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SJSU task force sets example

By Jessica Schlegelmilch @jessieschleg

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 cam-

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 hap-

pened and who was involved, how the campus found out about the incident, how and when the SJSU administration responded to it and

CAMPUS IMAGE



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.

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RESEARCH

Student-athletes work on transition study

By Yasmine Mahmoud @yasminehmahmoud

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

The transition group meets once a week, breaks into different groups and discusses just very impressed with them." 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

"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 footsaid.

"These folks are great," Fanos said. "I'm 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 crumple."

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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TODAY'S FORECAST **Partly Cloudy**









Crime Log



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.



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.



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.



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.



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.

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.

Drawings take place every Wednesday and Saturday. Tickets must be purchased by 7 p.m.





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18	12pm- 1:30pm	Givers of Life: Medical Contributions by African Americans Panel Presentation	225- 229
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Moderator: Yollette Merritt



Cupid's Undie Run raises money for cancer research

By Nick Esposito@NickSEsposito

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



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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.



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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 @leyvaleyv3

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 husbandto-be, B.F. Pinkerton, played by tenor Christopher Bengochea.

As the story progresses, the audience is introduced to a slew of information about Cio-Ciosan'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-Ciosan 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 tis-

Jasmine Leyva is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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Universities doing more to track graduates and their jobs

By Meagan Pant McClatchy Tribune

DAYTON, Ohio - College students invest years and potentially thousands of dollars into their education, so more of them are asking an important question: Will this degree lead to a job?

Amid horror stories of unemployed or underemployed recent college graduates and crushing student loan debt, colleges and universities have turned more attention to answering that question with hard data to prove their alumni are finding work.

"What's most important is that we can answer the questions - with documented data that are always top of mind for parents and students, and increasingly government," said Mike Goldman, director of career services at Miami University in Ohio. "When I graduate, will I get a job? Will I get into graduate school or professional school? Will I be able to pay off my student loans, if I have any?"

Miami went further this year than ever to track down their recent graduates, and found 91 percent of them were employed or in graduate school, and nearly one-third had a starting salary between \$50,000 and \$60,000.

The University of Dayton and Wittenberg University, in Ohio, are even more candid: they share graduates' job titles and employers _ whether a student used their political science major to become a campaign manager or ended up a barista with an international studies degree.

"We believe in transparency," said Jason Eckert, director of career services at the University of Dayton.

"It's to our advantage if our students are doing well to talk about those things," he said. "Clearly you're going to see some examples that weren't tremendous ... but I'd rather be transparent."

For now, colleges are not required to report the types of jobs or salaries of new alumni, but the federal government is asking for more information.

The average earning of graduates who borrowed federal student loans will soon be added to the College Scorecard.



Cedarville University Career Services Certified Professional Resume Writer Laura Lintz leads a workshop for students. Colleges and universities are doing more to survey their students after graduation on whether they are employed or in graduate school.

"There is a push nationally for colleges to become more and more accountable for the outcomes of graduates," Eckert said. "Part of that has to do with the really sincere problem of college student debt. Students are increasingly asking. 'What is the return on investment?"

Americans owe more than \$1 trillion in student loans, and Ohio's graduates in 2012 who borrowed took out an average \$29,000, according to the Project on Student Debt.

Samantha Luebbers, who graduates from Miami in May with a double major in biomedical and mechanical engineering, already accepted a job offer from a company she met during a campus career fair. She said Miami's 91 percent success rate is reassuring to students.

"It's really important because you go to school to get a job," the Cincinnati native said. "A lot of undergraduates are worried about the market right now, so when you see something like that, it's really comforting because you think you have a shot."

Miami found 3.4 percent of recent gradu-

ates were unemployed by fall 2013 if they graduated between August 2012 and May 2013.

About 75 percent were employed or had received a job offer and nearly 19 percent were enrolled in graduate school. At the time of graduation, about 21 percent of students said they did not intend to seek immediate employment, according to Miami.

Miami this year called 2,000 graduates, and used information from LinkedIn profiles, a pre-graduation survey, Miami's own data system and the National Student Clearinghouse to compile a much clearer picture of where graduated landed.

"We can clearly demonstrate to parents and students, and the government, that there's a return on investment in a Miami education," Goldman said. "A very high percentage of our students are working in their major, the starting salaries are extremely competitive ... so we're fulfilling that responsibility."

It can be difficult to track students after they leave campus, the colleges say.

Only 40 percent of University of Dayton graduates had responded to a survey when the school started making phone calls about it, Eckert said. Eventually, they found 96 percent of students were either working, in graduate school or in a service program within six months of graduating in spring or summer 2013.

Nationally, 87 percent of graduates from 2011 were employed or in graduate school six months after graduation, according to the National Association of Colleges and Employers. About 59 percent were employed six to eight months after graduation, according to NACE.

