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Textbooks: Printed or Pixels?



Textbooks are becoming more readily available in digital form to students at SJSU. Photo Illustration by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

Electronic textbooks take front-seat precedence by many SJSU professors

by Julie Tran
Staff Writer

The average cost of textbooks and supplies goes for \$1,746 per year for SJSU students, according to the university's Financial Aid and Scholarship office.

"I think that's overpriced," said Marco Frias, a freshman mechanical engineering major, in response to the figure.

With technological advances, some textbooks are going digital with many options for students to get their required reading material.

Websites such as Barnes & Noble, Chegg and Amazon are offering electronic versions of college textbooks to be downloaded on various devices such as PC, Mac and tablets.

SJSU's Spartan Bookstore started carrying digital textbooks for the

student population around April 2011 through Barnes & Noble.

Spartan Bookstore manager Ryland Metzinger said that roughly 10 percent of the textbook titles offered in their inventory are available digitally.

However, he said there is not a high demand when it comes to students purchasing the textbooks in this new format.

"Lots of students ask about digital textbooks, but not many buy them," Metzinger said.

According to Metzinger, the bookstore is more successful with textbook rentals.

When a student rents textbooks through the Spartan Bookstore, the student saves an average of 50 percent off over the price of a brand-new textbook according to the SJSU textbook rental site.

Corayma Duarte, a freshman materials engineering major, said she feels more comfortable using the physical textbooks as opposed to the digital textbooks.

"I like to highlight and bookmark

the pages as I go," Duarte said.

Despite the presence of textbook rentals and digital textbooks, some professors try to find more cost-effective ways to teach their lessons to cash-strapped students.

Karthika Sasikumar, an assistant professor in political science, said she doesn't assign textbooks in her lesson plans.

"I find them to be too expensive and I would like to reduce the financial burden on my students," Sasikumar said.

Instead, Sasikumar said she customizes her lessons through online assigned readings since she believes a physical or digital textbook wouldn't be able to keep up with the ever-changing world of politics.

The Spartan Bookstore's website states that digital textbooks (called eTextbooks) are subjected to copy and print restrictions in order to prevent unauthorized reproductions of their work.

The Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library website states that any usage of photocopying work is authorized

as long as it's "for purposes such as criticism, comment, news reporting, teaching (including multiple copies for classroom use) ... (or) is not an infringement of copyright."

Lewis Du, a junior business management information system major, said some of his professors scan pages of textbooks for their students to read online.

"When they scan and upload the pages online, it's helpful for me since I save money," Du said.

Du also supported the idea of using digital textbooks since it would be a cheaper alternative as opposed to buying new textbooks every semester.

Metzinger said that in the upcoming semester, more textbook titles will be available in digital format.

As of now, the eTextbooks are compatible with Mac or PC but not with the iPad.

"In these difficult financial times, it's good to have more options available for the students," Metzinger said.

Oakland PD arrest more than 400 at Occupy riot

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

OAKLAND, Calif. — Officials surveyed damage Sunday from a volatile Occupy protest that resulted in hundreds of arrests the day before when demonstrators broke into City Hall, smashed display cases, cut electrical wires and burned an American flag.

Police said about 400 people were arrested during Saturday's daylong protest — the most contentious since authorities dismantled the Occupy Oakland camp late last year.

Mayor Jean Quan condemned the local movement's tactics as "a constant provocation of the police with a lot of violence toward them" and said the demonstrations were draining scarce resources from an already strapped city. Damage to the City Hall plaza alone has cost \$2 million since October, she said, about as much as police overtime and mutual aid.

Oakland has logged five homicides since Friday, and Police Chief Howard Jordan said the law enforcement "personnel and resources dedicated to Occupy reduce our ability to focus on public safety priorities."

The Occupy action was publicized by the group as a planned takeover of a vacant building that would be "repurposed" as a "social center, convergence center and headquarters of the Occupy Oakland movement." In an open letter to Quan on Wednesday, the group warned that if police attempted to thwart the takeover, "indefinite occupation" of Oakland's airport, port and City Hall could follow.

Police prevented an afternoon attempt by protesters to enter the city's vacant Henry J. Kaiser Convention Center. Demonstrators then headed to the nearby Oakland Museum of California, where arrests occurred after an order to disperse was ignored. One officer was cut in the face when a demonstrator threw a bicycle at him, another suffered a cut hand and a third was bruised, Watson said. At least one demonstrator was injured.

Later in the night, marchers entered the downtown Oakland YMCA, where hundreds of arrests took place. The City Hall break-in occurred about the same time, officials said.

Throughout the action, some demonstrators threw bottles, rocks,

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Proposed fee in the works for new sustainability fund

by Boris Slanger
Staff Writer

The Environmental Resource Center at SJSU is proposing a new fee to build the University Sustainability Trust, a fund that would provide grants for students, according to Lacey Lutes director for the resource center.

The trust is a project controlled by the resource center that would "Come out of the A.S. fees and give students a chance to request funds for sustainability projects," according to an Associated Students board meeting minutes from the Nov. 30, 2011 meeting.

The proposed fee would cost a student six dollars a year.

This fund would total nearly \$160,000 a year or \$80,000 a semester.

To apply for the grant a student can be from any department with any major, the only proposed stipulation as of now is that the project be made to be environmentally sustainable.

This means it must be made out of organic materials or a renewable energy source, according to the fee proposal financial statement provided at the resource center.

"It is a fund made by the students for the students," Lutes said.

The fund is still in its early stages and the vote would likely not take place for a while until all the kinks are worked out of the program, according to Lutes's presentation at the Jan. 25, 2011 A.S. board meeting.

"We are working directly with A.S. to perfect logistics on the program," Lutes said. "We don't want to slap a fee on students without their approval."

According to Lizzie Orr, A.S. director of student affairs it could be up to two years from now before the program appears on the ballot.

The fund would have to hire a student director and a faculty advisor.

The student director would receive \$5,000 per year salary and the

faculty advisor would receive \$10,000 a year.

This money would come directly out of the fund, according to the sustainability trust proposal written by Lutes and Lynne Trulio Environmental Resource Center faculty advisor.

"Sustainability is a hot topic and the idea is good and it is an exciting project on the horizon," Orr said.

Some students on SJSU campus are behind the initiative.

