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# President Qayoumi outlines priorities in fall welcome

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University President Mohammad Qayoumi laid out the school's priorities and plan of action for the 2013-14 academic year and some of the issues that face higher education at the annual fall welcome address on Monday.

Quoting part of his speech from the previous year, Qayoumi began by framing SJSU's recent accomplishments of national recognition for its engineering, business and journalism schools in light of its need for "transformative solutions" to the budget crisis last year.

While Qayoumi announced "positive news" regarding a 10 percent tuition roll-back for students, a "modest pay raise" for faculty and a CSU budget increase from the state, he said the school is a "long way from recovering from the significant reductions" over the past few years.

"Future budget allocations will be tied to a number of outcome measures," Qayoumi said. "This approach

compels us to improve our performance in retention, graduation and time to degree."

Humanities professor Cynthia Rostankowski said she thinks the campus community "really needs to be able to have events" like the fall welcome so it can be informed of the campus's changing goals.

Qayoumi outlined what he called SJSU's "critical priorities" for the year as: expanding the school's technology and online offerings, streamlining functions within auxiliary organizations on campus and a new end zone project for Spartan Stadium to help re-brand the school's athletics program.

In January, SJSU partnered with Udacity Inc., a local education start-up, to create a pilot program offering accredited Massive Open Online Courses to students for a fraction of the cost of traditional tuition, according to a university statement.

In July, however, the school announced that it would take a break from the program in the fall to assess



President Qayoumi gives a welcome address to students and faculty in Tower Hall Monday afternoon. Carolyn Seng / Spartan Daily

data surrounding the success of the online classes, Qayoumi and Provost Ellen Junn said in a statement.

Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations at SJSU, said that while much of the media assumed the pause on online classes was due to poor final test scores, it was clear from the program's development that SJSU would

need some "breathing room" to address certain issues.

"What we found is that since the objective of this project was to reach out to students who don't go to San Jose State, as well as those who do, we got many students who had never taken a college course before," Harris said. "We need to make sure they understand

what is required in a college class."

Fiona Lam, a junior business major who attended Qayoumi's address, said while she hasn't taken any online courses yet, she can see the pros and cons of learning online versus in a classroom.

"I feel like it's basically just what you want," Lam

said. "Some people want to go to school because they want to meet new friends, they want to network, and some people are just striving to get their degree so that they can go out to the real world, and so it just depends."

Results from a report funded by the National Sci-

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## EDUCATION

# Task force to aid African-American and Latino students

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San Jose State University's diverse campus does not come without disappointing numbers in graduation and retention rates for African-American and Latino students compared to Caucasian, Asian and Pacific Islander students.

Provost Ellen Junn said this summer marks the first time she believes the university has launched an open-forum task force where anyone is welcome to participate in the effort to protect underrepresented minorities, including Latino and African-American students.

"This is the first effort that I've known of this kind in the university," said Dorothy Poole, university chief of staff for the president's office. "This is recognition of a real need here and a call for action and assistance put out to the university."

Poole said that within the few meetings that took place this summer, the participants brain-

stormed topics and developed work-groups, where volunteers could focus on the different needs of African-American and Latino students.

The work-groups have brainstormed academic and cultural topics and activities necessary to assist students including: junior high and high school outreach, parent involvement, mandatory advising, creating a sense of black Spartan and student community on campus and hosting regular weekly mixers in a special place for African-American and Latino students.

Ruth Wilson, department chair of African-American studies, said she is excited about the provost's interest in examining issues around the retention rates of African-American students at SJSU. She said she believes it is important to note that the decline in graduation and retention rates are occurring at the same time that there is a decline in support for African-American studies departments at SJSU and other universities.

"We should not see these entities as separate," she said. "The decline in retention rates, the decline in students applying here and actually coming, the decline in African-American faculty who are hired and the decline in the number of courses we can offer because we don't have faculty who are full-time who can offer these courses."

She said there is a link between retention rates and the lack of support for African-American students.

She said it is a matter of providing "the support, the information students need and the resources students need, who come here and want to be here but don't have the details and the support structure in place to help them push forward when things get tough."

Junn said since she has become provost, she has wanted to give more attention to underrepresented students, but the CSU Chancellor's office "got the ball rolling" by calling campuses to focus on closing achievement gaps.

"If we see that a group of our students are not able to achieve

success, then its really important for us to figure out why," Poole said.

Photojournalism professor Michael Cheers said he doesn't like to look at the numbers as an achievement gap but rather as an opportunity gap.

