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PROVOST FORUM

Potential \$9 million cut to academics if Prop 30 fails says provost

By Devon Thames
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San Jose State Provost Ellen Junn held the first open forum of the semester at the Morris Dailey Auditorium yesterday, where she discussed the impending effects of the budget cuts.

Junn had audience members engaged in interactive voting, where anyone attending the forum could text numbers corresponding to different poll answers through out the hour and half session, keeping Junn informed of their reactions to her topics.

Gearing up for a pessimistic result to Proposition 30, Junn said the school is now turning its focus toward preserving quality education under dire circumstances.

In the wake of the \$950 million cuts to CSUs, San Jose State would take a \$33 million hit resulting in what the school has already estimated as a \$9 million cut to academic affairs.

Though the university originally considered a hiring freeze, Junn said the school will approve 22 new hires in the coming 2012-13 year, with an addition of five faculty hires for cybersecurity, totaling \$1.7 million.

The number is major departure from the schools previous expectation of \$3.80 million for 50 new hires this year, as cited by Junn.

The space for cybersecurity hire has been fueled by outside interest, Junn said, who cited various industry and agency leaders like Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security, showing interest in the campus.

"They see us in San Jose State being

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EDUCATION

Cal Grant changes worry students



Photo Illustration by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

By Thyra Phan
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A recent change in Cal Grants may have an effect on students who are waiting to receive their financial aid.

Cal Grants, a state funded program that provides money to students in higher education, has been cut by five percent, said Ed Emerson, communications director and spokesperson for the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

According to the recent Budget Act of 2012, the maximum Cal Grant B Access award will be reduced from \$1,551 to \$1,473, but the maximum Cal Grant A and Cal Grant B tuition and fee award will remain \$5,970.

A recent proposal was made to raise the GPA for Cal Grant A from 3.0 to 3.25 and 2.0 to 2.75 for Cal Grant B, Emerson said.

Students must meet the GPA requirement and file paperwork by the March 2 deadline to be eligible for Cal Grants, he said.

While both grants assist students with tuition and fees, Cal Grant B also provides a separate Entitlement award which guarantees a grant for students who transfer to a four-year college, according to the CSAC.

"Due to the budget deficit, Jerry Brown had to introduce cuts across the board, including

every agency and department," Emerson said, such as CHP and Caltrans.

Each year, a legislator from the governor's office has tried to cut back or restrict Cal Grants, he said. "A lot of people from government think we should be charging more tuition instead of giving money away to students."

More than 91,000 students received new Cal Grant awards, and more than 144,000 students received renewal awards in 2010-2011, according to the Budget Act of 2012 report.

For SJSU to remain eligible to participate in Cal Grants, it must have at least a 30 percent graduation rate, Emerson said.

SJSU's graduation rate is 44.3 percent for first-time freshmen, 48.1 percent for undergrad transfers and 57.6 percent for first-time graduates, according to the Office of Institutional Research at SJSU.

A new student loan cohort default rate was introduced, dropping them from 30 percent to 15.5 percent, Emerson said.

"Rather than putting the loans on students, put it on the institutions. Don't loan students more than they need," Emerson said, which may be difficult for students to pay back.

The CSAC emailed students in mid-August informing them of the decrease of Cal Grant awards.

Emily Aranda, a sophomore health science major, said she has been waiting a couple of weeks before school started to receive her Cal Grants.

Aranda works part-time, but it still isn't enough to support her struggling family, she said.

"Not having money is definitely an issue," Aranda said. "My family doesn't have money and we are on the verge of losing our house."

If she does not receive her grants in time, she plans to work full-time to compensate, Aranda said.

Aranda said she didn't think about the possibility of having her classes dropped if she couldn't pay her tuition on time.

"I'm taking five classes, and I'm also waiting for my Pell grants to come in," Aranda said.

Peter Nguyen-Pham, a senior accounting major, said he waited a month to receive his Cal Grants.

A part-time worker, Nguyen-Pham said he finds it difficult to buy school supplies without his Cal Grants.

"Some of my courses are already assigning homework and quizzes which makes it difficult to study or do assignments without the text-

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CAMPUS LIFE

LGBT resource fair links students with supporters

By Jonathan Roisman
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More than 100 students shuffled in and out of the Umunhum Room in the Student Union for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center's Welcome Reception and Resource Fair yesterday.

The purpose was to connect new LGBTQTTA students with the established community of supporters on campus, said Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the LGBT Resource Center.

"The LGBT Welcome is just a chance for students to get to meet new incoming students and students who have been here for a while," Sugiyama said, "(and) faculty and staff members who are either LGBT identified themselves or who are supportive of the community."

Students and faculty mingled with one another and moved from table to table, introducing them-

selves, while enjoying free food and drinks.

"This is mostly a networking event where people can say 'Hi' and get to know each other," she said.

Sugiyama said nearly three-fourths of the students at the fair were veterans of the LGBT center and said that they were a great resource for new students.

"They get to meet other people, they get to see and meet supportive faculty and staff and see the resources that they have," she said. "It really gives them the sense that they belong to this community, especially if they're feeling like they haven't connected on campus yet."

She said the remainder of students at the event either found out about it from fliers, or their Peers in Pride program, which teams up a mentor with a new student looking to connect with the campus.

Sophomore business major Omar Rosales said he came to the event because he wanted to be ac-



Students gather in the Student Union for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center's Welcome Reception and Resource Fair yesterday. **Photo by Jonathan Roisman / Spartan Daily**

tive in the LGBT community on campus.

"It's my first time at a LGBT event and everyone's been very friendly," Rosales said.

Freshman English major Nicole Bracciotti said she found out about the event from an email.

"I wanted to meet people, and the ones I've met have been pretty cool," she said.

Bracciotti said it was more conservative at her former high school.

"I came from a Catholic high school, and it was a little different there," she said. "It's a lot more (supportive) here. There are counselors and professors that are here to help. I like the openness."

Co-sponsored by Fall Welcome Days for the second year in

a row, Sugiyama said people made long-term connections by attending and interacting with new people.

"They're always immediately welcomed by someone who's either apart of (Peers in Pride) or the staff at the LGBT center," she said.

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TECHNOLOGY

Inspectors sniffing out counterfeit electronics in age of piracy

By McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WICHITA, Kan. — At Integra Technologies, inspectors spend their days studying electronic parts to see if they are counterfeits.

Using high-powered microscopes, they look for signs that an integrated circuit, or chip, has been remarked, reworked or otherwise tampered with.

About 10 percent to 20 percent of the parts tested for counterfeiting turn out to be bogus.

Detection has never been more important, said Mark Marshall, Integra Technology's vice president of engineering.

Many of the chips are to be used by defense contractors or aviation manufacturers. Some may be installed in radars, missiles, flight control systems, communications systems, engine controls or in other critical applications.

Their failure could be not just detrimental but deadly.

"This counterfeit stuff is an ugliness that's out there," he said.

Integra Technologies' customers include defense contractors such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, Raytheon and Honeywell.

It's one of the major labs in

the U.S. performing such work. "We're busy," Marshall said.

The company, located in northeast Wichita, also conducts a variety of other types of semi-conductor testing, qualification and related technical services for a variety of industries.

Counterfeiting has gained national and congressional attention.

A yearlong U.S. federal probe concluded this year found 1,800 cases of bogus parts, totaling more than 1 million actual devices, used during 2009 and 2010.

More than 70 percent of the parts tracked were traced to China.

The investigation found bogus parts were used in military systems, including in thermal weapons sights delivered to the Army, on mission computers used on high altitude missiles and on a number of military airplanes.

For example, last year Raytheon Co. alerted the Navy that electronic parts suspected to be counterfeited had been installed on three filters used in a night vision system called Forward Looking Infrared, or FLIR. The FLIRs were installed on the Navy's SH-60B helicopter and used for anti-submarine and anti-surface warfare and surveillance.



Loreen Parker, a counterfeit test operator at Integra Technologies in Wichita, Kan. looks for counterfeit integrated circuits.

Photo by Brian Corn / MCT

A failure would compromise the pilot's ability to avoid hazards and identify targets and limit the helicopter's ability to be deployed in night missions, the federal investigation said.

Counterfeiting threatens national security, the safety of U.S. troops and American jobs, Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., said in a statement in May following the release of a report by the Senate Armed Services Committee, which launched the investigation in March 2011.

Defense contractors usually have the biggest problem, Marshall said.

They buy small volumes and need chips to last much

longer than when the chips are used in consumer applications.

The problem arises when manufacturers need replacement parts, but they're no longer made, or the manufacturer hasn't made them for several years.

So they turn to brokers or independent distributors to find them.

But those parts often have changed hands multiple times, and brokers may know little about the source of the parts they buy.

"It's become a minefield," Marshall said. "Even the best brokers still end up with counterfeit parts from time to time."

