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Revolva was the first fire dancer of the night at the Fire on the Fountain Homecoming celebration at SJSU Thursday night. Photo by Thomas Webb/ Spartan Daily

Annual rally features booths, food, music to elevate student spirit

by Brittany Patterson

games and performances by SJSU clubs and organizations.

Clifton Gold, events and outreach coordinator for SJSU, who was stilt-walking in a striking blue and gold costume and making balloon creations during the event, said the event exists to help drum up school pride during Homecoming. "This event started because we wanted to bring together an event that was kind of tied into the traditional (college bonfire) aspect, but we wanted to do it more in a unique way, celebrate the diversity on this campus," he said.

fair included caricatures by the Shrunkenheadman Club, demonstrations by the juggling club, free chocolate milk from Nesquik, "Don't Forget the Lyrics" by the Black Student Union, and an Apple computer tent.

Muggle Quidditch club at SJSU, said this was the first year the club participated in Fire on the Fountain.

celebrates Homecoming and the Homecoming game.

"It's really important that this event take place because it's one of the biggest events on campus where all students from all different orga-Jason Orozco, president of the nizations, all different niches, kind of come together on one big grassy area and get together," she said. "Not only are they learning about the resources here at state, but the really cool clubs that are here as well as being exposed to some incredible entertainment."

Possible uprooting for garden

by Brittany Patterson Staff Writer

An order from Facilities Development and Operations for the Tommie Smith and John Carlos Statue Garden organized by Growing Roots of Wellness, SJSU's garden club, to be replaced with flowers has sparked debate.

According to Yan Yin Choy, cofounder and former president of G.R.O.W., the club's faculty adviser received an email Wednesday from Facilities Development and Operations that said the club would need to remove their plants from the planters, but did not specify a deadline.

Choy, the A.S. director of student rights and responsibilities, said she heard from a friend who works in the President's office that relocation might come forcibly from Facilities as soon as last Friday.

In response, Choy and Samantha Clark, A.S. director of community and environmental affairs, wrote a letter to President Qayoumi asking for his support in keeping the garden in its current location.

Choy said a petition is also circulating through the student population on campus and has collected more than 200 signatures.

Shawn Bibb, vice president of administration and finance and Chief Financial Officer for SJSU, said Facilities has been receiving comments about the garden regarding its appearance.

"That space is designed as planters," he said. "It's for flowers. There's a request for something more appealing."

Staff Writer

Spartan pride heated up during the fifth annual Fire on the Fountain Homecoming pep rally hosted by Associated Students on Thursday evening.

About 25 student organizations and an estimated 2,000 students braved the grassy area in front of Tower Hall, according to A.S. Events Coordinator Bradyn Blower.

Parts of the field were muddy, which created some complications including the relocation of the henna booth, Blower said.

The fire fair ran from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. and featured free snacks,

Freshman public relations major Diana Rojas said she saw the event on Facebook and decided to check it out.

"I like how there's free food," she said. "The dancers were great. You meet new people and it brings people together."

Some of the attractions at the

The club set up a goal post so people could take pictures with the gear and also brought about 45 cupcakes to give to students who either signed up on their email list or liked them on Facebook.

"We're here to let people know who we are and when we practice," he said. "There's juggling and carnival games. It's a good opportunity for students to come and learn about the student orgs. (organizations) in a more interactive and fun setting than the student organization fair."

Blower said the event mainly

At 8 p.m., the fire show, pep rally and Homecoming court began.

Fire Pixie, a troupe of fire dancers, took the stage to finesse with some flames. Clad in tight pants studded with silver and jewels, the group combined the primal element of fire with rhythmic music. The crowd pressed against

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Bibb said he was surprised that this issue came into the spotlight so quickly because there have been no decisions made or a timeline established.

"I think that maybe we did a bad job of communicating," he said. "It's not our intention to come in and rip it out and destroy the garden. It's a student initiative and a faculty initiative and we're not just going to rip it out. As far as I know there is absolutely no date when things need to get done."