He said that underrepresented students don't have the same access to resources that would aid in their strides toward achievement.

"I look at it as an opportunity gap because they are less prepared and it's not necessarily their fault," Poole said. "Achievement gap makes it sound like it is their fault."

Junn said she was surprised that the task force has received such recognition, acquiring more than 70 faculty, staff, administration and community members who are volunteering for the programs.

Fernanda Karp, director of campus and community relations, said she is part of the pre-college, parent involvement committee and she plans to focus on making sure students know their rights

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## PAUL BROWN

# Faculty member dies at 76

By Christiana Cobb  
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Former Vice Provost Paul Brown, who was known to greet his colleagues with nothing less than a smile, died Monday, July 29. He was 76.

William Nance, vice president for student affairs, said Brown died of medical injuries, but Nance did not want to submit too much medical information without family consent.

According to Charles Whitcomb, a retired SJSU administrator, Brown held many positions on campus including department chair for the department of recreation and leisure studies, associate dean and interim dean for the College of Sciences and the assistant to the provost.

"I worked with Paul for 45 years," he said. "I began as a student of Paul's and later down the road, he hired me for a first job as a lecturer."

Whitcomb said Brown was his mentor and had a major influence on his personal and professional life, as well as the lives of other young faculty.

"He was the person that I would follow anywhere because I trusted him," Whitcomb said. "No matter what it meant, he would tell you the truth, but he would do it with a gentleness and understanding."

Whitcomb said Brown found himself in many different places on campus from the department of recreation and leisure to the office

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## CAMPUS

# Disability Resource Center is now the Accessible Education Center

By Stephanie Wong  
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The Disability Resource Center was renamed the Accessible Education Center in an effort to change negative stereotypes surrounding students with disabilities on August 12.

According to Cindy Marota, the Accessible Education Center director, the center "provides academic related services to students with disabilities to meet their curriculum requirements."

She said she brought up the idea of a name change in February.

"I wanted to make the name change to try to remove the negative stigma of disability in society that unfortunately still exists," Marota said.

Art King, the associate vice president for student affairs, said Marota studied the subject extensively and was well prepared for the name change.

"She did her research in terms of best practice and trends in working with students with disabilities," King said.

Marota said she looked at elite institutions such as Yale and Stanford to get an idea of what the people in her field called their organizations and what terms they were using in their research before she mentioned the idea of a name change to her staff.

According to King, the goal is to "de-emphasize our students' disabilities and focus more on their strengths, thereby helping them achieve their educational

goals here at SJSU in a seamless manner."

Although it was Marota's idea to change the center's name, she said she wasn't alone in the decision making process, in both agreeing to make a name change and deciding on the new name.

"This was an entire staff decision," Marota said. "We literally had a big whiteboard and started to randomly throw out words."

Marota also said she and her staff worked together to figure out a name that did not stigmatize students.

"We have been the Disability Resource Center since 1995," according to Marota. "Before that, we were the Disabled Student Services."

King said not using the word "disability" in the name of the de-

partment is a start to change how people view students with disabilities.

According to Marota, although the center has a new name, there will be no changes in the services that the center provides.

She said the Accessible Education Center provides services including: academic accommodations and advisement, the Center for Accessible Technology, deaf and hard of hearing services, alternative media, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance, the Employment Accommodations Resource Center, learning disability services and disabled parking.

Jessie Cardoso, a junior sociology major, said she likes the new

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## REVIEW

# Downtown San Jose introduces The Blackbird Tavern

★★★★☆

By Amanda Hochmuth  
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For those light rail-riding SJSU students, a new food and drink joint in downtown may have already caught some eyes.

The Blackbird Tavern sits right on 200 S. First Street parallel to the light rail tracks on the Paseo de San Antonio walkway.

The classy but comfortable-looking restaurant open since late June, sports a sophisticated interior as well as a spacious outdoor patio area perfect for people-watching and enjoying the fresh air.

The Blackbird Tavern, owned by Chris Esparza and Brendan Rawson, who also co-own downtown's Naglee Park Garage, is advertised as an American bistro, but I simply couldn't ignore its European feel.

Maybe it's the outdoor seating, the fresh roasted coffee they serve, or the plethora of live bands that make their way through the doors.

My roommate studied abroad in Spain last year and

I spent a few weeks there too, so she was my first choice to accompany me in checking out this new American bistro with a European flair.

We were seated on the patio at 6 p.m. on a calm Thursday evening.

There were four other parties seated on the patio and five seated inside. The crowd picked up as the night progressed, but we continuously received attentive service.

