

Building renovations among topics discussed at **Coffee Hour** 

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Many questions and concerns on campus improvements were brought up by San Jose State's faculty and answered by Interim Chief of Staff Stacy Gleixner during the Coffee Hour vesterday morning.

The discussion witnessed the appearances of Annabel Prins, psychology professor, Jonathan Karpf, anthropology lecturer and Brandon White, biological sciences associate professor.

One of the questions brought up was about building renovations and unused campus spaces.

The Duncan Hall renovation has remained a controversy on campus, and there were a lot of protests by students over its facilities.

Gleixner answered Karpf's concern regarding the hall's air conditioning system.

"I don't know because it depends on the university's budget," Gleixner said.



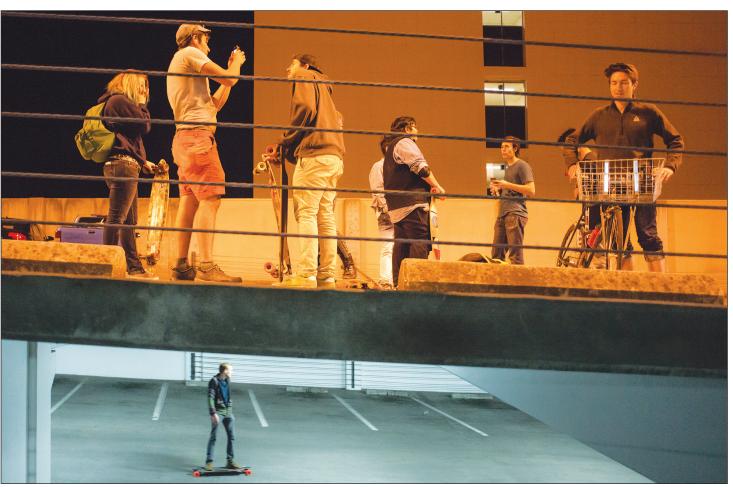
noticed there was a lot of unused space remaining in Duncan Hall.

White also

Gleixner said \$3 million of fundServing San Jose State University

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# **Transfers with more GE** classes may be prioritized

By JEREMY CUMMINGS, MARQUERITE TUUFULI & RAIN STITES @JeremyCummings3 @journalistfuli @writeas\_rain

Jose State University may have more lot of money." on their plates than they thought if proposed changes to the current admission process for transfer students are implemented in Fall 2016. New impaction guidelines will add supplemental general education criteria to specific majors, including science, humanities and the arts, engineering and applied sciences and arts in hopes of better preparing incoming transfer students. Prospective transfer students with the same major who have completed more of this type of G.E. course work than other transfer students will be given priority over students with fewer supplemental units.

"The main focus (of this proposal) is for a degree and to make sure students receive it in a timely manner," said Deanna Gonzales, SJSU admissions and outreach director. Future transfer students to San "Students also won't have to spend a

## A quick way for **Spartans to say** 'tĥank you'

By MARQUERITE TUUFULI @journalistfuli

Spartans Stepping Beyond is a program on campus created to provide the San Jose State community with an opportunity to recognize someone's hard work by submitting a simple message on the sjsu.edu website.

Gleixner ing will be going into classroom structures during summer 2015.

Gleixner pointed out the building's renovations is a three-step process and will be a five-year plan.

The \$3 million would mainly go toward classroom structures and is on track for summer 2015, Gleixner said.

Gleixner said the Wellness Center will be completed at the end of March, which will help several departments including Student Affairs, which will receive a new office.

According to Gleixner, Student Affairs is not going to move into the new Health Center until June to avoid being a disturbance, and so it will have enough time to move equipment.

"Project Lead the Way," a nonprofit organization, was one of the topics Gleixner covered during the conference. The purpose of the program is to train teachers for local schools.

"There are a lot of programs on campus that are receiving grants and funds from state and federal government," Gleixner said.

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#### CORRECTION MARCH 5, 2015

Yesterday in the article originally titled "Murderer speaks alongside mayor at gang-prevention summit," the Spartan Daily negligently implied via juxtaposition of a photo and a pull-quote beneath the headline that the man referred to in the headline was someone other than Brian Sparks, the paroled murderer who was present at the event to speak in favor of prisoner rehabilitation. The Spartan Daily deeply regrets

If passed, this proposal will not affect students attempting to transfer prior to Fall 2016. The proposal will not apply directly to local students, undeclared students or students in the Spartan Pathways program, although they will see its effects in action.

Transfer students sometimes fill seats in lower division G.E. courses, which can make graduating on time harder for other students. This problem will be solved by new requirements in the proposal according to Maureen Scharberg, associate vice president of Student Academic Success Services.

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According to Julie Wong, human resources coordinator, it was originally named "Stepping Beyond," and dedicated to staff members who go beyond normal expectations to provide excellent customer service.

In April 2014, the staff decided to open the program to the entire SJSU campus. The program also allows participants to recognize someone anonymously.

Spartans Stepping Beyond received around 90 recognition responses in the first month from students and faculty who recognized their fellow classmates, coworkers and friends.

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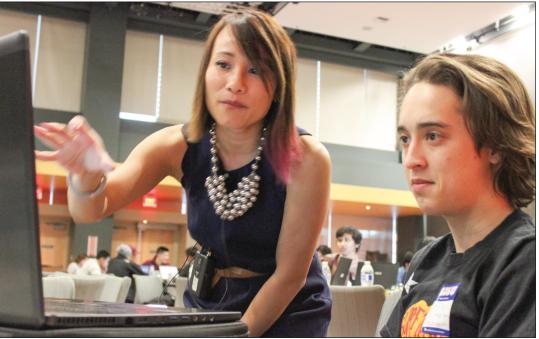
## Alumnae help students build professional identity

By TAYLOR ATKINSON @haytayla

Two alumnae returned to San Jose State University on Wednesday afternoon to share their career success stories with students as part of the continuing Spartan Success Series.

