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## SJSU task force sets example

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A special task force created by San Jose State President Mohammad Qayoumi met for the first time Thursday Feb. 6 to discuss the racial climate on campus.

Judge LaDoris Cordell, police auditor and chairperson of the task force, said she and Qayoumi have pushed to keep the meetings open and public.

She said the meetings are “excruciating soul searching in a public fashion.”

Cordell said that she knows from experience that the openness of the task force is unusual and that the community and students should not overlook how important that is.

The manner in which SJSU is handling the situation is “worth talking about because it’s so unique, it’s refreshing,” she said.

Cordell said she does not believe that what happened at SJSU is uncommon and that hate crimes are prevalent among university campuses.

She said that she hopes the way SJSU is handling this situation sets the standard for the way other universities will cope with hate crimes.

The task force is going to review the fact finding report that was done in response to the incident, she said.

She said the task force will look at what lessons need to be learned and make recommendations to Qayoumi.

The report was divided into four topics of investigation.

The topics are to determine what happened and who was involved, how the campus found out about the incident, how and when the SJSU administration responded to it and

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Christiana Cobb | Contributing Photographer

Stephanie Ngeth, junior finance major, buys girls cookies from Girl Scout Avery Shaffer on campus Monday afternoon.

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## SCHEDULE of Meetings

### Special Task Force on Racial Discrimination

Meetings will be open to the public, and may include public hearings, at the discretion of the chair.

**Feb. 21** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Engineering 285/87

**Mar. 06** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
TBD

**Mar. 20** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
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**Apr. 03** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Engineering 285/87

**Apr. 17** 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Engineering 285/87

Information compiled from <http://www.sjsu.edu/president>

RESEARCH

## Student-athletes work on transition study

By Yasmine Mahmoud  
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A group of San Jose State University athletes are working on a study that focuses on the transition from high school to college football and the stresses that come with being a student athlete.

The study was launched in Fall 2012 with the help of Joanna Fanos, a psychology professor.

The program was created by Vince Buhagiar, a senior psychology major, graduate David Fales and David Catalano, a sophomore business management major.

Buhagiar, Fales and Catalano all played for the Spartan football team.

“The main basis of it is to help incoming freshmen with the transition between high school and college,” Buhagiar said. “We believe that is a struggle for anyone, but especially for athletes, because on top of the school and the social and the being away from home they have to juggle another part of their life which is athletics.”

Fanos said the study was influenced by a study at the University of North Texas titled “Helping Freshman Student Athletes Adjust to College Life Using Psychoeducational Groups,” written by Henry L. Harris, Michael K. Altekruze and Dennis W. Engels.

The UNT study split students into groups from basketball, cross-country, football, golf, swimming and diving, tennis, volleyball and track and field.

Groups discussed issues having to do with student athletics and the results showed that the sessions helped students adjust to the college environment, according to the study.

The SJSU transition study focuses on male football players, Fanos said.

The transition group meets once a week, breaks into different groups and discusses different issues. In the Fall there will be a questionnaire given out which will assess the group members’ progress, she said.

“We hope that this season will be much more organized,” Buhagiar said.

Buhagiar said it took two years for the group to create a good framework for the study.

“It would be awesome if we could publish our study,” Buhagiar said. “And other teams – whether it’s the coach and academic personnel from other colleges – reads it and decides that it’s a good idea and they initiate a similar project.”

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**Breanna Garcia**  
junior psychology major

The study focuses on adjusting to being away from home, not being the hero of the football team as high school students often are, dating, homesickness and other issues, Fanos said.

“These football players spend a tremendous amount of time training,” Fanos said.

She said student athletes often have to squeeze coursework in between sports training, classes, traveling for games and their social lives.

Many students have time to do their homework over the weekend, but the foot-

ball players are doing it on the bus, Fanos said.

“These folks are great,” Fanos said. “I’m just very impressed with them.”

New football players often red shirt, or sit on the bench during their first season, Fanos said.

She and Buhagiar both said red shirting causes athletes to feel left out, which can add to the stress of the high school to college transition.

“They feel like pieces of meat,” Fanos said.

Twins Rebecca and Breanna Garcia, both junior psychology majors, are on the cross country and track teams and are helping with the study.

Breanna and Rebecca said they started working on the study this semester.

“I think it was really clear to us being division one athletes that a support group is vital to that transition,” Breanna said.

