie adds a special aspect to the downtown restaurant scene that was missing: reasonably priced large portions and a place to get some work done or visit friends. It is the kind of place you can plan on revisiting.

Allison Williams is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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## Science departments receive over \$600,000 for scholarship program

By Tanya Mutz @Tmmutz

The science departments at San Jose State University were awarded a grant of \$622,316 from the National Science Foundation.

According to Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, who announced the award on Aug. 1, the grant will be distributed through scholarships over a four-year period and is estimated to help

According to the College of Science Research and Technology application, scholarships will be awarded based on the financial needs of the student, but other requirements, such as passing an interview portion, a plan to continue on to an advanced graduate degree, a teaching credential or a career in science must be met

Four years ago all of the science departments at SJSU, which include biology, chemistry, physics and neurobiology, received a similar grant. The money from the grant was used not only for scholarships but also to fund research programs and work opportunities for students.

Karen Singmaster, physical chemistry professor and scholarship program director, said the program has been very successful in the past and that they will continue to use the grant money to support it.

She said it is often difficult to provide actual work experience in the field of science so the program is more about teaching and

"We encourage students to do research with the faculty so that they're better prepared for jobs in the industry and to earn their masters," Sing-

Ngoc-Han Tran, SJSU alumni and previous recipient of the Scholar in Science scholarship, participated in the program for three years and is now in the Ph.D. program for biology at the University of California, San Francisco.

Tran said that her research experience in professor Lionel Cheruzel's research lab made all the

"My positive experience with research is what led me to pursue graduate school in the first place," Tran said. "The scholarship greatly removed my fi-

nancial burdens and allowed me to focus on my courses and dedicate most of my time to research without having to work to pay for college," she And while the financial benefit is huge, Tran

said the professional and career support is more important to her.

"The scholarship provided a structure to help students find research opportunities, navigate future career options in science, great mentors and a network of fellow students/recipients sharing the same goals and interests," she said.

Tran said another aspect of the scholarship program that she found particularly helpful was

She recalls attending a workshop led by Singmaster that helped students wanting to advance to graduate school.

The workshop covered how to apply, tips to become a better applicant, information on fellowships and summer internships, resources in

#### My positive experience with research is what led me to pursue graduate school in the first place.

Karen Singmaster physical chemistry professor

taking the Graduate Record Examinations and advice from recruiters and admission committee

In addition to the workshops, another important component of the scholarship program is

According to Singmaster, Career Partners is a program that works with companies in the industry that gives tours to students and provides guest speakers that will come in and talk about

"Career Partners provides an opportunity for students to see the private sector," said Singmaster, who has already gotten an agreement from three companies to participate in the program: Fluidigm, Genentech and Gilead Sciences.

Singmaster said she has worked hard on this scholarship program, it began four years ago with the first grant and she has spent the last year writing, rewriting and answering questions to the National Science Foundation in order to receive the grant this August.

And the science department isn't the only one of the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics departments to receive a grant from the National Science Foundation

According to Thalia Anagnos, general engineering professor, the engineering departments also received a grant of more than \$600,000 six

She said the engineering grant money is spent similarly to the science departments with 90 percent of the money going toward scholarships and the rest to developing their scholarship program, which focuses on leadership.

"They are great programs that help students get what they need," Anagnos said.

Tanya Mutz is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## Support: Counselors offer services to help campus community cope with mourning

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"These students looked up to him to be their anchor," Buckner said. "He offered a student's perspective and he did all that because he wanted to."

Kimberly Chico, a freshman pre-nursing major, had enrolled in classes as an aspiring nurse before she was shot and killed in downtown San Jose Aug. 3, according to her aunt Liberty Chico.

"It's too shocking for us," Liberty said. "She had really good grades and she really, really wanted to graduate as

She said that Chico's main goal was to graduate college "for her parents" and she had already completed a vocational nursing assistant

Speaking on behalf of the Chico family, Liberty thanked the university and the students for their sup-

Bill Nance, vice president for student affairs, said that the university feels a sense of loss when a stu-

"As a university, we share a sadness that someone young, enthusiastic, and seeking and transitioning into their lifelong dreams won't have the opportunity to see those dreams come to be," Nance said. "It is always a heartfelt feeling of sadness and lost opportunity."

According to Nance, the university doesn't typically hold memorial services for individual students, but use of the Spartan Memorial for services can be requested.