LinkedIn designers Jessica Clark and Vivian Urata spoke about their professional experiences in a workshop titled "LinkedIn: Insights from the experts" in the Student Union Ballroom.

"This particular workshop was very important for students because it's giving them the tools to have a strong online presence, which we also know is huge when it comes to job searches," said April Cole, alumni association associate director. "Our prior event that we had a couple weeks back really touched on student strengths to help them in applying for jobs and networking."



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#### LinkedIn designer Vivian Urata helps computer engineering freshman Austin McNiff.

Clark and Urata spoke for the first hour of the workshop and the last half hour was devoted to a one-on-one informational session where students learned

how to build their professional profiles on LinkedIn.

"I came because I have a LinkedIn, but don't really know much about it," said

Tara Del Bene, psychology senior. "I mostly wanted to know how to use my profile to my

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## JOBS: LinkedIn designers bring expertise to campus

advantage and I feel like it definitely helped with that."

Del Bene said learning about how the speakers entered the workforce was beneficial. Prior to the workshop she was unsure of LinkedIn etiquette—who to connect with and what constitutes a professional profile picture.

Some professors brought their classes to the workshop and students were given chocolate candy, granola bars and water bottles.

Clark started the presentation by saying her first job was at the Student Union food court as a manager. She said students should search for employers who reflect their needs and passions and align their needs appropriately.

"I think the tag team of the two alumni back and forth and keeping it kind of fresh with

stories, tips and working sessions touched on different places where people might be," Cole said. "I think that is what hopefully made it successful."

Mustafa Alseddiq, management information systems senior, attended both Spartan Success Series events and said valuable information was presented. He felt like he could get a job using the material that was provided to him.

"I feel more motivated to strengthen my skills and connect with others and motivate myself," Alseddiq said.

Urata said she developed a love for design as a 3-year-old and hopes to speak at a TED Talk in the future.

She said students should set realistic goals for their future and get out of their comfort zone.

"Besides just going to school, students should also see what's going on in their industry," Urata said. "Go to networking events, go to hackathons, go to conferences—that's the only way you can meet people who are kind of moving the needle in whatever industry you're working toward."

Urata said she ran out of time to talk about workplace culture, but students should embrace

the fact that life is about

collaboration. Students,

she said, will be working

with people they might

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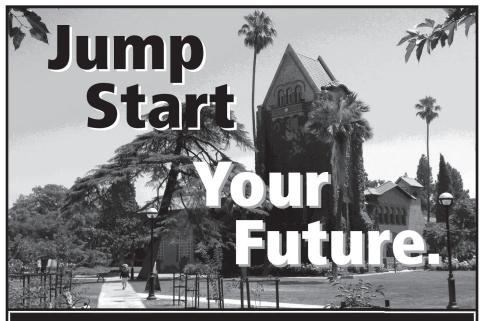
#### **Tara Del Bene** psychology senior

gy senior executives," Urata said. "It's almost a culture shock when you go into the workforce because you don't know how to interact ... getting to know people in dif-

ferent fields is important." Cole said the workshops in the series were selected thoughtfully to give students an advantage over individuals who might just be doing the basics in finding career success.

"It's OK to be nervous about the future," Urata said. "Everything that leads up to now has been planned. You know you want to go to school for a specific reason so the people you connect with and the jobs you get will lead you toward where you want to go."

Taylor Atkinson is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



## » FROM FRONT PAGE » TRANSFER: Panel discusses potential admission changes



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Devin Riley, a fifth-year West Valley College student, discussed his concerns with the transfer proposal with the panel of SJSU administration at Monday's discussion.

The proposal is still in the "analysis process," according to Sharon Willey, associate vice president for administrative and enrollment services.

Three separate public hearings held last week welcomed members of the public to discuss the possible change with a panel of SJSU administration which included Scharberg and Willey.

This helped the panel better understand the public's concerns with the proposal as it stands.

"This is a step," Scharberg said. "We need to do this and not rush into it and collect good data to see how it works because we might change (our proposal) in three years." According to Dennis Jaehne, associated vice president of undergraduate studies, there were a total of 16,000 upper-division applicants for SJSU in Fall 2015. Of this number, only 3,400 could be accepted by the university.

During the evaluation process, SJSU will not only focus on student GPA but more so on their academic preparation.

"It's philosophically a win-win situation for first year students and transfer students," said Barry Shiller, marketing and communications associate vice president. "The point of public hearings is to be as transparent as possible and provide input. Everyone has a voice." Devin Riley, West Valley

College student, attended

Monday's hearing to better understand this process. He said the proposal seems to make the process more difficult for transfer students.

"I'm not pleased to say the least," Riley said, "because what I see, they are introducing classes which now have to be cleared in order to get higher up the ladder."

Public concerns will be considered by SJSU administration before confirming the details of the newly proposed process.

If the proposal passes on April 1, it will take effect in Fall 2016 for incoming transfer students.

Marquerite Tuufuli, Jeremy Cummings and Rain Stites are Spartan Daily staff writers.

# **» FROM FRONT PAGE »** THANKS: Website will allow gratitude

Each recognized Spartan will be awarded a certificate and their names will be included in a prize drawing at the end of the month in which they were nominated.

Many staff members agree the program creates an effective way to say "Thank you" to

some," Anderson said. "It's a great way to recognize each other. It's nice to be recognized during a time when we didn't have raises."

For some participants, the program is convenient because it's done online.

"It's quick and easy," Budd said. "With the busyness of our schedules we are always moving onto the next thing and it can be difficult to recognize someone."

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With various majors and backgrounds participating in the program, it promotes diversity on campus.

Lauren Anderson, the library financial analyst, was recognized by Budd for thriving in the workplace in December 2014.