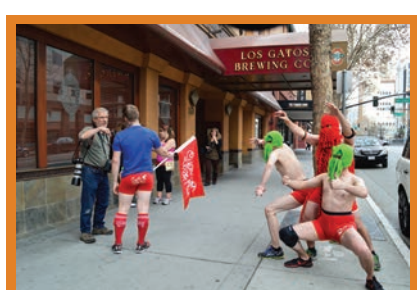
The group has started a literature review this semester, and will start collecting data from the football team in the 2014 football season, she said.

“You really have to stand back and realize that it’s not going to fall apart if you don’t meet a certain goal,” Rebecca said. “That you’re not going to crumble.”

The study is in the early stages of progress, Fanos said.

“I’m out there working with these guys every day and I’ve learned stuff about them that would make me gain a lot of respect,” Buhagiar said. “Things that you wouldn’t talk about every day and it’s just surprising that they’re able to live with that and hold everything together so well.”

Yasmine Mahmoud is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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## Crime Log

**Feb. 9** An attempted bicycle theft led to an arrest at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library at 5:01 p.m. The suspect was seen by library security and tried to flee the scene. Police officers responded and arrested the suspect for attempted petty theft, possession of burglary tools and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. The suspect was booked into county jail.

**Feb. 9** Officers were dispatched to a fire alarm at 8:59 p.m. at Campus Village Building C. Police responded with the San Jose Fire Department. It was determined that the alarm was triggered by smoke from cooking and not fire. The call was turned over to SJFD.

**Feb. 12** An unknown suspect was seen entering a closed office area unattended at Spartan Complex Central on East San Carlos Street. The suspect fled with a flash drive from the office area.

**Feb. 13** Officers were dispatched in response to a burglary at Joe West Hall at 12:52 a.m. A suspicious male climbed over a fence into a bicycle storage cage underneath the staircase of Joe West Hall. The suspect was arrested for burglary and possession of burglary tools, as well as issued a notice to stay away from SJSU for 14 days.

**Feb. 15** Officers were dispatched to an indecent exposure call at 5:21 a.m. at Washburn Hall on Eighth Street. Officers reported to a naked male entering the room of another resident. The suspect was arrested for burglary and indecent exposure then booked into county jail.

Information compiled by Jasmine Leyva from UPD

## Meeting: Transparency hopes to set a standard

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if any policies were broken in the way SJSU handled the incident.

Patricia Harris, SJSU's media relations director, said the reviewing process meetings will be held where the public, the task force and other relevant experts can communicate together.

She said that the meetings are open to the public and streamed live on SJSU's website.

Harris said there will be a total of six meetings. The date, time and location for each meeting are listed on SJSU's website.

The SJSU website states that the recommendations are intended to "(ensure that) SJSU is a safe, welcoming environment."

Cordell said that at the end of the first meeting, students and community members applauded and that there is support for the process.

"No one wants to talk about race, not really, people get defensive or offensive," she said. "It's a very difficult subject to talk about. But we're doing it, we are putting them squarely on the table and not running from them."

Peter Lee, Associate Students vice president and task force member, said that keeping the process open to feedback is what will create the best solutions to make the campus safer and prevent future incidents from happening.

"We need to have open dialogue about how this campus can be improved and what needs to be done to get there," he said.

Lee said that although this particular incident involved an African-American student, he wants to safeguard that this process will discuss solutions for students of all ethnic backgrounds.

"This isn't about finding solutions for one particular type of student," Lee said. "This is about finding ways to make this campus safer and more inclusive for all students."

Cordell said the next meeting is scheduled for this Friday and that the topic of discussion will be campus climate.

She said Susan Murray, a professor of sociology that conducted research on campus climate in 2011, will be there to answer questions from the task force.

Harris said subject matter experts will be invited to participate in the public meetings.

Cordell said the third meeting will address residential life concerns and

will cover topics such as how residential advisors and their supervisors are selected and what their training entails.

"We are all working as a group and we want to get a consensus on what we want to look at," she said.

Cordell said that keeping the task force transparent builds an atmosphere of trust that will make it easier for the community to see that their recommendations are viable.

She said the report for the last meeting was published immediately without any edits.

"We want to remedy this as a community," she said.

The SJSU website states the names, titles and affiliations of each of the 18 members of the task force.

Harris said the members

were appointed by Qayoumi based on a selection process that was intended to provide a wide array of viewpoints and experiences.

She said a range in sex, ethnicity and age was considered in the process.

The members include SJSU students, faculty and administrators as well as students and professors from other universities in California.

Harris said members outside SJSU are intended to bring in a fresh perspective.

Harris said that taking public input and thoughts into consideration is important to the process.

"There really is an openness to the experiences of a great number of people," she said.