Janet Childs, director of education and intervention at the Centre for Living with Dying, said that when the

lives of young adults are cut tragically short, the grieving process takes on different attributes.

"Young people are not supposed to die," Childs said. "There is no warning. No chance to prepare."

She said that the fact that both Nguyen and Chico died over summer break adds complication to grieving.

"People are still going to be looking for them," Childs said. "It's difficult when people die over the summer because it creates an unbe-

Childs compared a broken arm to the "broken heart" that survivors sustain when loved ones die, saying that emotional trauma takes a toll on the body in the same way that a physical injury does.

"If we don't immobilize it, and take care of it, it will not mend correctly," she said. "If we treated our heart like we'd treat a broken arm, we would tend to it and be kind to ourselves."

College students, typically young adults, have extra challenges when mourning, according to Childs.

"For college students, they are smart but sometimes their brains get in the way," Childs said. "They underestimate how long the process can take. Sometimes intelligent people minimize their grief."

Childs said that traditions such as wearing black, or other distinct colors according to culture, used to be common outer symbols of grief that drew support from others.

She said that the fading of post-death traditions has caused people to negate their feelings.

"There are other cultures that deal with death better, but we've lost a lot of that in American culture," Childs said. "We end up dealing with grief in isolation."

She said that by breaking "the conspiracy of silence" that surrounds death, it allows communities to come together.

Childs suggests four steps of grief that will help people heal: acknowledge, express, act and celebrate.

The acknowledgment step is to share the fact to others that someone has died, the expression step is to release the pain, according to Childs.

She said that in the action step, one reclaims the memories about the person who has died, and in the celebration step, one reclaims what is good about life which are both extremely important.

"If you're missing any of these steps, you'll get arrested in your grief," Childs said. "We can't fix grief, but we can be there for each other."

Childs invited students seeking advice or counseling to visit the Centre for Living with Dying, located in San Jose, as well as the organization's annual Lights of Lights ceremony held on Dec. 11.

She said that the Light of Lights candle lighting ceremony provides comfort to those who may have extra challenges dealing with their grief during the holiday season.

Campus counselors are also available to speak with students in crisis on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Administration building, Room 201.

Leeta-Rose Ballester is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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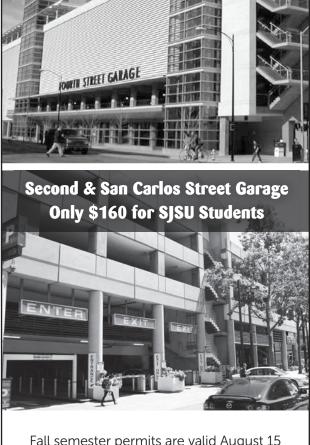
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**EMPLOYMENT** 

# Career Center partners with local community to develop jobs for students

By Jamie Ramirez @jlreports

Career Center representatives gathered with San Jose city officials from the mayor's and superintendent's offices to discuss goals for a new job and education initiative,

The Job and Education Development Initiative is designed to do two things: help university students find jobs through internship programs and mentor K-12 students to be successful in college.

"We're trying to fill the skill gap by giving (students) the skill set and experience they need to fill jobs," said Daniel Newell, Career Center job development and marketing specialist

The initiative was set up to allow the university to partner with the city, mayor's office and local nonprofits to provide internships specific to SJSU students, create jobs for them and sustain growth, said Andrew Soliz, a career internship resource coordinator

A full list of partners, average salaries, placement rates and additional information about the initiative's internships will be available in an annual report in the coming weeks. Newell said.

Sarah Lindensmith, a senior sociology major, said the initiative sounds like it will help senior students feel better about finding jobs after graduation.

"I think finding a job nowadays is all about networking and the connections we make in college, so gaining experience with a local business could easily translate into landing a job after college," Lindensmith

Newell partnered with Fernanda Karp, director of student affairs, community and campus relations, to create the Jobs and Education Development Initiative to educate SJSU students and community members.

"The initiative allows parents to help their kids and mentor them through middle school and high school years, so when they come to college they can tackle anything," Karnsaid

A key part of the initiative is educating the community, particularly middle school and high school students and their parents, to create a pathway to college to ensure success for their futures, according to Karp.

Brandon Chew, a junior photography major, said he hasn't heard about the initiative, but would consider getting an internship to help ensure his own success after college.