Anderson proved she stepped beyond by volunteering for an event in addition to having a full workload. She also won the prize drawing at the end of the month.

"I think Spartan Stepping Beyond is awe-

Students and faculty can be nominated at sjsu.edu/hr/stepping\_beyond by clicking the "Recognize a fellow Spartan" link .

A.S. Director of Extracurricular Affairs Tiffany Wang supports this new program and thinks it's a great way to recognize Spartans.

"I have previously nominated students who I saw were contributing to help make San Jose State University," Wang said. "Whether that was through involvement in a student organization or helping a fellow Spartan out, a little recognition can go a long way."

Marquerite Tuufuli is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## **»** FROM FRONT PAGE **»** COFFEE: Concerns, beverages shared

There was a question brought up about the lack of communication between Associated Students and the campus community. Some students have expressed to the Spartan Daily that they don't understand the A.S. mission statement.

"You should ask A.S. That's gonna be an interesting thing to ask them during their next board meeting," Karpf said.

The three faculty members discussed the budget, how to increase salaries using the university budget and advocating for services veterans.

"There is one side of student population who we need to support and help graduate, and depending on who is working on campuses," Gleixner said. "Different populations really needs support in different ways."

She said the resources the university has really need to be in balance.

Gleixner shared her thoughts about the key issues of the discussion.

"There is a whole lot of really important issues that we are working on at the university," Gleixner said. "There are a lot of demands on campus."

Gleixner expressed the importance of the Coffee Hour and how regularly listening to university leaders could change the university's environment.

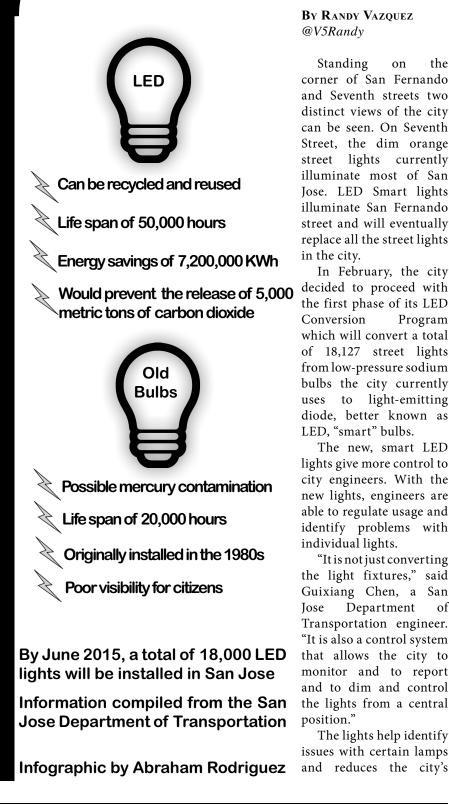
She said it could build a picture of students about what's going on at the university. "And we can show them other things that others may not be aware of," Gleixner said. "Because they are in their departments and they may not be aware of issues that happen in other colleges. I think more people should come."

Le Dao, a software engineering student, shared her thoughts about the coffee hour.

"SJSU does a good job organizing a talk with a university leader, and it's better with free coffee and cookies," Dao said. "I did not attend the one on Wednesday. However I believe I am going to attend the next ones because I heard it was really interesting in there."

Duy Nguyen is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## LED street lights conversion coming to more areas of San Jose



**By RANDY VAZQUEZ** @V5Randy

Standing on the corner of San Fernando and Seventh streets two distinct views of the city can be seen. On Seventh Street, the dim orange street lights currently illuminate most of San Jose. LED Smart lights illuminate San Fernando street and will eventually replace all the street lights in the city.

In February, the city decided to proceed with the first phase of its LED Program Conversion which will convert a total of 18,127 street lights from low-pressure sodium bulbs the city currently uses to light-emitting diode, better known as LED, "smart" bulbs.

The new, smart LED lights give more control to city engineers. With the new lights, engineers are able to regulate usage and identify problems with individual lights.

"It is not just converting the light fixtures," said Guixiang Chen, a San Department of Jose Transportation engineer. "It is also a control system that allows the city to monitor and to report and to dim and control the lights from a central position."

The lights help identify issues with certain lamps

response time when addressing problems.

With the smart light technology, engineers will be alerted immediately when a light is not operating, Chen said.

The first phase of the plan will be completed by June.

There are currently 3,400 LED smart lights in the city. The street light

conversion program is part of the city's Green

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#### **Guixiang Chen** San Jose Department of Transportation Engineer

Vision initiative, which started in 2007. The initiative includes 10 goals aimed to mitigate climate change. Goal No. 9 is the LED Conversion Program.

The lights have also improved other areas of the city such as the police department. Some officers believe it improves the ability to patrol at night.

"We are equipped with flashlights as well as lighting on our patrol vehicles but it is always a benefit to have additional lighting," said public information officer Sgt. Heather Randol. "If the LEDs illuminate the area a little bit brighter then certainly it is easier for officers to see all kinds of things."

The new street lights will also be more energy efficient. The lights tested thus far have saved 40-60 percent more electricity compared to the older light bulbs.

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Apart from being more efficient, the new LED lights have a longer life span than the old street lamps. The new lights have a life span of 50,000 hours in comparison to 20,000 hours of the lowpressure sodium bulbs, Chen said.

Although the new lights may appear to be brighter, they actually release close to the same amount of energy as the older street lights. The new LEDs are just perceived brighter, Chen said.

"Because of our visual sensitivity of our eyes to white light it appears much better than the vellowish light that we had in the older technology," Chen said.

"That is why it appears a lot brighter," he said.

Besides the financial and visual advantages, the new LEDs are also more environmentally-friendly. The low-pressure sodium bulbs in place now release mercury content, which contaminates the sky, Chen said. The new lights are also easier to discard compared to the old sodium bulbs. Chen said the old lights needed to be disposed of by using special guidelines for toxic material.