Senior English major Marisa Gomez said she saw the petition on Facebook and signed it. She said she enjoys sitting out by the garden and appreciates that it is producing something tangible.

"I'd much rather it be something useful, something people are passionate about rather than just another pretty plot," she said. "And for me this is the most apparent aspect of this sustainability mission that is going on here."

Professor Anne Marie Todd, chair of the sustainability board, stated in an email the garden is an educational tool.

"The garden's centralized location and active use fulfills SJSU's sustainability vision as a 3-D sustainability

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Presidential staff changes hoped to aid in new plan

by Cynthia Ly Staff Writer

The numerous past and upcoming changes in SJSU presidents and presidential staff has led to a seesaw of thoughts on the future of the campus.

Interim Chief of Staff Veril Phillips said despite staff changes in the Office of the President, he feels optimistic about the future of SJSU.

"It certainly can't be denied that the turnover in presidencies has lead to some uncertainty on campus," Phillips said. "It is really difficult to have continuity in strategic planning, difficult to have any kind of upgrade in the campus culture and spirit. It has led to a period of uncertainty."

In the last ten years, SJSU has had six different presidents – from Robert Caret (1995 - 2003) to current President Mohammad Qayoumi (2011), according to the university's website.

"I think with the appointment of Mo Qayoumi we are in a new period of sustained leadership," the chief of staff

said. "I believe he is here for the long term."

A board of faculty, administrators and - pending approval - students are processing data from the president's town hall meetings on strategic planning, he said.

Phillips, who left retirement two different times (once in July 2004 and again in August 2011) to take positions in SJSU's Office of the President, said he plans to leave by next year to pursue other projects.

"There are two key leadership positions - provost and chief of staff that are currently being searched (for)," said William Nance, interim vice president for student affairs.

Although Nance has an interim position, he said he will be in office for the next two years.

He said they hope to complete the two searches by the end of this semester.

A committee made of SJSU administrators and faculty, with assistance from the external search firm R.H.



Interim Chief of Staff Veril Phillips Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily

Perry & Associates, will decide on the next provost, according to the website for the President's office.

According to its website, R.H. Perry & Associates was also involved in a search earlier this year for vice president of administration and finance, which resulted in Shawn Bibb taking the position in August.

Katherine Cushing, former director of sustainability and associated professor of environmental studies, stated in

an email that this is a transitional time for the university.

"I think the results of the town hall (meetings) are important," Cushing stated. "They will help set the tone for the university's future direction."

But SoonKhen OwYong, a senior management information systems major, said there is a lack of student interest in these decisions since SJSU is labeled a commuter school and students don't feel the need to spend their limited amount of time on campus activities.

"If we want to push up student involvement on campus, we need the staff to get students to do stuff," he said.

The faculty could make joining a campus organization part of the curriculum for students, and the push could produce more interest of campus life, OwYong said.

"Once the strategic plan is completed later this semester, we'll all have a lot better idea of the key priorities and direction we'll all work toward," Vice President Nance said.

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Sloppy game ends in victorious bliss for SJSU football team

by Nick Celario Staff Writer

In the final minute of the homecoming football game Friday night, SJSU senior quarterback Matt Faulkner connected on a touchdown pass with sophomore wide receiver Chandler Jones to come from behind and defeat the Hawaii Warriors, 28-27.

"What a night for our young men," said SJSU head coach Mike MacIntyre. "To have the crowd we had there tonight, on ESPN national television, the student body there ... it was just a magical night I think for San Jose State."

MacIntyre credited this victory to his team's "never-say-die attitude."

In the possession before the game-winning drive, SJSU senior running back Brandon Rutley fumbled, resulting in SJSU's sixth turnover of the second half.

With their lead intact, Hawaii took over with 2:35 left in the game.

"I knew if we stopped them, we'd get it back. I really felt like we'd score," MacIntyre said. "(They) really hadn't stopped us all night - we stopped ourselves."

