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# California Faculty Association calls for higher wages

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Anthropology professor Jonathan Karpf repeated the call for action to his colleagues at the California Faculty Association meeting on Monday.

“We’ve come down since we started; they haven’t budged,” Karpf said. “That alone is reason for us to say, ‘What gives?’”

According to Karpf, the purpose of Monday’s CFA meeting was to inform San Jose State University faculty on the inadequacy of the latest salary offer made by the CSU chancellor’s office.

“We need them to offer a little bit more than they’re offering,” Karpf said. “It’s not much in the grand scheme of things, but they’re not willing to budge yet.”

Karpf urged attendees to take part in a press conference and rally that will be held in front of Clark Hall today at noon.

“This Wednesday, October 8, is 100 days from the expiration of (CFA’s) last contract,” Karpf said.

Karpf is one of the CFA’s chapter officers and has been an activist for the organization since 1992. According to its website, the CFA is a union representing “professors, lecturers, librarians, counselors and coaches who teach in the California State University system.”

The union is active on all of CSU’s 23 campuses and has organized system-wide protests on Oct. 7, 8 and 9 to bring attention to contract negotiations between the CFA and the CSU chancellor’s office.

“We have not yet reached agreement with the chancellor’s office on either salary or workload,” Karpf said. “In terms of salary, the CFA has come down twice since our initial offer. The chancellor’s office hasn’t budged once.”

Kelly Harrison, an English and general engineering lecturer, said she was glad she attended Monday’s CFA meeting.

“Jonathan gave a great presentation with some of the data of what the choices are,” Harrison said.

Included in Karpf’s presentation was a “thought experiment” on what CFA members would want to do in case the Chancellor’s office was unwilling to meet the CFA’s demands.

“I was basically trying to take a temperature of the mood of the faculty,” Karpf said.

He posed the question of which option would be best: to strike and attempt to resolve the disagreement immediately, or to accept the first year’s salary offer while retaining the ability to bargain for future years.

Karpf emphasized that these were merely thought experiments and there are no plans for a strike.

“We never talk about a strike unless it’s needed and unless we get agreement from our members that they’re willing to engage in one,” Karpf said.

Herlinda Aguirre, office manager of the CFA’s SJSU chapter and an SJSU alumna, has worked with the union since she was hired as a student intern in 2008. She said the content of Monday’s meeting was important to students as well as faculty.

“Faculty working conditions are student learning conditions in so many different ways,” Aguirre said. “They gained a lot of things because of the new chancellor. However, there are still a lot of things that they have to work on.”

According to Karpf, the CFA is working on securing higher service salary and general salary increases.

“GSI is a general salary increase. That’s like a cost-of-living increase,” Karpf said.



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Jonathan Karpf, anthropology professor and CFA chapter officer, informs his fellow union members of the details surrounding CSU contract negotiations during a meeting held on Monday.

“SSIs, or salary service increases, are what allow faculty to move up within their salary range,” Karpf said. “It’s the absence of SSIs that has led to ... newer faculty being hired at higher salaries than older faculty.”

Karpf said the San Jose Mercury News article published on Sunday about the \$28 million in Cisco equipment and services ordered by San Jose State for its Next Gen Project made it clear that the university has discretionary funds.

“It’s just interesting that they have the money for IT services, that maybe faculty want, maybe they don’t want,” Karpf said. “I certainly didn’t need a videophone in my office.”

After Monday’s meeting, Harrison was confident that the chancellor’s office would respond to CFA’s show of power.

“The California Faculty Association is not that far off in bargaining, and the chancellor’s office has the money to give us,” Harrison said. “We have the power, we have the strength, we have the numbers, and all we have to do is show the chancellor’s office.”

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# Humanities turns 60 with Olcott leading the way

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The San Jose State Humanities Honors Program celebrated its 60th anniversary at Clark Hall last Friday.

The celebration included a ceremony honoring Marianina Olcott, Ph.D. for her longtime commitment to the department and program since 1976.