Integra Technologies, an independent laboratory, works with manufacturers and with the brokers to determine the authenticity of the chips before a contractor or manufacturer buys them.

Besides visual inspections, Integra Technologies can also electronically test parts to see whether they work as expected.

"We're trying to analyze the crime," Marshall said.

It takes knowledge of what the part looked like originally.

Sometimes a legitimate part can appear counterfeit.

Sometimes counterfeit parts look good but don't work, Marshall said. Or they work, but they don't perform all the

functions they're supposed to.

Other times, they work fine, but the failure rate is high.

At times, the problem isn't with counterfeiting, but with the way the chips have been handled and stored over time, he said.

In the past five years, the problem has exploded — and counterfeiters have gotten smarter and harder to catch. They've improved their techniques and methods to avoid detection.

"They're much more sophisticated now," said Integra Technologies President Becky Craft. "They know people are looking."

ARTS

Animation-Illustration program produces a 'Fairly Odd' graduate

By Natalie Cabral
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Graduates from SJSU's animation-illustration program don't just brag about fantastic jobs in the film industry — they have the feature films to prove it.

"Finding Nemo," "Iron Man," "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," "Toy Story I" and "Toy Story II" are films that SJSU graduates have contributed toward.

For alumnus Joshua Zinman, his persistence and drive eventually led him into a chair at Nickelodeon Studios.

Zinman, a transfer student from Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, started his career at SJSU with an interest in animation.

While he enjoyed his classes, he soon realized the detailed concept pieces he was assigned to just weren't his calling.

"I was really drawn to silly, funny cartoons, and I stuck to that throughout the program," Zinman said.

Following his desire for everything cartoonish, Zinman began working on a short film he called "Slice."

The film itself, seemingly gloomy and morbid, features a comical older man sitting alone in a bathtub.

Just when the viewer thinks the poor character is about to end his own life, he reaches for

two slices of toast.

Zinman's awkwardly funny short film was accepted into Spike and Mike's Sick and Twisted Festival of Animation and featured within its collection of independent short films.

Craig 'Spike' Decker and Mike Gribble founded Mellow Manor Productions, Inc. together in the early 1970's after discovering a niche for animated short films.

The Sick and Twisted Festival first opened in 1990 and still features animated short films that are "adult in nature."

Today, Spike and Mike's festival tours over 50 cities in the United States and Canada, according to spikeandmike.com.

"I was so excited that my film was accepted that I signed away the copyrights for it and was rewarded with a \$25 check," Zinman said. "I worked on it for a month."

However, his hard work didn't go entirely unrewarded because his film premiered at the Comic-Con 2008 in San Diego, an annual comic book and popular arts convention, for thousands of participants to view.

After the glory of his very first premiere, Zinman traded his graduation cap for the real world and made the move to Los Angeles.

According to Zinman, fame and success didn't exactly come knocking at his door right



Cartoon courtesy of Joshua Zinman / cartoonsbyjosh.blogspot.com

away.

"There was a time where I was seriously reconsidering my career choice," Zinman said. "I did what every struggling artists does and got a job at a restaurant and served tables."

After plenty of tests and applications, Zinman finally landed a job at Nickelodeon.

Courtney Granner, Zinman's former SJSU professor of animation and illustration, never expected anything less.

"He was always a motivated self-starter and a complex-problem-solver, which made him a pleasure to have in class, and [those] are key traits that studios seek in any addition to a creative team," Granner said.

According to Zinman, each of his professors offered different criticisms and words of advice in the classroom.

"Courtney taught us to

think differently, and [Professor Bickie Lee] was hard on you, but only because she loved you," Zinman said.

Even his Spartan Daily comic strip, The Salty, helped Zinman develop his art skills.

Today, Zinman works on Nickelodeon's popular kids series "The Fairly Oddparents" and is currently working on storyboards.

Finding jobs isn't such a challenge anymore either, Zinman said.

"Jobs just pop up right and left now," Zinman said. "It was definitely a struggle, but it paid off."

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Provost: Budget forum

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in the heart of Silicon Valley (which) is a very productive place," she said. "A perfect synergy to try and produce interdisciplinary faculty who are tackling tough topics of cybersecurity. We're investing here because we know there is potential for funding and partnerships."

Departments are expected to preserve the same quality education, but as Junn pointed out, SJSU is the only university still housing degree programs that require students to complete more than 120 units a semester. This too is set to change under the budget.

The school also hopes to see an increase in non-residential and Open University enrollment, which Junn said will help to raise revenue.

Despite the deep decrease in revenue, university officials have been questioned in their decision to avoid cuts in the athletics, the Office of the President, and the university advancement departments, despite the huge deficit.

A handout on the breakdown in the budget was given to attendees explaining what department would be hit the hardest and why.

While making cuts to the Office of the President would make too small a dent in the budget, the university refuses to compromise the athletics department, despite the amount of programs its \$5.7 million budget would save.

According to a handout titled "The Back of the Envelope Budget for SJSU," a piece written by history professor Jonathan P. Roth, the loss of funding would result in SJSU losing its Division I status, and subsequently losing the school's "academic excellence."

Besides looking at budget cuts as an answer, Junn discussed options in helping the professors develop better success at pursuing outside funding for educational endeavors.

She spent the remainder of the forum related to the budget discussing avenues of support to strengthen the way professors and scholars are looking for funding towards education.

Possibly opening up the idea that external funding may be the new way for higher education to continue.

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POVERTY

Americans in hunger at record high rate according to Dept. of Agriculture

By McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Record numbers of U.S. households struggled at times to feed their families last year, according to a report Wednesday from the U.S. Department of Agriculture on the state of hunger in America.

A lack of resources forced others to cut back on meals and disrupt their usual eating patterns, it says.

A record 17.9 million U.S. households — 700,000 more than in 2010 — didn't have enough food at all times last year to sustain active, healthy lives for all family members, according to the USDA.

This "food insecurity" affected a record 14.9 percent

of U.S. households and more than 50 million people, about one in six U.S. residents.

Moreover, more than one in three "food insecure" households — 6.8 million — had "very low food security," meaning that one or more family members cut back on eating last year because of a lack of either money or other access to food, according to the report. That's an increase of 400,000 households over 2010.

After falling to 5.4 percent in 2010, the percentage of households with very low food security jumped to 5.7 percent last year, matching the record levels in 2008 and 2009 at the height of the economic collapse, the USDA reported.

The effect on children was

significant. Nearly 9 million children lived in food-insecure households last year, and 845,000 were in households with very low food security.

"These numbers show the impact of the recession has not gone away yet," said Jim Weill, the president of the Food Research and Action Center, a nonprofit anti-hunger group. "... It's one thing to say that wages are flat. But it's something else to say that people aren't getting enough to eat."

The findings in the annual USDA survey, "Household Food Security in the United States in 2011," show that hunger is one of the most persistent and widespread aftereffects of the Great Recession, which claimed 8.7 million U.S. jobs.

While 85 percent of households have adequate access to food, the report says, soup kitchens and food banks across the nation have seen dramatic increases in requests for assistance.

The survey was conducted on a representative sample of the U.S. population. It found that most households — regardless of race, gender, age and family size — generally spent less on food last year than they did in 2010, said Alisha Coleman-Jensen, a USDA sociologist and the lead author of the report.

But food insecurity rates were highest among households with children, those headed by single parents and those with black and Latino families.

The survey data comes as congressional Republicans, led by GOP vice presidential nominee Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin, push for massive cuts in food stamp-program funding to curb enrollment growth and to help balance the federal budget. The Democratic-controlled Senate also voted in June to cut food stamp funding, but by a smaller amount.

"With so many of our neighbors, friends and family worrying about where their next meal may be coming from, now is not the time to use federal nutrition programs as a trading chip to balance the budget," said Matt Knott, the interim president of Feeding America, the nation's largest anti-hunger organization.

Indeed, food stamp en-

rollment has almost doubled, from a monthly pre-recession average of 26.3 million people in 2007 to 46.4 million people so far this year.

That growth coincides with an even larger increase in jobless Americans, from 7.6 million when the recession first hit in December 2007 to 15.4 million by October 2009. Nearly 12.8 million Americans were still unemployed as of this July.

The Congressional Budget Office expects food stamp enrollment to fall back to pre-recession levels as the economy improves.

Republicans in the House of Representatives have voted to convert food stamps to a block grant in 2015 that would cap funding.

Grants: Delays, cuts affect students

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books I need," Nguyen-Pham said.

If he does not receive his Cal Grants on time to pay for tuition, Nguyen-Pham said he would have to take out a loan — something he does not want to do.

"I am currently taking five classes this semester, and it's hard enough as it is to find any free time for me to get extra hours at my job," Nguyen-Pham said. "There's no way I am dropping out of school if I don't receive my Cal Grant."