"Six dollars is a small investment for American sustainability," said graduate student Anthony Burnett.

Freshman engineer Juan Jimenez thought the plan was good as long as it was available to all students.

Students would have to appear before the trust allocation committee to see if they qualify for the grant. According to the proposal there would be about eight grants for \$20,000 each.

The fund will have 100 percent accountability, according to Lutes.

Students would have to provide receipts for the money they spent.

They would also have to show the committee what they were planning on buying and how much it costs.

Lutes said if there was any left over money it would either stay in the fund or go into the A.S. fund which is for students as well. There would also be a strict timeline that the students would have to follow in order to keep the grant, according to Lutes and the trust proposal.

"We are in the minority in not having this fund," Lutes said.

According to the trust proposal which was written by Lutes and Trulio, "Such 'green fees' are very widespread on campuses across the US and are central to involving students directly in sustainability projects."

Another student who is behind the proposal is junior computer engineer Kevin Nguyen.

Nguyen said, "Sounds like a good initiative."

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Gingrich, Romney at odds over Florida in GOP race

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Newt Gingrich tried to discount a likely defeat in Tuesday's Florida primary by declaring that Mitt Romney had yet to prove he could win a majority of the Republican vote, and predicting that the nomination wouldn't be decided until the national convention in August.

Boosted by strong support from female voters, Romney lengthened his lead in Florida after one of the most bruising weeks of the campaign. He was ahead of Gingrich by double-digit margins in three new statewide opinion surveys released Sunday.

But Gingrich said that Romney was a long way from wrapping up the nomination and pointed out that the former Massachusetts governor still lags among the most conservative voters. "We will go all the way to the convention," Gingrich told reporters after attending services at a Baptist mega-church in suburban Tampa. "When you take all the non-Romney votes, it's very likely that at the convention there will be a non-Romney majority and maybe a very substantial one. My job is to convert that into a Gingrich majority."

But Romney, sensing an opportunity to deal his main opponent a crushing blow, kept up the pressure. He accused Gingrich of "making excuses" for his sliding poll numbers after the former House speaker, eager for free TV time to counter Romney's nonstop ad attack, made the Sunday talk show rounds.

"He's on TV this morning, going from station to station, complaining about what he thinks were the reasons he's had difficulty here in Florida," Romney told a rally crowd in Naples, Fla. It was time for his rival "to look in the mirror," he said.



Campus Resources

Infographic by Nic Aguon

Here is a list to some of the resources offered at SJSU including academic, physical and personal assistance. Visit the SJSU website to learn more.

1 Learning Assistance Resource Center
Student Services Building Room 600

Designed to help students develop their full potential, the LARC Center provides students with various support services such as subject advising, individual or group tutoring and basic skills development.

5 Peer Mentor Center
Clark Hall Room 105

The Peer Mentor Center is designed to help students transition into SJSU by teaching students to help each other as well as themselves. The staff here is among the best, brightest and diverse SJSU students.

6 Writing Center
Clark Hall Suite 126

The Writing Center provides students with services such as workshops and one-on-one tutoring to help improve the writing quality of any student that seeks the help. All of the services are free for SJSU students.

7 Disability Resource Center (DRC)
Administration Building Room 110

The Disability Resource Center exists to accommodate students who have disabilities such as reading or hearing impairments. The DRC's goal is to provide services and promote access for students with disabilities not only in the classroom but also throughout campus.

2 Associated Students Computer Services Center (ASCSC)
Upper Level of the Student Union

Located on second floor of the Student Union, the ASCSC boasts several computing stations as well as computer repair and printing services. Also, the ASCSC provides students a place to check e-mail, print papers or get schoolwork done. Laptop rentals and faxing services are also available at the ASCSC.

3 MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center
Student Union third floor

The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center provides a safe and welcoming environment for students of different cultures and ethnic groups. MOSAIC celebrates and honors the vast diversity of students on-campus. MOSAIC offers advocates for and supports historically under-represented groups, leadership opportunities as well as programming focusing on social justice, cultural empowerment and critical thought for the SJSU community.

4 LGBT Resource Center
Boccardo Business Building Room 101D

Through education outreach, the LGBT Center aims to improve the campus for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer, questioning and ally students. The LGBT Center advocates for the respect and safety of all members of the campus community.

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Above: Students enjoy the relaxed atmosphere out of the rain in the renovated Spartan Pub. Grand opening will be Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. Photo by Steve Maddix / Spartan Daily

Beer at last; pub renovations complete: The Spartan Pub which was closed in May due to renovations was opened on earlier in the week to limited service. Redwood paneling, oak tables and chairs and plants in baskets and copper pots are some of the new features of the \$245,000 worth of renovations to the Pub, said Ed Zant, director of Spartan Shops.

Innocent plea by Cummings to all charges: Donald Cummings, SJSU honor student, pleaded not guilty to two murders near campus in San Jose Municipal Court on the Jan. 28. Cumming's house was searched earlier in the month and evidence was found to linking him with the death of Blythe Nielsen. He is also charged with the murder of Phyllis Higdon.

Men cagers edge Utah St.: The SJSU men's basketball team defeated the Aggies 68-64 in the final seconds of Jan. 29 at Independence Fieldhouse. The Spartans improved to 14-3 overall and moved into first place in PCAA with a record of 5-0.

OCCUPY: Protest ends in arrests

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burning flares and other objects at officers. In a tactic that officials said they had not previously encountered, protesters also moved in on the police line carrying elaborate shields. One, displayed at City Hall on Sunday, was about 6 by 4 feet and built of corrugated metal on wood panels, complete with multiple handles. "Commune Move In" was painted on the front.

Occupy Oakland's media committee issued a statement condemning the police response, saying officers did not give demonstrators enough time to disperse before moving in to make mass arrests.

"Contrary to their own policy, the OPD gave no option of leaving or instruction on how to depart," the group said in a news release. "These arrests are completely illegal, and this will probably result in another class action lawsuit against the OPD, who have already cost Oakland \$58 million in lawsuits over the past 10 years."

The Police Department is under a federal consent decree stemming from civil rights violations by officers more

than a decade ago. A federal judge this month ordered all administrative and policy decisions to first be cleared with a court-appointed monitor.

The department's heavy-handed initial response to last fall's Occupy protests did not help its reputation. The use of tear gas and other projectiles on largely peaceful demonstrators Oct. 25 made inter-

national news after a military veteran was struck in the head and seriously injured.

