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**CAMPUS IMAGE**

## SJSU students take part in recognizing Ash Wednesday



Jennifer Goto (far right) meets with a student in the Spartan Memorial Chapel on Ash Wednesday. Photo by Kevin Johnson / Spartan Daily

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

## Policy helps consolidate general education

By Vince Ei  
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The Academic Senate passed a temporary policy Monday that would allow departments to integrate general education areas that are not usually associated with their curriculum.

According to the proposal made by the senate's Executive Committee, the temporary policy was created to relieve certain departments from getting rid of degree requirement courses because of the 120 unit limit which will be implemented after the Fall 2013 semester.

At last Wednesday's California State University system news conference, CSU Chancellor Timothy White said the unit limit will help the CSU system hand out degrees to students faster without damaging the quality of the degree even though some departments require more than 120 units.

"I think if it would have been destructive to the quality of the degree and the learning experience, I wouldn't have supported it," White said. "The idea here of setting 120 is saying that this is the size box in which the faculty have to work with in order to create a more meaningful learning experience for our students, that is provide a degree that can hold its own around the country no matter what that student's going to do with that degree and 120 is it."

White said there was a 120 unit limit at University of California Riverside, where he was chancellor in his previous position. According to White, the unit limit was effective in giving students good quality degrees and the CSU system can follow the example.

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**EDUCATION**

## Affordable College Act could aid some majors

By Tessa Terrill  
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The Affordable College Act, introduced on Dec. 21 by assemblyman Dan Logue (R-Sacramento), will be voted on by a committee in March.

According to Logue, the act would allow students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to graduate within three years, paying no more than \$10,000 for tuition.

"Most college kids are graduating in five or six years," he said.

According to Logue, the program also gives preferential treatment to students who get into science, technology, engineering or mathematics in high school and community college.

"The arts need just as much as any other major," said senior dance major Grace Trout. "Unless you take a 21 unit load you won't graduate on time."

Trout said she is taking 24 units this semester and will graduate this summer.

"Last year there were science, technology, engineering, and mathematics field jobs starting at \$70,000," Logue said.

He said he wants to make these jobs available to more students.

According to Logue, the act makes it possible for more units to be transferred to CSUs from high school and community college.

"I know that our AP scores from science courses don't count toward our major and that sometimes sets us back a year because we have to relearn everything we were taught in high

school and by passing the AP exam with a passing score, should suffice," said Andrew Nguyen, senior molecular biology major.

He said it would be nice to skip out on Biology and Chemistry classes and go directly into upper division courses.

Instead of allowing 12 units for the major to be transferred, the act would allow 30 units for the major to transfer, Logue said.

The program also puts an emphasis on online classes and incorporating technological advancements on campus, he said.

According to Logue, he has met with SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi to incorporate online classes.

The Act will not raise taxes, but it is too early to tell if it will pass.

Tessa Terrill is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

**GREEK**

## Kappa Sigma house reopens doors to members after fire

By Rochelle Beckel  
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After losing their home to a fire during the summer of 2011, SJSU's Kappa Sigma fraternity members will finally be able to move back into their newly constructed house on Friday, Feb. 22, a week after the house officially reopens.

According to Medi Gouta, Kappa Sigma's president and a senior software engineering major, electrical malfunctioning involving the dryer in the laundry room on the second story of the house triggered the fire that early morning on June 21, 2011.

"I was coming back around 3 a.m. from a party, and I saw some smoke come off the south side of the building," said Zach Brouillard, vice president of Kappa Sigma and a senior global studies major. "You just hear people screaming, 'Fire,' get everybody out ... and then you just see these huge flames come out of the roof."

Brouillard said the members who had been living in the house at the time received

numerous resources of support, including from the Red Cross, Target, Trader Joes and Old Navy.

He said Campus Village B also assisted them with their living situation by housing them for the following two weeks and that the fraternity received about \$8,000 in donations to help them after the loss of their home.

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Greg Hightower  
Senior Kappa Sigma member

"Some people got their things back, like I got my work keys," Brouillard said. "Everything was either soaked, charred, burned, or broken. We put two million gallons of

water through our house. Our basement was a lake."

The fire imposed on the Kappa Sigma members living in the house, but Brouillard said it was the best thing to happen to the fraternity in terms of exposing the strength of their brotherhood and proving that they could survive anything together.

Jeff Fogeron, a Kappa Sigma member and senior meteorology major, said he and his fraternity brothers have relocated their meetings to satellite houses, or houses substituting for the Kappa Sigma house while it's being rebuilt, making it difficult to establish a central location to hang out together and to hold their meetings and events.

"Only fraternities really understand the brotherhood aspect of being in a fraternity," Fogeron said. "You've got a bunch of close friends, and when we don't have a house to all hang out at, which is what we were used to, it definitely alters the experience."

Fogeron said he is very much looking forward to the reopening of the house, in



Construction on the Kappa Sigma house is set to be complete tomorrow. Basil Sar / Spartan Daily

part because he wants the new pledges to finally have the chance to live the full experience of being a member of Kappa Sigma.

"The younger guys have not had that 100 percent, full Kappa Sigma experience," Folgeron said. "So I'm excited that the young guys who have not had that experience are going to get that experience and I'm also excited for the upcoming pledge classes this semester and that in the future the pledge classes will get that experience."

Niko Parras, a sophomore Kappa Sigma member who pledged Spring 2012, said while not having a fraternity house during rush made his recruitment experience different from those pledging other fraternities, it did not stop him from having fun and enjoying the process of becoming a member.

"I am moving into it (the house) for sure," Parras said. "I can't wait to move in over summer. It's going to be so much fun, honestly."

Folgeron said Kappa Sigma is looking forward to

holding all of its meetings, socials, alumni events, serenades with sororities and any other events related to the fraternity at its house once it's built.

"I'm just excited to live with all of my friends again to be honest," said Greg Hightower, a senior Kappa Sigma member and behavioral science major. "I just miss being able to keep my door open and have whoever walk in and live in a fraternity house."

Rochelle Beckel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



RECIPE



## Baked goods for your valentine

By Stephanie Wong  
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Don't just settle for the usual Valentine's Day chocolates this year, change things up by baking homemade sugar cookies.

Baked goods go along well with a bouquet of roses or a cheesy Valentine's Day card.

Not spending Valentine's Day with that special someone?

You can have a fun girls' night by baking scrumptious cookies.

This recipe from Christy at [www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com](http://www.the-girl-who-ate-everything.com) is one of my favorite sugar cookie recipes because it's simple and the outcome is always delicious.

The original recipe makes about four dozen cookies, but the one below has been modified so that the outcome is about two dozen cookies.



**Ingredients:**

- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 cup white sugar
- ½ cup butter, slightly softened
- 2 eggs
- ½ teaspoon almond/vanilla extract
- 3 cups flour
- 1 ½ teaspoons baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt

**Instructions:**

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit.

Combine sour cream, sugar, butter, eggs and vanilla/almond extract in a large mixing bowl.

Beat this concoction for 2-3 minutes with an electric mixer.

Next, add your dry ingredients and mix them well.

The dough will still be wet and sticky, so you'll want to let it chill in the refrigerator

for 25 minutes, or until it is firm.

After you take the dough out of the refrigerator, sprinkle some flour onto the surface where you'll be kneading your dough.

Roll out your dough to about ¼ inch thick, and use a heart-shaped cookie cutter to shape your cookies.

Put your cookies in the oven for about 8-10 minutes to bake until they become light, golden brown.

If you prefer crunchier sugar cookies, let them bake in the oven for a little longer.

Let your cookies cool on the pan for a while before you begin to frost them.