"I've taken an internship for my major, but was interested in doing another one to have more hands-on experience to make myself more marketable," Chew said.

With student debt and unemployment rates on the rise, Newell said students now choose between work and school, which impacts SJSU's graduation and retention numbers.

Lindensmith said she is fortunate enough to have a nanny job that works around her school schedule, but said she has concerns for her future like many other seniors.

"My friends are always telling me about how employers are looking for experience most of all, and I will have none graduating from college," Lindensmith said.

The internships and jobs developed through SJSU's Career Center will give students the experience and skills they need to feel confident in finding a job after graduation, Newell said.

Within a year, Sparta Jobs saw a 39 percent increase in job employment and with the initiative, Newell said the university's goal is to continue the exponential growth.

"I think it would have been more helpful if I had heard about (the initiative) earlier just because of my schedule as a senior, but I still love the idea," Lindensmith said.

The Career Center offers "info sessions"

with representatives from Cisco, Yahoo! and others throughout the semester to provide resources and skills to students. Students interested in attending a session

must reserve a spot through the Career Center's website with multiple sessions offered throughout the fall term, Soliz said.

"The sessions are a fun thing to attend because students can learn about what employers are looking for from them and sometimes the reps bring free stuff too," Soliz said.

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# **Upgrade:** System failures cause interruptions in wireless network

EDOM DAGE

The new system will be two megabits, which is somewhere between the old speed and the upgraded speed that was offered for \$90, he said.

There are seven to eight people from IT working on the Internet issues, Azevedo said.

"It's basically their main priority right now." he said.

According to Azevedo, it is a campuswide outage.

Nevita Bhatti, a sophomore business major and Campus Village Building B resident, said she has quizzes due for online classes and was not able to access them unless she was in the Campus Village Building B lobby.

"I didn't know what books I needed or what my classes were," said Miriam Gorsi, also a sophomore business major and Campus Village Building B resident.

#### I didn't know what books I needed or what my classes were ...

Miriam Gorsi sophomore business major

She said she had to log on using a friend's cell phone.

Alan Long, a sophomore animation/illustration major and Campus Village Building B resident said he went to a boarding high school and was unable to access social media to keep in contact with the friends he made there.

"I can't talk to any of my friends because they are all over the world," he said. Long also said he was unable to order school supplies online unless he went to the Campus Village Building B lobby.

According to Alicia Simpson, a senior advertising major and student assistant of the Campus Village Building B computer lab, no further problems are anticipated, but anything can happen.

The more students that use the network, the slower the internet is, she said.

Students have also been receiving notifications via text or email that campus phone lines are down.

"One of my professors was giving us the 'No phones in class' speech and he said not to worry if everyone's phone went off at once," said junior linguistics major Katy Litts. "He said it's probably just IT letting us know the phones were down again."

According to John Briar, managing senior director of IT services, the campus buys external phone services from AT&T and Century Link.

"These services connect to our campus phone systems to allow for incoming and outbound calling from the public telephone network," he said. "While having two vendors allows for outbound calls to continue when one set of circuits go down, only one vendor can supply incoming call routes for the campus phone numbers. We have these services through AT&T."

On Aug. 16 and 19, the equipment at the AT&T site that serves SJSU failed, Briar

He said the Blue Light Emergency phones and 911 were also impacted because they are connected to the AT&T services.

"To help prevent the impact to the campus when we have external telephone service failures, we are securing additional circuits that utilize different AT&T equipment to protect against unanticipated failures," Briar said.

Tessa Terrill is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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R	MET 112/online	Full	Full	Full
R	MET 113 (Air Pollution)	01	TR	1030-1145



The following items are selected from the University Police Department daily crime log. Times shown are when the incidents were reported to police.



#### **Seventh Street Garage**

An officer responded to a hit and run report. The officer met with the victim, not associated with SJSU, and took a report. Information about a suspect was obtained and the investigation is ongoing.

#### Park and ride parking lot

An officer was called to assist with a report of theft. The catalytic converter was stolen from the subject's car. There are currently no suspects.



#### South Fourth Street

University Police Department officers assisted the San Jose Police Department with a report of shots fired off campus. No injuries were reported.

#### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library

Police responded to an assult report involving a victim, not associated with SJSU, who reported minor injuries. The investigation is still ongoing and the suspect is "outstanding."