SJSU had a rough start as they allowed Faulkner to be sacked twice in the first quarter.

The Spartans also could not capitalize on a turnover on Hawaii's 8-yard line as senior kicker Jens Alvernik hit the upright and missed a 30-yard field goal attempt, but they came back strong and started the second quarter with a 20-yard touchdown reverse play by Jones.

Jones' rushing touchdown was one of three that he scored in the game - one rushing, one on a fumble return on special teams, and the game-winning touchdown catch.

"It was kind of like a cycle," he said.

Jones said he and the other receivers knew their offense needed to make big plays and he felt "blessed" to have played as well as he did, especially on national television.

SJSU's defense played well in

other, saying if they could hold He said he wasn't sure whethon to the ball and execute, they er it was a cramp or he pulled his hamstring, but said it was noth-Hawaii capitalized on SJSU's ing serious and he will be fine.

> Later in the fourth quarter, Hawaii kicker Tyler Hadden attempted a 42-yard field goal, but was blocked again by Johnson.

Johnson said he had never blocked a kick before and it was great to block two in one game.

With 1:24 left in the fourth quarter, SJSU got the ball on their own 13-yard line.

Faulkner completed three passes to sophomore wide receiver Noel Grigsby, the longest going for 21 yards.

Grigsby finished the game with 12 catches for 126 yards.

Then, Spartan Stadium turned to bedlam as SISU fans cheered when Faulkner completed a pass to Jones for a 37-yard touchdown to take a 28-27 lead with 36 seconds left in the game.

and tonight we got a real good taste of it."

MacIntyre said the team was especially motivated after seeing a packed tailgating area and seeing the fans walking along 10th Street toward the stadium.

He said they don't normally drive down 10th Street, but were forced to because of traffic and now the team wants to take that route from now on.

level," MacIntyre said. "People were waving at us going down the street and that meant a lot to our young men."

yard rushing score. SJSU outgained Hawaii Friday night at Spartan Stadium 469-445

in its first win over Hawaii since 1997. Photo by Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

Both teams had trouble holding on to the ball as they both committed six turnovers.

"You don't want to win a game like that with six turnovers," Faulkner said. "But if you can win a game and still

"It took them to another have six turnovers, I think that says a lot about your team and how (we) know how to fight back."

> Johnson said the team has changed since last year and the wins are proof.

"It shows that San Jose State isn't the old San Jose State," Johnson said. "We're a whole new team, a whole new program. You know we're coming."



Sophomore wide receiver Chandler Jones crosses the goal line during his game-winning 37-yard catch and run touchdown from senior quarterback Matt Faulkner. This catch put SJSU up 28-27 with 36 seconds remaining and was one of three touch-

Jump Start Your Future.

the first half as they pressured Hawaii senior quarterback Bryant Moniz, recording one sack and two interceptions.

SJSU finished the first half leading 20-7, but the lead could have been larger if not for a key play being taken away by a penalty.

An interception returned for a touchdown by junior cornerback Peyton Thompson was taken away as sophomore defensive back Bené Benwikere was called for a personal foul and the ball was brought back to SJSU's 19yard line.

SJSU's resolve was tested as they started the second half with five consecutive turnovers, three of which came from interceptions thrown by Faulkner.

"We had so much going against us," he said. "We did not expect or plan on that happening."

Faulkner said he agreed with coach MacIntyre, saying the team stopped themselves.

He said despite playing poorly in the second half, the offense continued to encourage each

the way to the other end of the field to score a defensive extra point, making the score 27-22.

could score.

SJSU 21-20.

Joey Iosefa.

turnovers and scored two touch-

downs in the third quarter to lead

pass from Moniz to junior slot

receiver Jeremiah Ostrowski and

the other came from a 2-yard

run from freshman running back

Hawaii scored again to begin

However, the extra point at-

the fourth quarter as Iosefa ran

tempt was blocked by junior de-

fensive end Travis Johnson and senior safety Duke Ihenacho

scooped the ball up and ran it all

for a 32-yard touchdown.