The website I got this recipe from has instructions on how to make a fluffy buttercream frosting, but for the sake of saving time and ingredients, I just bought a can of pink frosting from the store to use.

After you finish frosting your cookies, you can write a special message with icing or decorate them with sprinkles or Sweethearts conversation hearts candies.

These sugar cookies would be perfect out on a platter for a party.

If you want to hand them out to co-workers or friends, buy a package of mini cellophane goodie bags that come with twist ties.

Happy munching!

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Q&A

## New restaurant near SJSU celebrates grand opening

By Christina Molina  
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Along one of the more populous paths right off the SJSU campus and in the heart of Downtown San Jose is a new eatery unlike any of its neighboring establishments.

The ambiance of the newly opened restaurant, Vyne Bistro, dimly illuminates its wide selection of wine bottles along the walls, not only illustrating them as fine décor but also as the basis of their business.

*SD: What makes your bistro distinguishable from other restaurants in San Jose?*

Vyne: Vyne Bistro is nestled in Paseo de San Antonio Walk, a convenient location for local residents, business residents and tourists to relax.

Vyne Bistro is more than just a wine bar. This casual-chic bistro offers lunch, dinner and Sunday brunch and carries more than 40 wines by the glass and half-glass.

People will be greeted with a warm welcome, a brief education of wines and menu, a level of service fit for a king or queen and experience a relaxed setting to enjoy conversations or regain peace of mind with wine.

*SD: Why did you choose to open a wine bar/restaurant?*

Vyne: Wine and food go hand-in-hand with the grow-

ing number of residents, businesses and its workers, along with the arts and entertainment in Downtown San Jose.

Vyne Bistro offers a new element for the wine connoisseur and casual socialite dining.

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*SD: Is the bistro co-owned? What is the relationship between the management?*

Vyne: Vyne Bistro is owned by Olga and Cyril; a humble couple, a partnership of cultures to share the values of diversity, business acumen, community synergy and social grace.

*SD: How do you feel about the location of your business?*

Vyne: The location is perfect as students walk by; they are the new generation to spread the news by word-of-mouth and social media.

Curious minds peek in and see a new vibe in town;

for those who are 21 and over, they come in, enjoy the experience and share with others.

*SD: How long did it take to open Vyne Bistro and when exactly did that happen?*

Vyne: It took one year (to open). Vyne Bistro opened just before New Years 2013 – a soft opening.

*SD: Were there any struggles in the process of opening Vyne Bistro?*

Vyne: No business is without struggles; we call it challenges to learn the community's wants, needs and desires.

Nothing major, it's all in the nature of business.

*SD: Any tips or recommendations for students interested in opening their own business?*

Vyne: Yes. Take advantage of the resources that the downtown San Jose Entrepreneur Center offers.

It is an incredible way to learn what it takes to own and operate a business.

The official Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Event for Vyne Bistro will be on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, from noon to 2 p.m. with City Councilman Sam Liccardo in attendance.

Christina Molina is the Spartan Daily A&E Editor.



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**LOVEFEST**



**Top:** Flowers were handed out by the campus organization Ignite at LoveFest on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013. Codi Mills / Spartan Daily.

**Left:** Three-year-old Bana Beraki of San Jose looks up at the box of candy as she attempts to win a prize at LoveFest on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013. Codi Mills / Spartan Daily

**Bottom:** Students check out the various booths and events at LoveFest on Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2013. Codi Mills / Spartan Daily

## Ignite spreads the love with 'LoveFest' event

By Esmeralda Anaya  
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It was a day of free cupcakes, free flowers, free T-shirts, free music, but most important, it was a day free of hate and full of love.

It was Love Fest; a six-hour event held on the A.S. House lawn Wednesday afternoon, organized by Ignite, a non-denominational Christian outreach ministry at SJSU.

"Our vision of this (event) was to change the image of Christianity," said Jessica Young, a senior communicative disorders and science major. "I feel like a lot of people are offended by Christians and that isn't how we should be and so we just want to love and serve students by giving out free love (today)."

Young is the founder and president of the club.

Kicking off the love event was Abigail Cariaso, a sophomore graphic design major, who gave a spoken word performance that lasted roughly six minutes.

"... you were born on purpose for a purpose, you are a princess worthy of the

throne," Cariaso said during her performance.

Following Cariaso's performance, was husband and wife duo and SJSU alumni, Robby and Bria Valderrama, who sang several songs including a cover of a few Taylor Swift songs which the crowd sang along to.

"The decorations are really attracting people (and) the performances are really good," said Katrina Ng, a health science major. "I feel like it's drawing a lot of people that aren't Christians (to the event)."

Members of Ignite and volunteers spent the day talking to students and handing out cupcakes, goodies and flowers with notes of encouragement tied to them.

Stephanny Ledezma, a sophomore business marketing major, was passing by the event and stopped to check it out.

"I really like it, it's really sweet," Ledezma said. "It's very lively."

Gabriel Golden, a senior linguistics major, said the event was "pretty cool."

"I'm going to go to class in a bit, but I'm definitely

coming back," Golden said.

The event continued throughout the day with more music performers, guest speakers and short skits.

One skit in particular that drew the biggest crowd was about a girl on the verge of killing herself until she is saved by the love of God.

Marie Benigno, a junior business and human resource management major, said she loved the skit.

"They did a really great job," Benigno said. "It was very emotional."

Johnny Nguyen, a sophomore software engineering major, is a Catholic and said he really likes what the club does.

"They're such good people (and) they are so kind to me," Nguyen said. "They make want to come back," he said. "Come back to more love."

Young said she was happy about the event and thought the entire day was a success.

"It was good," she said. "It was definitely good to share the music and the love."

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## CALIFORNIA

# Dorner may have been hiding in plain sight near command center

By Joseph Serna, Andrew Blankstein and Phil Willon  
McClatchy Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Though he lived only half a mile from the command center, deputies never knocked on the door of Jim Rose's house looking for Christopher Dorner, Rose told the Los Angeles Times on Wednesday.

"One friend said, 'OK, so much for the inspection,'" Rose, 78, said.

As it turned out, wanted murder suspect Dorner appears to have been hiding in plain sight, just a five-minute walk from where law enforcement officials from multiple agencies had centered their search operation for the ex-LAPD officer.

More than 200 officers were involved the first night. Sheriff's department officials said the search included more than 600 cabins over eight square miles.

It apparently did not include Rose's neighborhood, which it turns out, may have been where Dorner was hiding all along. The circumstance is reminiscent of the government's search for Whitey Bulger, who was hiding under federal agents' noses when he was captured.

"As far as I could tell, they did about as good as they could do," said Otis Farry, whose home is on Club View Drive. "Who would've known?"

Farry's home abuts the Big Bear Lake golf course, which is across the street from the neighborhood that rises into the forest.

"I figured he was back in the woods somewhere, but the guy was right across the street," said Bruce Doucett, 55, a certified public accountant who

lives in the same condominium complex as the unit where Dorner was said to be hiding. "All I can say is that it's a bit unnerving."

Doucett said the condo in question had been vacant and clean since Thursday, the last time a tenant was there for a vacation rental.

Authorities aren't sure how long Dorner might have been in the condo. But Carl Macon, 53, said it was unsettling to know he walked his dog by the condo every day. He described Dorner's alleged acts as "something out of a suspense book."

Macon said his house has been tense, despite a visit by a SWAT team Thursday night as part of the cabin checks. Despite rumors Dorner might have left the mountain, Macon said he thought chances were good the fugitive had stayed — a lot of people he knew were on their toes.

But now, Macon said, it's "time to chill."

"Time to crack open the champagne," he said.