#### **East San Carlos Street**

Two people in a suspicious vehicle were approached by police officers. One person was issued a citation for possession of paraphernalia, and the other was arrested for a warrant.

Information compiled by Leeta-Rose Ballester from SJSU police department

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# Gun violence in San Jose has students on high alert

By Leeta-Rose Ballester @leetarose

A report of shots fired sent through the Alert SJSU email system on Saturday has caused growing concern among students about downtown crime and violence.

Casings were found by university police officers on East San Carlos and Fourth Street following a report of gunshots heard approximately 2:05 a.m., according to Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department.

"All these violence issues tend to be cyclical," Laws said. "They tend to be associated with other crimes."

Laws said an increase in non-violent crimes, such as drugs and prostitution on San Jose streets, has led to more violent crime.

No one was reported to be injured as a result of the gunfire and no suspects have been identified, according to Laws.

The Spartan Daily attempted to contact five nearby businesses that were open at the time of the incident to gain their perspective, but all representatives said they could not be interviewed.

Lancing Chen, a senior animation/illustration major, said that when she started as a freshman, the crime levels seemed lower, but now she feels scared.

"It's unfair that students have to feel that way and have to be on their toes," Chen said. "It gets worse every year."

Saurabh Saini, a senior business major, said alerts such as Saturday's and amplified crime in San Jose have affected his class decisions

"This semester I decided to take more online courses than on-campus classes due to the kind of crowd I have been encountering at SJSU at evening hours," Saini said. He said that he doesn't feel safe and is thinking about moving out of San Jose.

"I certainly think that campus safety should be prioritized as each week there is either a robbery, assault and now even gun shots," Saini said.

He said he is glad these types of incidents are being taken seriously and hopes that more people will speak out against violence.

"I hope our messages can be promoted so our voices can be heard to promote peace and prosperity for the betterment of our society," Saini said.

Laws said the university police are doing directed patrols in the neighborhoods in an effort to drop crime levels.

Kevin Truong, a senior animation/illustration major, said he also doesn't feel safe around campus or in the downtown district at night.

"I feel scared to be alone, but even in a group you need to be careful," Truong said.

Laws said students should take advantage of the evening shuttle and evening guide programs

According to Laws, the university police have the authority to patrol a one-mile perimeter around campus, but the typical boundaries used are between First and Sixteenth Streets to Julian Street and Interstate 280

He said the evening shuttle program is designed to get students where they need to be within these perimeters — even to the grocery store or other errands.

"We do want people to use the resources," Laws said.

Leeta-Rose Ballester is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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# **Kiosks:** Commuters have more options for their journeys to campus and around downtown

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ly \$5 million, as well as other organizations," Brazil said.

Tiffany Rodriguez, commute coordinator at the A.S. Transportation Office at SJSU, said pricing for membership should not be an issue to students.

"The cost to rent a bike will vary depending on how long you would need it," Rodriguez said. "The annual membership rate to join the Bay Area Bike Share will cost \$88. A three-day pass will cost \$22 and a daily pass will cost \$9."

Rodriguez said there is no official word yet on whether or not students will get a discount for the bike share program, however students can take advantage of discounted offers the A.S. Transportation office at SJSU is offering.

"I am in charge of getting the word out to students that the program exists and that they can make use of it," he said.

According to Zonobi, 49 percent of students said they were not familiar with the bike

hare.

Rodriguez said the Bike Share program

will be very effective.

muters find easy and alternative ways to commute, zip cars, car sharing, now bike sharing will be an alternative way that will require little-to-no maintenance for students to get around campus," she said.

Brazil said the process will be simple

"We work with (511.org) that helps com-

Brazil said the process will be simple and will involve joining the program, renting a bicycle, riding and returning the bike.

Cindy Tran, a junior nutrition major, said she sees the Bike Share program as a great idea.

"Sometimes it's a hassle having to lug your own bike around, plus it's better for the environment," she said.

Tran said the membership pricing is not a concern because students already pay large sums of money for tuition, so \$100 annually would not make much of a difference to get around town.

"This is an affordable method of transportation that doesn't require all the inconvenience of your own bike or car," Tran said.

Nirmal Patel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# **SPORTS**

CROSS-COUNTRY

# Women's team ready for season opener

By Samantha Mendoza @sam\_mendoza\_

Lady Spartans are ready to tear up the trail as the San Jose State University women's cross-country team prepares for the Fall 2013 season.