Jessica Schlegelmilch is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## California Powerball jackpot jumps to \$400 million for Wednesday's drawing

By Hailey Branson-Potts  
McClatchy Tribune

The Powerball jackpot for Wednesday night's drawing has risen to an estimated \$400 million, one of the largest prizes in lottery history.

The prize soared after no one matched all six numbers in Saturday's jackpot drawing, according to lottery officials.

California joined the multistate game in April, and, since then, enormous

jackpots have become more common. About a month after the state joined the \$2 game, a Powerball jackpot climbed to about \$600 million, setting a record for the game.

Officials say that with Powerball's \$2 tickets, jackpots in that game can rise faster with fewer tickets sold than in a game like Mega Millions, which costs \$1 per play.

The odds of winning Wednesday's big Powerball

prize are about 1 in 175 million, according to the Multi-State Lottery Association. Powerball is played in 43 states, Washington, D.C. and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

For Saturday's drawing, California sold more than 151,000 winning tickets for smaller prizes ranging from \$3 to \$5,937, according to the California Lottery.

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Date	Time	Event	MLK Library
4	12pm-1:30pm	The Tradition of Black Gospel: A Sustaining Factor Within the African American Community Speaker: Rev. Sheila Robinson, RN, Ph.D.	225-229
6	12pm-1:30pm	Earliest Records of Urgent Inventions of African American in the USA Speaker: Dr. Steven Millner, Professor of History and African American Studies, SJSU	255
11	12pm-1:30pm	Tracing the Path of African Immigrants in Santa Clara County Panel Presentation	225-229
13	12pm-1:30pm	The African Americans: Many Rivers to Cross by Henry Gates, Jr. Panel Presentation Moderator: Yollette Merritt	255
18	12pm-1:30pm	Givers of Life: Medical Contributions by African Americans Panel Presentation	225-229
20	12pm-1:30pm	The Prison Industrial Complex : Is the Drug War Over? (Book Review of the New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness) Panel Presentation: Dr. Roberta Ahlquist, Professor, College of Education, SJSU., Akubundu Lott, Professor, African American Studies Dept. SJSU., Cephus Johnson, Exec. Director of Oscar Grant Foundation	525
27	12pm-1:30pm	The Underground Railroad Movement and SJSU 2014 Panel Presentation Moderator: Yollette Merritt	255

REVIEW

## Cupid's Undie Run raises money for cancer research

By Nick Esposito  
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Last weekend, the streets of downtown San Jose were filled with hundreds of people running around in their underwear. What may surprise you is that these runners were running for the Children's Tumor Foundation.

On Saturday, more than 300 people came to the Britannia Arms on Santa Clara Street to participate in Cupid's Undie Run, an annual event where people get together to raise awareness for neurofibromatosis, a genetic condition in which the host is more likely to develop tumors.

"We're 20,000 people that run on the same day at the same time to cure (neurofibromatosis) and raise money for the Children's Tumor Foundation," said Debbie Parsons, the Cupid Run race director for Silicon Valley.

Parsons, who was dressed in blue fairy wings with a halo on top of her head, said that this is the first time the run has taken place in San Jose.

"This is our first year here, and I think we did pretty good," Parsons said. "We had about 300 people, we raised about \$36,000 and nationwide we've raised \$2.7 million."

The mile run took place at 2 p.m., but people showed up as early as noon to grab drinks and enter raffles.

As fun and ridiculous as the festivities were, people participating, such as Cady Stevenson, said that the event

was all about awareness.

"They do a very good job of getting the attention of people driving past," Stevenson said. "People say, 'Oh my goodness those people are in their underwear. What do their signs say? What are they advocating for?' It's public awareness definitely."

Loud music, dancing, colorful costumes and even dogs dressed in underwear began filling the streets as time drew closer to the race.

"We all have trained for marathons and are marathon runners," said Samantha Brant, another participant in the Undie Run. "Once I learned that my dogs could come I got really excited about it and bought dog underwear."

Some people formed racing groups online and came to the run as a team. Teams dressed in similar costumes, from the "Despicable Me" minions to the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

One of the more popular groups at the run, R'lyeh Rising, wore crocheted masks based on the horror mythos of Cthulhu, which most people recognize from the television show South Park.

"Cthulhu, one of the great old ones, will rise from his watery grave and scourge the Earth in fire and deep water just like we are trying to do with cancer here," the leader of R'lyeh Rising said, who preferred not to use his real name. "It's all about doing something great for the kids that matter."