One came from a 19-yard

MacIntyre said the play was crucial because it gave SJSU the extra point needed to ultimately defeat Hawaii.

"If he doesn't gut through that, and a lot of people would not gut through that, we do not win that football game," MacIntyre said.

During the return, Ihenacho appeared to have injured himself and limped off the field after the play.

"I was contemplating going out of bounds, but you know I didn't see anybody in front of me," Ihenacho said. "I just willed myself to the end zone."

After SJSU failed a two-point conversion, Hawaii got the ball back at their own 15-yard line.

Hawaii could not come back as Moniz attempted one last deep throw to the end zone that fell incomplete as time expired.

Fans then flooded the field in celebration.

Faulkner said celebrating on the field with the fans was "surreal."

"We've struggled so much," Faulkner said. "It's what we've desired where we want to get,



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GARDEN: Student vegetable project may get chopped



Nick Ingle reads to his son Elliot on the garden plot outside of Clark Hall on Sunday afternoon. Photo by Nick Rivelli / Spartan Daily

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project: a visible, working example that thousands of students pass every week," she said.

According to Choy, the garden, which currently has tomato, eggplant, oregano, mint, collard greens, kale, artichokes and watermelon planted, produces about 30 pounds of food each semester and provides 600 hours of service learning to

SJSU students.

Students who are interested volunteer to help with the planting, maintenance and harvest of the garden, and they receive food produced in return, she said.

Aesthetically, Choy said the seasonality of vegetables presents a challenge, especially since the club propagates its own seeds from the past years' harvest, which requires leaving some of the harvest to die.

"We're growing vegetables seasonally, so there's not always going to be green vegetables in the garden," she said.

The garden was founded by Marjorie Freedman, an assistant professor of nutrition, in 2009 and taken over by the gardening club in 2010.

Choy said the central location is part of what makes the garden an effective space. "There are some spaces we need to cherish on campus," she said. "We can't relocate to a less visible space."

Freedman said the club will not relocate to another location.

"They're trying to save face," she said. "They want something that looks better. They mentioned Washington Square and the botany garden. No, I wanted that location for specific reasons."

Two of the potential relocation areas are the sustainability agriculture garden by Washington Square Hall and the botany garden near the A.S. House.

Rachel O'Malley, an associate professor of environmental studies, is the current faculty member who organizes the sustainability agriculture garden.

In an email she stated that demand for that garden space has been very high and growing.

"It is currently used by at least five environmental studies sections, over 150 students during the year, as well as environmental studies department graduations and special speaker events," she stated. "The student club, G.R.O.W., has had access to this garden during summers, to supplement their other activi-

ties. There is no more room for other G.R.O.W. activities at this site, unfortunately."

In the past, the botany garden has been cared for by the department of biological sciences and the now disbanded SJSU botany club, according to the garden's website.

Bibb said the botany garden is no longer being maintained, is overgrown and has a rat infestation.

Senior social science major Elise MacDonald said more publicity about the garden would be beneficial.

"I think we all were like, 'This is cool,' but no one knows who puts it on," she said. "A lot of times you walk by and it looks like it hasn't been watered so I can understand why they would think it's not being kept up, but it's still something. It's nice to have gardening on campus."

In an email sent Friday, Anton Kashiri, associate vice president for Facilities Development and Operations, said Facilities would be working with SJSU's campus architect to relocate the garden to another area and will include representatives from the affected program for their input.

<u>Crime</u> Logs

10/13 Sweeney Hall 3:37 p.m. A report was taken for an unidentified suspect peeping into a bathroom stall. The victim was a student. The suspect fled from the scene and is still at large.

10/13 CVC B 11:40 p.m.

Officers responded to a call of a battery. Non affiliate was transported to a hospital for treatment.

10/14 Spartan Stadium 6:54 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to a report of an assault. Officers contacted two victims, not affiliated with SJSU. The suspect was not located or identified.