While I opted to stick with water, my roommate selected a glass of malbec wine, which she loved. According to the restaurant manager, the tavern prides itself on its choice beer and wine selections all on tap.

We began our meal with small cups of the smoothest, most heavenly tomato soup complete with bite-sized grilled cheese sandwiches on top. I have yet to stop dreaming about that delectable comfort food.

We continued our appetizer course by selecting a combination from their charcuterie/cheese selections that vary from day to day.

We chose finocchiona salami and Brie cheese for \$6.75 each.

The meat and cheese combo came with mini crostinis and honey. We did not regret our selections in the least.

When it came to entrées, menu options were limited. In fact, there were only seven main entrees to choose from, each representing a main meat category such as chicken, pork, steak or salmon. The items ranged from \$12.75 to \$22.75.

My roommate and I both decided on items from the appetizer menu to serve as our main course. She chose a romaine salad with lemon Parmesan dressing, and I chose a chopped salad with chicken and coriander lime vinaigrette complete with two giant onion rings on top. No complaints there. Each salad had a full or half-size to choose from and the half-size was plenty.

Though there was little room left in our stomachs, we could not resist trying the lemon pound cake with strawberry relish for dessert. Add to that a delicious

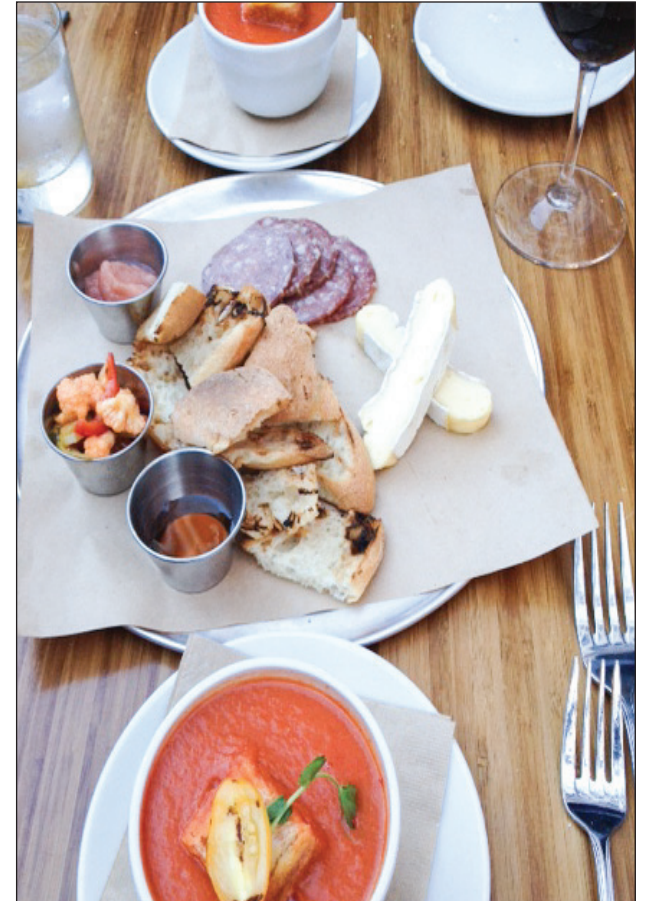
cappuccino each, and I felt like I'd just treated myself to a fabulous multi-course dining experience.

At some point during our meal, a jazz band began playing inside the restaurant and a few people could be seen dancing near the end of the bar that ran central throughout the interior. The upbeat notes floated out to the patio area where we were sitting, making for a pleasant background to our conversation.

Had we been sitting inside, however, the music would have been much too loud for conversation to take place. In fact, we saw a group of diners move outside once the music began playing due to the high noise level.

My roommate and I agreed that the meal was definitely on the pricier side - \$70 for our total bill. Then again, we had appetizers, dessert, wine and coffee with our meal. A simple entrée and drink would have been much cheaper.

The Blackbird Tavern seems to be a great place to start the evening with a drink or appetizers before



A salami and Brie plate is accompanied by tomato soup at The Blackbird Tavern. Amanda Hochmuth / Spartan Daily

heading out for a night downtown with friends. Though it might not be the friendliest option for a college student's budget, my roommate and I decided

we'd definitely come back - at least for the tomato soup and salami and Brie plate. Maybe the cappuccinos, too. Amanda Hochmuth is the Spartan Daily A&E editor.

## REVIEW

# The "Trap Lord" displays style but lacks substance

★★★★☆

By Vince Ei  
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Dancehall icon Shabba Ranks' music videos on YouTube have recently been deluged with comments that have nothing to do with him.