Marc Schatalow, a junior radio television and

film major, said he is no stranger to the delay in Cal Grants.

Last year, Schatalow said he received his Cal Grants in mid-September. He is still waiting for his grants for this year.

"It'd be nice if the system actually worked," Schatalow said. "I wouldn't be so stressed because I'm already worried about my classes and job."

Carolyn Guel, the assistant director of financial aid and scholarships, said the delay in Cal Grants happens yearly — the system requires additional student verification.

Students are placed on a roster for eligibility of financial aid and the CSAC makes payments and changes to the roster, Guel said.

"Every year, the Cal Grant program is up for elimination," Guel said. "We're lucky our default rate and graduation rates are good."

"Cal Grants is a successful program, but we're in a tough economic environment," Emerson said. "If we can carry out the Prop. 30 tax initiative, I think going forward will be a lot brighter."

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Cal Grant Information

Cal Grant A

Maximum award: \$5,970
GPA requirement: 3.0

Cal Grant B

Maximum award: \$5,970
Entitlement award: \$1,473
GPA requirement: 2.0

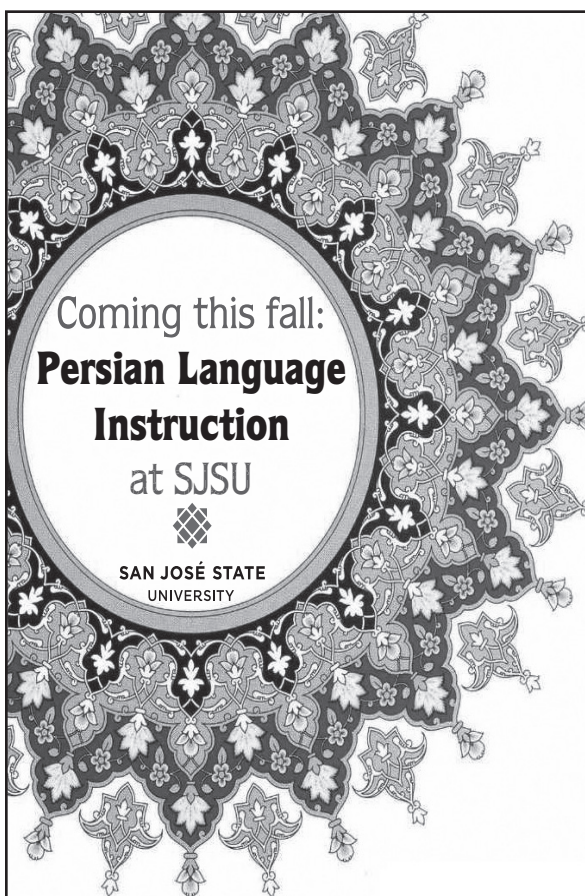
SJSU Cal Grant Eligibility Requirements

30 percent graduation rate
15.5 percent student loan cohort default rate

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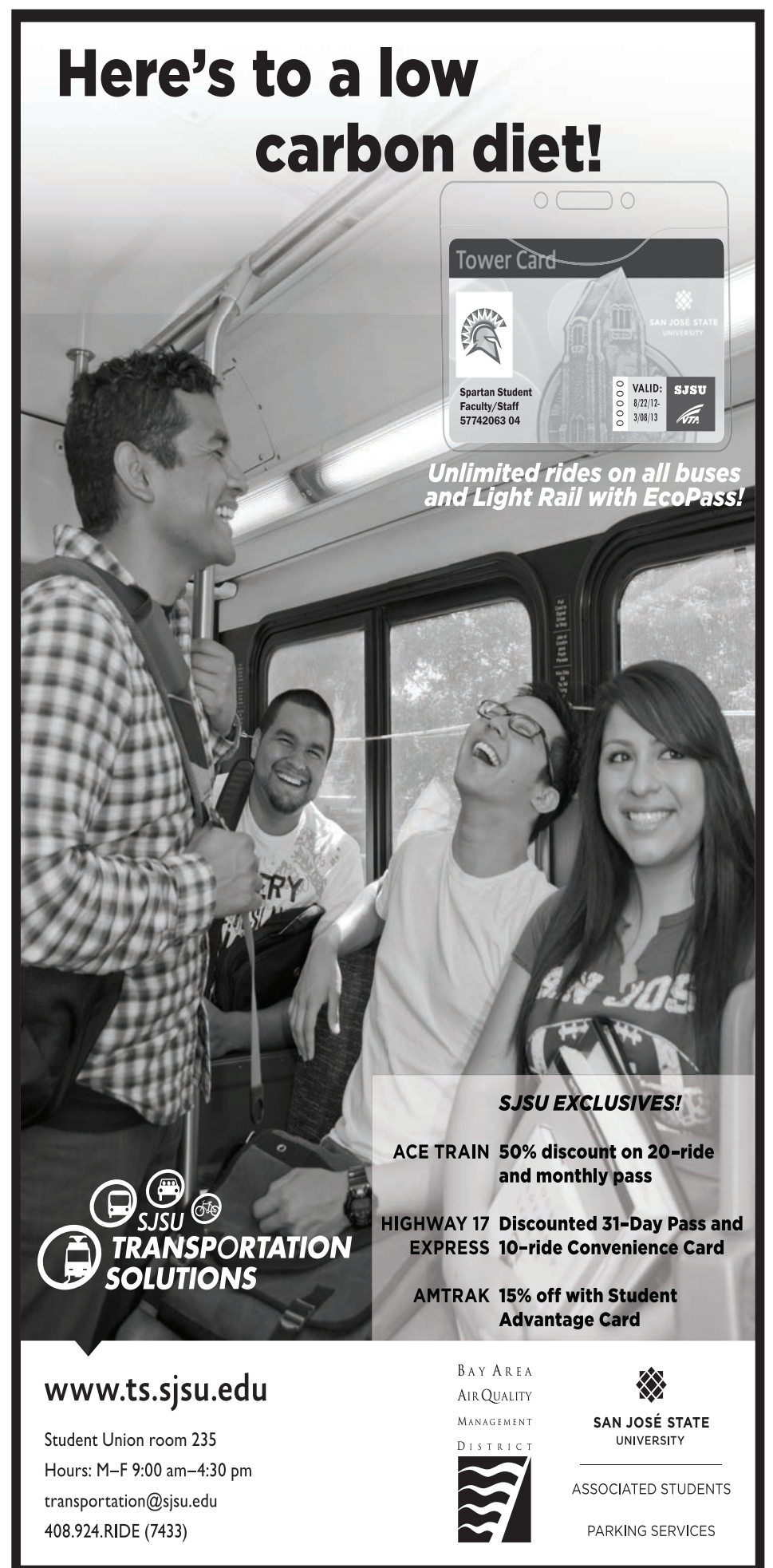
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Q&A

New athletics director excited about present and future



Gene Bleymaier, formerly of Boise State athletics, is SJSU's new athletics director. Photo by Derik Irvin / Spartan Daily

By Jonathan Roisman
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Gene Bleymaier was named SJSU's new athletics director in May and he is not wasting any time to help transform the school's athletics department.

Bleymaier, who spent 30 years at Boise State as their athletics director, hopes to get all of SJSU's programs competing consistently for championships in their new conference, the Mountain West Conference, where the school will move to next year from the Western Athletic Conference.

Bleymaier talked about why he took the job at SJSU, applying skills he learned from his time at Boise State and his thoughts on this year's SJSU-Stanford football game.

What does it mean for SJSU to move to the Mountain West Conference for the 2013-14 academic season?

It's a fantastic opportunity for the school. To get us in the Mountain West puts us in the conference we want to be in, that's geographically friendly and raises the bar competitively. It puts (us) in the best position we've ever been in as a university.

What did you learn from your time at Boise State that you want to apply at SJSU?

(I hope to bring) managing skills over the 30 years that I was at Boise State and understanding the elements that are needed to have a successful program. It's also about realizing the importance of working with the community and with the alumni and donor base and solicit the support that is necessary

to provide the facilities and the equipment and the resources that we're going to need to be successful.

Can SJSU's football program be as good as you helped make Boise State's?

I think so. It takes a lot of entities pulling together in the same direction, from the university administration to the athletic department staff to the community to the donors and boosters. Obviously it takes some quality and talented coaches and student athletes to make that all happen.

There was nothing special or extraordinary about Boise State, but they were able to pull things together and unite as a community and as a staff to focus their attention. With some talented coaches special things happened.

I'm very impressed with the talent that exists here at San Jose State. Our coaches are top quality and I think the key is that we have to provide them with the resources so that they can be successful. I think that it's in large part of what's missing right now.

What other programs besides football excite you right now?

We've gotten some excellent programs right now with our men's and women's golf program. (That) and our swimming program all won conference championships this past spring. Our women's golf team has won four consecutive conference championships. We want to have a balanced, broad-based program. We want to excel and competing for championships in all of our sports.