Eckert said those graduates who do not have a job when contacted can receive help from the university.

It's difficult to compare the success rates of different schools because some, such as Dayton, survey students six months after graduation while others, such as Wittenberg, do so after one year.

Nearly 98 percent of Wittenberg graduates from the class of 2012 were working fulltime, enrolled in graduate school or were "voluntarily unemployed."

"It helps to sell the academic programs," said Wendy Smiseck, director of career services at Wittenberg. "It helps to sell the viability of the degree that student is getting."

Ohio's Cedarville University plans to join Wittenberg and Dayton to post the job titles and employers of graduates, said Jeff Reep, director of career services. He noted that many schools just "have brochures with their five or six super stars."

He said Cedarville also points to other measures to show prospective students its value, including its 0.8 percent student loan default rate.

Wright State University in Dayton plans to put more resources toward tracking graduates. The university currently surveys students at graduation _ before some even begin their job search, said Joe Slater, interim associate vice president for career and workforce development.

They found that 75 percent of responding students either have jobs or are accepted to graduate school at the time of graduation.

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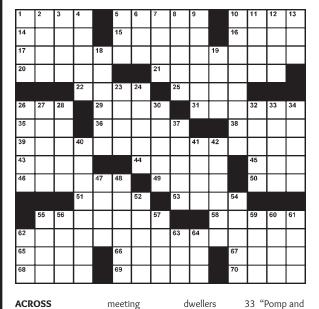
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OPINION



Press freedom shrinks

How far the mighty have fallen.

The U.S. dropped 13 places to end up 46th on the World Press Freedom index published annually by Reporters Without Borders (RWB).

If we translated our press freedom rating to a scale of military strength, we'd be on par with Croatia, Nigeria and Yemen.

Journalist Barrett Brown is currently in prison awaiting trial, and is facing a 105 year sentence for sharing a link to publiclyviewable leaked documents. His case is one of many RWB cites in explaining the drop in ranking.

Another offense against press freedom took place in 2012 when the Department of Justice pulled

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Associated Press phone records to try to uncover a source in the CIA.

According to RWB the Department of Justice has yet to provide legal support for the seizure.

If it's bad to are poised be a journalist under this administration, it's even worse to be a whistleblower.

When Obama took office, his platform contained a passage on protecting whistle-blowers, which read, in part: "Barack Obama will strengthen whistle-blower laws to protect federal workers who expose waste, fraud, and abuse of authority in government."

That language sharply contrasts with the fact that the Obama administration has already prosecuted eight whistleblowers under the Espionage Act more than all previous administrations combined.

Private Chelsea Manning, who leaked a trove of documents to Wikileaks in 2011, is currently serving a 35 year prison term.

Rapists, child molesters and even murderers routinely spend less time behind bars.

Are those really the societal priorities we're comfortable with?

Most of us know that Edward Snowden, who leaked information about NSA mass surveillance of U.S. citizens, is currently living in asvlum in Russia to avoid spending the rest of his life in prison.

James Woolsey, former director of the CIA, told Fox News he thinks Snowden should be tried for treason and "hanged by his neck until he is dead."

Other members of the intelligence community, including a current NSA analyst, were quoted anonymously by Buzzfeed as calling for Snowden's death.



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Glenn Greenwald, the reporter for The Guardian who broke the Snowden leaks, is also afraid to return to the

The New York native is currently living in

Greenwald has good reason to be afraid. James Clapper,

Director of National Intelligence, called Greenwald an "accomplice" to what he said is a treasonous

In 2013, reporter Michael Hastings, who broke the Rolling Stone story that led to the resignation of General Stanley McChrystal, died when his car careened off the road and exploded on impact.

Is it just a coincidence that the

journalist who took down one of the most powerful military men in the world, who was working on a similar piece about the current director of the CIA, accelerated his car through an intersection to his death, a day after trying to borrow his neighbor's car to leave town after sharing with her a suspicion that his own had been tampered with?

What's chilling about a case like Hastings' is not what did happen, but what plausibly could have. The military and intelligence interests in this country have grown so entrenched, so massive and so secretive that even the most paranoid of conspiracy theories can no longer be entirely ruled out.

The most common defense of overbearing and draconian government policies is that they are necessary for our safety, but the truth is the dichotomy between liberty and security is a false one.

We are not safer when we submit ourselves to ever-increasing levels of scrutiny – we are in much graver danger of sliding toward effective authoritarianism.

Journalist and political commentator Dan Carlin has said that he doesn't think our democracy could survive another attack on the scale of 9/11, and I'm afraid he might be right.

It isn't the terrorists who are poised to destroy us, it is we who are poised to destroy ourselves.

Jefferson, Madison, Franklin and countless others since have warned us of the dangers of sacrificing essential liberty for a false sense of security.