Along with a new season starting Aug. 31 at the University of San Francisco Invitational, come some changes to the cross-country program.

A new coaching staff from Boise State University arrived this summer and the team welcomed head coach Jeff Petersmeyer as well as assistant coaches Brad Wick and Kellev Watson.

Petersmeyer replaced former Head Coach Ron Davis, according to ESPN.

"It's been pretty easy bringing over the staff that I worked with at Boise State and we've had a very smooth transition in place," Petersmeyer said. "Having Gene Bleymaier, who used to be my boss at Boise State, has also made it really smooth."

Athletes such as junior psychology major Rebecca Garcia began working with the new coaching staff in the middle of August and have noticed changes in the program since then.

"For me, like a lot of us, we're just excited and ready for it, because when we first joined the program it was laid back, but then it became too laid back," Garcia said. "It was like 'I don't even feel like I'm on a team anymore' and now it's exciting,



Rebecca Garcia, junior psychology major, runs during last season's Crystal Springs Invitational in Belmont, CA. Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily Archives

we're finally feeling back on a D1 cross-country team and we're all just ready to improve."

According to SJSU Athletics, SJSU joined the Mountain West Conference during July 2013, recognizing the cross-country team as a Division I team.

Garcia said the new coaching staff has incorporated new factors this season, such as double-workout days, weight lifting and carpooling with vans to different trails throughout

Wick, who Petersmeyer described as the "brains behind the workouts," said he plans practices well before the season begins.

"Ikind of have a layout in my mind of what kind of workouts we want to

do at certain times of the season and then every weekend I kind of take a look at what I want to do for that next week," Wick said. "Workouts I think I'd want to do, but I kind of have to tweak it for the team."

Wick said one of the biggest differences he's noticed since coming to SJSU is the number of athletes on the team who came from "powerhouse" high schools, which he calls "a testament to California."

With this, Wick said he's also noticed the wide variety of ability

"Just in general there's a mentality of the team I hope to change," he said. "What they felt was good in years past, hopefully they feel something else is good now. Hopefully they raise the bar in that sense."

Going into her third year on the team, Garcia said she's done more to prepare for this season than before to improve herself as a runner.

"I did a lot more mileage this summer," she said. "I concentrated more on mileage than I did any other type of workout. I didn't do as many hill repeats, but I did more hill runs. I focused more on nutrition this summer than I have before."

Before a race, Garcia said she envisions the race and timing her splits. She also said support from her teammates makes her feel better when getting on the start line.

"I'm definitely hoping

MEN'S/WOMEN'S **CROSS-COUNTRY SEASON SCHEDULE** 

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Fresno, Calif, TBA

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Palo Alto, Calif. 4:00 p.m. 10/11

SAN FRANCISCO STATE INVITATIONAL

San Francisco, Calif. 9:00 a.m.

SANTA CLARA INVITATIONAL Sunnyvale, Calif. 9:00 a.m.

MOUNTAIN WEST CONFERENCE

CHAMPIONSHIP Colorado Springs, Colo. TBA

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NCAA CHAMPIONSHIPS Terre Haute, Ind. TBA

(women's) team lands top four in the conference and I think we have tons of talent this year," she said. "I think we'll be really good, I think we'll make it."

As the nine-week season Petersmeyer approaches. he looks forward to the team's performance at the first meet.

"I think we're going to see what the team's made of on August 31," Petersmeyer said. "You see them in workouts every day and you think this person looks good, but really, they could be practice champions."

Samantha Mendoza is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# New coaching staff brings change from Boise State

By Samantha Mendoza @sam\_mendoza\_

Spartans on the San Jose State men's cross-country team are ready to paint the finish line blue and gold as they prepare to begin their Fall 2013 season.

With the new season, comes a new coaching staff from Boise State University.

Petersmeyer said he and assistant coaches Brad Wick and Kelley Watson moved into their new offices this summer.

"I think one of the big things this year is to improve the distance areas, so we brought in Coach Watson and Coach Wick to help a lot in that regard," He said. "We're in week one and all the coaches know all the athletes' names. Whereas at past schools with over a hundred people on the team it's a little harder to make that connection"

Petersmeyer previous head coach Ron Davis from Cal State East Bay.