I really feel San Jose State is a sleeping giant. My hope is that we can awaken the giant.

How do you focus your resources fairly between the different programs?

You try to balance it and try to obviously equitable as we can across the board. We want to give each of our coaches the resources they need to be successful.

When will the Dick Vermeil Spartan Football Complex and Bill Walsh Legacy Center be completed?

We're having the plans drawn up right now. We're getting to the stage where we can get some renderings (of the stadium) done. Then the really fund raising push will occur. We need to go out and generate and raises the monies (that will) be necessary to build the facility. Optimistically, we'll break ground on it sometime in 2013 and open it in 2014.

Are there ways to excite and get the students more involved to support the teams?

I hope so. We're looking for ideas on how to make that happen. Our fondest dream is to have that stadium filled with students and have that entire east side filled with San Jose State students. We're looking for ways to make that happen and we're open to ideas and suggestions. It's a critical aspect to having a successful program. Part of doing that is having a home field advantage. The students are the best way and most exciting way to do that. It had to be done at Boise, also.

Why did you decide to take the athletics director job at SJSU?

I think there's tremendous potential here. We've got a phenomenal location. You can't beat the weather. Moving into the Mountain West Conference is ideal for us and the Bay Area is just a tremendous asset.

I really feel San Jose State is a sleeping giant. My hope is that we can awaken the giant. I'm very excited to be here. I'm very proud to be apart of this athletic department and I'm looking forward to getting to know the community better and working with the faculty, staff and students to take this program to a new level.

I think we've got tremendously potential and we just need to get some resources to give our coaches the tools to be successful consistently. I'm excited about the direction president (Mohammed Qayoumi) has charted for the athletics department and desire to have a successful program that will compete for championships regularly in the Mountain West Conference.

What were your thoughts on SJSU's 20-17 narrow defeat to Stanford this season?

We could have won. I was very proud of our team and we had multiple chances in the fourth quarter to take the lead and win that football game. I think it speaks volumes of coach (Mike MacIntyre) and the coaching staff and the players and how hard they've worked. I think it bodes well for the rest of the season.

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2012-2013 NFL PREDICTIONS

First game kicks off what should be an interesting NFL season



Dallas Cowboys' Miles Austin catches a touchdown in last night's season opener. Photo courtesy of Ron Jenkins / MCT

By David Wong
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In the first game of the season, the Dallas Cowboys' 24-17 win over the New York Giants picked up on its storied rivalry from last season, but there's still 522 games left to be played.

Here is my forecast for some regular season standings and my postseason picks – with a few surprises.

AFC South:

Without its talismanic quarterback last season, the Indianapolis Colts were exposed for its lack of talent and that won't change for the foreseeable future even with rookie quarterback Andrew Luck.

AFC North:

The Baltimore Ravens quarterback Joe Flacco will have his breakthrough, but will this team finally be able to gel both offense and defense in the same season?

The Cincinnati Bengals

look to improve upon last season with a bevy of young talent.

NFC West:

The San Francisco 49ers are still a well-rounded team that should win this division comfortably with quarterback Alex Smith at the helm, but the question is whether or not the wide receivers will show up when it matters.

NFC South:

Quarterback Drew Brees will try to lead the New Orleans Saints team that is running on emotion, how far that will get them is anyone's guess.

NFC North:

The Green Bay Packers hold on the division remains steady, but if the Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler stays healthy and with improvements at wide receiver, the Bears could turn some heads come postseason.

NFC East:

The New York Giants are masters of getting results from less talent, but this time around coach Tom Coughlin

finds out that he needs more than playmakers at quarterback, wide receiver and defensive line positions.

NFC Championship:

Green Bay Packers 21, San Francisco 49ers 20

In a dream rematch between other-worldly offense (Packers) and defense (49ers), Green Bay comes away with the victory as Packers cornerback Charles Woodson knocks down a last grasp Alex Smith pass in the dying seconds.

AFC Championship:

New England Patriots 31, Houston Texans 24

Tom Brady shows Matt Schaub how games are won with a masterful display, the final score will be flattering because of a Pats defense that still has problems putting games to bed.

Both Pats tight ends Rob Gronkowski and Aaron Hernandez will showcase their talents in this game.

Super Bowl:

Green Bay Packers 40, New England Patriots 37 OT

For the first time ever, a Super Bowl goes into overtime as these two offenses overwhelm both defenses in a barn burner that reaffirm the credentials of all-pros Green Bay quarterback Aaron Rodgers and Tom Brady.

The Patriots strike first with a signature Tom Brady drive resulting in a Stephen Gostkowski field goal. Rodgers responds with a methodical march down the field ending with a tight end Jermichael Finley reception at the back of the end zone. David Wong is a Spartan Daily senior staff writer. Follow him on Twitter at @SD_DWong

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SJSU

CSU online classes to be offered for speedier grad process

By David Bermudez
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Starting in the spring of 2013, California State University will start an online university that will aim to help students who are a few units short of earning their degree.

The participation for this online program by the 23 CSU campuses is voluntary.

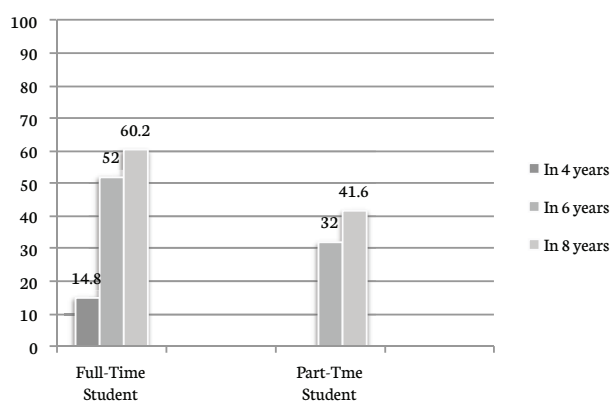
“Cal State Online is not for the traditional student,” Cal State spokeswoman Liz Chapin said. “It is for the students who need to complete their degree but have not been able to because sometimes life can get in the way.”

repository; course development and instructional design services and lead generation; marketing and enrollment services.”

According to Uhlenkamp, Pearson was contacted in April when the CSU Chancellors Office began to look for partners to “provide online course and program delivery services.”

“Through the RFP (Request For Proposals) process, Pearson submitted a proposal along with several other potential partners,” Uhlenkamp said. “The Cal State Online board reviewed those proposals and chose Pearson as the

On-time graduation rates for bachelor's degree from 2002 - 2010



Information from completecollege.org, graph by David Bermudez

For single mother Alexis Alvarado, the new Cal State Online would mean a lot to her.

“I was short a couple of units from earning my degree but the tuition kept on going up,” Alvarado said. “But if the CSU online could help me finish my degree and not worry about driving to school and work and take care of my daughter. It just will make it a lot easier to come home and go online on my own time and do the work I have to do.”

But for some students who have been out of school for a while like Marco Ruiz, Cal State Online is something he will not sign up for.

“I have been out of school for almost three years and to take an online class to get my degree would not be worth it,” Ruiz said. “I was a part-time student for three years and the cost of books and driving to San Francisco State just wasn't worth it anymore.”

Completecollege.org showed in its study and data that about 14.8 percent of students graduate in four years.

Reported by institutions NCEES and Integrated Post-secondary Education Data System (IPEDS) in 2009-10 to completecollege.org, SJSU graduated 46 percent of full-time students who never dropped out.

“I didn't want to be in school for more than five or six years while trying to hold a job and go to school and do all the homework so I had to drop out after three years,” Ruiz said.

CSU online is getting help to develop the online university from a partnership with Pearson eCollege.

“In this partnership, Pearson will be the provider of all of the technology and services that will support Cal State Online programs,” stated Michael Uhlenkamp, CSU director of media relations and new media, in an email. “Among these are Pearson LearningStudio, a cloud-based learning management system with advanced data analytics to monitor student performance and learning outcomes; the EQUELLA digital content

online partner based on their experience in providing an excellent online learning experience and unrivaled student support.”

Uhlenkamp also stated in an email the determinations as to how Cal State Online will “look and feel” are still one of the things that are to be decided.

“There will also be key features such as 24/7 help desk and technical troubleshooting services among many other services that will support students,” Uhlenkamp said.

Another unknown for Cal State Online is how the enrollment process will be and that is an area that Uhlenkamp said needs to be “worked out.”

“The exact enrollment process for Cal State Online is one of the areas that still needs to be worked out,” Uhlenkamp said.

“A benefit of Cal State Online is that the student will be able to complete their degree,” Chapin said. “The state will also benefit because when a student doesn't finish school, the money the state gives for the student gets lost.”

Director of SJSU online eCampus, Ruth Huard said, “They (Cal State Online) could help bolster the degrees that students can get online and they can also get programs that are important to the students if they could offer those programs.”