Any comments within the past month are associated with A\$AP Ferg, including this one posted on the "Bedroom Bully" video: "As a 16 year old, I would like to thank A\$AP Ferg for bringing me here. Probably one of my new favorite artists."

The release of Ferg's single "Shabba" brought views and awareness to

the iconic deejay from Jamaica even if it's only his indulgent possession of gold accessories, "8 gold rings ... 4 gold chains... 1 gold tooth like I'm Sha-Shabba Ranks."

Consider it a blessing from the Trap Lord. In his debut album "Trap Lord," A\$AP Mob's next in command oversees a world of equal parts riches and wrath.

The balance of living a lavish lifestyle and gun clapping embodies every song and is impeccably apparent when he alerts listeners about the "Glock 9 in my silk shirt" on "Dump Dump."

Most of the album is spent portraying the terrorizing reputation of himself and his clique, which runs as deep as the massive body count they've accumulated riding through the streets shooting guns out of their expensive convertibles.

To be consistent with the religious motif, if Ferg is the lord then the rest of A\$AP are the horsemen saddling up for the rapture.

I would say 75 percent of the album are threats.

Ferg changes character briefly stepping down on "Hood Pope" to accept the responsibilities of the role granted by fame, only to be hindered by his own paranoia.

**The beat selection might seem repetitive after multiple plays, but is barely noticeable because of Ferg's verbal malleability toward every nuanced element.**

The last verse of the song paints a picture too recurrent in the ghetto in which Ferg begins as a mother warning her son, "And I told you, told you time again/ that ain't you gon' find your friends/ You talking about you riding with them/ And fighting with them, those ain't your friends," and ends with, "But all she hear is lonely sounds, now he won't talk ever again."

His shred of humanity faintly seeps into the next track "Fergivicious," but for the most part is drowned by the madness of the 11 other songs, until another haunting turn at the very end of the album on "Cocaine Castle."

Ferg's ethereal perspective on the environment of a crack house and its deadly consequences is as deep as the album goes, but what transcends its shallowness is presentation.

Going from a vicious delivery on "Let It Go" to jaunty line-by-line bravado on "Shabba" shows just how advanced his rhetorical dexterity is.

Oh yeah, and he can sing too. Not well, but taken at face value, which most of the album is, Ferg's voice carries a soulfulness fitting to lull the streets to peace.

He's essentially saying the same thing over and over again, but at least he's saying it differently.

The beat selection might seem repetitive after multiple plays, but is barely noticeable because of Ferg's verbal malleability toward every nuanced element.

Haunting synths and pounding 808s create a dark ambiance already perfectly suited for Ferg, but placement of ad-libs or the prolongation of syllables shows he leaves not a single tap of a snare or hi-hat overlooked.

The impressive maturity shown in the use of melody and flow evoke the style of one of A\$AP Mob's greatest influences, Bone Thugs-N-Harmony, who Ferg manages to get a feature from on "Lord" and serves to be the proper return for the group.

Features give the album a vast vocal palette including Bizzy Bone from the aforementioned Bone Thugs, B-Real, A\$ton Matthews and the members of Onyx.

Even among legends, Waka Flocka Flame comes through most impressively on "Murda Something," contributing a daunting hook and trading verses with Ferg.

There cannot be enough said about the features on this album because they all show up requiring Ferg to flex with all he has to keep up.

Even French Montana added some tiny amount of gusto on "Work (Remix)," which after not hearing it for over a month still bangs like the first time.

A\$AP fans will recognize the aesthetics of "Trap Lord" and be sufficiently satisfied by it, but will be disappointed in Ferg who plateaus for the most part instead of exceeding expectations.

A\$AP Rocky proved to be a suitable leader with the release of "LongLiveA\$AP" earlier this year, and succeeded with a combination of risks and finesse.

The bump in quality from Rocky's mixtape to his album is apparent in several aspects, but Ferg's growth from his appearance on A\$AP Mob's "Lords Never Worry" mixtape to "Trap Lord" is nothing new.

I'm not asking for anything diverging too far away from Ferg's current formula, like a Skrillex production or hooks provided by pop stars, because it works for him, but it is also safe for somebody so dangerous.

Vince Ei is the Spartan Daily opinion editor.

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FOOTBALL

## New coach, new conference, new era

### Spartans excited for 2013 season

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With one week left until the first game, the Spartan football team looks to continue last season's success under new head coach Ron Caragher.

The team went 11-2 with a victory over Bowling Green in the Military Bowl and finished the year ranked 24th in the nation, according to ESPN.