But Quan said Sunday she believed officers had modified their tactics to better single out troublemakers.

"We're tired of one faction using Oakland as their playground," Quan said of demonstrators intent on clashing with police.

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College students distraught over high unemployment numbers, study concludes

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

Seeing their parents struggle with unemployment and other money worries over the last few years, the nation's current batch of college freshmen increasingly view a bachelor's degree as a necessary ticket to better jobs, according to a University of California, Los Angeles survey being released Thursday.

In responding to the "American Freshman" poll, 85.9 percent of first-year students across the country said that being able to land a good job is a very important reason for attending college. That is the strongest response to that question in the 40 years it has been asked and is sharply higher than the 70.4 percent reply in 2006, before the recession began.

The survey asks freshmen to select reasons they are pursuing higher education. For a generation, the most popular one was "to learn more about things that interest me." This year, 82.9 percent said that was a major motive. But since 2009, the concern about jobs has been on top.

Also setting a record was the response to a query about whether becoming very well off financially is an "essential or very important" objec-

tive. The survey showed that 79.6 percent of the students described such affluence as a compelling goal, up from the pre-recession response of 73.4 percent in 2006 and double the levels during the more counter-cultural 1970s.

"I think it's understandable. Like everybody in the country, these students are reacting to a time of recession," said John H. Pryor, managing director of UCLA's Higher Education Research Institute, which conducts the annual survey.

But he cautioned that it would be wrong to assume that the students want to make money just for luxurious lifestyles. In fact, the report also shows that, compared with students 40 years ago, current freshmen say they are much more interested in having children. So, Pryor said, they may be more aware of what it costs to raise and educate a family.

"They may want to make sure their kids can go to their first-choice colleges without a lot of loans, as opposed to buying the plasma TV and the BMW," he said. Begun in 1966, the poll is considered the nation's most comprehensive look at college students' attitudes. Nearly 204,000 incoming freshmen at 270 four-year colleges and

universities decided to participate at the start of the current school year.


Compared with classes ahead of them, today's recession-era freshmen reported being more studious and sober during high school. These students may fear that bad grades and rejections from good colleges could lead to economic insecurity, analysts said.

Those who reported that they studied or did homework for six or more hours a week as high school seniors rose to 39.5 percent, up from 34.7 percent in 2009. In the same period, the share of students who said they drank beer frequently or occasionally in high school dropped from 39.5 percent to 35.4 percent and those who said they spent some time "partying" every week during high school declined from 69.7 percent to 65.3 percent.

Liberal social causes are becoming more popular on campuses, with supportive responses to many of these questions on the rise.

For example, 71.3 percent said they supported gay and lesbian couples' right to marry, and 60.7 percent said abortion should be kept legal. Additionally, 49.1 percent backed the legalization of marijuana.

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SJSU tennis team cannot fend off quack attack

Spartans open with 0-2 home record after weekend loss to Oregon Ducks

by Boris Slager
Staff Writer

The women's tennis team fell to University of Oregon 5-2 on Saturday afternoon.

"It was not our best effort," SJSU coach Sylvain Malroux said. Oregon took control early, winning the doubles matches.

The team of junior Patricia Skowronski and freshman Sofia Hager from Oregon defeated sophomore Sabastiani Leon Chao and junior Chau Truong of SJSU, setting the tone for the doubles matches.

All three of the double matches ended with Oregon winning 8-1, with the Ducks getting one point for their doubles victory by winning two out of three doubles matches.

SJSU (1-2) looked overmatched early.

"In doubles they are great players and stay aggressive," Leon Chao said.

Even though the Spartans fought back hard in the singles competition, it was not enough to overcome the Ducks.

"We started extremely flat, but finished strong," Malroux said.

Leon Chao and Truong said that the team could have done more to earn a victory.

"We could have played better, tennis is timing, technique and brains," Leon Chao said.

Once the singles matches started the Spartans knew they needed to come back.

The first singles match was junior Julia Metzger (University of Oregon) versus Leon Chao (SJSU).

After winning her first set, Leon Chao was injured during the second game and it seemed to hamper her during the match.

"I regrouped during the time in between the second set and the tie-breaker and it pushed me to play harder," she said.

Leon Chao won 6-3, 1-6, 10-4, one of two Spartan victories which came in tie-breaking fashion.

Malroux said that each one of the matches could have gone the way of the Spartans.

"The matches turned on certain key points," Malroux said.

The second match included Skowronski versus Truong, with Skowronski winning 7-5, 6-0.

The match started out well for Truong, as she took a 5-4 lead, but could not hold on and looked frustrated as Skowronski was



Isadora Busch, SJSU freshman women's tennis player, glares across the court during the tennis match at SJSU on Sunday against Oregon. The Spartans lost to the Ducks, 5-2, falling for the second time over the weekend. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

able to win the next three games and the match.

"I was not in my game, and I didn't feel my forehand," Truong said.

Oregon freshman Hager took on freshman Spartan Erica Medlin in the third match.

Medlin fought back from down one set and down 2-0 in the second set to force the tie-breaker.

The day's second tie-breaker was a back and forth duel between Medlin and Hager, lasting about 15 minutes.

Medlin took the match with a forehand winner, beating Hager 1-6, 6-3, 11-9.

Freshman Isadora Busch of SJSU competed against Oregon's Trudie Du Toit with Du Toit winning 6-0, 6-1.

Two freshmen competed in the fifth match, as Haley Driver

of Oregon beat Jessica Willet of SJSU, 6-1, 6-3.

Freshman Willet was screaming for every point she won, but Driver proved too much for her.

In the sixth and final match Oregon's Rabea Stuckemann defeated SJSU's Sandra Florea, 6-4, 6-1.

SJSU players said they were happy for Medlin and Leon Chao and their victories.

"I was really proud of both of them, especially Erica," Truong said.

The Ducks improved to 3-1 on the season with the win and spoiled the Spartans' second home game of the season.

The Spartans remain winless at home after losing to Santa Clara University on Friday.

SJSU's next game is Feb. 18 against Sonoma State University.

SJSU football coach's contract extended

Staff Report

SJSU Athletic Director Tom Bowen announced that the school will extend the contract of football head coach Mike MacIntyre last Wednesday, securing him as a part of the Spartans' program through the 2017 season.