According to SJSU Athletics, this summer SJSU also changed their conference affiliation when they joined the Mountain West Conference, an NCAA Division I group of universities.

Some other changes the new coaching staff has brought are the types of workouts and practice locations used during the season.

Matthew Stephens, a senior mechanical engineering major, will start his second season with the team and is looking forward to the changes.

"Last year we weren't running off campus as much, we were just doing the same workout pretty much every week," Stephens said. "I was getting sore and burnt out. But this year we got vans to drive to practice everyday and we'll go to say Rancho or Los Gatos or something and do a

Stephens saidit's important to experience trails because they provide you with the same vibe as the trail during a race. He said by exploring as a team, the athletes are able to create a bond.

"I set up a camping trip this summer at Little Basin with half the team and it was so much fun," he said. "We had some

really crazy workouts. We did 10-by-800s with some altitude in the morning and then a 12mile run in the forest."

Stephens said the new coaching staff has also noticed the camaraderie within the men's team of nine athletes.

"It's been a great experience so far, the team is extremely helpful in getting things figured out logistically," said Wick. "They seem to have a very good chemistry together."

Stephens said although cross-country is an individual sport, having the support from the team contributes to a runner's success in a race.

"I think the way to win

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races is you don't need the top runners, you don't need the best runners, you just need to run in a pack," Stephens said. "(We're) friends off the course, but on the course you're teammates. You do help each

other in the race."

First race of the season

San Francisco Invitational on Aug. 31.

For the team, it'll be an opportunity to mark starting points of the season and determine how well the team trained over the summer, according to Wick.

"It'll be exciting just to see where everyone's at," Wick said. "In a real race you get to kind of see what people are made out of and see who's a game so to speak. You want to see the people who are really good in races, so it'll be really fun to see who steps up and is a competitor."

Samantha Mendoza is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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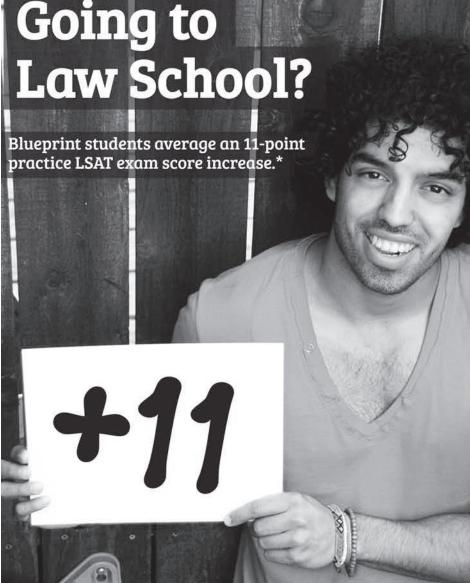
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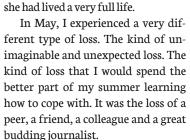
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# OPINION

# Coping with an unexpected loss

Losing a friend or loved one is never easy. It's something that most of us have had to face at least once or twice by the time we reach college.

Almost two years ago when my grandmother died I was heartbroken, but after a while it became easier to accept the fact that she was gone because

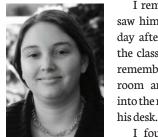


I was executive editor of the Spartan Daily at the time and this friend was the publication's opinion editor, Chris Marian. We both started on the Daily as staff writers and have been on staff for four semesters.

We talked every day, but sometimes it can become easy to take for granted the relationships you have with the people you see that often. We became better friends last semester but there was still a lot that I didn't know about him.

I always enjoyed our conversations. Chris was so interesting and extremely intelligent. He always had the best questions, especially when it came to those tough questions that sources sometimes didn't want to answer.

The idea that we would never see each other again didn't cross my mind because there was no reason for me to think that was the case.



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I remember the last day I saw him well. It was the Friday after the final of one of the classes we had together. I remember sitting in the newsroom and seeing him walk into the room and head toward

I found this strange because we didn't have any more issues of the Spartan Daily to print for the semester. "Did you forget we don't have a paper tomorrow," I said. He was

so used to the daily routine of getting straight to work once he got to the newsroom that he had forgotten.

After talking to him for a bit I ended up spending some time with him and a good friend who also started as a staff writer with us. I remember listening to them talk. I was exhausted and wasn't paying very careful attention to the conversation. Chris noticed I was tired and advised me to go home

We eventually parted ways and that was the last time I saw him. I found out the next Friday, just a week after I had last seen him, Chris had died in his sleep that Wednesday.