Along with a new head coach, the Spartans will enter a new conference this year, the Mountain West Conference, according to SJSU athletics.

Coach Caragher said San Jose State was a great fit for him and the team is filled with excitement as opening day approaches.

"I like the attitude of the young men in our program. I give a lot of credit to the upperclassmen for really righting the ship in this program's history and getting things going," he said. "And I appreciate being around them and coaching them."

Caragher said the team is working together to accomplish some "lofty" goals they set for the upcoming season.

With four of five offensive linemen returning and an experienced receiving core, the offense is an experienced group, according to Caragher.

Senior quarterback David Fales said it was nice to work with the same receivers as last year because they can continue to develop chemistry together.

"It's nice being able to come off the sideline and know that he's thinking what I'm thinking. And that's when you actually start getting the back shoulder throws and the double moves, and you see Noel (Grigsby) make those great plays," Fales said. "He knows where I'm going to put it, and I know what he's going to do with it, and it's the same thing with all our receivers."

Senior center Nick Kaspar also spoke of the team's cohesiveness and said the team is fine-tuning itself before week one against Sacramento State.

**... One year of success does not mean that you have arrived ...**

Ron Caragher  
San Jose State  
head coach

"We have a really experienced team, we have 22 seniors on the team and many of the guys have played their whole career here," he said. "So although we have a new coaching staff, we're still playing the games. A lot of us have been through it already."

Kaspar said the team is anxious for the season to be-



Head coach Ron Caragher answers questions in February's press conference. Photo by Kevin Johnson / Spartan Daily

gin and to see just how good it can be.

As summer practices came to a close, the Spartans held two scrimmages at the end of last week that left Caragher with encouragement.

"David Fales has good camaraderie with his receivers, and that's evident," Caragher said. "And he's got an experienced group. Those guys, what they bring from a year ago and years past, that adds up."

While still filling certain positions on offense, Caragher said the offensive unit is playing well right now.

He said he was confident with the defensive group and the Spartans have some talented players on that side of the ball as well.

"Travis Raciti, defensive lineman, he's a disrupter that creates issues for the opposing offenses. Keith Smith, a four-year starter who's been through some trials here through his career," he said. "Jimmy Pruitt last year had a nice freshman year, Bene Benwikere is a really instinctive football player."

Senior linebacker Keith Smith said the defense is flying around making plays and looking forward to Sacramento State.

"Just like any other game, we want to dominate our opponent (and) we have to prepare for Sac State like they are Stanford," Smith said. "It's just another game on our schedule that we need to prepare for."

Senior cornerback Bene Benwikere said the defense is continuing to improve on the little things and they feel excited for week one.

"Every game is a big game, because each game is its own. The first game is the statement game, so Sac State is that statement game," Benwikere said.

Benwikere said each game is going to be big this season, and that is how the team will prepare.

Caragher said the team is upbeat, positive and looking forward to starting the season.

"They had a great year in 2012, but I told the team that one year of success does not mean you have arrived and that we have a lot of work to do," Caragher said.

He said rather than being a one-year-wonder, the team wants to consistently compete for the conference championship.

"That takes a great off-season, that takes a very solid fall camp, that takes being strong in our freshman class, our second and third team athletes," he said. "We're in this for the long haul, we want our team to be successful over a long period of time and I'm excited with where we are right now moving forward."

San Jose State will host Sacramento State at 7 p.m. Thursday, August 29th in Spartan Stadium.

Tommy McCormick is the Spartan Daily sports editor.

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Sept 21, TBD
- VS Utah State Aggies**  
Sept 27, 6:00 p.m.
- @ Hawaii Warriors  
Oct 6, 9:00 a.m.
- @ Colorado State Rams  
Oct 12, 12:30 p.m.
- VS Wyoming Cowboys**  
Oct 26, 4:00 p.m.
- @ UNLV Rebels  
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## Diversity: Including student voices

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and responsibilities before coming to the university.

Reverend Jeff Moore, president of the NAACP San Jose chapter, said he spoke to Junn and President Mohammad Qayoumi prior to the task force about the issues that minority students on SJSU's campus face and wants to remain hopeful that the task force will take flight.

"We can't make decisions for the students as a faculty, they can only do so much," Moore said.

He said the task force will be more beneficial if they have meetings that will attract more student involvement.

Karp said at both the African-American meetings and Latino meetings, she saw fewer than three students and although it was summer, she hopes she will begin to see more student participation.

"Maybe we have to go to where students are," Poole said.