According to Steven Brewster, Department of Transportation interim communications officer, the first lights were converted in 2009 and positioned in congested streets and areas where high gang activity was reported.

The low-pressure sodium lights were installed in the 1980s to help astronomers at Lick Observatory on Mount Hamilton.

Goal No. 9 of the Green Vision plan is estimated to be c ompleted in 2022.

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## Former astronaut discusses saving the world from asteroid impacts



#### BY RAVEN SWAYNE @itsRavenDawn

"Star Wars"-themed music filled the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill City College Wednesday evening to gear up for discussions about the Sentinel Mission—the mission to save Earth.

More than 200 people attended the lecture to understand the Sentinel Mission, led by former astronaut and CEO of the mission Edward Tsang Lu.

Lu, an alumnus of Stanford University, cofounded the mission alongside lunar module pilot Rusty Schweickart, an astronaut who flew on Apollo 9.

The main goal of the mission is to detect and deflect asteroids in space before they can collide with the Earth's surface by slowing down the speed of the asteroid. This can be done by running a spacecraft into the asteroid, decreasing the speed by a few millimeters of a second.

"Deflecting an asteroid from hitting the earth is the easy part," Lu said.

Lu discussed what he said was a common assumption — that asteroids don't often hit the Earth. This, he said is, not true.

On Feb. 13, 2013, Chelyabinsk meteor the went undetected and exploded above the city of Chelyabinsk, Russia. The airburst and resultant

shockwave produced extreme damage with more than 7,200 buildings affected. According to Russian authorities, 1,491 people sought medical attention and the damage cost the city over \$33 billion.

The meteor impact was estimated to be about 15 times the explosive power of the bomb dropped over Hiroshima, Lu said.

The cost of saving the Earth is roughly the cost of building a new performing arts center on campus **Edward Tsang Lu** 

### *Former* NASA Astronaut

"I think beyond the subject matter itself, it's important for people to understand that there are facts and ways of thinking about the world that the American public is really misguided about," attendee Richard Vroman said after experiencing his third lecture this year on the topic of asteroids.

Many people are under the impression that asteroids don't impose a large threat against the world. Society should

know its chances of dying in a plane crash are the same as dying from a meteor, Lu said.

Lu told the audience that the cost of building a new telescope to detect asteroids headed for Earth is about the same cost as a new freeway overpass or a large academic building.

"The cost of saving the Earth is roughly the cost of building a new performing arts center on campus," Lu said. "I hope that puts in perspective."

Lu said deflecting asteroids from hitting Earth and finding them in space is easier than getting people to care.

Human beings do not normally do well with dealing with future threats, Lu said.

Humans do better with threats or situations that are happening in the now, he said.

Lu compared the situation to Hurricane Katrina. When the local newspaper predicted the hurricane a year in advance and warned the levees would break, nobody did anything, resulting in the flooding.

"We could be saving the earth by getting the asteroids catalogued and well understood," said Fraknoi, Andrew an astronomy professor at Foothill College and the organizer of the event.

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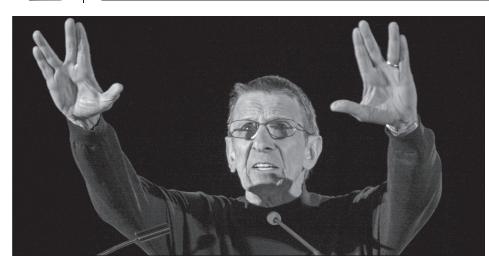
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## Leonard Nimoy leaves legacy of diversity

By Estefany Sosa @estefany\_scs

Leonard Nimoy, deceased at age 83, leaves behind an artistic film legacy deeply rooted in diversity and human understanding.

Nimoy was born in West End, Boston in 1931 to Jewish-Ukrainian immigrants. He was raised in a Yiddish-speaking household, and from a young age he understood what it was like to be part of a minority group.

In an interview with NPR, Nimoy explained how he drew on his Jewish and Ukrainian background for the creation of his most memorable character—Spock from "Star Trek."

"I knew what it meant to be a member of a minority—and in some cases, an outcast minority," Nimoy said. "So I understood that aspect of the character, and I think it was helpful in playing him."

Spock, the half Vulcan and half human creature, was the only character in "Star Trek" that was different from the rest, alienating him from the rest of the cast.

Although Spock was a fictional character, at the time of the show's first release interracial mixing was a sensitive topic. Nimoy managed to bring character to what was an allegorical representation of race mixing. Harry Mathias, professor of modern film studies in the radio, television and film department at San Jose State, said Nimoy contributed to the understanding of human differences through his character Spock.

"The fact that Nimoy made the Spock character lovable contributed to Nimoy's encouragement of human understanding of diversity and human differences," Mathias said. "Often fictional characters can accomplish a lot to promote human tolerance and understanding."

Everything about Spock was directly related to his mixed-race heritage. His actions thoughts and way of being all pointed toward his ancestry.

Amber Au, senior radio, television and film major, said she loves the "Star Trek" series and Nimoy's role.

"There are some films that could survive without the main actor, but the 'Star Trek' movies wouldn't be the same without Nimoy," Au said.

Nimoy also contributed to the diversification of media through photography projects.

Two of his most controversial photography projects were Shekhina, a series that depicts scantily clad Jewish women in religious garb, and the Full Body Project—a collection of photographs that portrays plus-size models. Both photo projects were radical

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Leonard Nimoy

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In an interview with Yahoo, Richard Michelson, owner of R. Michelson Galleries where Nimoy displayed his photographic work, said Nimoy had always wanted to celebrate women and change religion's attitude toward sexuality.

Nimoy's work not only touched on controversial subjects, but reflected his own life experiences.