Check out Cupid's Run video at: <http://goo.gl/a3JHo0>

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Cupid's Undie Run volunteer Michael Gaither waves his "undie run" flag at incoming participants as they finish the run. The Undie run was to raise money and awareness for neurofibromatosis, a genetic condition.



Nick Esposito | Spartan Daily  
More than 300 participants came out to run in their underwear for Cupid's Undie Run in downtown Saturday morning. The organization has collected more than \$36,000 in the Silicon Valley to help fight cancer.

## A butterfly onstage at 'Madama Butterfly'

By Jasmine Leyva  
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It's not every night that a young couple walks into a historical theater older than both their ages combined. That's what I did Saturday night with my boyfriend.

We walked into the California Theatre on San Carlos and South First streets to see Giacomo Puccini's story of love and tragedy, "Madama Butterfly," on opening night.

It may have been the sentiment left over from Valentine's Day that had audience members appreciating the devotion of a 15-year-old Japanese girl, Cio-Cio-san, also known as Madame Butterfly, to her deserting American naval officer husband, B.F. Pinkerton during the early 1900s.

Then again, it may have been the emotions and powerful voices that told the story of a devoted, young Japanese bride convinced her husband would come back after three long years across the sea in America.

The audience was left empathetic toward the young couple, but more toward Cio-Cio-san as the performance progressed.

Thanks to the actors' exceptional performances, "Madama Butterfly's" opening night was a brilliant success.

Leading lady soprano Jennifer Forni set the bar high for the remainder of the performances running until March 2.

Surrounded by other performers, Forni came on stage adorned in colorful kimonos as she walked to her husband-to-be, B.F. Pinkerton, played by tenor Christopher Bengochea.

As the story progresses, the audience is introduced to a slew of information about Cio-Cio-san's family. Cio-Cio-san came from a prominent family but then took work as a geisha after

problems arose.

While this might have offended others, Pinkerton found this more intriguing, fueling his infatuation for Cio-Cio-san.

In the throws of infatuation mistaken for love, Cio-Cio-san does the unimaginable to show her devotion to her American husband.

Accompanying Forni on stage was Mezzo-soprano Nicole Birkland playing the faithful servant and great friend to Cio-Cio-san, Suzuki.

From the day of Cio-Cio-san's marriage to the last shed of tears and blood, Suzuki proves herself a loyal companion to her mistress.

Birkland's friendship to Forni on the stage is so convincing that one would think their personal friendship is similar to the one they share on stage.

Suzuki stays with Cio-Cio-san through the trouble they both face.

Bordering on poverty and awaiting a questionable arrival of Pinkerton, they care for each other even while other offers of marriage are made toward Cio-Cio-san.

It isn't until the second act that Cio-Cio-san receives news from American consul and aid to Pinkerton, Sharpless.

Baritone Evan Brummel plays Sharpless with the integrity of a man having to deliver heartbreaking news to a loyal Pinkerton's determined bride as well as deliver some surprising news to Pinkerton from Cio-Cio-san.

The third and final act is where all the drama and tears start to dwell in the eyes of audience members as Pinkerton

arrives back to Japan with a new companion and news for Cio-Cio-san of his actual intentions.

Never mind the essence of the love Cio-Cio-san puts into her efforts to keep herself convinced that she's the one and only for Pinkerton — what carries the play is the effortless won from each performer.

"Madama Butterfly" is a love story like no other. It's better than the romantic tales we like to see with a happy ending.

"Madama Butterfly" has an ending that will leave you speechless and in awe after all the drama and surprises.

Students can purchase tickets at the California Theatre box office for \$11 with a student I.D. Go prepared with tissues.

Jasmine Leyva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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## WEEKEND RECAP

## Women's water polo team sweeps in Aggie Shootout

By Nick Ibarra  
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Over the weekend, San Jose State's women's water polo team swept the Aggie Shootout tournament, beating UC Davis, Santa Clara University and CSU Bakersfield.

The no. 12 Spartans (11-9) were led by freshman Clara Espar Llaquet who scored 10 goals across the three games, followed by sophomore Rae Lekness with eight goals and junior Timi Molnar with seven.

"We fixed the things we needed to fix from the past weeks," Molnar told SJSU Athletics.

Molnar said that early in the season lack of communication hindered the team's defense.

"We just didn't talk," she said. "When Teams were 'picking on' or fronting us, we didn't know what was going on. Now we do."

Goalkeeper Maddie Reardon played straight through the tournament to earn 23 saves.