If the body found in a burned-out cabin in the Big Bear area is identified as Dorner's, it would end a weeklong manhunt for the ex-LAPD officer and Navy Reserve lieutenant. He is suspected in a string of shootings following his firing by the Los Angeles Police Department several years ago.

Four people have died in the case, allegedly at Dorner's hands.

He attempted to flee law enforcement officials on Tuesday, fatally shooting a San Bernardino County sheriff's deputy and seriously injuring another, officials said.

He then barricaded himself in a wooden cabin outside of Big Bear off Highway 38, ac-



Investigators process the scene and identify the human remains found in the charred cabin on Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2013, where fugitive ex-cop Christopher Dorner was believed to have been holed up after trading gunfire overnight with officers. Photo by Brian Vander Brug / MCT

ording to police.

Last week, authorities said they had tracked Dorner to a wooded area near Big Bear Lake. They found his torched gray Nissan Titan with several weapons inside, the said, and the only trace of Dorner was a short trail of footprints in newly fallen snow.

According to a manifesto that officials say Dorner posted on Facebook, he felt the LAPD unjustly fired him several years ago, when a disciplinary panel determined that he lied in accusing his training officer of kicking a mentally ill man during an arrest. LAPD Police Chief Charlie Beck has promised to review the case.

The manifesto vows "unconventional and asymmetrical warfare" against law en-

forcement officers and their families. "Self-preservation is no longer important to me. I do not fear death as I died long ago," it said.

On Tuesday morning, two cleaning crew workers entered a cabin in the 1200 block of Club View Drive and ran into a man who they said resembled the fugitive, a law enforcement official said. The cabin was not far from where Dorner's charred truck had been found and where police had been holding news conferences about the manhunt.

The man tied up the workers and took off in a purple Nissan parked near the cabin, the official said. About 12:20 p.m., one of the maids broke free and called police.

Nearly half an hour later,

officers with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife spotted the stolen vehicle and called for backup, authorities said. The suspect turned down a side road in an attempt to elude the officers but crashed the vehicle, police said.

A short time later, authorities said, the suspect carjacked a light-colored pickup truck. Allan Laframboise said the truck belonged to his friend Rick Heltebrake, who works at a nearby Boy Scout camp.

Heltebrake was driving on Glass Road with his Dalmatian, Suni, when a hulking African-American man stepped into the road, Laframboise said. Heltebrake stopped. The man told him to get out of the truck.

Dorner then allegedly sped

off in the Dodge extended-cab pickup — and quickly encountered two Department of Fish and Wildlife trucks.

As the suspect zoomed past the officers, he rolled down his window and fired about 15 to 20 rounds, officials said. One of the officers jumped out and shot a high-powered rifle at the fleeing pickup. The suspect abandoned the vehicle and took off on foot, police said.

They said he ended up at the Seven Oaks Mountain Cabins, a cluster of wood-frame buildings about halfway between Big Bear Lake and Yucaipa. The suspect exchanged gunfire with San Bernardino County sheriff's deputies as he fled into a cabin that locals described as a single-story, multi-room structure.

## LIBRARY EVENT

## Cybersecurity lecture highlights online protection

By Anthony Nguyen  
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Students worried about cyber security can attend the David S. Saurman presentation "Thinking Critically About Cybersecurity" as part of the Provocative Lecture Series today.

The lecture will be led by Jerry Brito, senior research fellow at The Mercatus Center at George Mason Univer-

sity, which is an education, research and outreach organization. He is director of its Technology Policy Program. His research focuses on technology, Internet policy, government transparency, accountability and the regulatory process, according to a news release from the economics department.

In the lecture, Brito will present various problems related to cybersecurity to de-

termine what rises to the level of market failure. Market failure is a concept within economic theory describing when the allocation of goods and services by a free market is not efficient. That is, there exists another conceivable outcome where a market participant may be made better-off without making someone else worse-off.

Governments should generally refrain from regulation except when there is a clear market failure, according to Brito.

He will also discuss the economic and social trade-offs associated with proposed regulation, according to the news release.

A dispassionate approach to cybersecurity policy is preferable to one based on

fear, Brito said.

The event will be open to students, faculty and the general public to express their intellectual insight on this topic.

Thuha Tran, a junior microbiology major, said she "feels safe because I always log off of account when I'm done using the public computer." She also said that students shouldn't worry about this topic because it may sound unappealing to them and they might be unavailable to attend.

"I probably wouldn't go," she said. "It does affect me but I'm not super paranoid as long as I log out of public computers."

She said she is really impressed that SJSU is offering

this lecture to warn people about cyberbullying and wants to let people know they are going to see what is going on in cyberspace.

Tran said she also thinks that most of students are not bothered by this statement and they understand the meaning of "cyberbullying."

Justin Weckerle, a senior chemistry major, said he thinks it would be a good idea to go and he wishes he could make it.

"I think it's (cybersecurity) important," he said. "Because people get ripped off on Craigslist all the time."

He said he thought many people get ripped off from Craigslist everyday.

Lindsay Van Winkle, a senior accounting major, said she thinks the event will be

helpful for people who are concerned about it.

"I think it's important because there are so many things out there that we are not protected from," she said.

Andrew Sumi, an undeclared sophomore, said this panel will be great for people who feel threatened over cybersex.

"Cyberbullying hasn't affected me," he said. "But it's good to have the option of this event."

He said the event may prevent cyberbullying and teach people how to be safer on the web.

The lecture will take place today in Morris Dailey Auditorium from 5:15-6:45 p.m.

Anthony Nguyen is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

# Degree: Curriculum changes will lower degree requirements

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The proposal states, "several programs have unique accreditation requirements which make it difficult to meet the 120 unit limit under the current system for meeting program, GE, and other requirements and there is a need for a short term solution to help San Jose State University help bring high unit majors into compliance with the 120 unit limit ..."

Mark Van Selst, professor of psychology and a member of the senate, gave a hypothetical example of the psychology department including the student learning objectives of area B2, life science, with a course that is already required of psychology majors by applying aspects of psychobiology in the course. According to the policy, doing this would defeat the need for a student to take an unrelated class to

fill the B2 requirement and prevent the department from cutting a class from their degree program to abide by the unit limit.

Emily Allen, associate dean of the college of engineering, said she considers the policy a "temporary reprieve" from the unit cap.

According to the SJSU catalog, every engineering bachelor's degree ranges between 130 and 135 units.

Allen said the engineering department is already lacking in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education areas and has one of the least requirements in these areas in the country.

"I understand where the university is coming from in terms of trying to manage the overall number of units that a student needs," said Greg Young, department chair of chemical engineering. "But it's a very difficult balance between

courses that are required for a discipline and what's necessary for the overall college experience. You can't haphazardly chop off 11 units ... there can be a redesign and careful thought has to be given to it and possibly additional resources. It's not like pruning a tree."

According to the proposal that is where the policy comes in, which was passed by a majority vote with one opposed and seven abstentions.

Shannon Bros-Seemann, a member of the senate, said, "the number of downsides to this is pretty small."

The executive committee only had three days to write the temporary policy, a process that usually takes several months, she said.

Bros-Seemann said the language of the policy is vague but that it is a temporary policy which lasts just one year until the Curriculum and Research committee, which Bros-

Seemann is the chair of, works with the Organization and Government committee to write-up a more comprehensive policy.

According to Bros-Seemann, affected departments will have the option to distribute the student learning objectives of certain G.E. areas into their curriculum and can begin to send proposals to the Curriculum and Research Committee explaining how those objectives will be met.

She said if the proposal is accepted, each department will then assess how well the proposed courses are teaching those learning objectives for one year and will send reports to the Curriculum and Research committee for evaluation.