Cynthia Rostankowski, associate professor of the humanities department and coordinator of the Humanities Honors Program, awarded a plaque to Olcott in front of current honors students, alumni, faculty and staff.

“The students and faculty of SJSU Humanities Honors Program extend their warmest appreciation to Marianina Olcott, Ph.D. for her brilliant teaching and enlightened guidance of the humanities honor program and for her abiding commitment to its integrity and excellence,” Rostankowski read from the plaque as she bestowed it to Olcott.

Olcott, who initially started teaching Latin and Greek in 1976, began teaching in the honors program in 1977 and has taught in the department ever since.

Rostankowski said the celebration aimed to not only commemorate the long existence of the honors program, but to also acknowledge Olcott’s contributions to the department and program.

Olcott helped raise awareness of the program to eligible high school students potentially interested in joining, according to Rostankowski.

“She utilized technology to notify high school students and we continue to do that,” Rostankowski said. “We find that contacting all of the students who qualify for the honors program while they are still in high school lets them have a chance to start thinking about it.”

The program has been so successful that it has the best retention graduation rate of any lower division program in the university for students, according to Rostankowski.

Current and past students filled the fourth floor of Clark Hall and shared their gratitude to Olcott during the ceremony, with many saying she was the reason they thrived in their academic careers.

“You’ve been my life guys, and I’m afraid if I say too much I’ll start crying,” Olcott said. “You’ve made my life wonderful and made me want to keep on going.”

Olcott, who prefers to “fly under the radar” instead of receiving attention on her contributions, said she loves her students and that is all she needs to be happy.

She taught at both Stanford University and Santa Clara University, but she said nothing compares to working with the “hardworking” students at SJSU.

“I really feel that I make a difference in their lives and that enthruses me, inspires me, and keeps me going because I am 71,” Olcott said.

Rostankowski said the honors program differentiates from others on campus because of its sense of community and the students who often visit the department.

“For example, those who could not come today sent notes and emails saying that they couldn’t come, but that they’d be thinking about Professor Olcott and thinking about the celebration,” Rostankowski said.

Senior liberal studies teaching major Holly May said she thought it was interesting to see older members of the honors program along with more recent students.

“We just listened to a story of a woman who had been here 50 years ago, so it was interesting listening to her experiences,” May said. “I got the best of both worlds – I got to hear the older stories and see the new students taking the program.”

May referred to Judy Saltzman-Saveker, Ph.D., who was part of the Humanities Honors Program over 50 years ago.

Saltzman-Saveker started the program in 1959 when she was 17 years old. She learned she could enroll at SJSU, then called San Jose College, in the humanities department.

“I remember the first day of lecture I met Professor Jack Fink, who was one of the pioneers of the program,” Saltzman-Saveker said. “I had seen his picture in the paper holding a huge stack of books that everybody had to read if they were in this program.”

Saltzman-Saveker said there were no computers or PowerPoint presentations when she was in the program, and students were expected to take hand-written notes when the professor lectured on the podium.

When students attempted to copy her notes, she would say, “No you can come to class and take notes just like me.”

Rostankowski said she hoped students learn that they are a part of a program that has a rich history, which will continually thrive for many years.

“The Humanities Honors Program is for four semesters and provides a beautiful foundation,” Rostankowski said. “That foundation makes it possible for students to find their own path for thriving.”

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# Shark-attack survivor, author, actress comes to San Jose

## ‘Soul Surfer’ Bethany Hamilton addresses self-esteem issues, overcoming obstacles

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With all East Bay options sold out, Bonnie and Shelayna Birch decided to drive down from Livermore towards Blossom Hill on Saturday morning.

The mother and daughter duo were eager to see one of their favorite inspirational speakers, Bethany Hamilton.

“We wanted to come because it’s one of our favorite movies (Soul Surfer) like so many other people ... we were very moved by Bethany’s story,” Bonnie Birch said.

Hamilton, 24, is a published author, actor and cast member of CBS’s “The Amazing Race” with her husband Adam Dirks. She wrote her first book “Soul Surfer” about her recovery following the shark attack and her return to professional surfing.