*Christiana Cobb is the Spartan Daily managing editor.*

## Change: Name to promote equality

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name but was unaware of the name change, and is afraid that other students won't know about the Accessible Education Center.

"The majority of people on campus know the name 'Disability Resource Center,'" Marota said. "We have been doing everything we can to promote and publicize the name change."

Cardoso said she never went to the center before, but was a note taker for a classmate a couple years ago.

"I believe the name change would be perceived as a resource center for all students rather than for students with disabilities," Cardoso said. "If (the center) is trying to broaden the amount and types of students who use those resources then I believe the name change was useful."

Although the name change hasn't been in place for more than a month, Marota said she has gotten many emails of congratulations already.

"There were several students who told our test accommodator that they were so thankful that we changed our name because they feel accepted in the campus," she said.

Marota said the name change is about equality.

"These students aren't doing any lower level work than any other students, they're just doing the work differently because of their accommodation needs," she said.

*Stephanie Wong is the Spartan Daily executive editor.*

## Speech: Issues addressed at SJSU

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ence Foundation of the spring pilot program will be available later this month as the president and provost host a series

of conversations to discuss any issues, Qayoumi said.

Cathy Busalacchi, associate vice president of Campus Life, a part of the student union that oversees student involvement on campus, said that in terms of the construction underway all across campus, there's "a lot of opportunity in front of us to improve" life on campus.

"As of right now, the direction our university is going in is a really good direction," Lam said. "It definitely makes you a lot more proud of the school and everything we've been through."

*Melissa Lewelling is a Spartan Daily staff writer.*

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

## Today's Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Academic hurdle
  - 6 Far from wealthy
  - 10 Fish-landing hook
  - 14 "Fear of Fifty" writer Jong
  - 15 Far from polite
  - 16 Spanish stew pot
  - 17 Meaningless verbiage
  - 19 Old-world word of woe
  - 20 Cow catchers
  - 21 She'll curl your hair
  - 23 Blood mover
  - 25 Farmyard noises
  - 26 What a deceitful person speaks with?
  - 32 Red-light situation, in the studio
  - 33 Make like a lion
  - 34 Diesel of Hollywood
  - 37 Pipsqueak
  - 38 High as a kite
  - 40 "The Biggest Little City in the World"
  - 41 Inexact no.
  - 42 Edible Pacific tuber
  - 43 "Put me down, too"
  - 44 Meaningless talk
  - 47 Church instrument
  - 50 \_\_\_-jerk response
  - 51 Former
  - Eagles coach
  - 54 Bolivian beasts
  - 59 Malarial symptom
  - 60 Evasive language
  - 62 Fluff found in pockets
  - 63 "My Name Is \_\_\_" (former NBC show)
  - 64 "\_\_\_ Rae" (Sally Field movie)
  - 65 Fill completely
  - 66 Diarist Frank
  - 67 Bug-hitting-the-wind-shield sound
  - e.g.
  - 22 Watch-step connection
  - 24 Virginia port city
  - 26 Fairway cry
  - 27 Tedious task
  - 28 Objugation
  - 29 Set of parts to be assembled
  - 30 "We are \_\_\_ amused"
  - 31 Happy and carefree
  - 34 Presidential thumbs-down
  - 35 Word of division
  - 36 Small recess
  - 38 Igor's workplace
  - 39 Poetic eye
  - 40 Convoy member
  - 42 Variation in color
  - 43 Intensifies
  - 44 Reproduction cell
  - 45 Give the go-ahead
  - 46 Big name in computers
  - 47 Elongated O's
  - 48 Aqua \_\_\_ (gold dissolver)
  - 49 Soldier, in slang
  - 52 It can be good, bad or bright
  - 53 Temporary grant
  - 55 On the apex
  - 56 Jung or Reiner
  - 57 \_\_\_ mater
  - 58 Three-handed card
  - game
  - 61 Buffet beverage server



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## California takes first steps toward gender equality with new law

Imagine an African-American child or teenager growing up in the 1960s, being discriminated against every day and observing the divide between them and their white peers in every aspect of society, only to come home and ask their parents why they have dark skin.

Now, fast-forward to today and imagine a transgender youth going through similar discrimination and observations, but in the context of gender, coming home asking their parents why they are so different from other kids who look like them.

These identity issues seem appropriate in the categorized eras, but in reality people dealing with the same crises have been going through them at the same times.

Kids today still question their pigmentation and there were kids in the 1960s who questioned their sexuality.