"We still want students to get their general education in those broad range of subjects," Bros-Seemann said.

Ricky Nguyen, a senior com-

puter engineering major, said he has concerns regarding the need for teachers who understand the new learning objectives and the restructuring of classes but that it could be helpful if organized well.

"This leaves the departments to handle how the G.E. is taught to their students. For example, the writing an engineering student learns from the English Department might not be very useful to his field. Engineers like reports simple and straightforward," Nguyen said. "So, if a technical writer from the engineering department was to teach writing instead, it would be very useful to the engineering student."

The policy will be effective immediately after it is signed by President Mohammad Qayoumi, according to Bros-Seemann.

Vince Ei is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



MMA

## UFC set to invade San Jose

By Wesley Dugle  
@WesSideStories

When the UFC makes landfall in San Jose on April 20, the HP Pavilion will play host to fights between four current and former title holders in the main and co-main events.

In the co-main event San Jose's own and former Strikeforce heavyweight Grand Prix champion Daniel Cormier (11-0) takes on former two-time UFC heavyweight champion Frank Mir (16-6) and in the main event San Francisco native and former Strikeforce lightweight champion Gilbert Melendez (21-2) will look to dethrone current UFC lightweight champion Benson Henderson (18-2).

For Melendez and Cormier it'll be their first fight in the UFC and said having their debuts in San Jose, where they made their names in Strikeforce, will be extra special for them.

"Not only am I excited about the fight, but I'm excited about it being in San Jose," said Cormier, a native of Oklahoma City who now lives and trains in San Jose out of the American Kickboxing Academy. "It's real fun to be fighting at home."

Melendez said he'll be looking forward to the home field advantage he'll have.

"I don't know if Ben Henderson knows what he's getting into because my fans get a little rowdy out here, so he might go to the hospital from there," he joked.

Henderson, currently riding a six fight win streak and coming off two title defenses, believes he can handle the pressure of fighting someone on their home turf.

"I've fought a few of my fights in the other guy's hometown," he said. "I've never had too much of a hard

time focusing or adjusting or letting it get to my head, so I do expect him to have a bit of a home crowd advantage but I don't expect it to change my game plan or really affect the fight."

Cormier's opponent, Mir, says he also feels unfazed by the possible home field advantage.

"Obviously I prefer having it, but I think crowds are quick to turn," Mir said. "I have walked into many arenas where one guy is the hero and then halfway through the first round you see the other guy's name being chanted."

Mir and Cormier were originally set to fight in a Nov. 3 matchup last year before an injury to Mir forced the fight to be canceled.

Cormier, who comes in undefeated, with his last win being a technical knockout of Dion Staring in January, is looking forward to fighting Mir after the long wait.

"I'm definitely expecting a war," he said. "When you fight a guy that's been the UFC champion two times, who holds the most wins in the UFC heavyweight division's history, you got to expect a war."

Mir says he is excited to be facing Cormier finally too and is looking to halt Cormier's momentum.

"I think Cormier has a lot of hype going around him right now," he said. "I think a win over him will put me back into the conversation for fighting for a title."

Cormier said he's excited enough just to be making it to the UFC finally and to take on Mir after the long hiatus.

"As an athlete and a professional fighter there is nothing bigger than fighting in the UFC," he said. "I'm excited for it and I'm excited to show my skills on a bigger stage."

For Melendez getting an immediate title shot in his first UFC fight shows that his hard work and determination has paid off.

"I have envisioned this moment, it's been inevitable for me to get this title shot and now it's here," he said. "My vision does not end here, the vision ends with me with the strap and my hands in the air. I won't be happy until I get that title."

Melendez is currently riding a seven fight win streak and hasn't lost since 2008, according to a UFC news release.

Melendez is expecting a war when the cage doors close.

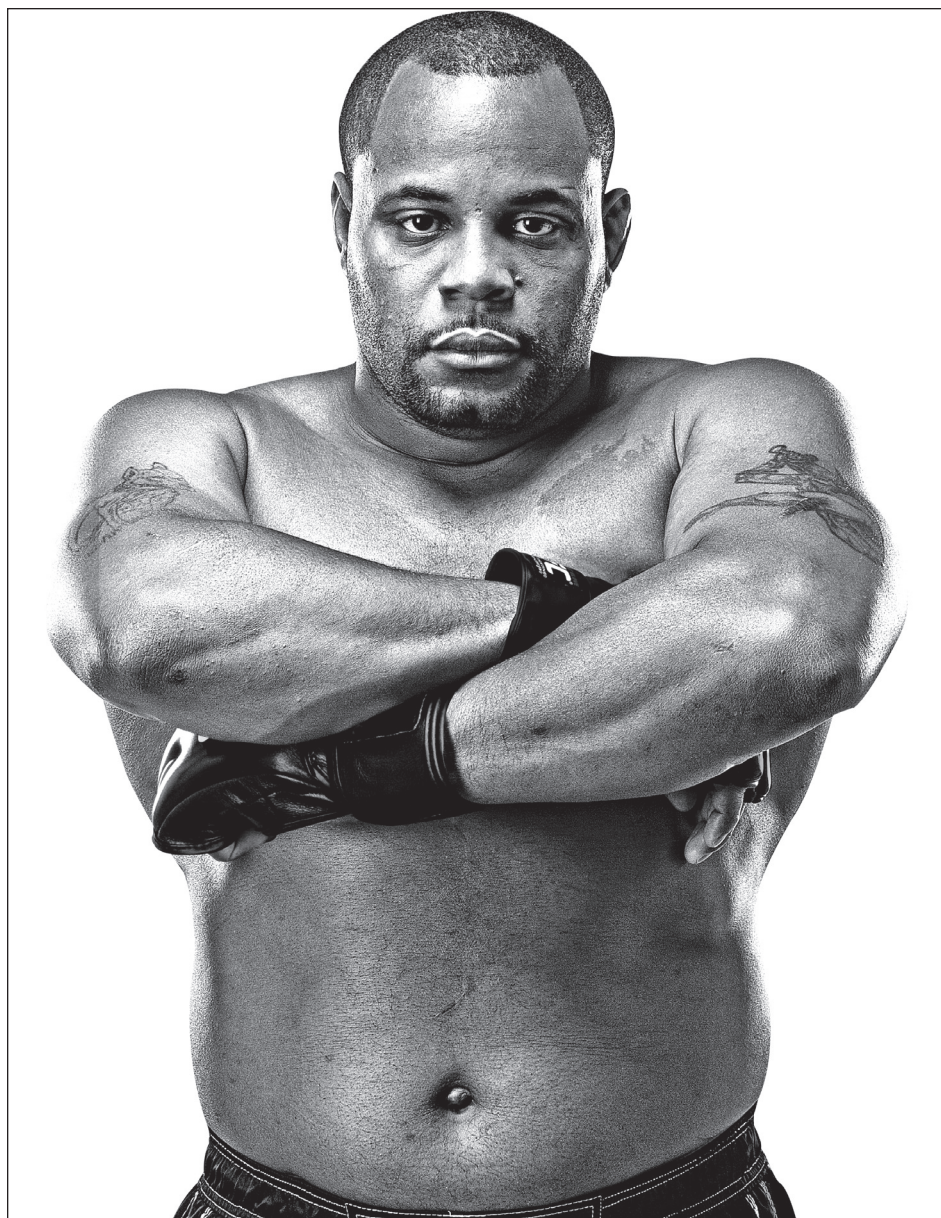
"I'm definitely getting prepared for the toughest 25 minutes of my life," he said. "The goal is to get that strap. I have fought internationally, I have beat the Dream champ, the Shooto champ and I beat the Strikeforce Champ and I have beat a lot of international guys. This is the last bout and the most prestigious one and if I can get this then mission accomplished."