The book was published in 2006 and was later adapted into a film with the same title.

Hamilton was only 13 years old when a 14-foot long shark bit off her arm.

Hamilton, a competitive surfer from Hawaii, was paddling to her next wave when the attack occurred.

The attack left her unable to properly surf and she had to use a bigger board afterward.

Speaking from the altar at Church on the Hill, a Christian church located on Communications Hill in Blossom Valley San Jose, Hamilton spread her message of self-worth and overcoming obstacles.

“Just as a woman and dealing with my body image issues ... first of all, having one arm and looking in the mirror, it’s not normal,” Hamilton said.

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Born in the Hawaiian island of Kauai, Hamilton was introduced to surfing and religion as a child by her parents.

In the end, she was able to recover from her self-doubt and self-esteem issues with the help of her friends, family and beliefs in Christianity, she said.

Hamilton has written 10 books since the shark attack. She starred in a documentary about her life recovery titled “Heart of a Soul

Surfer” and made a cameo in the family movie Dolphin Tale 2.

“I think there’s lot to be said about somebody who lets the hard situation like she went through bring the best out of you,” Lauren Brems said.

An assistant pastor for Compassion Bridges youth group, Brems was asked by event organizer Keivan Tehrani to interview Hamilton and her husband during the latter half of the seminar.

She said Hamilton’s message of overcoming obstacles is popular with young people and teenagers.

Edgar Camaarena, a drummer playing on the altar prior to Hamilton’s appearance, was also in agreement.

Camerena said even if he had not been performing that day, he still would have attended Saturday’s seminar.

“Bethany’s story is so inspiring ... I would have been here either way,” Camarena said.

Hamilton’s motivational speaker tour took her from parts of Northern California to Southern California.

She has a nonprofit ministry organization called Friends of Bethany Hamilton where she works with young amputees and shark-attack victims.

The seminar was a joint collaboration between nonprofit organization Compassion Bridges and the host church.



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Professional surfer and shark attack survivor Bethany Hamilton speaks about overcoming life-changing obstacles and discovering self-worth. Hamilton toured through California and is on her way to San Diego.

Compassion Bridges, a nonprofit organization, orchestrates religious events across the South Bay. Initial estimates put the total attendance numbers between 1,100 and 1,400 people. Tickets were sold for \$30 for

general admission. VIP ticket holders were able to speak with Hamilton after the main seminar ended. Hamilton will be in San Diego on Saturday. Abraham Rodriguez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# Office 365 becomes the latest software bundle given to schools

## Students ages 13 and up to have access to Microsoft Office suite free of charge

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A recent announcement by Microsoft Office’s team declared that its popular word processing suite will be free for students ages 13 and up, according to the official blog.

Qualified school clients will be able to download versions of Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook and eight other programs in the package.

Users can save files over email or on Microsoft’s own cloud service called OneDrive, a successor to the older SkyDrive.

OneDrive works like an online storage website, where users can upload files and archives for easy sharing across the web.

In order to download Office 365, students will need to provide a school email address. For San Jose State students, this is the @sjsu.edu email.

The website <http://www.office.com/getoffice365> will allow students to input their email address when they click on the green button that says, “Find out if you’re eligible.”

Once confirmed, a prompt will ask users to allow the installer to download. The installer will load Office 365 easily.

Michael Cook, director of Identity, Security and Desktop services, said in an email that the information technology service department had been working on providing free Office to students since midsummer.

“Under Microsoft’s new licensing agreement, all universities who license Office Professional Plus 2013 are automatically granted Office 365 subscriptions to its students free of charge,” Cook said.

Because the university already licensed Office, its original agreement was upgraded. “SJSU has been licensing Office Professional Plus for years and the Student Advantage Program is being offered at no additional expense to SJSU,” Cook said.

The university already offers free licenses to students using expensive suites like Adobe Creative Cloud.

The Creative Cloud package gives students access to over a dozen of Adobe’s high-

end software like Photoshop and video editing programs, Premiere and After Effects.