Activists for African-American and LGBT civil



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rights existed back then, but it just seems like society can only deal with one categorization of equality at a time, capable of backing only one group instead of humanity as a whole.

Our generation has finally reached the latter.

California is leading the way for transgender youth to grow up in a more understanding environment by passing a bill creating a statewide law allowing transgender students in K-12 public schools to use the bathrooms, locker rooms and join the sports team of which they associate.

We became the first state to allow this after Gov. Jerry Brown signed AB1266 last Monday, which will take effect on January 1, 2014.

Naturally, a huge opposition of conservatives has emerged, probably raging about the biological fact that girls were not created to use stalls and constitute the sitting versus standing debate.

Sen. Jim Nielsen said, "It's not all about discrimination. Elementary and secondary students of California - our most impressionable, our most vulnerable - now may be subjected to some very difficult situations."

Yeah, it might be difficult for a straight kid to pee with the paranoia that some other kid is trying to look at his penis, but imagine how difficult it is for the kid who is wondering why he has a penis in the first place. (I can only speak from a man's perspective and cannot relate to a woman's, nor will I try.)

The most impressionable and most vulnerable are those who feel like they don't belong, and California is taking the right steps in looking out for the kids who really need support.

I don't think transgender children and teenagers are trying to make a scene, and they only have a problem if you make it apparent that you have a problem.

Having a transgender male or female in their associated locker rooms might actually be helpful in building foundations for a respectful and enlightened mentality.

Who better to explain the perplexities of the anatomy and sexuality than peers, as opposed to the teachers who they find incredibly difficult to draw parallels with and feel detached from?

The other half of the bill allows girls who identify as boys to play in male sports and vice versa, and some who oppose, like Sen. Steve

Knight, believe students will trade sexual identity for a little high school or little league glory.

"There are kids out there that are struggling, that are having difficult times," Knight said. "But there are also kids that are going to take advantage of the system."

Again, speaking as a man, a defector going into girls' leagues will get a huge amount of crap.

Not only does he have to announce to everybody he knows that he is transgender, but he has to live up to the chagrin of everybody who knows the truth, which is just about as much crap as a heterosexual person can handle.

A kid has to be pretty hopeless if he's trying to peep some adolescent boobs just to brag to his friends.

I doubt lawmakers were reckless enough to allow effortless bathroom and locker room hopping, which kids probably do on basis of

callow dares anyway.

It's hard for me to imagine how the situation would pan out for transgender girls. On one hand I think it might be inspiring to see them compete and hold their own in sports, but on the other I think going to the men's bathroom would be overwhelming.

But several school districts in California had already put similar policies in place years ago, and had no reports of misconduct.

I can't really agree that this law empowers transgender kids, and both sides of the argument say this. I think what this does is level the playing field for everyone.

Transgender kids don't have more rights because they can compete in any sports division they want or use any bathroom they feel comfortable in. The law gives them what they were supposed to have in the first place - equality.

Vince Ei is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor.

## Message from the editors

Hello, Spartans!

The Spartan Daily is excited for another fall semester.

Typically a new semester means a new staff of editors and reporters, but this semester also means a new newsroom.

Last semester, Journalism and Mass Communications students were informed of changes within the department including a converged newsroom.

Starting this semester, Spartan Daily, Update News and Access Magazine will work together in one newsroom to deliver timely, relevant and honest news for students.

This came as an abrupt change to the students who have worked as separate staffs for years.

Now, we are all challenged to work together to produce print, online,

broadcast and multimedia content.

The Spartan Daily will now be available in print and online Tuesdays through Thursdays.

Although we will not print Mondays and Fridays, there will be online content available on our website.

We plan to have more of an online presence on spartandaily.com with multimedia content as well as more activity on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

The newsroom is currently under construction to create a space that accommodates everyone.

Although the construction is taking longer than expected, we don't anticipate that it will inhibit the quality and content of the news produced.

The process has not been easy, but we are excited to work with

everyone through the good and the bad times.

Although there may be bumps along the road, we are confident that with teamwork and communication, we can come together to compose newsworthy content.

We still plan to deliver a student-run newspaper to the best of our ability that informs readers of issues and events going on in our community.

As a student-run newspaper, we want readers to understand that each issue is a learning experience and every mistake is an opportunity for the Daily staff to improve before they graduate and become working journalists.

We encourage reporters and photographers to investigate story ideas that are compelling to them and fellow students in

terms of issues on campus and surrounding areas.

Reporters are required to write pieces for each section of the newspaper in order to shape them as better journalists.

Photographers are visual storytellers who can capture moments through a camera lens to tell a story.