"We're coming together more as a team defensively. That's what stepped up. We're shutting down what we need to shut down and we're

helping Maddie a lot. She did a nice job (in goal) this weekend," said San Jose State interim Head Coach Johny Bega, according to SJSU Athletics.

Next weekend the Spartans will open the UC Irvine Invitational against no. 7 Arizona State.

## Women's Gymnastics

The team set the third-best team score in school history with a score of 195.725 and earned a second place finish in the Sacramento State Triangular Meet against Sacramento State (196.725) and the University of California-Berkeley (194.900) on Sunday.

Five of the six SJSU gymnasts stuck their landings on the uneven bars and every competitor earned a 9.750 or higher, leading to the fourth-highest team score in program history with a score of 49.100.

The Spartans' matched a season-high score at 49.025 since their UC Davis quadrangle meet on Jan 26.

Spartan senior Cassandra Harrison contributed a 9.900 in the floor exercise routine to take second place both on the floor and all-around, and sophomore Alyssa Kaschak also earned a career-high score of 9.825.

SJSU senior Bekah Gher and sophomore Marissa Unpingco earned team-high and career-best scores of 9.850 for a second place finish.

Spartan Head Coach Wayne Wright told SJSU Athletics he was more than happy with his team's performance.

"That was the best Valentine's Day gift ever," Wright said in an interview with SJSU Athletics.

SJSU will travel to Boise State on Friday.

## Men's Basketball

In the Mountain West Conference, men's basketball fared worse against Wyoming (16-9, 7-5), turning in a season-low 38 points to Wyoming's 46.

Spartan freshman Isaac Thornton led in scoring with a season-best 14 points, including a three-pointer that was the Spartans' first field goal of the game.

While the Spartans led at halftime, they only scored nine points in the second half of the game—the second lowest half-game point total in school history.

SJSU (0-13) has yet to win a Mountain West Conference game this season and have a 6-19 overall record. The team will be playing on the road Saturday against the University of Nevada.

## Women's Basketball

Despite having every member of the women's basketball team enter the scoring column, they lost to the Wyoming Cowgirls, 103-80, on Saturday.

Spartans' junior Rebecca Woodberry grabbed a team-high seven rebounds and led in scoring with 18 points. She hit three of her first four shots from beyond the arc and moved into second place for three-pointers made in a single-season, one away from tying Kari Steele's record of 74 set in 1996-97.

SJSU junior Ta'rea Cunnigan finished with 14 points and two assists.

SJSU will take on the University of Nevada on Wednesday.

## Women's Tennis

The team lost a closely contested dual-match, 4-3, against University of San Francisco on Friday, but the team rallied behind a doubles team victory for juniors Julianna Baceler and Jessica Willitt to beat out Cal Poly 4-3 on Saturday.

SJSU senior Sebastiani Leon Chao came back after losing her first set (5-7), beat Hannah Stone in two straight sets (6-2, 6-3) and added to her career win count of 119, moving her into second place with 100 or more wins.

In other singles-play action, freshman Marie Klockner won her match (7-6, 3-6, 6-0) against Mustang's Jennifer Cornea, and freshman Gaelle Rey beat Emily Gibbens (6-4, 6-1) in two sets.

SJSU will host the University of Pacific on Saturday at noon.


## Women's Golf






The Spartans placed sixth in the Peg Bernard Invitational on Sunday after they finished 33-over-par (601) at the Stanford Golf Course.

Spartan senior Rachele Reali shot a team-low four-over-par (146) and recorded her first top-ten in her Spartan career. She nailed two birdies and finished 5-over-par (76) in the second round.


Nick Ibarra is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## SJSU Women's Water Polo 2014 Midseason Review



Season Top Scorers			
#	Name		= 10 Goals
13	Clara Espar Llaquet	49	
19	Rae Lekness	40	
8	Timi Molnar	26	
7	Victoria Smith	22	
4	Kelli Leabo	16	

### 2014 Remaining Schedule



**SJSU Aquatic Center**  
Stanford: March 1  
Indiana: March 18  
USC: March 29  
Arizona State: April 6

UC Berkley March 8

CSU Bakersfield April 18

UCLA April 12

UC Irvine Invitational Feb. 22-23

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D. A. Powell's fifth collection of poetry, *Useless Landscape, or A Guide for Boys*, won the 2012 National Book Critics Circle Award. His previous books include *Cocktails* and *Chronic*, both finalists for the National Book Critics Circle Award. His honors include the Kingsley Tufts Prize in Poetry, the California Book Award, and fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation and the National Endowment for the Arts. A former Briggs-Copeland Lecturer at Harvard, Powell teaches at the University of San Francisco.

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