The second-year head coach's original contract had three years remaining on the five-year contract.

MacIntyre, who completed his second season as head coach of SJSU football, led the team to its best finish in five seasons in 2011 with an overall record of 5-7.

He led SJSU to its first victory at Fresno State in 24 years, as well as defeating Colorado State for the program's first non-conference road win since 2002.

The 46-year-old coach took over the SJSU football team in 2010 after a two-win season in 2009.

After winning only one game during his first season as head coach, the Spartans nearly doubled their combined win totals of 2009 and 2010, finishing the season with five wins and becoming the most improved team in the Western Athletic Conference in terms of wins in 2011.

The SJSU football team had 12 players awarded academic All-WAC honors in 2011, as well as three players participate in postseason All-Star games.

MacIntyre's 2012 recruiting class was recently ranked 89th by Scout.com in its annual team recruitment rankings, garnering the top ranking among teams in the WAC.

The Spartans' were ranked as having the 108th recruiting class in 2011.



Head coach Mike MacIntyre reacts to a Spartans' turnover in a game at Stanford in 2011. Photo by Vernon McKnight / File Photo

COACH MAC BY THE NUMBERS

2009
Spartans finish season 2-10 under head coach Dick Tomey.

2010
In Mike MacIntyre's first season as head coach, SJSU finishes 1-11.

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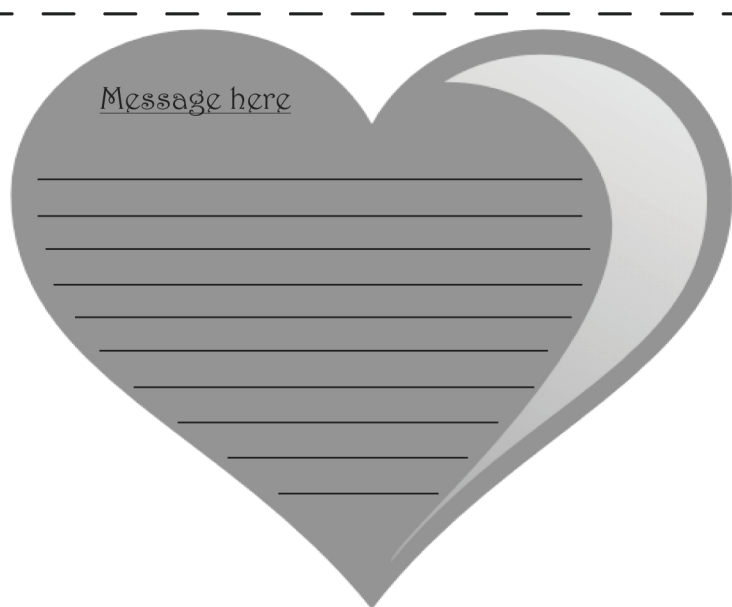
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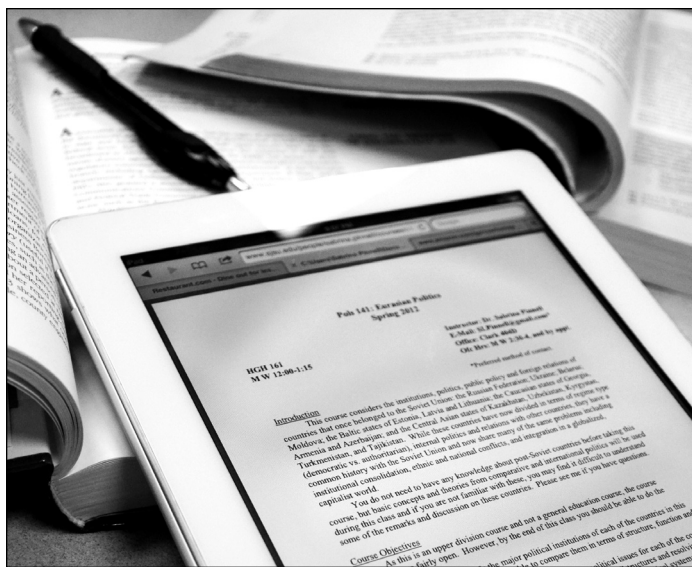
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Many professors are using electronic textbooks and syllabi instead of printed copies. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

■ COMMENTARY

The e-life doesn't have to be so cloudy

By Leo Postovoit
Tech Editor

"Did you all download my syllabus?"

This is the phrase heard in increasingly more classrooms across the SJSU campus.

And you shouldn't be afraid: there are no gremlins inside the technology destroying the ways of old.

Computing technology is maturing, and yes, your 70-year-old professor finally knows how to email and upload as well as affix his dentures before leaving the house.

Albeit anecdotal, I can see this as proof in my own life. All but one of my courses this semester have distinctly set themselves up in this trend: a digital education platform, and I am, frankly, excited.

The transition of print to digital by university professors is nothing new, but it seems as if this semester, partly due to the rise in tablet and e-reader ownership and their further drop in cost, the digital classroom is finally forging as new age in platforms that don't break.

From digital syllabi that allow students to learn all about the class before the semester starts, to the campus-wide adoption of Desire2Learn, to ebooks that cost only a fraction of a print edition, it represents a great societal change.

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Most ebooks can also be downloaded as a PDF and printed on paper, liberating the freedom of the press to anyone with a desktop printer.

Now you can pick up where you were left off on "Pride and Prejudice" on your iPhone at the gym. It's a pretty cool feature.

And while I might ramble about how the concentration of the world's books into a single store owned by the largest information company and ad agency in the world is a terrifying concept, and further the concept that they are tracking what you're reading and when, Google's advancement of the technology is nonetheless a good thing because it means the competitors,

namely Barnes and Noble and Amazon, will implement the liberating features.

And in one sense, competition is generally a good thing, except when it comes to complexities due to lack of uniformity in products.

One of the most perplexing things about this new generation of products is that between the dozens of e-readers — from the original Kindle to the iPad — each has its own file restriction and integral downfall that leaves the consumer at a loss.

However, the key to the technological age we are in as a whole is to practice: to figure out what works for you.

What can do what, how long it lasts, and why you should use it are questions you need to ask of every app, device and website.