Both Henderson and Melendez come in at 5-foot-9 inches with near identical reaches (Melendez's 71' to Henderson's 70') and 21 finishes between the two of them (11 for Melendez and 10 for Henderson), according to UFC.com.

With both having similar backgrounds, Henderson says he's also gearing up for a five round title defense against the upstart Melendez.

"I'm always prepared to go 25 hard, knockdown, drag out minutes (with) just a grueling pace but at the same time I'm prepared for the worst but I hope for the best," he said "If I can catch him in a submission, if I can touch his chin then I'll do that and go home early."

With the fight airing for free on Fox and taking place in



Daniel Cormier, above, is scheduled to fight Frank Mir on April 20 at HP Pavilion in UFC on Fox 7 in the co-main event. Tickets go on sale tomorrow. Photo courtesy of UFC.com

San Jose, all four fighters said they were looking forward to showing off their skills.

"I think California, as far as MMA goes, is still one of the biggest states in MMA," Mir said. "I get recognized even more in California than I do in Las Vegas."

Henderson said appreciates the knowledge Bay Area fans have.

"I've heard a lot (of good things) about Bay Area fans," he said. "It's always nice to

fight in front of fans who are passionate and knowledgeable about MMA."

Cormier said he's hoping to add to the good times the Bay Area sports fans have been having between the Giants World Series victory, the 49ers returning to the Super Bowl and even the San Jose State Spartans football team's record setting season this past year.

"It's a good time to be Bay Area sports fan right now,"

he said. "I want fighters to be afraid of facing us in the Bay Area."

When asked what message he would like to relay to the fans, Melendez said he hopes to see the fans turn out in full force to support him.

"Come through and support your boy from the Bay Area," he said "Come see what hard work does and what hard work brings you."

Wesley Dugle is a Spartan Daily contributing writer.

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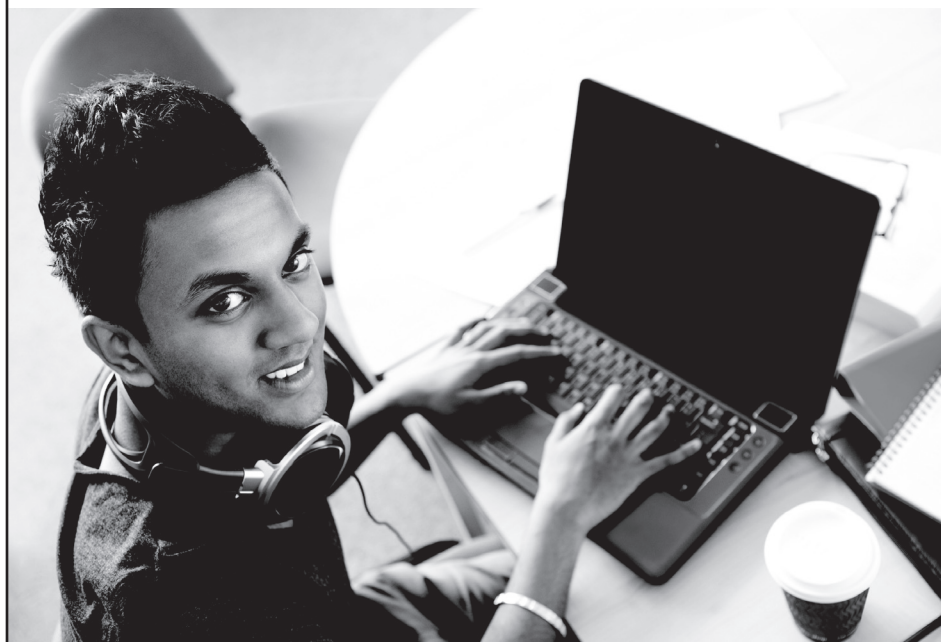
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## Letter to the editor: SJSU can do more for its vets

The number of veterans, spouses and dependents at SJSU is well more than 600, 2 percent of our campus population, yet SJSU has few facilities for them.

The Spartan Daily recently ran an article on a petition, from our Veteran Students Organization, asking our president, Mohammad Qayoumi, to put a Veteran Center in the new \$90 million Student Union being built on campus.

While Qayoumi has publicly stated that he wanted SJSU to be the "most veteran friendly campus in the CSU system" he has done nothing to establish a Student Veteran Center, either in the Student Union or elsewhere.

More than eight months ago, two other veteran advocates and I presented Qayoumi, with the recommendation of his own Veterans Advisory Committee asking that a Veterans Center be established in the new Student Union.

At that time, Qayoumi expressed support for student veterans and said he would take this before his "cabinet." I had already discussed the idea of such a Veterans Center with Bill Nance, vice president for Student Affairs, and Cathy Busalacchi, associate vice president for Student Life and executive director of our Student Union auxiliary.

Now, the Spartan Daily reports that Vice President Nance considers a Veteran Center in the Student Union "not likely." There is no word on why, or whether any al-

ternative site for a Veterans Center is being proposed.

As many as 30 percent to 40 percent of America's veterans suffer from psychological combat trauma, also known as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and as such, they often have special needs. The military now recognizes PTSD as a combat disability, so many of our student vets are registered with the DRC.

I personally know bright and hard-working student veterans who are struggling with problems of depression, difficulties in adjusting to civilian life and who report feeling isolated at SJSU. A 2012 report by the Veterans Administration shows that 22 percent of suicides in the U.S. were by military veterans: we don't want our student veterans to

**The political views of individual administrators should not get in the way of serving our student veterans.**

become negative statistics.

Student veterans need a single, central "one stop shop" to go for guidance. Of course, many student

veterans do not have special needs, but whether or not an individual student veteran requires help, each deserves a welcoming environment.

We ought not, however, think of veterans only in terms of their needs. Student veterans bring tremendous value to a university, not only in the donations that the public is anxious to give on their behalf, but also in their experience, maturity, idealism and drive.

I, and other faculty, have experienced the positive effect this new generation of veterans have brought to the classroom and the campus. Faculty members have spoken to me about the need to reconnect academia with our military and veteran communities. Non-veteran students, faculty and staff need a place where they can learn about and from veterans, such as a Veterans Center in the Student Union.

The Student Affairs Division, under Vice President Nance, has long paid rent from the general fund to the Student Union auxiliary for the offices of MOSAIC, the "cross-cultural" center.

In the new Student Union, rent will be paid for the LGBT and Women's Resource Centers as well. Student Affairs also pays for two full-time staff members for these programs.

Thus, it is clear the administration's decision not to pay for a space for veterans is not the result of a lack of money. It is a question of priority on where to spend that money. Either Qayoumi or Vice President Nance could easily decide

to allocate money for renting space in the new Student Union for a Veterans Center.

In fact, a Student Veterans Center need not cost the university's general fund anything. At Cal State Northridge, the Student Union auxiliary pays for a modern Veterans Resource Center and a Veterans Coordinator.

Busalacchi of our Student Union auxiliary, or its student board, could easily establish a state of the art Veteran Center simply by allocating the space without charging rent. Indeed, unlike the university, which is operating on a tight budget, the Student Union has millions of dollars in reserve. This money would be well spent on a Veterans Center in the new Student Union.

There are those who consider student veterans to be one of many competing student interests. I, and many others, disagree. Student veterans, who have risked their lives in defense of this nation and of freedom, need and deserve priority.

There are those who don't think that "the military" should be in the Student Union. In the first place, veterans are not in the military — they are now civilians, although they, and I, have pride in their service.