Early in his career he played some minor roles. He played an Italian-American, a Basque, and a Mexican—all minority groups in the United States at the time.

The characters he crafted reflected his background as a Jewish man and his childhood growing up in Boston.

Nimoy is no longer here physically, but his work in diversifying the medium of film, photography and drama remains.

Brandy Sotelo, senior radio, television and film major, said she does not know too many details about Nimoy's characters, but she appreciates his contributions.

"He was a great guy and his work resonates with so many people for so long," Sotelo said.

*Estefany Sosa is a Spartan Daily staff writer.* 

## **REVIEW** Jim Adkins plays Cafe Stritch unplugged

#### **By Stacy Torres** @*Stacy\_Towers*

Alternative-rock band Jimmy Eat World dominated the airwaves in the early 2000s with its emo-tinged lyrics and powerful rock 'n' roll sound.

Although the band has been around since the '90s, it wasn't until its fourth album "Bleed American" that they reached stardom. Tracks such as "The Middle," "Sweetness" and "A Praise Chorus" became the anthems for high school misfits all around.

Fans strolled down memory lane, enjoying a sold-out acoustic set by vocalist Jim Adkins on Thursday at Cafe Stritch.

Before the start of the show, people mingled while disc jockey K-Von warmed up the crowd.

"I play a lot of new indie, alternative, mellow-electronic stuff, new music is usually like my thing," K-Von said.

Jeff Bufano and Chris Corak from Reubens Accomplice opened for Adkins. Fans were inches away from Bufano and Corak.

"We're always kind of writing but we've definitely like never made money from this so we're like normal job guys at this point and do music as a hobby," Bufano said.

During "Act On (Feeling Alone)," Adkins joined Reubens Accomplice's set on guitar and vocals.

The bands album "The Bull, The Balloon, and The Family," produced by Adkins, celebrates its 10-year-anniversary this month.

With no fancy stage setup and only the melody of an acoustic guitar to accompany his voice, Adkins delivered a raw performance.

"It's a different thing because you can't hide behind anything. It's kind of challenging that way," Adkins said.

Only a couple of steps away, the audience was privy to all of Adkins nuances they might have missed during a big Jimmy Eat World concert.

His acoustic renditions of favorites such as "Big Casino" and "Lucky Denver Mint" had a much bigger impact than their studio-produced versions.

Adkins took Rihanna's "Only Girl (In The World)" and gave it a whole new unplugged make-under.

Adkins didn't dismiss the idea of a new Jimmy Eat World record.

"You never clock out of this gig, you're always writing. I don't know where anything will end up but you're always writing," Adkins said.

Adkins said he couldn't have been happier with the amazing turnout.

"I didn't know what to expect and people came out they were stoked and I'm happy," Adkins said.

In a heavily produced music scene, Adkins emerged triumphant by going back to basics.

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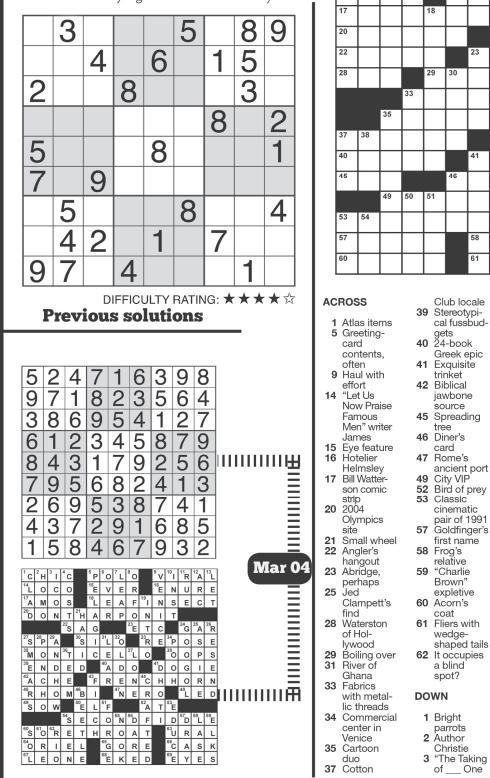
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# Tanking is never the answer for your team to get an advantage



There are certain things that people find at fault with sports or teams they cheer for, and one of them that makes people cringe is when a team decides to lose on purpose without even trying, commonly referred to as "tanking."

Tanking is nothing new in the sports world. In the NBA, the Philadelphia 76ers have perfected in trying to tank by drafting two injured players who weren't going to see any playing time in backto-back years and trading the best players for more draft picks.

They have even told fans they are a couple years away from "being good."

Tanking is even worse when it is done in high school.

According to the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, in a Tennessee high school girl's basketball game between Smyrna and Riverdale High School, both teams on the court tried to lose on purpose in order to avoid the top seed in the playoffs.

Footage of the incident went viral on Youtube and ESPN, where both teams were missing free throws and shots on purpose and making intentional turnovers. The teams were making backcourt violations, wasting time dribbling before crossing into half court and one team actually tried to shoot into the other team's basket.

Because of the teams' actions, the athletic association fined both schools and will not allow the teams to participate in the postseason.

Most of the blame should be put on the coaches.

How can they make these young ladies do something like this, especially when Riverdale won the state championship two years ago?

I feel bad for the girls on the team. It's probably hard to stand up to the coach and tell him they won't look stupid on the court and try to go out and win.

Should they have defied their coach? Did any of the parents watching the game try to stop this?

I know if I were a parent I would've had some choice words

for him, especially after an experience I had where I was asked to tank a couple of games in a college handball tournament.

My junior college handball team from Las Positas in Livermore flew to Minnesota to face off against other schools at the University of Minnesota.

During the car ride in the freezing February cold, our coach looked at all six of us and said it was in our best interest to lose the first couple of games so we wouldn't be bracketed in a tough group.

We were all quiet and looked at each other with the expression of "What the hell?"