Paul Chon, an accounting junior, said he had to look for alternative means whenever he needed to use any of Microsoft’s word processors.

“Most of the time I would use programs I would get from work,” Chon said.

He said he thought the offer was “pretty neat” and would be helpful to students.

“I’d have to take it out from my own pocket, so financially that’s more helpful,” he said.

Marketing senior Faisel Skeik relied on the Google Docs installation that came with his Chrome Book laptop. He said relying on Google Docs is limiting because it’s not as varied as Word and it doesn’t have as many features.

“It’s much more productive in terms of work,” Skeik said about Microsoft.

He plans on using Microsoft Word’s cloud version instead of Google Docs.

“For me, I’m an avid user of Microsoft Office so I can use the full potential. With Google Docs, it’s very limited, you’re literally just writing down basic notes. When I wanted to do a bibliography, that’s an option Google Docs doesn’t have, but Office can provide that and even more,” Skeik said.

A regular license for Microsoft Office 365 costs \$79 and its subscription lasts four years. The regular home student versions cost \$139.99.

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# AFK Gamer Lounge finds its future space

By Samson So  
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At West Santa Clara Street currently sits the empty shell of the Los Gatos Brewing Company. A quick stroll through the now-closed restaurant will show half-empty shelves of alcohol and torn booth seats hanging off hinges.

However, the venue has already been bought by a pair of former San Jose State University students for a completely different purpose.

Kevin Wick, a former business student, plans to open his AFK Gamer Lounge with the purpose of combining the social aspects of a lounge with videogaming. In gaming, AFK stands for Away from Keyboard and Wick refers to that as an influence to the entire mission.

“We’re doing something that’s bigger than anything done before for eSports competition,” Wick said.

Wick’s idea comes from the eSports culture, which is essentially the video game version of professional sports leagues.

Becoming increasingly popular, eSports has its own professional players and teams that compete at events for prizes. Games including League of Legends, Hearthstone, Starcraft and Defense of the Ancients 2 (DotA2) often reach millions of viewers during live broadcasts of the competitions online.

Wick hopes to channel that community and create a new kind of gaming business in San Jose. With a bar, homestyle snacks and a plethora of video games, Wick said he looks at the AFK Gamer Lounge as an innovation.

“We’re putting together a place to meet, a place to play and with the new eSports, a place to compete,” Wick said. “That’s the big thing and we’re going to be the first to do it.”

The AFK Gamer Lounge’s basement will be the center of hardcore competitive gaming, where Wick plans to host tournaments and several ongoing leagues tagged with live broadcasting of the events.

By then, much of the old restaurant will be completely morphed. The classic Victorian-style of the Los Gatos Brewing Company will be replaced with a more metallic, urban feel.

Designer Lisa Leese explained just a few of the changes she wants to implement in

the new lounge.

“There’s going to be a lot of neon lights that will bring out the brighter colors in the room,” Leese said. Leese referenced “Tron” as a main influence of the AFK Gamer Lounge, which will eventually look like the inside of a computer.

While Wick elaborated greatly on the excitement behind the eSports competitive scene, he also established the basis of bringing all kinds of people to the lounge.

“This place is going to have so much crossover — eSports or casual, console or PC, it doesn’t matter. It’s about having fun and everyone’s welcome here,” Wick said.

Wick encouraged people who don’t play video games to try the lounge.

“I want to expand even further to the non-gamer. The person that wants to come in and see that this is a bar and they just so happen to have Mario Kart,” Wick said. Wick mentioned that he eventually wants to have private karaoke rooms downstairs or “Rock Band” rooms.

Wick said he plans to have the AFK Gamer Lounge adaptable to the ever-changing market of video games. While Wick doesn’t plan to have consoles at every single TV, he does address how it will be available to all guests.

“I met with Red Bull today who were looking for exclusivity in products and I told them that we weren’t going to compromise our users’ experience,” Wick said. “Our users want that choice, which means we’ll probably have a Nintendo 64 in the closet in case someone wants to have a GoldenEye Tournament. We will be focusing on PC gaming, but if something else pops up, then that’s where we’ll be.”