The majority of Californians, and of Spartans, share in this pride. The political views of individual administrators should not get in the way of serving our student veterans, who need and deserve a place on campus. That place should be in the new Student Union.

Despite claims of concern, not a single initiative to help or support veterans has come from Qayoumi. The staff of SJSU's VITAL (Veterans in Transition to Academic Life), the closest thing we have to a veterans coordinator, is paid for by a VA grant obtained by one of our psychology professors, and space for VITAL was provided by the dean of the College of Social Sciences on her own initiative.

**... our student veterans deserve not just more talk but immediate action.**

A second psychology professor, along with one from health science, with the support of the provost, wrote a grant that paid for a class helping veterans. The History Department's Burdick Military History Project, of which I am director, has a "veterans corner" with furniture paid for by two of our alumni, a retired Marine Major General and his wife.

Along with the local Military Officers Association, the Burdick Project sponsors a monthly "Eat and Greet" for veterans.

Individual administrators and staff members

have also undertaken initiatives to help veterans: in Admissions, the Registrar's Office, the Career Center, the DRC and elsewhere. The Veterans Advisory Committee has been active, organizing a Veteran's Orientation (at the Burdick Project) and a scholarship for student veterans.

All of these moves, however, have been "bottom up" with no leadership from SJSU's president.

Indeed, Qayoumi, after months of "deliberations" has announced no decision on a Veteran Center for SJSU. Does he believe that the veterans just another student group? Does he think that student veterans deserve a place in the new Student Union as an opportunity to create a state-of-the-art Veterans Center? The campus community deserves answers to these questions.

More than this, however, our student veterans deserve not just more talk, but immediate action. Our student veterans deserve a Veterans Center in the new Student Union. Please, Qayoumi, step up and do the right thing by our veterans.

Those wishing to sign the VSO petition can find it at [www.vsojsu.org](http://www.vsojsu.org).

Jonathan Roth is an SJSU history professor.

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  - 5 "Hair" do?
  - 9 Competent
  - 14 Word seen on sports schedules
  - 15 Senior member
  - 16 Kentucky college town
  - 17 Flowerless decorative plant
  - 18 Bit of drollery
  - 19 Flashy jewelry, in slang
  - 20 Took part in a Halloween ritual
  - 23 Matching pair designation
  - 24 Dangerous marine creature
  - 25 Old Rome's Way
  - 29 Bob in a bay
  - 30 Main burner?
  - 33 Congregation
  - 34 Spill the info (with "up")
  - 35 Holy Roman Emperor called "the Great"
  - 36 "That's my final offer"
  - 39 Checked out
  - 40 Where to hear a lot of grunts?
  - 41 Haggard songwriter?
  - 42 Writer Bradbury
  - 43 Udders
  - 44 Pollster's projection
  - 45 French soldier's cap
  - 46 Critique harshly
  - 47 Ripley's ultimatum
  - 54 Like a dunce cap
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  - 4 Set to the same time
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  - 6 Dreads
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  - 8 In an oppressive way
  - 9 Abbot's place
  - 10 Burke of "Designing Women"
  - 11 Port between Buffalo and Cleveland
  - 12 Await judgment
  - 13 Baseball action
  - 21 Army uniform material
  - 22 Notched like a maple leaf
  - 25 Subsequently
  - 26 "Costa" kin
  - 27 Gumby's chum
  - 28 Like some coffee
  - 29 Banks of earth
  - 30 Back in the navy
  - 31 Functional
- 32 Attentive one
  - 34 Accepting one's apology
  - 35 Place to wear a mitt
  - 37 Brownish-gray
  - 38 Kind of acid
  - 43 Airport fluid
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  - 45 "A Fish Called Wanda" Oscar-winner
  - 46 1499 marble masterpiece
  - 47 Gaucho's weapon
  - 48 Baseball's Slaughter
  - 49 Cheese that's made backward?
  - 50 Act the nomad
  - 51 Space org.
  - 52 Man with a lift
  - 53 Just one of those things?
  - 54 It will give you a fare deal



## Where are the women sports fans?

A couple of weeks ago, I sat at home, as did more than 108 million viewers, and watched the Super Bowl with my family.

After a while, I came to the realization that I was the only girl in the living room.

That is, unless you count my cousin, who only came in during halftime so she could be front row for the Beyonce show. After that 13-minute performance, she was out of there.

It got me to thinking that I don't know a lot of girls that actually like sports, at least like I do.

I'm not including all girls, obviously. I'm also not including girls who actually play sports.

This is mostly for the girls who know absolutely nothing, and couldn't tell a first down from a first strike if their life depended on it.

A lot of girls just choose to don the jersey of their hometown team just because it seems like the thing to do, but couldn't tell you the name of at least three people on the team.

I grew up the only girl with three brothers, who all played sports.

You can use the term tomboy if you want, but I honestly don't think that's an excuse.

Sports doesn't have to be a mens-only club.

I don't like every sport, and I'm no Stephen A. Smith or anything, but I like them enough to actually know what I'm talking about.

Sports are fun, they're exciting, and they're very easy to get into.

My favorite sport is basketball, and I've spent many a night yelling at the Lakers, especially this season.

One of my favorite things to do is talk to my dad about football. Girls

have their own way of bonding with their father, and for me, this is the best way.

My mother is one of those women who doesn't know much about sports.

She was the woman who sat in the kitchen during the entire Super Bowl, and made appetizers for everyone. Which, by the way, was greatly appreciated.

Her excuse is that she isn't American, and sports like football and basketball mean nothing to her.

**If you want to think about it another way, you're putting a woman's touch on something that is always thought to be forbidden to us.**

Every time I watch the Lakers play, the first thing she asks me is if my boyfriend Dwight Howard is playing yet. Insert deep sigh.

That doesn't fly in my book, and I've made a mission to make sure she knows what she's talking about.

I can't tell you how annoying it is to hear girls say their favorite player on the 49ers is Colin Kaepernick because "he's just so sexy."

Girls, you don't have to follow sports just because you think it has the hottest guys. It's a plus for sure, but it doesn't have to be the only reason.

Sports are a great way to be social. Guys love it when you can talk to them about sports, and actually hold a debate about it.

Now for the disclaimer: I'm not, in any way, trying to tell you to get carried away with it.

It may be attractive for some people to see a shirtless painted woman with a foam finger sitting at the 50-yard line, but I definitely don't recommend it.

It would be even less appealing to see a woman on the news because she got in trouble for getting in a fight in the stadium parking lot over a comment from a fan of the opposing team.

And I get it, men who watch sports together are often times gross, with the belching, the profanities and the sweaty excitement.

The majority of women are not like that, and there's something there to be added to the realm of men loving sports.

If you want to think about it another way, you're putting a woman's touch on something that is always thought to be forbidden to us.

Men have done it forever. Take fashion for example.

Do the names Louis Vuitton, Christian Louboutin, or Michael Kors ring a bell?

Yes, all men, all putting a man's touch on women's fashion for decades.

In comparison, this is one small step for women to change people's perspectives on who can really love sports.

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## Un-Hallmarking Valentines Day

If you're single, you hate it. If you're in a relationship, it's not so bad.

Valentine's Day has become society's inside joke. It makes those who are a part of it laugh and those who are not feel like the world is whispering and laughing at them.

Single people become cynical and resentful of the holiday, and that animosity toward love gives birth to some of the most repetitive and easily debunked attacks on what is already a silly holiday concept. Let me break it down for you.