Huard also said that in spring 2011 there were 106 online classes offered that made up of five percent of all courses at SJSU.

“About 2,176 students took one fully online class, which makes up of eight percent of the total population,” said Huard. “And about 114 instructional faculty taught online classes which is seven percent of the instructional faculty.”

Huard also said that SJSU offers three online graduate degrees in library information and science, occupational therapy and public health and one undergraduate degree in global studies.

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DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION



President Barack Obama and former President Bill Clinton embrace after Clinton spoke to the delegation on the second night of the 2012 Democratic National Convention. Photo by Jeff Siner / MCT

President Obama gains Clinton support at DNC

McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bill Clinton was set to take center stage Wednesday at the Democratic National Convention in hopes of persuading middle-class voters that Barack Obama could turn a troubled economy around the same way the former president did two decades ago.

The 42nd president remains hugely popular among Democrats, and his speech was hotly anticipated by delegates yearning for a full-throated defense of Obama's economic policies after months of attacks by Republicans on the No. 1 issue in the presidential race.

“He inherited a deeply damaged economy, put a floor under the crash, began the long, hard road to recovery and laid the foundation for a more modern, more well-balanced economy that will produce millions of good new jobs, vibrant new businesses and lots of new wealth for the innovators,” Clinton said, according to prepared remarks.

Republicans, he said, are arguing that they “left him a total mess, he hasn't finished cleaning it up yet, so fire him and put us back in,” Clinton said. “I like the argument for President Obama's re-election a lot better.”

Delegates continue to be enthralled with the 42nd president, and his speech had been expected to be one of the highlights of the three-day convention.

“He could sneeze and I would applaud,” said Barb

Hammon, 60, a nurse and convention delegate from Michigan. “His support of Obama means a lot to me.”

Clinton, who served from 1993 to 2001, came into office at the end of a recession and is credited by some for helping the nation achieve a budget surplus. With millions still out of work and trillion-dollar deficits sending the national debt soaring, Obama is looking for Clinton to vouch for his approach.

On Wednesday, Clinton framed the election as a choice between an Obama second term that he said would boost the middle class and a Romney administration that would not.

“The most important question is, what kind of country do you want to live in?” Clinton said in the prepared remarks. “If you want a you're-on-your-own, winner-take-all society, you should support the Republican ticket. If you want a country of shared prosperity and shared responsibility — a we're-all-in-this-together society — you should vote for Barack Obama and Joe Biden.”

Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota said that Clinton has “enormous credibility” with voters — and not just Democrats — because of his handling of the economy and the national debt.

He “knows how to explain difficult economic ideas in a way that everyone can relate to, not just in a historical context, but in a way that really touches people,” she said. “People trust him on

economic issues, and he's an important person to discuss how we got where we are and what is the choice we need to make between two different directions.”

The second day of the convention included speeches from a slew of elected officials and supporters, including Elizabeth Warren, a candidate for U.S. Senate in Massachusetts, and Sandra Fluke, who sparked criticism from conservative commentator Rush Limbaugh after testifying before Congress in support of Obama's decision to require some religious employers to offer access to contraception.

There was also a bit of business as Democrats late Wednesday nominated Obama and Vice President Joe Biden as their 2012 White House ticket, with Clinton officially putting Obama's name into contention.

Biden and first lady Michelle Obama, who spoke Tuesday night, watched the proceedings from the stands. Obama arrived in Charlotte on Wednesday. He and Biden will speak Thursday night speak at Time Warner Cable Arena — a smaller venue than originally planned.

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RECREATION

Students can take square dancing for a spin this weekend

By Thyra Phan
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Students are encouraged to don their dancing shoes and partake in a night of square dancing and flash mobbing at the third annual SquareCrow's Ball.

The event, which will be held Saturday Sept. 8 at History Park, will benefit History San Jose and Second Harvest Food Bank.

"We want younger people to be more involved because square dancing is an activity that makes you interact with people," said Willie Albino, the coordinator of the Square-Crow's Ball.

The younger generation tends to interact through electronic means, so this event is an opportunity for students to meet a lot of people and make new friends, according to Albino.

He said dancers wind up in different groups, forcing them to spend time with other people.

Although the majority of the dancers are around the ages of 55 to 60, there are some groups that are youth oriented, according to square dancer caller Scot Byars.

Byars said a caller is the person who gives commands to dancers who commit to doing those types of movements – similar to a chess move.

"I tend to cater to younger people because my music and the way I teach is geared toward those who are around the age of 21 to 35," he said.

He said his music ranges from Lady Gaga to Green Day. Trance, house music and



Square dancers gather under the Light Tower at History Park during last year's SquareCrow's Ball. Photo courtesy of Willie Albino

classic rock 'n' roll are also genres he picks that may interest young people.

"I'll play anything I can get my hands on that has a 4/4 time signature on it that has a good beat," Byars said. A 4/4 time signature is anything that has four beats per measure and a quarter note is one beat, such as Lady Gaga's "Edge of Glory," he said.

Albino said this year, dancers will partake in a flash mob line dance called The Orange Blossom Special, which is named after the title of the song.

He said he teaches the dance to those who are interested, but the flash mob dance is also available for viewing on YouTube to practice at home.

He said square dancing teaches you skills you normally wouldn't get from any other type of activity.

"It is a true team environment – it teaches you to work with other people," Byars said. "As a dancer, you help keep the group together."

Senior nursing major Sara Worrell said she heard about the SquareCrow event

from a student organization newsletter.

"I'm always looking for ways to be involved, whether it's through nursing or raising funds for a good cause like the Second Harvest Food Bank," Worrell said.

Worrell said she thought the SquareCrow event provided her with the opportunity to give back to the community.

"I don't know how to square dance, but my grandparents are square dancers," Worrell said, who hopes to channel them. "There will be

a flash mob line dance, so I'll be participating in that."

Angela Azpiroz, a junior business management major, said she will be attending the SquareCrow Ball with the SJSU Community Service Club.

"The event is for a good cause, even if I don't know how to square dance," Azpiroz said. "I'm sure I'll definitely know how to dance after this Saturday."

Azpiroz said the Community Service Club will dress up like zombie scarecrows – a costume the club saved from an event last semester.

"They encouraged us to dress up in pre-Halloween costumes, so we figured we could bring back the zombies," Azpiroz said.

Albino said students with an ID will be admitted for \$5. The general entrance fee is \$15 or \$10 if you bring two canned goods.

"When I was going to college, it was hard to get socially active," Byars said. "With square dancing, I gained family and friends all over the world."

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FASHION

Spartan Threads: Proof Silicon Valley does indeed have style

By Camille Nguyen
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The Silicon Valley is known as the center of innovative and new technology, so it may not be too surprising that fashion and style have been placed on the back burner in lieu of developing gadgets like the iPhone 5 and the newest Facebook update.

Dubbed an eyesore by fashion bloggers from the Huffington Post to the New York Times to GQ, all publications denounced the popularity and prevalence of “geek chic” found in America’s technology sector.

Although, when wandering SJSU, the bloggers’ harsh critiques of appallingly mismatched patterns, unforgivable accessories and overall laziness found in Silicon Valley couture doesn’t seem to apply.

If anything, Spartan style could be described in one word: unique.

From casual yoga pants and basketball shorts to urban street wear to business casual, Spartans are shattering the perceived notion that the rest of the country has adopted – proving that yes, the citizens of the Silicon Valley can dress and yes, we will flaunt it with everything we’ve got.

Marissa Everling, a senior interior design major,

is a prime example of the distinct fashion sense that SJSU possesses.

Wearing bold coral chinos, a medium-wash denim vest, a chunky beaded bib necklace and sparkling silver flats that would put Dorothy’s ruby reds to shame, Everling describes her style as “classic with pops of color.”

Everling credits popular social media site Pinterest and fashion blogs such as Atlantic-Pacific and 9to5chic in addition to her work as a retail specialist at J.Crew as the main sources of inspiration behind her wardrobe.

“Working at J. Crew has made me more adventurous with my clothing choices,” she said.

As for some staple items in her closet, Everling says that she can always find a season and reason to break out her double-breasted navy blazer and her turquoise bubble necklace.

“Dressing up puts me in a better mood,” she said. “It took me a while to learn but you should build your closet around timeless basics and then you can add on more adventurous pieces.”

On a different end of the style spectrum but as equally passionate and as fashion conscious as Everling is fourth year child and adolescent development major Celestine Urbano.