Even though my teammates and I had only been playing handball for about a month, our competitive pride said "Hell no, we won't lose on purpose."

I also couldn't believe my coach would ask us to do this.

When the first match came, I was so upset and pissed off that I had to pretend to not be good and lose on purpose.

But lucky for me, the first two opponents I faced destroyed me and trying to tank wouldn't have mattered. In the elimination round I did a lot better but I was knocked out right away.

The following year came and this time we went to College Station, Texas where the tournament was held at Texas A&M University.

Again, my coach told us to lose on purpose and we all hated the idea.

When I faced my first opponent, I knew right away I could beat him but instead I acted like I never played a game in my life and lost.

I was furious with myself.

Even though I wasn't very good at handball, the thought that I just pretended to suck in order to have a favorable matchup in the elimination round was killed me.

Tanking is something I'm not proud of.

When the elimination round came, I truly believe karma came back to bite me. I was about to beat an opponent from the University of Florida, but he came back from being down to win.

Looking back, I'm happy I lost because I didn't deserve to win.

Someone who worked hard and who I assume didn't try to lose on purpose before, deserves it more than someone who tried to tank.

When it comes to sports, we all want our teams to go out there and compete and fight no matter how tough of a matchup. We want our team to rise and take whoever comes at them down.

Sports aren't supposed to be scripted and it should never stay that way. We should never ask our players, kids or anyone who plays to throw away a game for an "advantage."

David Bermudez is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

## More male contraceptives are long overdue

#### **Estefany Sosa**

Unfortunately for researchers working with the male reproductive system is not as easy as working with the female reproductive system; females release one egg per month, males produce about 1,500 sperm per second. According to the Vox article, "These new amazing contraceptives could be the future of contraception," researchers in India are developing a new type of contraceptive for men called the reversible inhibition of sperm under guidance, which is a gel substance that makes sperm unable to travel. The new contraceptive is injected into the vas deferens-the duct that transports sperm from testicles—and is a long-term reversible contraceptive option. In order to reverse it, however, another injection is required. For those who panicked when they thought of shots, the article states that the University of Washington and UCLA are currently working on a male contraceptive in the form of hormonal topical gels. Unfortunately, it will be at least 10 years before this type of male contraceptive is available to men. As usual, hormones are a tricky thing, and researchers are having difficulty creating a male hormonal contraceptive that decreases sperm production, yet keeps testosterone levels high. Although we may be inclined to believe that men don't care for male contraceptive, statistics compiled by the Center for Disease Control show men account for one third of all contraceptive use in the country. Perhaps if men were given more contraceptive options in between condoms and vasectomies, more people would be

in favor of using male contraceptives.

Although more research is needed. I would like to see but also their partners and even society as a whole.

More options for male conaceptives are long overdue. and hopefully in the near future we'll see a lot more options for men.

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When choosing a contraceptive method, females have a lot of options to choose from. Males on the other hand only have two.

Females have a wide selection of contraceptives including pills, intrauterine devices, patches, shots and rings.

I don't think it's fair that men are limited to condoms and vasectomies.

## a lot of guys don't like condoms and others are terrified of vasectomies so having something like a male birth control pill would be a happy medium

a male version of the female birth control pill.

Let's be honest, a lot of guys don't like condoms and others are terrified of vasectomies, so having something like a male birth control pill would be a happy medium.

It can be annoying for women when their male partners push family planning and contraceptive issues entirely on them, but the truth is females have many contraceptive options to choose from.

Men don't have that flexibility; their options are on extreme ends of the spectrum, and that's probably one of the reasons why so many men are reluctant to use contraceptives and leave the entire responsibility on women, who have more options.

If men had more contraceptive options then it would also make women's lives a whole lot easier too.

I know a few women whose bodies don't react well to hormonal contraceptives, and if their partners were given several contraceptive options to choose from, then those women wouldn't have to worry about unplanned pregnancies.

Womenshealth.gov describes different types of contraceptives and its risk factors. Several hormonal contraceptives such as the pill, NuvaRing and the patch may cause blood clots. Depo-Provera, or the shot, if used for more than two years consecutively may result in loss of bone density.

In the long run, not only would men benefit from more male contraceptive options,

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Secret trade deal highlights need for political savvy



How insane would it be if international companies could sue nations in a non-governmental court presided over by former industry employees for lost potential profits whenever the nations raise minimum wage, improve working conditions or increase environmental regulations for the health and safety of future generations?

That's just one of the proposals in a trade deal so secretive even Congress members for the most part haven't been allowed to see its contents.

The trade deal, called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, is between the U.S., Mexico, Canada, Japan, Vietnam and eight other countries around the Pacific Rim. What little that is known about the deal's contents comes from leaked drafts, because—again—it's so secretive nobody is supposed to know what's in it until it's brought up for a vote. And the insanity doesn't stop there.

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> President Barack Obama has been pushing for Congress to grant him something called "fast-track authority" for this trade agreement. This authority would allow his team of negotiators—industry insiders, not elected officials—to finalize a draft of the bill and put it before Congress for a simple up or down vote. Congress would not be allowed to modify, or even filibuster, the trade deal.

> There's a lot of murkiness going on with this deal, and there's a simple explanation for all of it. As the Roman orator and statesman Cicero famously asked, "Cui bono?"—who benefits? (The more modern version of that expression, "follow the money," applies equally well.) In this case, the fact that the benefit lies entirely in the deep pockets of massive international corporations is so painfully obvious it's hardly even worth emphasizing.

> The partnership comes in the broader context of a series of laws, legal decision and trade deals that put

the wants of corporations over the needs of the population.

These shady backroom deals continue because, as a populace, we're as apathetic as we are easily distractible. Too many of us would rather watch the Netflix series "House of Cards" and fantasize about the political process than actually engage in it. The insanity of this trade deal is also reflected in the insanity of many of our personal priorities.