One of the niftiest note-taking setups I've seen is from students who use OneNote, a desktop app found in some versions of Microsoft Office, allowing typed outline notes that pairs with an audio recording of class lectures.

If you add this to a Dropbox.com setup that syncs to the cloud, you have a powerful archive that lives beyond your device's battery life and can be shared with classmates and multiple computers with great ease via a cloud storage system.

OneNote is a beautifully simple tool that makes notetaking fun and removes the complexities of word processing from the student.

Not sure what year Abraham Lincoln was assassinated? The recording feature, again, allows you to recall exactly what the professor said when you review your notes.

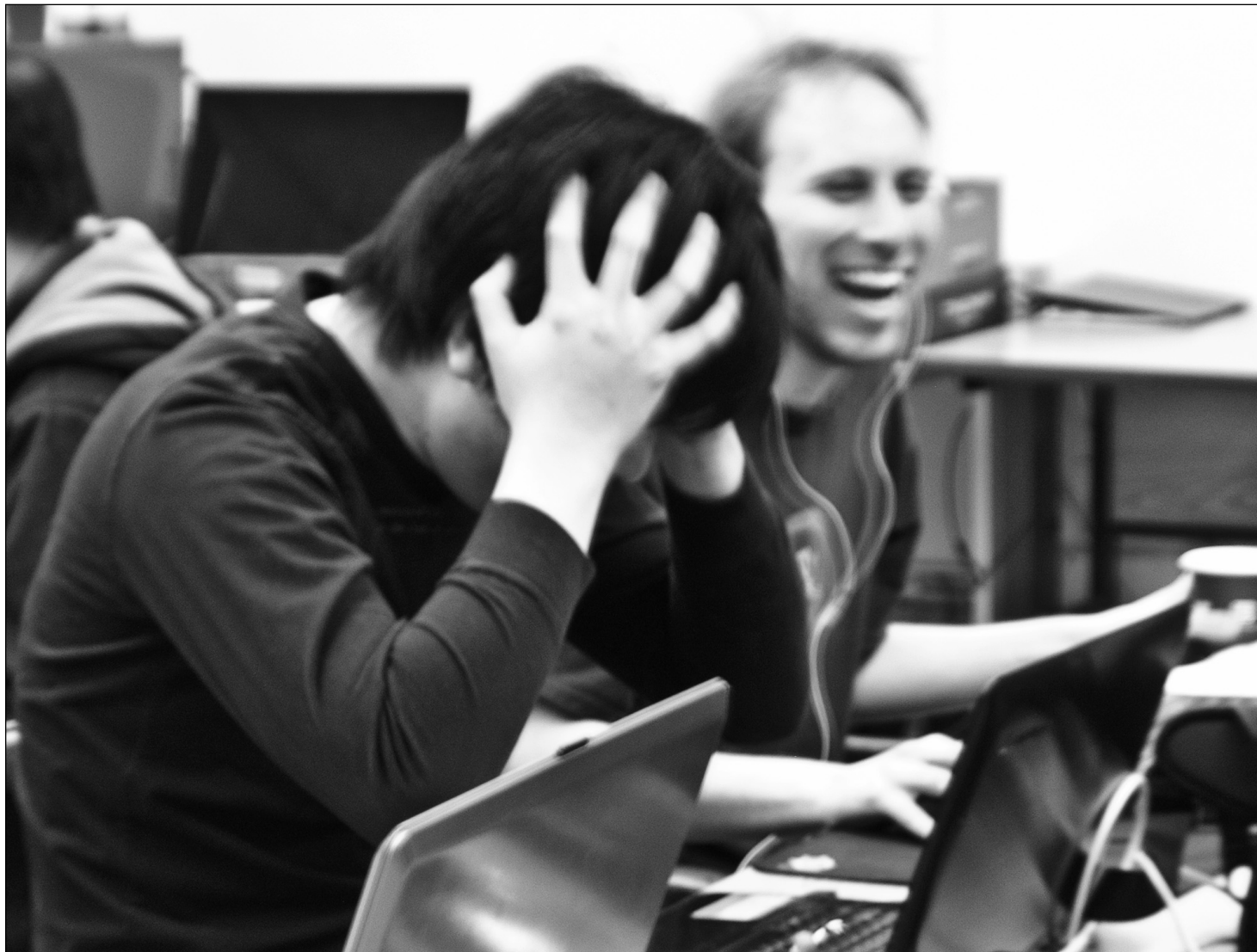
The only downfall is that OneNote does not work on Mac OS X, but compatible files can be exported. The SJSU Bookstore sells Office Professional Academic 2010 for \$122, which includes OneNote.

Dropbox will give you 2GB of free cloud storage, and an extra 1GB if you use a .EDU email address. All faculty, staff and students have access to a free sjsu.edu email account.

And if any of this seems overwhelming, remember you can ask your friends how they use what they use. Talk about what apps you use and what sites work for you. Try new gadgets when they come out, and buy the ones you want when their prices drop and their bugs are fixed.

Be open to the rapidly developing changes, most of which come from Silicon Valley, where we live.

You can become as savvy as your savviest of "techie" friends. Besides the fact that it's cool, technology is not supposed to be frustrating. It's supposed to liberate us of the problems that we have, not make things worse.



Philip Chan (left) holds his head in frustration as Andrew Miller (right) laughs at his reaction at the first LAN gaming party of the semester hosted by the computer science club in MacQuarrie Hall room 227 on Friday. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

CS club networks with LAN gaming party event

By Christian Gin
Staff Writer

Whether it's coding a new program, or playing games, the SJSU computer science club is open for all SJSU students to mingle with others.

Located in the left corner of the second floor of MacQuarrie Hall, the computer science club meets every weekday to do both school work and play video games.

"The CS club is open all the time, for students to relax and brush up on studies," said Aaron Brown, a junior and creative writing major.

The computer science club hosted its first Local Area Network (LAN) party of the semester on Friday night for club members and guests, filling the club room with PC gamers on laptop computers.

"Our goal is to help students take the next level in their programming careers."

— Yu-Ching Wang,
CS club vice president

A LAN party is a gathering of people who bring their computers to play games with each other. A guest is required to bring his or her own computer and hook it up to the network hub. The network hub connects all the computers together so participants can all play the same game together.

Titles played include League of Legends, Team Fortress 2, Starcraft and several console games that were emulated for the computer.