In elementary school, Valentine's Day was a "lovely" time when we all got free candy from our friends because the school forced them to be nice to us. In middle school it was the day you let someone know you "liked" them. In high school, it was your annual opportunity at losing your virginity. But in college, just as it will be in the real world, Valentine's Day has separated us into two camps, the lovers and the haters.

The lovers are the people who actually have a special someone or a date for Valentine's Day. They are the ones that can enjoy the smell of roses and taste of chocolate all day because they know, later that night, they get to taste the sweetest of chocolates. If you fall asleep on Feb. 13 looking forward to the next day, you are probably a lover and you have no complaints about Valentine's Day.

Now, if on Feb. 14 you are going around feeling like the Ebenezer Scrooge of February, you are a hater. Haters do nothing but complain about every aspect of Valentine's Day. They spew out the same boring arguments against the holiday every year as if they were hip and original.

It's become a commercialized holiday created by the Hallmark Cards company.

Yes. Of course it has. We live in a capitalist society, everything is commercialized. Ever notice how kids leave chocolate chip cookies out for the man who will bring them "commercialized" gifts but won't leave birthday cake out for Jesus? That's because we love getting presents, even if the reason behind it is lost. Who cares about the commercialization of one day? Not us obviously, wearing our Victoria's Secret "PINK" sweat pants or our trendy Ur-

ban Outfitters getup every other day of the year.

Why should Valentine's Day be the only day people show how much they care?

It shouldn't. You should always show you care about someone, no matter what time of the year. But if you're in a relationship where your lover makes you feel like Valentine's Day is the only day it's necessary to show love, you should think about putting in your two weeks notice.

It's not the holiday's fault it's the only day your horrible partner decides to be romantic. Valentine's Day is a fun, light way to express any feelings you have for another: it's not a definition of your relationship or love life. If you see the exchange of a stuffed bear and a heart shaped box as a symbol of love, there is something wrong with you, not the day.

**Valentine's Day can be a blast. Be original; have fun with it.**

It's expensive and unnecessary spending.

Correction. Buying Ty Beanie Babies was unnecessary spending. And how much didn't America spend on that? Everything is unnecessary spending, unless you're buying food and water. No, Valentine's Day paraphernalia such as flowers, chocolates, balloons, etc. are more of a temporary investment.

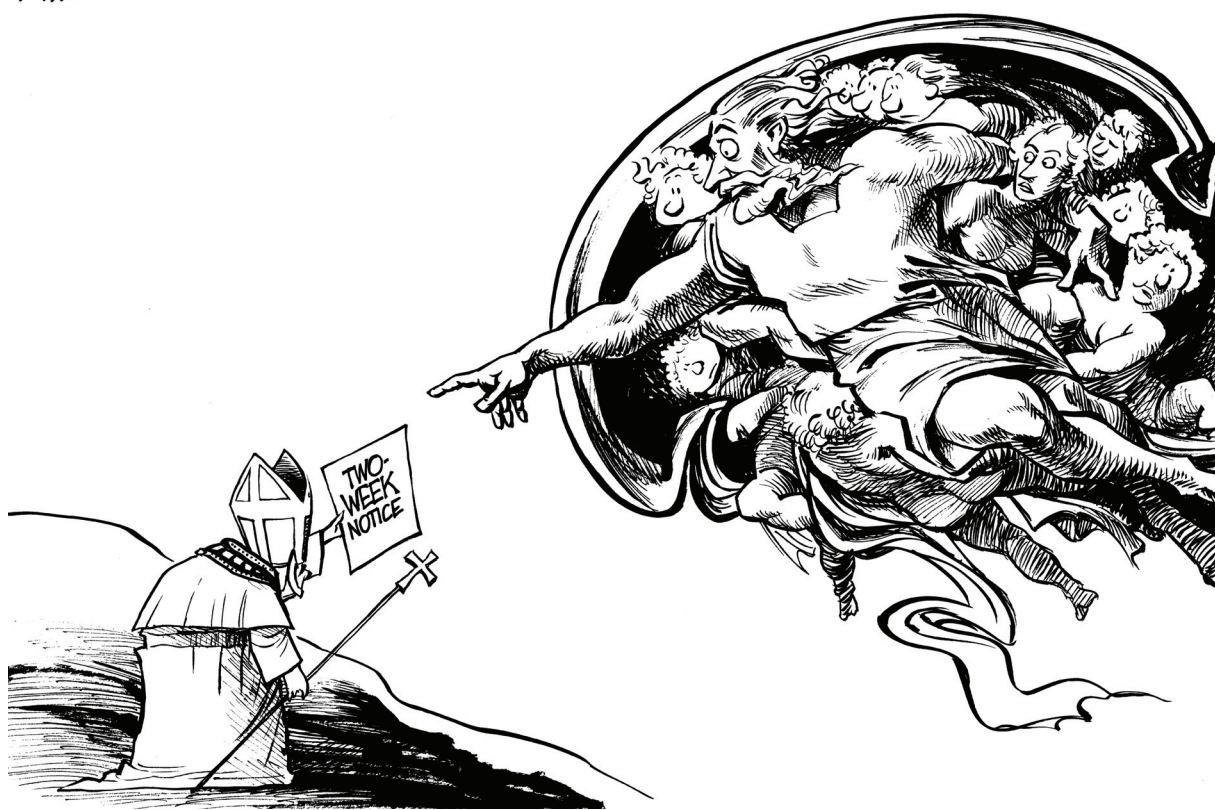
Face it, a nice dinner for two these days takes about a \$50 withdrawal from your savings. On Feb. 14, you get the same results for the price of a Kit-Kat and a condom. Sometimes it's just easier to bite your lip and get the \$5 chocolate rose.

Valentine's Day can be a blast. Be original: have fun with it. You don't have to conform to the Hallmark routine. He's not a fan of fancy dinners? Order him a pizza. She's a smoker? Get her Febreze instead of perfumes. No one's forcing us to buy anything. It's up to us to get creative and personalize this day.

And if you're single and don't have a date yet, cheer up, you still have the Internet.

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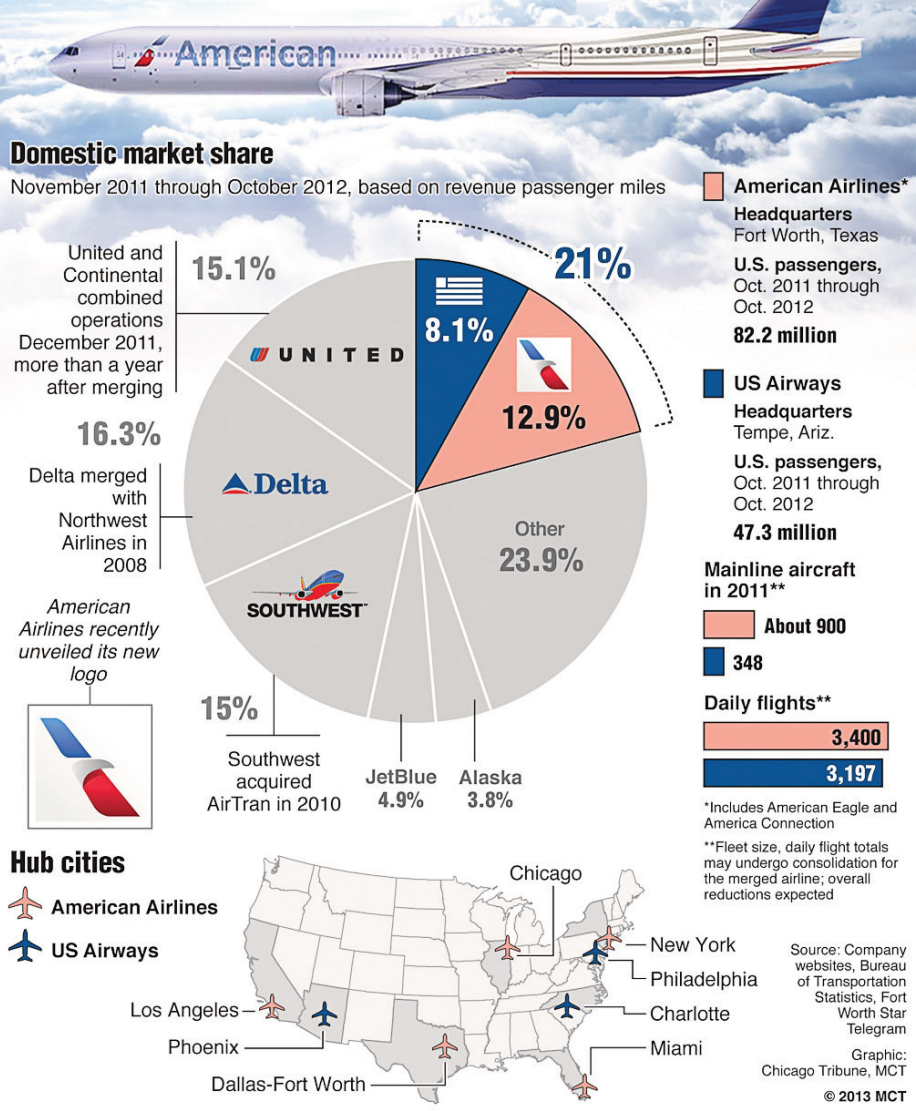
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## Merger creates world's biggest airline