San Jose State’s Video Game Development Club sent its regards to the AFK Gamer Lounge. Angelica Cabanlit, the club’s president and a senior communications major, expressed her thoughts of the new lounge.

“AFK really reached out to the public as a startup and will have the club’s full support, especially since it helps the gamer community,” Cabanlit said.

The Video Game Development Club and the Spartan Starleague, SJSU’s competitive gaming club, are where Wick shared his ideas for the AFK Gaming Lounge.

“A lot of people in that club followed our



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AFK Gamer Lounge plans to use the space at 163 West Santa Clara, currently set up for recently closed Los Gatos Brewery Co., to create a gamer lounge with a more modern, tech-oriented feel.

journey from just an idea to giving ideas of research. They’ve been really supportive of us, especially from when the Kickstarter we had failed until recently when we received our full funding,” Wick said.

The AFK Gamer Lounge plans to do plenty of promotion on campus when they finish all

construction and open its doors in December.

“The meaning behind the name for this lounge is that we want people to step away from their computers at home and come to a public gaming scene,” he said.

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## Techmanity: Celebrities talk tech

Each spoke of the raw power of technology in their fields and how the technology business constantly changes.

Overall, Techmanity’s event allowed exposure for smaller tech companies looking to expand in Silicon Valley.

It provided connections among startups and created a platform for future business. Startups from all over the country came to the event to spread ideas, which provided a variety of opportunities to meet different people.

Conversations were always filled with learning experiences, inspirations and

success stories.

Discussions on business secrets, innovative styles and exciting stories on how technology can make a difference were also offered for the public.

From a pedestrian perspective, it was interesting and refreshing to see the innovation of several newer companies in a time that technology is hot and ready to serve.

The tech community surrounding the event seemed exuberant and loved being a part of something new.

Samson So is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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# HERNANDEZ says America, raise your voice to see change

A 17 year old is leading demonstrations that demand Hong Kong's top official's resignation. The movement has triggered large-scale protests ranging well into tens of thousands of people.

Joshua Wong, the co-founder of the Scholarism Movement, is protesting Beijing's August decision to prevent citizens from openly nominating a new leader in 2017 as part of a push for full democracy.

The movement was born from university and high school student protests and quickly evolved into mass protests that spilled on the Hong Kong streets and in front of government buildings.

Pepper spray has rained down on protesters so much that some protestors now carry umbrellas.

People have been arrested en masse and protesters have complained of being harassed by heavy-handed police.

I applaud the efforts of these people because they are demanding democracy in the face of violence and possible government prosecution.

I can't recall the last time Americans have joined together in this fashion for a specific cause.

The last mass demonstrations that took place on a worldwide scale were part of the Occupy Wall Street protests that occurred in over 100 cities in the United States and over 1,500

cities around the world, according to the Occupy Wall Street website.

I'm in no way belittling smaller demonstrations, but there is an ingredient or sentiment missing in this country that is needed for fostering change.

How is it that a 17-year-old man can encourage tens of thousands of people to demand a change?

What makes Wong's story even more incredible is that he began his scholarism activism, which was a movement against the implementation of "national education" in Hong Kong, at 15 years old.

The last time I personally witnessed demonstrations that reached these numbers was during the 2003 anti-war protests against the war in Iraq.

I was 11 years old and joined thousands of people in Downtown Los Angeles to protest a war I believed was unjust.

I might not have been pepper sprayed or jostled by the police, but I was surrounded by thousands of people who legitimately wanted change.

The right to peacefully assemble for pro-



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**But keeping issues alive by maintaining a dialogue on them is necessary to see change**

test is a right too often overlooked in this country and sometimes done with the wrong intentions.

She did not once mention the social or economic equality issues that were at the core of the movement.

Granted, this does not classify every protester for every cause, but I've noticed that some jump at an opportunity to protest without fully understanding the issue at hand.