10/14 Spartan Stadium 7:34 p.m.

Police officers responded to a report of a subject in possession of a gun. Subject is detained and later released.

10/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Library 10:58 a.m.

Suspect was arrested for battery on a significant other. Suspect was not affiliated with SJSU.

Compiled from UPD Daily Crime Logs

FOUNTAIN: Event amps enthusiasm, winning spirit

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the fence to watch the troupe spit flames and eat fire off of each other's bodies during the 30-minute show. "It's a lot better than it was last year," said Ryan Reardon, a sophomore mechanical engineering major. "It's a lot bigger. The shows are a lot better."

Marilyn Lowman, A.S. director of programming affairs, said this year's event was the best she's been to.

"This was the first time we've expanded onto the second lawn," she said. "This year you can see people are taking more pride in their school and being involved."

The A.S. Programming Board managed the "Spartanality" booths that featured stations for dressing up and taking pictures in Spartan gear, building armor, making game signs and face painting.

"Spartanality is basically showing off your pride of your school," Lowman said.

Christy Perry, membership finance coordinator for the SJSU Alumni Association, said this year the Alumni Association really tried to reach out to freshmen and introduce them to the alumni community early into their time at SJSU.

"The Alumni Association promoted more this year," she said. "We really want to push awareness and get students more excited about homecoming." Barbara Navarro graduated from SJSU in 1979 with a degree in liberal studies and said this was her third year attending Fire on the Fountain.

"It's nice to see the energy, nice to see the flavor of the students," she said. "I just came to hang out and feel the atmosphere of the students."

The SJSU cheer team began the pep rally with a cheer and dance followed by Coach Mike MacIntyre introducing the football team and ending with the Spartan Squad and Sammy Spartan leading the crowd in a chant.

Selected by a committee comprised of various representatives from SJSU,

Adessa Kiryakos, a senior behavioral science major, was crowned Homecoming queen and Anibal Astorga, a senior radio, television and film major, was crowned Homecoming king.

"It's overwhelming," Astorga said. "When I first got here at San Jose State, I had no family and now I know I have a lot of family. This crown belongs to everyone who supported me along the way."

Prescott Nicoll, a freshman sports management major, was wandering with his friends in search of free Tshirts. Overall, he said he was impressed.

"I like it," he said. "All of it."



NEWS 3

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The film follows four graduate students as they struggle to find balance between research, teaching and their personal lives with humor and heart.

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MOVIE REVIEW



Mary Elizabeth Winstead plays Kate Lloyd who, along with a group of scientists, discovers a dormant alien in Antartica that snatches bodies to kill its prey. Photo courtesy of Kerry Hayes / Universal Studios

'The Thing' is an overblown mess – lacks thrills and scares

****** by Peter Fournier Staff Writer

After seeing "The Thing," I wish I had been doing some-"thing" else with my Saturday night.

The science fiction horror film was disappointing in the sense that it just seemed to be average, with bits and pieces of films similar to it.

This movie appeared to be a mash of "Independence Day," "Ghostbusters," Stephen King's "Dreamcatcher" and "Alien vs. Predator." The plot centers

around a dormant alien species discovered by Norwegian scientists in Antarctica that could spread and infect/invade the human race if it escapes the icy continent.

I'm at a loss to explain where the whole sequence of the three "Thing" movies starts.

Each of the "newer" versions of the movies were released 30 years apart from the previous.

The present day "Thing" is a prequel to the 1982 "Thing." The 1982 "Thing" was a sequel to the 1951 "Thing," with the modernday "Thing" being a prequel to the second (1982 verison of) "Thing."

The 2011 version shows an infected dog getting loose and being shot by a worker who survived the onslaught of the "Thing" at the end credits, while the '80s version shows that scene at the beginning of the film.

What a mess.

What does this movie offer to the average moviegoer if they haven't seen the original?

What makes a consumer want to jump at a chance to buy a ticket?

There's no element of story that makes you want to see this movie.