We should know better. We can do better.

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Crowd taunts can cross the line

Sports fans are obnoxious.

We've all probably run into our share of fans that are loud, rude and don't know when to stop talking.

Beneath a veil of anonymity, fans often yell horrible, terrible things from the crowded stands

at athletes, both professional and amateur.

Players put up with it because they have no other choice.

The cruel, vile "trash talk" that comes from the stands is "part of the game," but maybe it's time we put that to an end.

This month, Oklahoma State basketball star Marcus Smart fell victim to hate-filled words from Texas Tech "super fan" Jeff Orr.

After attempting to block a shot, Smart tumbled into the crowd in the final seconds of OSU's loss in Lubbock, Texas.

The Cowboy star took a few seconds to collect himself and return to the court, but before he did, he turned to face a fan who had been yelling at him while he was on the floor.

A short stare down followed and Smart shoved the fan in the chest with both hands before turning around and continuing back towards the court.

Smart was issued a technical foul, and subsequently suspended for three games by the Big 12 Conference for his actions.

Officials justly reprimanded Smart, but in some ways his actions could be justified.



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in a prepared statement, Follow Ryan Brown instead admitting to calling Smart a "piece of crap."

@rgbrownie Texas Tech has completely backed Orr, who owns season tickets and attends every game, home or away.

> The university has released footage they claim proves he didn't say anything racial, in which the phrase "piece of crap" can be clearly heard.

Both parities have apologized for their actions, but this confrontation brings up a bigger issue in sports than the rare occurrence of a player physically assaulting a fan.

Metta World Peace, formerly known as Ron Artest, didn't cross the stands until a fan threw a beer at him.

Orr, like many fans, thought his ticket provided him some kind of pass to say, or do, anything he wanted.

Orr said things he would never say to Smart's face if he were to encounter him in a bar or walking down the street.

Athletes shouldn't be subject to comments that challenge their human rights, especially at events that are still considered amateur, like a college basketball game.

The high cost to attend a highprofile sporting event isn't a right to ignore the basic laws of human decency.

It would never be accepted for a player to swear at a fan or to offer

"the bird" how Orr did to Texas A&M player Bryan Davis in 2010.

When Ohio State offensive lineman Marcus Hall flipped off Michigan fans after being ejected from a game this past season, reporters and fans called for him to be suspended further.

That isn't a unique situation. Players are held to a higher standard.

They have more to lose in an altercation with a fan.

Smart's shove of Orr will likely

impact his NBA draft stock. It's only when fans are caught in the act of something heinous, or when it incites a reaction, that the kinds of things they say to

players are reflected upon. For the most part, we don't allow this in youth sports. Most youth leagues have adopted policies of what is and isn't allowed from fans.

Why is it allowed in the college

The only logical conclusions I can come up with are money and apathy. Either leagues don't care what's said, or they're afraid reigning in fan actions would hurt their popularity.

Some would argue that professional athletes are paid fairly enough that they should simply accept the abuse.

What about student-athletes? So the next time you're at a sporting event, think about what you're screaming at the players on

Maybe you're already crossing

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Hell hath no fury like a bad roomie

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citizen may have been a

He constantly remind-

ed me that I needed to turn

If you're a college student then chances are that life with roommates is going to be inevitable.

is just too expensive, so you may have to live with strangers.

Living on your own

An alternative is to live at home with your parents, which can

come with restrictions, but also its own set of perks. It's nice to come home to a warm

meal that didn't come from a styro-

The downside? Having to defend your need for a second glass of wine to your mother and convince her that its not an early sign of alcohol-

ism. (I just really like wine, OK?) It really depends which day you stop to think about it.

I have had some colorful experiences with roommates since making my way from Los Angeles to San Jose State a year and a half ago.

When I lived on campus, my roommates were chosen for me.

This year was my first time living off campus with strangers.

In both of my housing experiences, the circumstances were less than perfect.

My first roommate living out of the dorms was a 70-year-old man who rented out a room in his twobedroom condo.

I'm normally a patient person, but not too long after moving in, I realized why living with a senior



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on the vent when I was cooking-even if I was just boiling water. He insisted that I wipe

down the entire bathroom after I showered to avoid mold build up.

If I ever had any of my girl friends over, he found a number of reasons why he "needed" to talk to me in order to linger at my bedroom door.

But the reason I decided to move out was coming home to find that he had taken the liberty of going through my hamper and doing my laundry.

He was even "considerate" enough to fold my underwear.

I was out of there faster than you could say, "housing wanted."

I can deal with roommates who are slobs, maybe even the occasional hardcore-metal fan who's also a night owl, but try to launder my intimates and I'm outta there.

I'm not alone when it comes to getting shafted in the roommate department.

One of my best friends moved into the dorms her freshman year and thought she had hit the roommate jackpot.