There are, of course, exceptions that prove the rule. Elizabeth Warren, the Democratic senator from Massachusetts and a rare example of a politician with principles, railed against the trade deal in an op-ed for the Washington Post. The T.P.P., Warren wrote, would "undermine U.S. sovereignty" and allow companies to "pick up huge payouts from U.S. taxpayers."

Warren points out an even deeper layer of the hypocrisy found in the Investor-State Dispute Settlement portion of the deal. The arbitration panel that could award companies with billions in payouts from taxpayers for lost "potential profits" wouldn't even have an independent judge presiding over it. Instead, lawyers would alternate between representing companies and presiding over cases. The irony is so thick around this deal it's a miracle the negotiators don't asphyxiate.

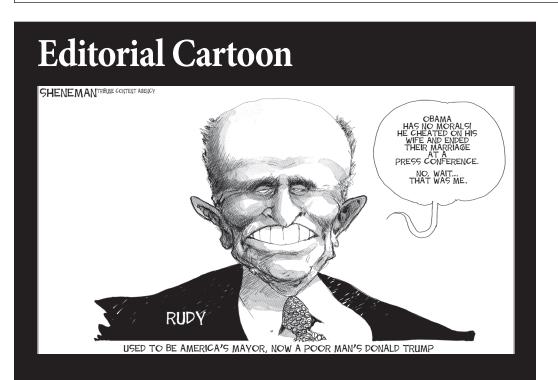
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Being upset is not nearly enough; action is needed. Organizations such as the Electronic Frontier Foundation make it a cinch to write and tweet at your Congress members about the T.P.P., net neutrality and other issues using online tools. Publishing a letter to the editor in a large regional paper is another effective tactic.

But beyond that, it's going to take a change in social norms for millennials to stop obsessing over celebrity culture and start obsessing over our future. Being unaware of politics shouldn't be something young people laugh about, it should be something we are ashamed of.

Otherwise, we're going to wake up one day with gray hair in a world drastically more polluted and unequal than this one and wonder where everything went so wrong.

Nicholas Ibarra is the Spartan Daily executive editor. The Rights Stuff runs every other Thursday.



# Children books being discarded is a shame

Children love to have books read to them before bed and parents love reading to their children. It's a special bond parents and children cherish forever.

Apparently the Alameda County Library didn't think children books were important, since it recently tossed 100,000 books away, according to ABC 7 News.

When I found this out I was beyond shocked and furious.

The library should have never thrown out the books.

The library is taking books for ranted when people who actually need books sometimes can't get their hands on one. The books should have been donated to elementary schools, Goodwill or even just left outside of the library on a shelf with a sign that said "free" on it if they wanted to get rid of them so badly. The director of the library, Carmen Martinez, said throwing the books out was necessary to make room for newer, updated books. The shelf space was needed for books which they nearly spent \$3 million on. I understand the library wants the newest books on its shelf, but old children books are classics. When I was in elementary school, my grandma would take me to the library every Saturday and read a few books to me in the children's section. I still remember my favorite children's books to this day. One was "Goodnight Moon" and the other was "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." I expect to read those books to my children in the future too but if libraries start throwing older books away, how can I?

#### Vanessa Gongora



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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Millenials' condition of racism is slowly diminishing

#### Dear Editor,

The opinion article "Phenomenally Feminist: America needs to end racism" makes some outlandish claims about Millennials and specifically about white Millennials.

While I will agree that racism still exist, it has died down a substantial amount in the last 50 years.

As a millennial, I can say first hand that Millennials are one of the most open and tolerant generations.

As a child I grew up watching shows or movies with black lead actors or actresses, something that I would have never been able to witness 50 years ago.

My generation also made history by electing Barack Obama, the first black president of the United States.

The article claims "whites under 30 are just as likely as older ones to view whites as more intelligent and hard-working than black people."

If that statement was true, then why did Obama get elected twice when he ran against white opponents?

While I will agree that the racism that is still around is less subtle, every generation such as Millennials will become more tolerable based on the trend and hopefully one day it will be gone completely.

Maybe the articles claim may have truth in southern states, however, I do not believe it represents California, let alone the Silicon Valley at all.

Sincerely, Dakotah Zabroski I am not the only one bothered by the library's actions.

Residents in the area were angry and came to a special library advisory commission meeting on Feb. 23, expressing how enraged they were about this incident.

They complained the library went too far and argued older books offer historical value. They found thousands of discarded books were less than 5 years old.

A Willie Mays biography was pulled from the garbage and it was only 4 years old.

I absolutely agree the Alameda County Library went too far. Five-year-olds are still practically brand new to me. I expect to read those books to my children in the future too but if libraries start throwing older books away, how can I?

Over the past two years, about 172,000 books were discarded from the library, according to Martinez.

She explained some things have to go because they are outdated or physically abused such as having coffee stains and dog bites, according to ABC 7 News.

If the books had physical problems, then throwing them away would be OK, but not if they are outdated.

Some of the best books were back when I was a child and of course that may be biased but I expect to read those same books to my children.

A moratorium has been placed on throwing away any more books and the commission is now reviewing its policy, according to ABC 7 News.

The library director is now looking for more people and organizations that are interested in wanting the books, which should have been done in the first place.

Vanessa Gongora is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

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# Brazilian travels world for competitive edge

**By JEREMY CUMMINGS** *@JeremyCummings3* 

Julianna Bacelar's passion for tennis nis anymore." has taken her around the world. Bacelar me

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The San Jose State senior finance major is currently in her third season



on the tennis team and before playing for the Spartans, she traveled the globe competing in tournaments.

Bacelar was born in Brazil in the city of Goiania and became inspired at an early age by Gustavo Kuerten, a famous Brazilian tennis champion.