"The Thing" turns about

to be an alien lifeform whose blood cells can transform anything it touches into an alien. That is straight out of "Dreamcatcher," where "the byrum," an alien parasite, forms inside humans on contact and eventually kills them.

The only way to kill the "things," which eventually mutate into almost anything that was at the Norwegian research station, was to burn them alive. The "thing" could mutate into multiple beings and turn into almost anything it wanted to be, as long as it was organic.

Seriously? A fellow moviegoer screamed out "Are they calling the Ghostbusters?" when the characters pulled out flamethrowers to burn the "things," and looked like the characters from the famous "Ghostbusters" movies.

The "thing" itself turned its victims into half-alien, halfhuman creatures that looked like creatures out of "Alien vs. Predator."

I looked at a few clips of the original "thing." It appears the movie did a good job of replicating how the original "things" looked.

Despite the great job done with the CGI, there was no need for a third remake of "The

Thing." What's the point? It's not a cinematic legend that deserves it.

There was no demand by the public for it. The whole series or sequel or whatever you want to call it makes people grimace. It's painful to think about which movie belonged ahead of which and what characters were supposed to be in this movie who weren't in the other.

What else can you say about this unnecessary and unwarranted remake of an already redone movie from the 1980s?

Nothing really, other than your money and time are better spent doing any-"thing" else.

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Best advice for graduating seniors: Just believe in yourself

A few months ago, I sat in the graduate waiting room with my friends and peers as we waited to exit onto Tower Lawn and take our seats at our college graduation.

We all felt nervous and anxious waiting to walk across the stage to receive the degree that we had been working toward our whole lives.

After we walked across the stage, hugged our loved ones, posed for pictures and partied the night away, it was time to close one chapter in our lives and start the next journey - the real world.

Summer consisted of applying for jobs and lying by the pool until reality hit: College was over and it was time to grow up.

But it hasn't been easy.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the unemployment rate was at 9.1 percent for the month of September, which means experienced people are being laid off after years of work. It's a fight out there, and boy have recent graduates taken some tough hits.



Bills start to pile up and college loan payments start to arrive, and priorities shift from what you are going to do on Thursday night to "How am I going to make rent on time?"

I have said goodbye to friends who couldn't find a job so they had to move back home, while some had to move home to take care of loved ones and others just faded away.

What happens after graduation is something that can't be taught in classes: Life after college isn't easy.

It's something I didn't come to realize until I had to face rejection.

Waking up to emails from companies that thank you for your time but went with another person hurts more than you will ever know – and you will know soon enough.

Things fall apart, dreams are a lot harder to obtain and there is always someone out there that is just as talented as you are.

Having to listen to the "What are you doing now?" from friends is a punch in the stomach – saying "Just searching for work" gets old after a while.

You want to say "I am living my dream job and doing everything I ever wanted to do."

I interviewed for a job for which I thought I was a shoo-in - in fact, I interviewed three times for the job. I had interned my entire four years in college, had been the president of clubs, was active in my department college, and did everything you are told to do and then some.

When all was said and done they gave the job to someone else. For once in my life I knew what it felt like to be told "Better luck next time kid."

It took everything in me to keep on applying, to keep trying because having to admit to people that I wasn't

good enough for something was the hardest part. I felt embarrassed, I felt lost, I felt that maybe I was too young and that graduating in four years was my biggest mistake yet.

I couldn't hide behind the fact that I was a student anymore. There was no more blaming my professor for my poor performance or the fact that a paper was too long to write. From now on my mistakes were my own - it was hard to admit but if I didn't accept this I could never move on.

Many of you might have to work a part-time job to get by and there is nothing wrong with that. Maybe you didn't go to school to do exactly what you will be doing right after graduation and that is fine.

I am lucky enough to have a job. Is it my dream job? No, but I get up every morning thankful that I have one. I am not ready to settle at this job, so I will keep on applying to more jobs, even if it means more rejection.