I was completely shocked and told my staff the news because I knew that was the right thing to do. I couldn't believe the words that were coming out of my own mouth as I spoke to them. I called some of my best friends and told them the awful news.

Being executive editor was difficult, but this, my last action as executive editor, was the hardest part.

I was still in shock as the news spread through our group of friends. We ended up getting together that night to share memories of Chris and comfort one another. Looking back on that night now I know that was the best thing we could do.

I still had no idea what to say to anybody or what to do. I kept thinking that I was just with him, and felt horrible because our last conversation ended up being about how tired I was.

I spent the summer in Washington, D.C., for an internship. Upon returning home I've been able to spend time with some of my best friends who are part of what I consider my "Daily family."

I learned a very important lesson: to not hold back and always take a little time to appreciate others. You never know when you might not have another chance. Chris loved the Daily and I'm sure he knows how much all of us loved him.

There are times in life when you don't know how to handle certain situations. For me, this was one of those situations.

There is a part of me that is still grieving. The last time some members of my staff got together I still expected Chris to walk through the door.

Everyone has their own way of coping and I learned that sometimes it's OK to lean on people especially in a situation like this one. It's still difficult to think about and I still miss Chris every day, but everyone who knew him came together and was there for one another. We still are there for one another.

That's what I think we needed and I think that's what Chris would have wanted. As sad as his death was, it brought us together and I feel lucky that he spent some of the time he had at the Daily asking the tough

Margaret Baum is a contributing



Fifty years ago this week, an African-American father in Chicago kissed his wife and three children goodbye and headed off to Washington, D.C. He wanted to stand with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. When his son asked, "Why are you leaving us, Dad?," he responded, "Someday you will benefit from

Today, as the first African-American director of the prestigious SJSU School of Journalism and Mass Communications, I am so grateful my father went and my mother explained to me why it was important to watch and learn from the news coverage of the March on Washington. For many in the black community, that event was our Declaration of Independence. Ironically, the now famous "I Have A Dream" speech was the last address on a long day, and his memorable words were not part of his prepared comments. Yes, he ad-libbed them, something preachers do every week in churches all across America. People near Dr. King said he heard a famous woman singer, Mahalia Jackson, say to her friend, "He should tell them about his dream." She had heard those comments many times before. When Dr. King took advantage of the moment, the entire world would be blown away by his eloquence and vision.

The MLK Library on campus has a special collection celebrating the march that changed America. It offers many insights about the great man, including an emotional reality check and provocative answer to a timely question, "What would Dr. King say and do today about all the violence in minority communities in America?" Get ready to cry when you see this video about life in the Bay Area for so many people. My father's hero would no doubt be wondering why this generation doesn't muster the courage to act. If social media could instigate the 'Arab Spring,' why can't we organize a movement to stop the senseless killing by guns?

Dr. King's nonviolent effort inspired global change without the help of Twitter or Facebook. Imagine what we could do today with that technology.

He never threw up his hands saying hopelessly, "What can I do?" Because of it, much of what we take for granted now is ours, thanks to Dr. King's willingness to think beyond his own needs.

**Bob Rucker** Director School of Journalism and Mass Communications

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# OPINION

# Your GPA does matter — so go all the way or just go home

dropped out of high school at 15 to smoke dope, I'm here to tell you that grades do matter.

I spent extra semesters in community college making up for lost time and catching up to my peers.

I eventually made it to San Jose State, and I will graduate this win-

ter at 30 years old with damned well close to a 4.0 GPA.

I have struggled along the way, but I take each class as a personal challenge.

Every day I ask myself, "How much can I do and how well can I do it?"

This is why I can't understand the slothful attitude that so many students bring to school.

Within the first week of the Fall semester, I have already heard my peers resigning themselves to do



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the bare minimum – to just get a C. The bare minimum

won't cut it as the bachelor's degree is becoming more akin to a high school

News reports tell us every day that the job market has become fiercely competitive and that's sugar coating the situation.

Jobs for graduating students are slowly re-

turning as the nation recovers from its recession, but many of the jobs available are not the stuff of which dreams are made.

An all-time high in 2012, 36 percent of college graduates are "mal-employed," according to a recent CNN report. This means that while graduates

are being employed, they are getting jobs that don't require a degree and their paychecks reflect that.