Club president David Do, a senior computer science major, and club vice president Yu-Ching Wang, a senior computer science major, said the computer science club's goal is to help others take a further step into computer science.

"We want to expose our members to opportunities that are inherent in the computer science field," Do said.

To help students, Do said they have "tech talk events" where representatives from tech companies to give insight about what their firms do.

COMPUTER SCIENCE CLUB

- Club room is located at MacQuarrie Hall 227
- Open as a study room to all students as a study room Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- Coding and gaming events and tech talks open to all throughout the semester
- for more information visit: www.csclubsjsu.com

Companies such as Microsoft Corporation, IBM, Avana Inc., Tata Consultancy Services Limited, Zynga and NetApp Inc. have visited in past semesters.

According to Wang, these tech talks are invaluable to those who are graduating with a degree in any computer major.

"The tech talks from the companies prepare the students for the future," Wang said. "It introduces a sample of what the real world is like."

On occasion, there will even be a job or internship opportunity available when the representative visits.

Do and Wang want computer science students to stay connected and to help one another when programming can become tough.

"Our goal is to help students take the next level in their programming careers," Wang said.

SJSU alumni also give tech talks about their experiences with computer science.

Wang said that the second goal of the CS club is to assist students in academic studies and build more resources for them.

To do this, Wang said club tutors are available to help students with coding assignments and math puzzles.

According to Do, computer science majors primarily program in the Java language because it is one of the essential basics.

"Java is the basic language that every computer science major must know," Do said.

The Java language was developed in the early '90s at Sun Microsystems, previously headquartered in Santa Clara before it merged with Redwood City's Oracle Corporation. The language involves code that is made to be compiled in a platform like

NetBeans or BlueJ to work on just about every virtual platform.

According to Do, programming requires logic and critical thinking skills to create complex code.

Wang said that some of the programmers will also learn how to code in C++, the language that Java is derived from.

Do said that the CS club is also known for its "quiet days," where the club room will be near silent, and used to only study or talk about the languages they're programming in, and its "top

coder contests," for those who are good at solving problems with code.

Previous CS club contests include "codes with holes," "algorithms," and "problem sets."

Aaron Brown said in addition to helping students who are computer science majors, the club is a great place to debrief.

"The computer science club is a place for relaxing and playing games," Brown said while playing Starcraft at Friday's LAN party. "It's a convenient time for me to chill with my side hobby of playing games."

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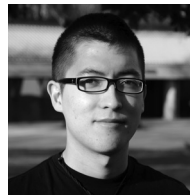
WESSIDESTORY

by Wesley Dugle

Film isn't dead yet

This column appears on Mondays

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Opinion Editor

Being somewhat of a self proclaimed film buff, I often get into conversations with my friends about movies.

We talk about our likes and dislikes, critiquing both good and bad movies often times going on "Hate-a-thon" rants of particularly bad ones and of course talk about the state of movies in general these days and what we are most excited to see.

One topic that came up more than a few times while I was back home this past break was that most of my friends feel film is dead and that it has given away to the cliché and shallow demands of Hollywood simply to make money.

With films like the "Twilight" series and those atrocious Michael Bay monstrosities called "Transformers" getting green lit and making tons of money, it's hard not to feel a little bleak about the state of movies these days.

With all that said though, I don't think movies are dead yet.

You see, movies are one of those things that I enjoy year in and year out and every year I look forward to the new crop of films that come out in the theaters.

Sure there's some really god-awful ideas out there like the inexplicable green lighting of another "Ghost Rider" film but for all the bad movies that come out there is enough high quality films released to balance things out.

For example, this past year I saw

an amazing little low-budget film called "The Descendants" starring George Clooney.

It's a great movie about repairing broken family bonds and ultimately coming together in the toughest of times, in this case Clooney's character's dying wife.

With all this set in the beautiful paradise of Hawaii it made for a really enjoyable experience for me and it's by far my favorite film of 2011.

Now you maybe saying "Well there isn't enough new ideas coming out these days," and that "films are resorting too much cliché and not enough originality."

Well all I need to say is look to the Academy Awards listings and you will see plenty of refreshing and original work in the nominations (including "The Descendants").

"The Artist," which seems to be the consensus pick for Best Picture, is one of these films and it does something that few films have done since the early part of the last century — create a silent black and white picture.

Now, in my view, the film isn't as great as most critics say it is, but it's still a solid film that tells a unique story on the early days of filming before talkies were invented.

It's very well done, combining great music, storytelling and cinematography and it's the first of its kind in a long time and that's what makes it special.

So Hollywood is definitely capable of still making original flicks these days.

Even when some films take on storylines or archetypes that have been done before they can be quite original as well.

Christopher Nolan's take on the Batman franchise displays this well.

Nolan's vision of "The Dark Knight" is incredibly unique compared to Batman films of the past and his gritty, suspenseful and mind-bending story telling shows this well.

It presents the character in a new way that many have argued is the best incarnation of the caped crusader to date.

But even when films are cliché they are not always bad either.

The newest Marvel movies are a great example of this in "Thor" and "Captain America."

Both films generally follow along the same storyline path of plot, building tension, climax and resolution.

But both films are still fun to watch.

Sure, they all fall along the same ideas more or less, but the acting is good, the visual effects are splendid and the action is top notch.

Sometimes it's good just to go to a movie to have fun — they don't always have to be Academy Award worthy.

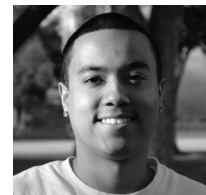
So to sum this all up, despite the fact that Hollywood does churn out a lot of crappy films each year, such as Michael Bay pictures and anything starring Channing Tatum or Kristen Stewart, the state of film is far from dead in my eyes.

When I start going through a calendar year finding myself saying "I wasted my money going to the movies" more often than not then maybe I'll believe this sentiment.

But until that time you'll find me at the theaters and probably at the midnight showing of "The Dark Knight Rises" this summer because I still have plenty of faith in the world of movies.

The world of music however, well, that's a different story.

Sandusky case should not taint Paterno's total legacy at Penn State



by
Eddie
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Staff Writer

The legacy of Joe Paterno and Penn State's accomplishments, in my mind, should not be overshadowed by the scandal of Gerald "Jerry" Sandusky, former Penn State assistant football coach.