And too often I have seen atrocities occur

test is a right too often overlooked in this country and sometimes done with the wrong intentions.

Occupancy Wall Street protests, rallies against social and economic inequality that began in 2011, occurred throughout the country and resulted in massive arrests and worldwide attention.

I was assigned to cover an Occupy Wall Street protest at San Jose City Hall in 2011 for a mass communication assignment and could hardly contain my excitement.

I was disappointed to find that many protesters I spoke with had no earthly idea what they were protesting.

One woman, who was ornamented in "We are the 99%" stickers and patches, gave me a vague answer explaining why

at the state and federal levels in this country that go without mass protests, e.g. block of equal pay bill, the lack of accountability in certain fraud allegations at SJSU and the continued killings of unarmed minorities.

There is a disconnect in this country.

Am I saying people should start preparing their picket signs, grab a bullhorn and cover their faces with bandanas for every issue that arises in their community, state or country? No.

But keeping issues alive by maintaining a dialogue on them is necessary to see change.

I've seen protests come and go in California alone, including anti-war protests, Occupy Wall Street, demonstrations for justice for the killings of Trayvon Martin, Michael Brown and Oscar Grant, but these often lose speed as the media coverage diminishes.

These issues don't just dissipate along with the news coverage, so people need to realize the power they possess in merely raising voices in opposition.

If a 17 year old can spearhead a movement for democracy, we can raise our voices to bring attention to any number of issues affecting the country.

Mahatma Gandhi said it best: "You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Lauren Hernandez is a Spartan Daily staff writer. "Hernandez Says" usually runs every second and fourth Wednesday.

## Professional sports aren't so professional anymore

2014 has brought to light many issues in the professional sports setting.

Many of us know about the domestic violence cases, specifically involving Ray Rice, but that is just one of many cases involving professional athletes entering a negative spotlight this year.

The professional sports scene is beginning to look less professional.

At the start of 2014, Indianapolis Colts owner Jim Irsay pleaded guilty to driving while intoxicated in March and was suspended for six games by the NFL.

Josh Gordon, superstar wide receiver for the Cleveland Browns, was suspended for one entire calendar year (which was later reduced) for a failed drug test – and it wasn't his first.

Even Olympic gold-medalist Michael Phelps was recently arrested for a DUI.

And who can forget the former Clippers owner Donald Sterling during last season's NBA playoffs?

These are just a few of the standout cases in professional sports right now, but these and other cases bring about the question: Do athletes think they are above the law?

This question can address not only the players, but the owners as well.

The issue I have with all of these cases is not just that they are wrong, but the athletes don't seem to understand the type of influence they have on younger generations.

Young children look up to athletes, with many aspiring to be like them.

How is a mother going to tell her child about why Adrian Peterson can't play the rest of the season?



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What can a father say to his child about why Ray McDonald, Greg Hardy, Jonathon Dwyer or Ray Rice can't play this year?

These athletes are putting themselves in the light not as a hero, but a coward.

I am disgusted whenever I hear that a grown man puts his hands on a woman in a violent way.

I am even more disgusted to think these (large) men, professional athletes who lift weights for a living, assault women.

These men come across as criminal and it makes me question their character.

Should players like this be allowed to play in a professional setting?

It is a disappointment to see someone in this position throw away the respect they earned up until the point that they hurt a woman or broke the law.

Michael Phelps was charged with a DUI in Baltimore just last week.

The swimming icon has been suspended by USA swimming for six months, according to ESPN.

He is a man that many young kids in America wanted to be for the last 10 years.

He has probably inspired thousands to pick up swimming from his performances alone.

Is his name now tarnished? Is his reputation ruined?

One thing is for sure – parents won't be eager to tell their children about his actions.

2014 won't be soon forgotten in the sports world.

It seems like every week there is a new incident that pops up involving a famous athlete, whether it involves drugs, alcohol or violence.

The way things are going for the professional sports scene, there will be a lot more than suspensions and fines to worry about.

These issues don't just tarnish the reputations of players, they ruin the reputation of professional sports.