Her roommate was fun and easygoing but it wasn't long before the honeymoon stage ended and my friend began to notice a lot of her things missing, her food eaten and

her shampoo running out faster than usual. The final tipping point came

when her roommate switched out her expensive headphones for a pair that you could pick up at the dollar store.

They didn't exactly keep in touch after move-out day.

But on the other hand there is a sense of independence and freedom that comes with living on your own.

As college students, we study hard in hopes of graduating and obtaining that dream job that comes with a dream salary to match.

Our collective dream is to one day live without roommates, and be able to afford more than food from the value menu for lunch.

However with the rising costs of tuition and student loans to pay off, we may be stuck with weird roommates longer than we imagined.

My current roommates are a bit off-beat, but for now, their quirkiness only goes so far as their obsession with their cat Pistachio.

I guess while we're all traveling down the road of higher education, all we can do is pray to the "roommate Gods" that we get stuck with people who aren't too scary or annoying.

For now, my roommates and I live in blissful harmony, or something close to it, though Pistachio and I have some work to do in our relationship.

The bonus is that they haven't tried to secretly launder my underwear.

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WEEKEND RECAP

Women's water polo team sweeps in Aggie Shootout

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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-Berkley (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 Ian 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

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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 Klocker 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.

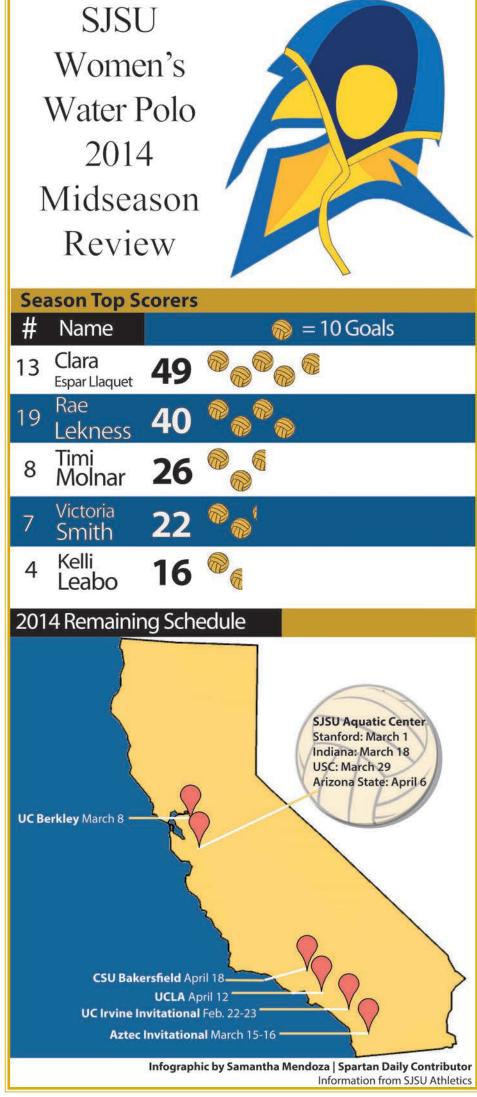
SJSU will host the University of Pacific on Saturday at noon.

Women's Golf

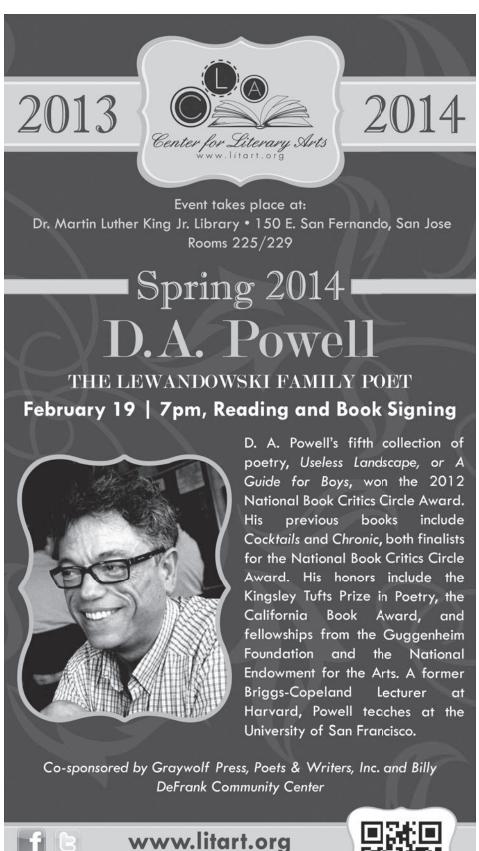
The Spartans placed sixth in the Peg Bernard Invitational on Sunday after they finished 33-over-par (601) at the Stanford Golf Course.

Spartan senior Rachelle Reali shot a teamlow 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.

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