The rate of mal-employment has grown each year since 2007, ac-

Even though things are looking better for 2013, this is still an issue that students should not take

from fellow students, or maybe even your If you plan family, that your GPA isn't a big deal.

People who say these things are either trying you should to make you feel better or they are being dis- also plan on

Don't listen.

Do you want to get degree or somewhere in life? You need to show higher.

the world that you have the passion to succeed, and getting above average grades is a great way

If you plan on making your mark on the planet, you should also

An outstanding GPA is a must and someone will undoubtedly look at your transcripts.

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apply ourselves and take that dream because it isn't handed to

Taking college seriously will open doors when you work hard, professors take notice and if they know of professional opportunities

you may be the first student they

Staying focused and putting forth every ounce of effort to get that "A" is evidence of the work ethic that employers are looking

Doing things half-assed is obviously an undesirable work habit.

Showing up an hour late with a presentation for a staff meeting is unacceptable, so why should college be any different?

adult and each of us has individual issues that may get in the way of school work. I get that.

Everyone on this campus is an

However, deciding to "just get by" right off the bat is pretty pa-

As we start a new semester, do some soul searching.

Where do you want to be in 20 years and is the bare minimum going to get you there?

Probably not.

Leeta-Rose Ballester is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# Problems with your relationship?

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# SJSU's inflated parking problem and why it's unfair for students

Returning Spartans saw floods of students driving, biking, skateboarding and walking to classes during the first week of school. So how can a mere 6,600 parking spaces around campus accommodate the 32,000 and growing student body?

The short answer is it simply cannot.

Whether you commute to school in a vehicle or live on campus and leave your car parked in one of the three garages on campus, you're bound to face

the apparent lack of space.

But why do campus police sell more parking permits than there are spaces available?

It is because parking services is 100 percent funded by the sale of parking permits. It may also be shocking to know that parking services receive no funding whatsoever from the State of California general fund.

According to the parking services website, parking permit funds are only to be used for operating, maintaining and keeping current parking spots.

To a Monday through Thursday commuter



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like me who lives in Pleasanton, the long drive through traffic is only half the problem. Not being able to reach campus before 9 a.m. usually means I am out of luck.

I am sure most students notice the email warning sent out by campus police concerning parking congestion prior to each new semester stating that campus garages are expected to fill up by 9 a.m.

The advance warning is nice yet it only serves to brush off the ongoing parking problem.

If you pay \$192 to park in the garages closer to campus as a full-time student you should have a right to a parking space in one of the garages. After all, aren't you paying more than the park & ride people for the convenience?

We have all been in the situation where an accident slows traffic to a crawl on your way to campus. You reach the garage later than usual and frantically tail people walking on the top floor of the garage, earnestly hoping they are about to leave you a spot to park in.

It is because of the frantic rush to find parking spots that adds extra stress to students dashing to class on time. A parking permit You can

right to one?

I leave home at 7 a.m. every morning just to make it to my 9 p.m. class on time. The possibility of not having a spot in any of permit, the parking garages on campus only adds to the inconvenience but you a parking permit is supposedly purchased to eliminate. You can **may not** have your permit, but you may not be able to use it.

I am not saying that parking services isn't doing the best they can to alleviate the problem. But I believe that we, as students, could make

a difference by carpooling more often or taking the free VTA if you live locally. If you walk into the Student Union you are likely to notice an enthusiastic man who tirelessly wrangles students into taking the free campus VTA shuttle. What he is trying to tell you through his salesman-like pitch is that SJSU students are eligible for free rides on the

VTA shuttle and light rail near the campus.

is akin to holding a ticket to a concert. You before each semester. Applying the sticker on purchased seats, so shouldn't you have the your SJSU tower card grants unlimited access

to the VTA shuttle and light rails free of charge until the printed date. It is a courteous move by parking services to encourage local commuters to drive less.

So yes, parking on campus is unfair because it is overcrowded zero support California's general fund, but according to Associated Students Transportation Solutions, the Bay Area's drive alone rate is 69 percent. This means that many

students who drive alone to campus only add to parking issues.

It may sound cliché or dull. But if students expect changes for more parking spaces then it is we who must start that change.

I plan to make changes myself by applying for a trip plan/carpool match with another commuter from Pleasanton. It will definitely save me gas and time in the long run, as well as reduce fuel emission.

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