She began training at age 8 and by 14, Bacelar had left home to pursue professional tennis.

Her passion for the sport drove her to travel worldwide to find matches and tournaments.

Bacelar said she has been to most countries in South America, some parts of Europe and the United States.

Despite difficulties getting a full sense of local culture during her training and tournaments, exposure to a variety of cultures has made Bacelar realize the importance of respecting people's backgrounds.

"People come from different backgrounds and we have to respect all of them," Bacelar said. "We have to understand that people see things in different ways."

Bacelar said a global consciousness has helped improve her team's dynamics because SJSU's team is comprised mostly of international students.

Her professional aspirations motivated her but eventually Bacelar faced a hard decision regarding her tennis career.

Bacelar said she was forced to choose between going pro or getting an education, but could not have both as long as she stayed in Brazil.

"I was just playing pro and I felt like I needed to go to school," Bacelar said, "Something could happen to me with my body and I wouldn't be able to play ten-

Bacelar moved to the United States for the opportunity to pursue both her athletic and academic endeavors.

Bacelar wants to get a degree in finance so she can work in the business side of sports since it is such an important part of her life.

While she has been at SJSU, Bacelar has devoted most of her time to tennis and her studies.

"She has a great spirit and she is a big inspiration to the whole team," said Sylvain Malroux, the SJSU tennis head coach.

Malroux said Bacelar is very courageous as a player and her greatest strength is her determination.

Chad Skorupka, assistant tennis coach, said Bacelar's strong foundation as a baseline player is what makes her so successful, especially in doubles matches.

A baseline player is someone who specializes in controlling a match from the back of the court rather than getting close to the net.

While she finishes her time at SJSU, Bacelar wants to help the team win the local conference after a season that was difficult at times.

"We had some hard matches, hopefully I will be better by now until the end of the season," Bacelar said.

Bacelar is on track to finish the season strong.

On Saturday, March 28, she won both of her singles matches and dominated in doubles with her partner Jessica Willett against the University of San Diego's team according to the SJSU Athletics website.

Bacelar's next match will come Tuesday next week when Southern Utah University challenges the Spartans at home.

Jeremy Cummings is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



In her third season with the Spartans, Juliana Bacelar is one of two seniors on the women's tennis team and holds a 11–11 singles record and a 7–4 record in doubles play in the 2014-15 season. • • People come from different backgrounds and we have to respect

> all of them Juliana Bacelar Senior tennis player

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## Football prepares for new season

**By BRIAN STANLEY** *@BStanleyPhotos* 

With a schedule which includes eight teams that received post-season invitations last year, San Jose State Spartan football will host six home games for the 2015 season.

"I'm glad to receive our 2015 season schedule. It is nice to be playing six home games again," Head Coach Ron Caragher said in a press release.

The Spartans kick off the season hosting the 2014 Football Championship Subdivision semifinalist. The University of New Hampshire Wildcats on Sept. 3 at the Spartan Stadium.

Caragher said with the release of the schedule the team can start planning, practicing and preparing for the upcoming season accordingly.

The Beavers won the last meeting 26–12 in 1997 and lead the series between the squads 3–2.

SJSU makes a brief stop at home in week four to battle conference rival Fresno State University Bulldogs for the Valley Cup before heading out on the road again.

The rivalry between the Spartans and the Bulldogs dates back to 1921 with Fresno State winning last year's contest 38–24 and leading the rivalry 40–34–3.

Returning to Auburn, Alabama for the second year in a row, SJSU squares off with the University of Auburn Tigers in week five. The Tigers beat SJSU 59-13 in the team's first encounter last season.

After a stop in Sin City in week six to face the University of Nevada Las Vegas Running Rebels, the Spartans arrive back at Spartan Stadium for a three-game home stand.

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The Wildcats finished last season with a 12–2 record overall, going undefeated in eight games in the Colonial Athletic Association. New Hampshire was eliminated from the subdivision playoffs with a 21–13 loss to Illinois State University.

Following the season-opener at home, the Spartans hit the road in week two to start the Mountain West Conference action against the Air Force Academy on Sept. 12 in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Air Force joins the University of New Mexico and defending conference champions Boise State University as part of the second round of Mountain Division teams to face SJSU.

"We look forward to the rotation of playing the other three schools in the Mountain Division," Caragher said.

SJSU remains on the road for week three to challenge the Oregon State University Beavers of the Pac-12 Conference in Corvallis, Oregon.

This season marks the sixth time the Spartans have challenged Pac-12 teams.

SJSU hosts rival San Diego State University and Mountain Division opponent New Mexico before for a bye week on Halloween. Following the Spartans' bye, Brigham Young University returns to Spartan Stadium after falling to SJSU 20–14 in 2012. SJSU leads the series 16–10.

The Spartans travel to the University of Nevada Reno and the University of Hawaii for their final two road games of the season before coming home for the final game of the season.

Honoring the Spartan seniors in the season finale, SJSU goes head to head with the Boise State Broncos.

The Broncos ended last season with a 12–2 record, 7–1 in the conference, beating Arizona in the Fiesta Bowl and finished ranked No. 16 in the coaches' poll.

SJSU begins spring practice on Friday with the spring game scheduled for March 21.

Brian Stanley is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Date	Opponent	Location
9/3	New Hampshire	Spartan Stadium
9/12	at Air Force	Colorado Springs, Colorado
9/19	at Oregon State	Corvallis, Oregon
9/26	Fresno State	Spartan Stadium
10/03	at Auburn	Auburn, Alabama
10/10	at UNLV	Las Vegas, Nevada
10/17	San Diego State	Spartan Stadium
10/24	New Mexico	Spartan Stadium
11/07	BYU	Spartan Stadium
11/14	at Nevada	Reno, Nevada
11/21	at Hawaii	Honolulu, Hawaii
11/28	Boise State	Spartan Stadium