Don't let anyone put you down because of what you do. Thousands of Americans work retail jobs, serve coffee and work jobs that some people in college turn up their noses at.

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Working hard is what matters.

What keeps me motivated is knowing that I have friends who are living their dreams. Nothing makes me happier than hearing about my friends reaching their goals. They worked hard and they didn't stop trying.

People don't just "luck out." People have to work for what they have. If you work hard someone will eventually notice, but if you quit no one will take you seriously.

The best advice I can give to any college student about to graduate is when you think that you have lost it, keep going.

Life after graduation is going to be hard, your life is going to change, you can't prepare for what is next. You just have to be able to pick yourself up when you are knocked down.

You have to believe in yourself because sometimes that is all you will have once you walk across that stage.

What's the big deal about Apple's products?



"Agh! It drives me up the wall! I just want to throw it

across my room!" That's what a lot of us say when it comes to electronic device malfunctions – especially when you have an assignment due soon and something suddenly happens to your computer or printer last minute.

Trust me, I know the feeling. There are people out there who despise iPhones, Steve Jobs and Apple in general.

I really don't understand why they hate Apple so much.

Hate is a strong word, so if you're going to say you "hate" something, please give me a proper justification.

I understand there will always be technical problems, even with Apple, and people will complain – but Apple's not perfect.

If you try calling Hewlett

products, the price is reasonable. The only way people would understand the benefit of Apple is if they owned its products.

One of the main reasons I became a fan is because it makes life so much easier!

Who doesn't want their lives less tangled in this fast-paced world?

I'm the perfect person to be the judge of Apple because I've owned many PCs and some high-end phones.

I've had to deal with problems such as speed and hard drive malfunctions.

It's not fun dealing with them on the phone and it's better to just buy another one.

My family practically owns every product from Apple two iPads, Apple TV, MacBook Pro, Mac Mini, MacBook Air and tons of iPhones.

When you ask someone why they hate Apple, you almost never hear a good reason or argument from them.

When the iPhones first came out, the phones were highly admired and wanted by many.

As far as I can remember, when the first iPhone came out on the market in 2007; it created a state of frenzy. It was only the first all-touchscreen phone; the whole phone would operate with the touch screen, including the keypad.

board or the multi-touch interface.

Android is something that became popular and advanced after Schmidt resigned from Apple.

No wonder Apple seems paranoid and stays tight-lipped about upcoming products.

Also, the new products are favorable to almost anyone because all the Apple products work together.

There is MobileMe, which helps you find your phone if you lose it.

There is iCloud, which came out this past week, and stores your music, photos and documents and also puts them on your other Apple products wirelessly.

Siri, a system that helps people communicate with their phone and transfer commands through voice, was recently sold to Apple by Stanford Research Institute for \$200 million.

A few years ago, SRI was funded by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency in order to develop a Cognitive Agent that Learns and Organizes.



For the last few weeks, the Occupy Wall Street protests have taken the country by storm.

Thousands upon thousands of people have been marching and protesting their disdain for the country's wealthy and corrupt.

People are mad as hell these days and cynicism is at an alltime high over our nation's government.

Then there's me - sitting at home, minding my own business. I don't know what's wrong about politics and the issues going on around the world back in high school.

During that time you could say I was firmly a Democrat.

When the Iraq war started I was hugely against it and vehemently against George W. Bush.

I even talked to my friends' parents to make sure they voted for John Kerry in 2004.

I remember getting caught up in the hype for Obama's campaign and reading his book "The Audacity of Hope."

I even phone-banked for the Democratic Party during the primaries.

When the elections concluded in 2008, I remember jumping up in the air and cheering with the hundreds of students in the campus quad when Obama won.

But these days I'm not even sure I'll vote come election time.

up with them.

When I turn on the TV and see all this ridiculous hate and name calling going on I just find it hard to get attached to either side in the debate.

People should debate and have an opinion, but when it starts to become an all-out war, I get turned off from talking or getting involved.