Senior child and adolescent development major Celestine Urbano wears a gold chain necklace with crystal details. Photo by Camille Nguyen / Spartan Daily



Senior interior design major Marissa Everling wears a pair of silver, glitter ballerina flats. Photo by Camille Nguyen / Spartan Daily

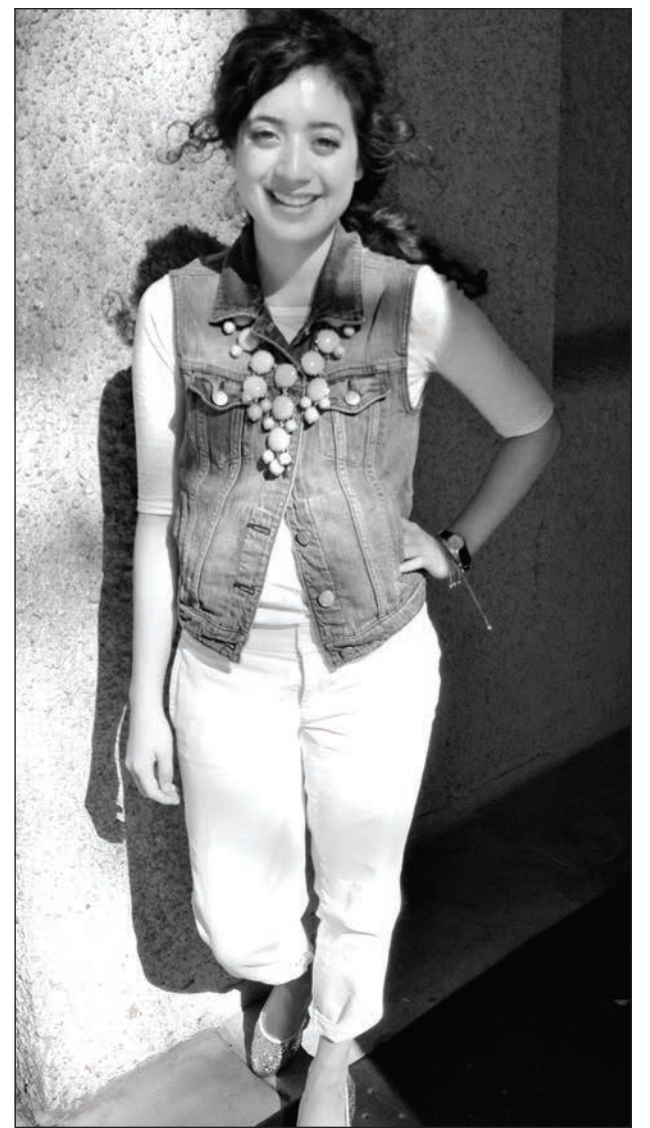
Oozing effortless cool in a sheer plaid blouse, waxy pleather high-waisted shorts, daring gold jewelry and black suede booties, Urbano models her clothing choices off of the wardrobes of various fashionistas such as the Olsen twins, Lauren Conrad and her own mother.

“I just remember trying on every article of clothing in her closet as a young girl and feeling so good about myself even though the clothes didn’t fully fit me,” she said, explaining that she still

borrows her mom’s clothes from the 1980s to this very day.

However, Urbano doesn’t limit herself to just her mom’s treasure trove of vintage finds, listing some of her favorite stores and brands as H&M, Brandy Melville, Urban Outfitters, American Apparel and Savers, where she goes thrifting for hidden goods.

“I love making old clothes into new pieces by cutting old shirts up, adding studs, sewing old pants to make them



Senior interior design major Marissa Everling says her style is ‘classic with pops of color’. Photo by Camille Nguyen / Spartan Daily

into a brand new pair of shorts and making accessories to complement my outfits,” said the self-proclaimed crafter.

Concerning trends to keep an eye out for this upcoming fall season, both girls were enthusiastic about the rising popularity of the color maroon.

“A lot of it will be more feminine and clean,” Everling said, advising to pay attention to shirts with Peter Pan collars and polka dotted

pieces as students prepare their closets for the colder months.

Along a similar style vein as Everling, Urbano cited rich, dark colors such as forest green and navy, cheetah prints and subtle studs to be in vogue this autumn.

“I can’t wait to see what fall fashion has to offer,” she said.

And with a campus boasting such stylish students, we can’t either.

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ECO-FRIENDLY FAIR

Art and Dine Festival showcases campus flavor

By Melanie Martinez
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The Art and Dine Festival’s array of campus-run food vendors, artists and sustainable groups attracted students and faculty to the MacQuarrie Hall and Sweeney Hall yesterday.

Hosted by Spartan Shops, this was the first Art and Dine Festival which is scheduled for the first Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. until November said Spartan Shops sustainability coordinator, Candice Carbonell.

“I wanted to figure out a way to connect with the rest of the campus and highlight just the SJSU community,” Carbonell said.

The goal was to create a local festival to highlight student artwork, talent and music all while remaining environmentally conscious, said Spartan Shops marketing manager Stephanie Fabian.

Tiny crocheted sea creatures from octopi to jellyfish for sale adorned third-year animation and illustration major Leslie Wyatt’s table.

Wyatt’s crocheting took off during summer session when she commuted over an hour for class and needed a hobby to keep her occupied during her trips, she said.

“I make turtles and jellyfish that sell for \$3 each or two for \$5 and have sold about 15 so far,” Wyatt said.

“We have a lot of great talent on campus that we just don’t get to see,” Carbonell said of the student artists involved with the first festival.

Freshman marketing major Chelsea Norton was not aware of the Art and Dine Festival prior to the event but



Senior sociology major Caterina Pezzaniti tries on a shirt at the Environmental Resource Center clothing swap. Photo by Melanie Martinez / Spartan Daily

loved the idea of community involvement, she said.

“It’s a great opportunity for a mesh of artists and culture around us,” said Norton.

“Spartan Shops is trying to start this monthly festival to create a community gathering for SJSU students, faculty and staff,” Fabian said.

The goal was to create a local festival to highlight student artwork, talent and music all while remaining environmentally conscious, she said.

The Associated Student run E-Waste drop-off booth was present, which allows students or staff to drop off any unusable or electronic waste free of charge for

recycling, said third-year software engineering major, Chris Tran.

Creating student awareness about the free and eco-friendly services E-Waste has to offer was important to Tran, he said.

“A lot of students don’t know about our services,” Tran said, sitting in front of a crate, to carry off recycled electronics, that spanned the width of his tent.

The Environmental Resource Center (ERC) had also collaborated with the Art and Dine Festival and set up a clothing swap for students and faculty.

Piles of brightly colored printed blouses and dresses

sat in stacked heaps on the ERC table and hung from the tops of the tent in hangers as senior sociology major Caterina Pezzaniti rummaged the piles for clothes.

“Oh my gosh, this is amazing,” said Pezzaniti as she picked up a red polkadotted tank top, “I feel like I’ve died and gone to clothing heaven.”

All of the clothing at the swap was donated by students and can be traded for other clothing or sold for a suggested price said ERC director Magen Shaw.

“I think people like to shop second-hand,” Shaw said, “Plus it really reduces the carbon footprint.”

The dining commons and street eats provided unique food especially for the event that isn’t typically served elsewhere on campus, Fabian said.

Brand new recipes were created by the dining commons chef for the Art and Dine Festival, said freshman nutrition major Genesis Garcia as she poured organic lemonade for students.

“There are no pesticides and no preservatives, so these are guilt-free drinks,” said Garcia of the lemonade and orange juice at her booth.

The food available ranged from organic juices, fresh popcorn and vanilla ice cream topped with grilled peaches and nectarines.

Tents are free of charge to all SJSU students who would like to showcase their art or music at future Art and Dine Festivals, Fabian said.

Any students interested in participating can contact Candice Carbonell at candice.carbonell@sjsu.edu.

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In *my* experience...

A self-proclaimed non-expert weighs in on your experiences

by **Kelsey Lynne Lester-Perry**



My name is Kelsey. I don't know a lot about any one thing, but I do know a good deal about a lot of little things. I don't claim to be an expert, but I can tell you exactly how to raise a grade from a B to an A.

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-Broke

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I am a 24-year-old student, so I know what it feels like to not have a large amount of funds and in turn think that I will never again have a social life.

But do not fear! Here are a few suggestions that I know work for my close group of friends and me.

First off, look for happy hours all over downtown San Jose and beyond and you can do this once or twice a week. Brix Nightclub has \$1 drinks every Monday night starting at 9 p.m. and the crowd is a lively bunch. Cinebar always offers \$2 PBRs. Be wary though, because both bars are cash-only a majority of the time.

I would also suggest "liking" a few bars or restaurants on Facebook because they post their deals and specials regularly. You don't even have to go searching, it just pops up right in your newsfeed!

Why don't you have movie nights every other night? Someone in your group of friends is bound to have a Netflix account or a Blockbuster membership, where the most you will be spending is a buck or two.

Another great option is to get a group of friends together for a homework session. You can get your school work done while chatting and catching up. It's always more fun to do tedious things with close friends.