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# Spartan golfer has LPGA ambitions and talents

By Samuel Brannan  
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The serene coastal city of Kelowna, British Columbia is a five-hour flight from San Jose and home to standout Spartan senior women’s golfer Megan Osland.

Osland was recognized as September’s Spartan Foundation Student-Athlete of the Month last week after her dominating performance at the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic in Palm Desert, Calif.

Securing her first collegiate tournament win at The Classic Club in Palm Desert on Sept. 28, Osland won the event by seven shots and led the San Jose State women’s golf team to a 24-stroke victory to open its season.

Osland topped the field of 100-plus participants by sinking nine birdies over the three rounds and carding the lowest score on the last two days of the tournament.

When off the golf course, Osland is a hockey and ice skating enthusiast and studies recreation management at San Jose State.

It was hockey – not golf – that Osland first picked up as a sport.

“I sometimes like to ice skate and rollerblade here because I miss home,” Osland said. “When I go back on breaks from school, I still like to play hockey on frozen ponds in the winter.”

Osland’s father first showed her how to swing a golf club when she was 10 years old.

She immediately picked up golf in the spring time when she wasn’t on the ice.

She is naturally right-handed, but learned to play as a lefty just like her father.

The ambidextrous golfer still plays left-handed today as a Spartan, but writes with her right hand as a student.

“I started taking golf more seriously once I found a knack for it,” Osland said. “I started competing when I was 12 and then it took off from there.”

A graduate of Kelowna Secondary School, Osland was on the honor roll and one of three



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San Jose State Spartan senior golfer Megan Osland finds her ball after an opening drive at the Juli Inkster Spartan Invitational last season at the Almaden Golf & Country Club in San Jose on March 3. The Spartans finished 3rd in the tournament and Osland finished 22nd overall.

chosen from the school to attend the 2010 National Student Leadership Conference in Montreal, according to SJSU Athletics.

After high school, Osland found herself away from her hometown in British Colum-

bia in the unusual hockey town of San Jose.

“I don’t like the Canucks,” Osland said. “I’ve become a Sharks fan since living in San Jose the past few years.”

Head coach John Dormann has been

the women’s golf coach for 15 years and had high praise for Osland as the leader of his team.

“If you win a tournament by seven shots, that’s not just winning, that’s pretty much dominating the entire field of 100-plus participants,” Dormann said.

Although golf is an individual sport and the team never plays in pairs when competing, there is still a team mentality to the game.

“We do a team huddle before teeing-off,” Osland said. “When we see each other on the course, we use hand signals to see how we’re doing and to lift each other up.”

It wasn’t just Osland who played well in the Wyoming Cowgirl Classic, as freshman Elizabeth Schultz tied for second and sophomore My Leander tied for fourth.

Coach Dormann credits Osland for leading the team to a wire-to-wire victory in Palm Desert.

“She’s our senior and our most experienced player,” Dormann said. “It’s her time to lead the team by example, and I couldn’t ask for anything more than what she’s done already in the first tournament.”

Osland has plans to take on the the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) after her collegiate career.

“Right now, I still have my internship hours to do, but the plan after I graduate is to turn pro and try to take golf as far as I can,” Osland said.

Dormann said he thinks Osland can achieve whatever she puts into golf and that professional golf isn’t out of the question.

“It’s up to her,” Dormann said. “Golf is always about proving yourself and it’s about being consistent, so if she continues the way that she’s playing, the sky is the limit.”

Osland and the rest of the Spartan women’s golf team will finish the Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational today at Sahalee Country Club in Sammamish, Wash.

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Date	Event	Location
Oct. 8	Edean Ihlanfeldt Invitational	Sammamish, Wash.
Oct. 17- 19	Stanford Intercollegiate	Stanford, Calif.
Oct. 26-28	Las Vegas Collegiate Showdown	Las Vegas, Nev.
Feb. 14-15	Peg Barnard Intercollegiate	Stanford, Calif.
Feb. 23-24	Juli Inkster Spartan Invitational	San Jose, Calif.

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