Whether it's conservatives calling liberals hippie socialists or liberals calling conservatives warmongering capitalists, I'm just sick of the name calling.

I'm all for political discourse and discussing the issues, but when they become rants instead, they lose my interest.

People should have an opinion, but don't turn it into a means of marginalizing another political ideology.

I really do want to be more



Packard, Dell or any other computer company's customer service line, the service isn't that great compared to Apple.

I think people either expect too much out of Apple or they just hate it because of its success.

I understand that owning an Apple product has become sort of a cult, but people don't understand the deeper meaning behind it.

A lot of people complain because they think these products are too expensive.

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Also, it baffles me when people take the side of Android, one of the competitors of iPhones.

Did everyone forget that the CEO of Google, Eric Schmidt, resigned from Apple's board of directors in 2009?

He was highly viewed as having an early view of many of Apple's product advancements, such as a phone without a key-

When the product was done, they named it Siri.

This is an example of Apple advancing in many ways in comparison to other electronic products in the market.

It's making electronics user friendly; unlike Facebook, which gets more complicated each day - but that's another argument - it doesn't make sense to me when people say they hate Apple products without having a legitimate reason.

If I could describe my iPhone in three simple words, it would be simple, classy and intelligent.

with me but for whatever reason I can't seem to get fired up about any of this.

With so many activist and political movements like Occupy Wall Street and the tea party, I just feel like I should be more interested than I am these days.

My dad's a card-carrying Democrat, my uncle is a conservative, a cousin and a friend of mine have both gone to occupy their respective city halls and yet I still don't find myself caring.

I haven't always been like this.

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I'm not sure who to pin my apathy on at but it may have something to do with the state of politics in this country over the last four years.

For pretty much the last four years the political atmosphere has been so volatile in this country because of political rants from both the left- and the rightwing media and our own politicians refusing to give even one inch to the other side that it's become numbing to me.

Even the protests, especially from the tea party, have become so downright crazy at times that involved with political discussion and understand the issues of this country but sadly I can't attach myself to any of it.

Call me ignorant or lazy for not choosing one side or the other or but I wouldn't do my country any good if I went to the ballot box and voted just straight party line without any care or knowledge of the issues.

Perhaps in the next few months I might get more involved, and hell, I might attach myself to a candidate for president, but for now I find myself neutral and uninterested.



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Fire dancer Revolva does a headstand Thursday night at the Fire on the Fountain event in front of Tower Hall. **Photo by Thomas Webb / Spartan Daily**



BY NICK CELARIO

S tudents, fans and the community at large came to have fun and show their support for the football team last Thursday night at Fire on the Fountain. Everyone in attendance enjoyed games, booths and live entertainment, including a fiery showing featuring Revolva followed by the Fire Pixies.

The next day, the student body hoped for a potential, yet unexpected, win at the Homecoming tailgate party, featuring the Red Bull Chariot Races.

Later in the evening, fans celebrated with the team on the field following the team's 28-27 victory over Hawaii.



Darrell St. Blaine of the Fire Pixies swirls a fire baton Thursday night during Fire on the Fountain. Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

Fans cheer for the SJSU Spartans football team as they face against Hawaii Warriors for Homecoming at Spartan Stadium on Friday. The 28-27 victory by the Spartans over the Rainbow Warriors brings SJSU to an overall 3-4 standing and 2-1 in the Western Athletic Conference. **Photo by Karl Nguyen / Spartan Daily**





After the Spartans scored the third and winning touchdown, SJSU fans moved down the stands in prepara-



Team Grass, comprised of several Greek organizations, won

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tion to rush the field. **Photo by Brian** O'Malley / Spartan Daily the annual chariot race on Friday at Spartan Staaium beiore the SJSU Homecoming football game against Hawaii. Photo by Karl Nguyen / Contributing Photographer



Fans surround senior quarterback Matt Faulkner (left) and sophomore cornerback Damon Ogburn Jr. following SJSU's win over Hawaii at Spartan Stadium on Friday. **Photo by Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily**

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