On Nov. 9, Paterno was fired by the university's board of trustees for not reporting Sandusky's actions to the police.

Paterno previously announced that at the end of the season he would resign as head coach to avoid bringing additional scrutiny to the university, but was fired before season's end.

According to the Huffington Post, Sandusky has been charged with 40 criminal counts, accusing him of serial sexual abuse of minors.

Paterno made Penn State into a football power house.

In the 46 years he was the head coach for the Nittany Lions he brought two national championships and 409 NCAA Division I wins to Penn State.

Under Paterno, the school's football program ranks sixth all-time in wins and ranks third in bowl wins with 27, according to Penn State's athletic website.

Moreover, Paterno is regarded not only as a great head coach but as an important figure to students on campus and the Penn State community.

Coach Paterno influenced many individuals in different levels over the years.

"He cared about the kids. He wanted to see us succeed. So for a lot of us, he became a grandfather-like figure," said Jordan Derk, a senior at Penn State, in an interview with the Huffington Post.

In an interview with Jed Donahue from WHVL's Penn State Tailgate Show, one of Paterno's former player's, Franco Harris, admired Joe Paterno and what he meant to him while he played for the Nittany Lions.

"Joe was always a motivator and always wanted to set an example and really lived that example," Harris said.

Joe Paterno had great respect for Penn State's academics and student's success.

According to Penn State Live, the university's official news source, in 1983, when Joe Paterno accepted the award for Penn State's first national football championship, he addressed the university's chance to aspire to academic excellence.

People listened when Paterno said, "Without a great library, you can't have a great university."

Paterno helped commit funds to the university's library with help of other contributors in hopes of establishing a library acquisitions fund.

According to Penn State, Paterno's campaign helped raise millions of dollars over the years for books and other library necessities. Paterno's influence to some helped attract contribution money to the university to increase student success and resources.

Eventually, Pattee Library was named the Paterno Library, honoring Joe and his wife Sue Paterno for their help and leadership.

Paterno donated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 of his own money even after his coaching departure to support the university's libraries, according to Penn State.

Undoubtedly, Paterno spent as much devotion and commitment off the field to the university as he did coaching on the field.

Paterno changed the lives of the thousands of students, athletes and regular people while at Penn State. He will be known for his generosity to the university and his bond toward students.

As a head coach, Paterno is responsible for all his football players, assistant coaches and other staff members but one man cannot have his eyes at all places.

He did not have part in the Sandusky scandal and cannot be blamed for another man's actions nor intentions.

Paterno would offer advice and help to anyone, but cannot live their lives or make decisions for them.

Paterno fulfilled his duties and reported the incident to his superiors, and good came out of it.

Soon after the scandal other universities reported similar allegations of scandals.

Joe Paterno's service to Penn State of over 46 years of his life outweighs what his assistant coach, Sandusky, did. Paterno lived and bled Penn State.

He spent as much devotion and his time off the field as he did on the field.

Last Sunday, Jan. 22, the legendary coach passed away of lung cancer. He was 85 years old and was mourned by thousands who adored him.

Paterno will live on in the heart of Penn Staters and others affected by his words and character with his legacy living forever.

The legacy of Joe Paterno should not be tainted by his failure of not doing more toward the individuals affected by Sandusky.



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REVIEW

New 'Little Chef' has a little trouble with trendy menu

Delicious-sounding dishes at new San Pedro Square bistro lack delivery but not creativity



by Samantha Clark
Staff Writer

One of San Pedro Square Market's newest restaurants, Little Chef Counter, is a great concept that was executed in a mediocre manner.

Self-described as a "micro bistro," this small restaurant features a little kitchen and counter where you can sit and watch the chef make your food.

I like a menu with restraint, which is why I like that their menu consists of the same ingredients in many different dishes because it shows off co-owner and chef Robert Dasalla's creativity and innovation.

The constantly changing menu features the same star ingredients across the board, but they have different roles in different dishes, giving light to the high regard Little Chef Counter places on freshness and seasonality.

When I visited, duck confit, braised short ribs and steamed mussels occupied much of the menu.

The duck Confit Risotto is a fried risotto cake, with a creamy rice inside, sitting in a shallow confit broth.

I enjoyed how the small, sweet orange slices balanced out the decadence of the dish, especially because the duck was a little salty.

The Green Papaya Duck Salad (\$11) is the duck confit

mixed with shredded papaya and a few measly slices of crimson blood oranges.

I see where Dasalla may have wanted to go with a presentation of different flavors, but the result felt un-harmonious because the ingredients did not have a balanced ratio.

I hoped the papaya and oranges, if just a few more were added, would offer some sweet solace.

The other disappointment was the steamed mussels (\$10.50) with fries that swim in a white wine sauce.

Hopefully it was an off night, but I sent the dish back because the mussels were mushy and smelled like ocean air.

Nevertheless, the staff was accommodating and understanding, and they took the mussel dishes off the menu the next day, perhaps making room for a new and exciting dish.

The short ribs take form as a delicious braised short rib sandwich and a Canadian-inspired comfort food dish.

Dasalla's version of Quebec's poutine (\$7.50) takes form as french fries covered in an au jus gravy, sharp cheddar and a heap of short ribs.

Its heartiness lends itself well to a Sharks after-game meal.

The braised short rib sandwich (\$12.50) was delicious — juicy meat, horseradish coleslaw, fried onions and a spicy cheese sauce between oven-toasted roll halves.

The crunchy texture of the coleslaw and succulent tender

meat made this one of my favorites.

Sandwiches are the star dishes at the Little Chef Counter.

The "Mushrooms on Toast" (\$9.50) consists of marinated and soft baby portabella and cremini mushrooms with a mascarpone cream sauce and arugula on another oven-toasted roll.

Though quite simple, it was right on the mark.

It seems that Dasalla gets too ambitious with his recipes.

But Dasalla does think outside the bun.

He replaces the conventional hamburger bun with four still-connected sweet Hawaiian rolls instead.

The cheeseburger was a great example of sweet and savory. It was also filled with mushrooms, onions, tomato and romaine lettuce.

The burger was cooked perfectly — a seared outside with some pink in the middle.

The Little Chef Counter needs to refine a few dishes and perhaps taste each dish before it's sent out.

I'm sure the establishment will improve over time because it's clear Dasalla and co-owner Steven Le seem to embrace change and growth.