Speaking of tedious things, my best friend and I go to the gym together. Apply for financial assistance at the YMCA with a few friends. You can easily only pay \$25.50 a month, which is half off a normal membership, and this will allow you to have something to do throughout the week and you will also be having fun exercising with a partner!

My last bit of advice would be to always carry a water bottle with you. Being active makes you thirsty and I can't even count how many times a week I have spent a few dollars on a bottle of water because I was parched when I could easily just have brought a water bottle and saved that few bucks for some \$1 drinks at Brix.

But remember, just because you are broke doesn't mean you shouldn't tip. A dollar drink at Brix still requires a dollar tip! And a \$5 mint mojito from Philz Coffee should also include a tip for your wonderful barista!

Good luck in your thrifty endeavors!

Love, Kelsey

Letter to the editor

UPD is here for safety of students

In response to the opinion piece "San Jose needs more police on the streets," (Aug. 30, 2012) the University Police Department would like to take the opportunity to remind the campus community of the programs that the university provides for their safety. This is not intended to take away from the important topic addressed in the editorial.

The University Police Department takes seriously the concerns of the university community and works diligently to address these concerns.

While the university cannot significantly impact the budget and political concerns of the City of San Jose, we can mitigate issues by providing police patrols in the neighborhoods surrounding campus and providing the Evening Guide program, in which trained university police student assistants provide an escort to or from locations on and off campus.

Recently, an additional service, the Evening Shuttle, was created in which university police student assistants will drive students to locations, during evening hours, further than the Evening Guide program is able to go.

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★☆

How To Play

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 by 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively. Check back daily for new sudoku puzzles and solutions.

Previous Sudoku Solution

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Today's Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

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- . 10 Spider-Man's creations
- . 14 Received by ear
- . 15 Hurry-up acronym
- . 16 Rescuer, e.g.
- . 17 Baby bird?
- . 18 Smudge
- . 19 Diva's performance
- . 20 Buffalo Bob Smith's puppet
- . 22 Arena level
- . 23 Zodiac lion
- . 24 Also-rans
- . 26 Feature of new bedsheets
- . 30 Amphibious South American rodent
- . 32 King's position, in a game
- . 33 Cherished
- . 35 ___ski party (lodge gathering)
- . 39 Luminous
- . 41 Cell stuff, for short
- . 42 Drug used in treating Parkinson's
- . 43 Titled Turk
- . 44 Wallpaper unit
- . 46 Subject to further consideration
- . 47 Greet the dawn
- . 49 Was the host of
- . 51 Diminish
- . 54 Another Turkish title
- . 55 Exude
- . 56 Carol Channing musical
- . 63 Currency of Samoa
- . 64 Make a long story short?
- . 65 "Farewell"
- . 66 Handle of a sword
- . 67 Auberjonois of "Benson"
- . 68 Edible mush-room
- . 69 "Will there

- be anything ___?"
- . 70 Certain Ga. Tech. grad
- . 71 Undo, as writing
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- . 2 Garage contents
- . 3 Cornfield bird
- . 4 Brain-busting
- . 5 Carbon-based free radicals
- . 6 Hindu gentleman (Var.)
- . 7 Capital of Norway
- . 8 Flashy trinket
- . 9 In a nimble manner
- . 10 Question from Bugs Bunny
- . 11 Like "Tales from the Darkside"
- . 12 Thorny patch (Var.)
- . 13 Ascends to a height
- . 21 Safe document
- . 25 Fiery gem
- . 26 Crack and redden in the cold
- . 27 Let's live here
- . 28 90-degree building extensions
- . 29 Words on a Hawaiian license plate
- . 30 Boat that's padded
- . 31 Verbal exam
- . 34 Screws up
- . 36 Climbing gear
- . 37 Summer Games sword competition
- . 38 Beach feature
- . 40 Suffix with "soft" or "flat"
- . 45 Toy building block brand
- . 48 Answer from a different room
- . 50 Bovary or Butterfly
- . 51 River of forgetfulness
- . 52 It may have an attachment
- . 53 Places to cool pies
- . 54 Change to fit
- . 57 Sistine Chapel depiction
- . 58 Suffix with "weak" or "Earth"
- . 59 Nose detection
- . 60 Italian coin, once
- . 61 Cask dregs
- . 62 Christmas season

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No help for students means no future for our country



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Returning to school after several years of being absent has been a scary experience.

Coming from a regular job with a regular paycheck, to sleepless nights wondering how the bills will be paid in the coming months is about as uncomfortable as it sounds.

The only piece of mind has been knowing that after a year or two of sacrifice, this will all be worth it.

Unfortunately, things aren't as simple as they were when I first started at San Jose State nearly 10 years before.

Tuition continues to increase, student resources are becoming more and more scarce and financial backing for a degree is disappearing.

This isn't some ushering of a revolutionary change in the way future adults are getting degrees, but a breakdown in a system that once allowed us an avenue to our dream jobs.

A week into school and I still find myself with no word on my financial aid reward and a

fee deferral disappearing on my account.

When I call the Financial Aid Office, the response is that they are processing documents as fast as they can.

They went on to say that it would be best if I went ahead and made a deposit on my account in the mean time, if I want to save my classes.

Well why didn't I think of that? Oh right, I'm a student, and I have no money.

Though the financial status of our state and country has gone through a drastic change, students have not miraculously gotten richer as a way of supplementing the loss.

I've met others my age and younger who have decided to

skip out of college, opting instead to go straight into a field as cheap and quickly as possible.

I wonder if this will see the decline of student enrollment at institutions like ours.

Will college be seen as a rarely attainable dream for future generations to come?

There have been students in the last decade or so who have found other ways to fund their education, much out of desperation and determination.

There's the Sacramento State student, for example, who auctioned off her virginity online to pay her loans.

Are we moving into a society where future students will be forced to find alternative ways to pay for their education?

Lately, it has crossed my mind what I would be willing to part with if I failed to receive financial support.

It's frustrating that we live in a country where we are not accepting the correlation between the success of students and the success of the country.

I once asked a political science professor why our economy is not being treated more like a corporate company.

Fortune 500 companies are obsessed with their finances, and even more so, their profit.

Credit cards rarely are lingo we would hear thrown around in the halls of their large corporate offices.

As a state and as a country, we do not take money seriously.

It is no wonder that we, as students, are being put in this compromising position.

As I patiently wait to hear if I will be able to attend school this year, I question if I should bother to introduce myself to my instructors, or purchase textbooks and school supplies I won't be able to return.

I made a huge sacrifice returning to school to finish my degree so that I could prove to be a strong investment in my country's future.

As I write this, I'm left wondering if I will even get the chance.

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True fashion? How last season!

Today marks the beginning of the 2012 Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week in New York City, in which some of the top designers, models and celebrities come to show off their goods for the upcoming season.

As someone with a keen interest in fashion, I'm always eager to see what couture will grace the runway but one designer's accessory is making me scratch my head in utter confusion since fashion magazines portray it as the next best thing.

German minimalist designer Jil Sander released a men's bag for the autumn/winter 2012 collection dubbed the Vasari bag, which consists of "a long rectangular silhouette and crafted from coated paper," according to an Aug. 28 article on New York Daily News.

In addition, the Vasari comes with brown visible stitching, two golden eyelets and the designer's name branded on the bottom.

Being a designer brand and whatnot, this haute accessory retails at a cool \$290 while the black leather version goes for \$690.

Yes, you read that right.

Some fool out there is paying \$290 for a glorified lunch bag and, at first, I thought the designer was playing a joke on the fashion world and mocking how some fashion houses need to have their name on the most frivolous things.

To my dismay, both the paper and leather ver-



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sions were sold out both online and in cosmopolitan cities ranging from Berlin to New York City.

W Magazine touts the bag as "turning a necessity into an indulgence," fitting with the label's minimal aesthetic.

I'm sorry (no I'm not), but turning out something as mundane as a paper bag, slapping on the designer's name and calling it a hot accessory isn't fashion.

Then again, if Juicy Couture could sell those hideous sweat suits in the early 2000s and call them designer, anything and everything is fair game.

Even though wearing a designer's work can be seen as a form of advertising, it looks more tasteful when the label isn't emblazoned on a certain area of the clothing.

Case in point, the aforementioned Juicy Couture sweats which were still a hit back at my high school down in Orange County and everyone from soccer moms to little school girls were wearing them.

My AP art history/painting

and drawing teacher during my senior year was a very fashionable woman compared to most of the faculty on campus and she made a remark about some of the girls who wear Juicy Couture sweats or something similar.

"It's kind of gross to see some of the girls have 'JUICY' or 'PINK' labeled right across their butts," she quipped. "Out of all the places to put a brand name, why there? I don't want to know the current physical state of your butt."

My class and I laughed at her statement but now, when I think about her joke, it kind of rings true when it comes to the state of fashion these days.