Student photographers are encouraged to represent a story by adding visuals both online and in print.

This semester we hope to continue our social media presence by updating the Spartan Daily Instagram with photos taken by staff photographers and writers as they report their stories.

The opinion page only reflects the opinions of the authors and not necessarily the opinions of the Spartan Daily or the

department as a whole.

Writers are encouraged to express their opinions on issues that strike them as important and the SJSU community is encouraged to submit letters to the editor for the opinion page as well.

We want to encourage those who have story ideas or opinions to share them with us at spartandaily@gmail.com.

We are interested in the content our readers seek.

In this issue we included a QR code that links to an online survey created to reach a deeper understanding of our readers' interests.

We want to wish everyone a great fall semester and we look forward to hearing from you.

This special message is from the Spartan Daily Fall 2013 staff.

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## BUILDING PLANS

## Campus construction updates

By **Amanda Hochmuth**  
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## STUDENT UNION

The student union is currently undergoing an expansion phase. According to the student union associate director, Terry Gregory, the expansion is expected to be completed near mid-October. The expansion will include room for the Associated Students and a computer center on the east side of the building, and the food court, bookstore and ballroom - which will be 60 percent larger than the current one - will be on the west side of the building. After the expansion phase is complete, the renovation

phase will begin and will continue into 2014, Gregory said. With the exception of the bowling center, the building will continue to operate as normal. All features will remain accessible to students during the renovation process. The budget for this project is \$89 million, according to Christopher Brown, associate vice president of facilities development and operations.

## SPARTAN COMPLEX / YOSHIHIRO UCHIDA HALL

The Spartan Complex and Yoshihiro Uchida Hall will also be under construction for several more months. This project will also take multiple phases to complete, Brown

stated in an email. Phase 1, which involves renovating and seismic upgrading the current Yoshihiro Uchida Hall, is expected to be completed next summer. Phase 2, which will focus on seismically renovating the Spartan Central and East Complexes, is expected to be completed in summer 2015. According to Brown, the budget for this project is \$62 million.

## HEALTH CENTER

A new Student Health and Counseling facility will be added between the Event Center and the Spartan Complex. The project began this summer and is scheduled for completion in 2014. According to Brown, this project's budget is \$34 million.

## END ZONE BUILDING - FOOTBALL OPERATIONS SOUTH CAMPUS

Renovations projected for the north end of the Spartan Stadium include space for football operations and event space. According to Brown, construction is expected to begin in the 2013-14 academic year and will take 16 months to complete. The budget is set for \$40 million.

## FACILITY MASTER PLAN

According to Brown, the facilities development and operations department will continue to develop a facility master plan for the campus. This will encompass an evaluation of the campus's long-term needs, current inventory and map of various long-term projects. This is expected to be accomplished during the 2013-14 academic year.

Amanda Hochmuth is the Spartan Daily A&E editor.

## Obituary: Vice Provost remembered

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Paul Brown / Contributed by Jessica Larsen

of the provost, but he would never expect recognition for his works.

"In 45 years I never heard him say 'Look what I did for you,'" he said.

Nance said he first met Brown as a member in the provost office as he was approaching retirement.

He said he remembers the time they spent at lunch with Whitcomb laughing and connecting over their work and personal lives.

Because of the different positions he held throughout the university, Nance said Brown was well known across campus and he was like a walking history book.

"He was so fun to talk to," Nance said. "He could tell you anything about this institution that you wanted to know: people, stories, incidents, activities..."

Whitcomb said Brown loved SJSU, which drove his knowledge for the campus and his commitment to the staff.

He said Brown's love and commitment was one of the reasons why he worked with different departments of the university.

Nance said Brown would often tell stories and one of his favorite phrases was, "I can remember when ..." as he discussed which university policies worked and which didn't.

"People knew him and respected his judgment," he said. "They didn't always like his decision, but they knew his decision was fair and actual."

Whitcomb said Brown was also involved in the community by serving on the parks commission for the city of San Jose with De Anza College and West Valley College as the campuses established recreational curriculms and also as the director of Camp Konocti at Clear Lake during the summer.

Whitcomb said Brown was survived by his wife Pat Brown, two daughters and grandchildren.

"I hope his wife Pat is doing well," Nance said. "He loved his grandkids and he talked about them all the time."

Jessica Larsen, Brown's assistant, stated in an email that his memorial is planned for October 6 at the Villages Golf and Country Club and there are plans to have several SJSU members make speeches at his memorial service.

Christiana Cobb is the Spartan Daily managing editor.

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