With their evolving menu and commitment to creativity, Little Chef Counter will flourish in San Pedro Square Public Market.

Little Chef Counter is located at:
San Pedro Square Market
87 N. San Pedro St.
San Jose, CA 95110



The richness of the duck confit and sweetness of the orange balanced well — an approach co-owner and chef Robert Dasalla exercises in many of his dishes. Photo by Samantha Clark / Spartan Daily

'Foodie' dictionary

Confit: (Pronounced con-fee) Confit is a style of cooking and preservation where food marinates in a mixture of herbs, spices and its own fat, if it's a meat confit. The ingredients permeate the food to add more flavors. A confit will stay good for three months when refrigerated.

Poutine: (Pronounced poo-tin) A poutine is famously unhealthy and homey Quebecois regional comfort dish made of french fries and cheese curds covered in brown gravy. You can find the dish in fast food chains, greasy-spoon diners and pubs.

Risotto: A high-starch rice, risotto slowly cooks in a broth until it has a creamy consistency. Italians often cook rice in this fashion, and serve risotto dishes as a first course.

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker January 30, 2012

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6 Ty of Cooperstown
10 Kind of salmon
14 Way from the heart
15 Hip-shaking dance
16 Eager, and then some
17 Bright or clever
18 Blackjack needs
19 As one entered the world
20 Experiments with nuclear fission, e.g. Hawaiian dish
23 Sit ungracefully (with "down")
25 Fender attachment
28 Name of several Norwegian kings
31 Portion of hair
34 Shortening
36 Had debts
38 Puts up, as 10 cents
40 Ends a relationship badly
43 City in Tuscany
44 Sprawl comfortably
45 Rip in half
46 Hot under the choler?

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1 Musical Mama
2 Win easily
3 River to the Caspian Sea
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5 Body image?
6 Bit of chin-wagging
7 "That hurts!"
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9 Kind of igneous rock
10 Kitchen appliance
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21 Missile or grain containers
22 Synagogue scroll
25 Priestly robes
26 Shriver or Callas
27 Groom
29 Army deserter
30 Weapon of 68-Across
32 Not adventurous
33 Badminton opener
35 Unsafe carrier
37 Opposite of 69-Across
39 Beef and vegetable dish
41 Cause and effect, in Buddhism
42 Reduce, as prices

47 Agave family plants
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54 "Call Me" (Bob Hope flick)
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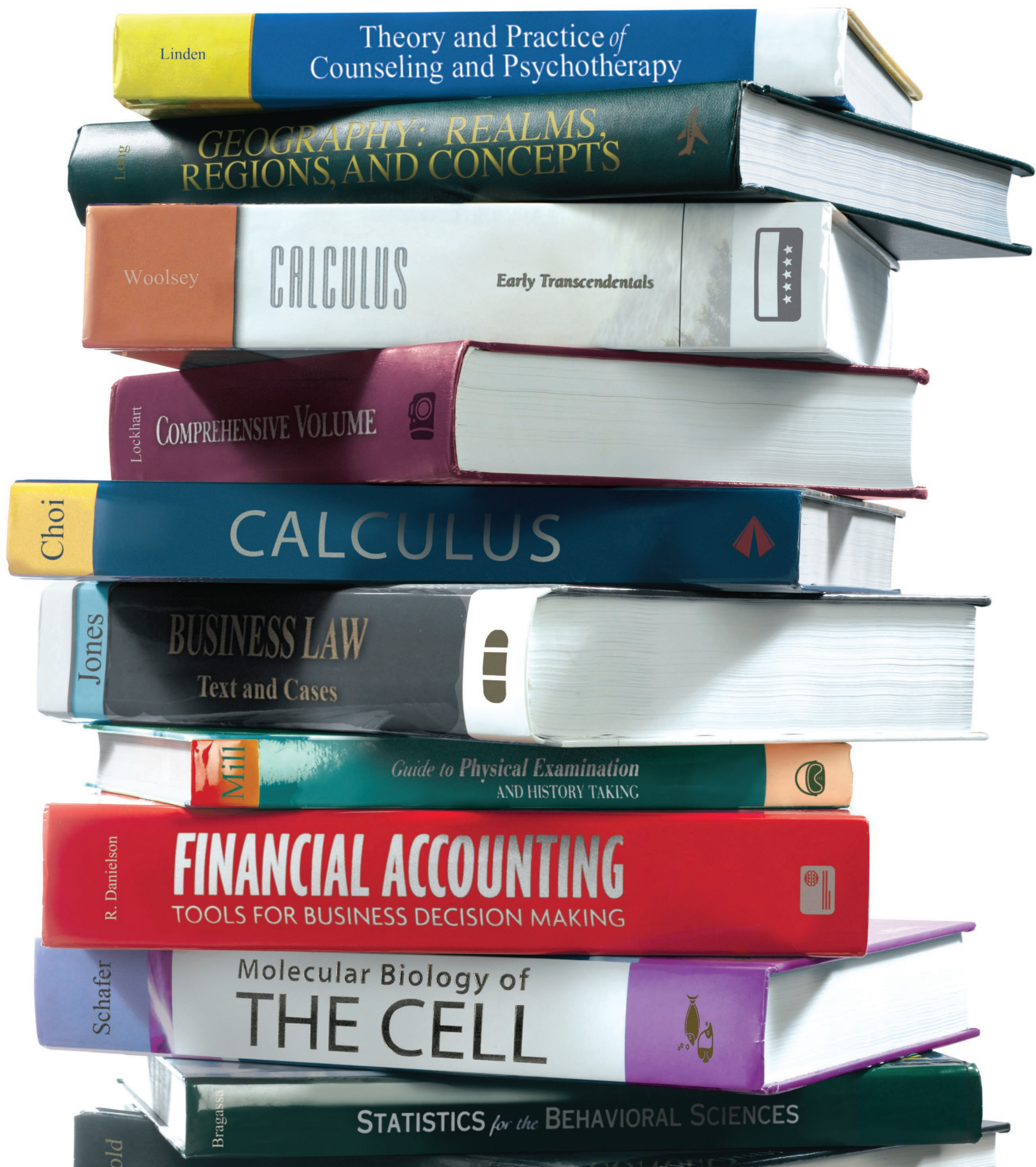
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