The parent companies of American Airlines and US Airways will merge the two airlines, they announced Feb. 13. Doing so will give the new carrier the largest segment of the U.S. domestic market share, as well as global dominance.



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### BUSINESS

## American Airlines, US Airways boards vote to merge, sources say

By Andrea Ahles  
McClatchy Tribune

FORT WORTH, Texas — The deal is finally done.

On Wednesday, the boards of directors for both AMR Corp. and US Airways Group approved a definitive agreement to merge the two carriers, sources close to the deal said.

An announcement is scheduled for Thursday morning at Dallas/Fort Worth airport in the American Airlines' Admirals Club, said the sources, who declined to be identified.

The merger will create the largest airline in the U.S., bumping United Continental out of the top spot, with combined revenues of \$38.7 billion and close to 100,000 employees.

The deal will need to be approved by the bankruptcy judge and by federal regulators before AMR, American's parent company, can exit Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

AMR's board met in New York and voted unanimously to approve the merger, the sources said. A bankruptcy filing is expected on Thursday regarding the deal.

Details of the merger have not been released. But the sources said that AMR chief executive Tom Horton will become non-executive chairman of the new carrier until its first shareholder meeting, likely in mid-2014. US Airways CEO Doug Parker will become the chief executive of the merged airline.

The deal is likely to include a 72 percent equity stake for AMR creditors while US Air-

ways shareholders will receive 28 percent of the equity in the new company, sources said, adding that AMR common shareholders will get a percentage of AMR's equity portion of the merger.

According to the Wall Street Journal, the board of the new company will have 12 directors, with five appointed by American's creditors, three appointed by American and four appointed by US Airways.

US Airways has been pushing for a merger since last spring, winning the support of American's unions and creditors.

Meetings have been going on for weeks as executives at both companies, along with American's unsecured creditors committee and an ad hoc bondholder group, tried to reach a deal before the Feb. 15 expiration of a nondisclosure agreement with bondholders.

AMR had previously asked the court to extend its deadline until late April to submit a reorganization plan which suggested that talks could have stretched past this week.

With the merger, American will get more market share on the East Coast, where it has lost business in recent years to carriers like JetBlue. US Airways' hubs in Charlotte and Philadelphia will also bolster American's north-south traffic on the East Coast.

For US Airways, the merger gives it access to more international routes and partners through the Oneworld alliance. US Airways is currently a member of the Star Alliance but does not have the full benefits where United has better joint ventures with international partners.

### TECHNOLOGY

## 3-D software key to designing many of today's consumer products

By Steve Johnson  
McClatchy Tribune

While developing an electric bicycle for his San Rafael, Calif., company, Marcus Hays had planned to insert a battery into one of the bike's supporting tubes. But then he did an analysis of his concept with three-dimensional computer-aided design software.

The technology revealed another way the bike could be built.

"We learned that if we changed the shape of the tube slightly, literally by a half an inch in one direction, we were able to reduce the cost of our goods by approximately \$350,000 dollars in the first 100 bikes," said the 53-year-old founder of Pi Mobility.

In years past, anyone designing a new product had to laboriously draw their idea on paper and then erase their work or start all over on another sheet if their boss or some customer insisted on a last-minute alteration.

But that has changed with the advent of three-dimensional computer-aided design software. Used for everything from guitars, cars, toys and furniture to houses, electronic gadgets, candy bars and clothing, 3-D CAD technology allows products to be sketched out and easily modified in stunning displays that can be tilted, spun around, flipped over and viewed in countless ways.

As a result, the task of making many products has

become more efficient, less expensive and quicker than ever before, according to those who use the technology. Moreover, they say, because of the software's growing adoption by businesses, store shelves in the future will be filled with an increasing variety of new merchandise.

"The consumer will benefit definitely from this," predicted Nicholas Talesfore, who uses the technology at his Campbell, Calif., company, ID-3D Design, to help others create items for sale. But "the downside," he added, is there are going to be a lot of obsolete products, because newer products will come out every six months or three months."

Although 3-D CAD has been around for half a century, its use has exploded as the technology has improved. Just about every type of consumer industry employs it today, from makers of luxury yachts to golf clubs to health products. San Jose, Calif.-based Align Technology, for example, says its technology can create 3-D digital images of patients' teeth, which then can be turned into veneers, inlays, crowns and bridges.

With 3-D software, instead of having to erase or redraw product concepts when adjustments are required, alterations can simply be plugged into the computer, which instantly displays the new version on its screen. That lets designers not only experiment with different

colors, textures and shapes, but also substitute parts or add features to the model, and see the changes automatically reflected in every view they look at.

With a click of a mouse, they also take a virtual trip inside the proposed product to examine its components in detail, run simulated stress tests to determine how well it would hold up in actual use, and even get color-coded warnings about parts that wouldn't fit together if the item was built according to its blueprint.

The software also enables product designs to be displayed on Internet sites or sent via mobile devices to others in the business for their suggestions. The same approach can be used to lure buyers, since products depicted in 3-D tend to be far more impressive than those shown in a two-dimensional image.

Hays of Pi Mobility set up a Web page where potential customers could check out a 3-D representation of his electric bicycle, which sells for \$3,995 to \$8,995.

"It helped enormously," he said, noting that he's sold several hundred bikes so far.

"It enables you to get a look at a product in the very early design process," added Anye Spivey, CEO of Lion Hound Technology in Oakland, Calif., which used the services of ID-3D Design to create a Bluetooth iPod nano watch case that fits on a per-

son's wrist so they can listen to music while exercising without getting tangled up in headset wires. "And when you are selling an idea to investors, that is a critical component."

In this social media era, soliciting opinions about

product designs is bound to become much more common, predicted Keith Perrin, senior manager for manufacturing at Autodesk, a San Rafael company that provided the 3-D CAD software used by Pi Mobility.

"In the next couple of

years, you are going to see a massive change in the way people share information," he said. "It's going to turn into more of a tribal thing, where I ask others, 'What do you think of my design?' The younger generation expects that sort of collaboration."

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