Fashion, whether it is ostentatious or subdued, shouldn't look half-assed or serve as a walking billboard because the person who wears them should stand out, not the clothes.

There are people out there who buy certain items only for the name, which is fine, but it gets boring to see someone decked head-to-toe in the same bland clothes screaming, "Hey, I'm a total brand-whore so check out my (insert fashion label) duds right here!"

As for Jil Sander, there are some things worthy of a designer label such as a tailored coat, shoes or even a pair of sunglasses.

A bag made of paper worth a portion of my rent shouldn't be one of them.

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Let's talk about toddler fight club

Caturday Night Live is a satirical column that addresses current events and pop culture happenings in an attempt to expose the rapid devolution of the human race and hopefully save it from self-destruction — aka allowing Snooki to raise a child.

"I believe that children are our future," the late Whitney Houston said. "Teach them well and let them lead the way. Show them all the beauty they possess inside."

But Whitney also said "Kiss my ass!" and was a crack addict, so one could take her words with a grain of salt.

Which is exactly what three daycare workers in Delaware did at Hands of Our Future Day Care earlier this year.

The trio was arrested for allegedly "encouraging toddlers under their watch to fight for sport," according to police reports.

Tiana Harris, 19, Lisa Parker, 47, and Estefania Myers, 21, were captured in a cell phone video egging on two three-year-old children to get physical.

The footage, taken in March, shows two toddlers in a brawl, then one of them cries, "He's pinching me!" plainly trying to break free from the fight.

One of the workers simply replies, "No pinching, only punching," and pushes the kid back into the death circle.

OK, I don't know about you, but I absolutely love "Fight Club," the film.

What I don't love is Tiny Human Fight Club, real life.

Last time I checked, babies were supposed to be adorable and cuddly, not ferocious or fearsome, pumping iron and beating up other kids while you're at work, possibly waiting until you're asleep to suffocate you with a pillow just to say they killed a man.

How bored can you get, working at a daycare, to think, "Hey, this would be a great idea! We should film it. It's going to be hilarious!"

Well, actually, I'm sure it was something like, "Wouldn't it be like, so like, funny,



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though — like we'd be like, 'Slap the little one!' and then they be all like, 'OK.' Ha ha ha. We could, like film it on the phone my boyfriend found in the dressing room at Walmart. He like, doesn't ever call me anymore, but he is like, the love of my life, you know?"

Because, obviously, these women were dropped on their heads during infancy twice as many times as Geri Halliwell ever screamed, "Girl power!" in a latex, British flag-patterned bodysuit, or Joss Whedon ever said, "Just one more season of Buffy the Vampire Slayer. Just. One. More."

One parent's reaction to the news is just golden to me.

Cristyl Slack, mother of a little girl that witnessed one of the fights, said, "(Hearing about the video) pissed me off just because I feel if my daughter is around anything, I should have known."

Because it would have been totally OK had she just been aware of the violence before it happened.

She probably just wanted to know her kid might be pulverized before she dropped her off so, you know, she could put a frozen bag of peas and brass knuckles in her lunchbox. Or maybe a juice box refilled with whiskey to take the edge off.

Police have confiscated the video of the children fighting and closed down the daycare, whose motto reads, "Young hearts loving the world."

And when they say, "Loving the world," what they really mean is, "Hitting the haters in the face."

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IN MEMORIAM

Remembering the generosity of the late Phyllis Simpkins

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The university will remember the life and contributions of Phyllis Simpkins, '46 Home Economics and Marketing, Friday with a public event and reception.

She will also be honored with a special halftime show at Saturday's football game against Davis — SJSU's first home game.

Simpkins, who died at 87 over the summer, and her late husband, Alan Simpkins ('48), gave nearly \$20 million to SJSU throughout their lives.

The Simpkins' contributions can be seen throughout campus.

According to a prepared university statement, the \$20 million included several departments and buildings on campus.

"The legacy created by Phyllis Simpkins' leadership and generosity will benefit San Jose State University students for generations to come," said President Mohammad Qayoumi in a prepared statement. "Not only did she give generously, she inspired others to support San Jose State. It is important that we pay tribute to the many ways in which Phyllis and Alan supported our students and university as a whole."

Bob Simpkins, Phyllis and Alan's son, said they gave back to the university because of the success they had earned from SJSU. They wanted to be sure current students had the best opportunities, he said.

"From a family perspective, they (Alan and Phyllis) were a team," Bob said.

While Alan was able to give due to funding from two telecommunications companies he owned, Phyllis was heavily involved on site in the day to day activities, he said. "She really enjoyed the physical construction part of it."

According to Bob, the International House is one of the things Phyllis enjoyed the most, along with the marching band.

Having the two of them for role models was tough to live up to, he said.

International House

Leann Cherkasky Makhni, director of the International House, remembers Phyllis Simpkins as their guardian angel.

"She made such an enormous impact on so many lives," Makhni said. Phyllis always said her and Alan got a great education from SJSU and "we need to give back," she said.

Phyllis could often be found helping out in the kitchen or working with the faculty wives to prepare lunches, said Makhni.

The Simpkins' contributions to the SJSU campus include:

- Phyllis Forward Simpkins International Center (the SJSU International House)
- Alan B. Simpkins Intercollegiate Athletics Administration Building.
- Simpkins Stadium Center
- SJSU Marching Band
- Moss Landing Marine Laboratories
- Department of Nutrition and Food Science building
- Department of Kinesiology building
- School of Music and Dance building

Information by Pat Lopes Harris, SJSU media relations director



Phyllis Simpkins leads the "Spartan spell-yell" at the Spartan Foundation Blazer Brigade in Aug. 2011. Photo courtesy of SJSU Athletics

"Alan and Phyllis would sometimes even invite students to barbecues at their home in Santa Cruz or to go sailing with them," she said.

According to Makhni, the building that became the "I-House" used to be Phyllis' old sorority house, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Phyllis and Alan purchased the house in the '70s after SJSU's KKG chapter closed, renovated it, and eventually donated it to the SJSU Research Association to be used for the purposes of the International Center, which would later become the International House, she said.

Phyllis attended many of the semi-annual pancake breakfasts from inception in 1983 to her final one last spring, and she would often bring along the president of the university, faculty, staff members, her friends and family, Makhni said.

"She got great joy out of seeing the students energy, enthusiasm, and active participation in the event," she said.

According to Makhni, Phyllis had put at least \$1 million into maintaining and improving the house since Alan died in 1997.

Makhni wrote a tribute to Phyllis that was read at her funeral on July 19.

"In my first days at International Center in the early 90s, I worried whenever Phyl-

lis visited the house if I could meet her standards," reads part of the tribute. "Phyllis had an eagle eye for detail and held me, like everyone around her, to a high standard."

Makhni remembers Phyllis sitting in the I-House writing checks for \$100,000 and turning to ask her if that was enough.

Kristen Pendleton, community operations manager for the I-House, said Phyllis and Alan originally came up with the idea for the International House from an ad she saw at a Spartan football game. The ad showed an international house from another college, and Phyllis and Alan would later go to visit the house and model SJSU's I-House after the original, Pendleton said.

"When I think of her, I remember her yellow Spartan sweater and big smile," she said.

SJSU Marching Band

In the Fall of 1978, the marching band returned to SJSU for football games after a three football season-long absence due to Phyllis and Alan's efforts to bring the band back.

The Simpkins basically adopted the band as one of their favorite projects, said Scott Pierson, director of the SJSU marching band.

"Phyllis and Alan had gone to the university president



Phyllis Forward Simpkins

Born: October, 1924
San Jose, Calif.
Died: July 7, 2012, Santa Cruz, Calif.
Survived by: Sons and daughters-in-law Robert and Carol Simpkins, William and Bridgid Simpkins of Santa Cruz, daughter and son-in-law Diane and James Bordoni of Los Altos and seven grandchildren.

at the time and told her that they would be willing to help fund this venture to return the marching band to SJSU by providing half of the salaries for a band director and assistant band director and some help in getting the thing going again," he said.

The deal was after one year, the university would then pick up the tab entirely for the marching band, which the university did the next year, he added.

In the spring of 1988, Pierson said, Alan and Phyllis took a pep band of about 20-30 students to Honolulu to the game against the University of Hawaii.

He said they took the entire band three more times in 1996, and again in 1998 and 2000, after Alan died.

"They (the Simpkins) more than anybody on this campus figured out that an annual trip for a marching band is the glue that holds them together," Pierson said. "After Alan died, she took off with it and just kept on running."

According to Pierson, it wouldn't be unusual for Phyllis to call him and ask him for a wish list of things that would make the experience better for the students.

"She was all about students having a better experience — whether it be the band, the international house, or anything else," he said. "Everyone loved her, they knew what she did for the band. She was a neat, neat person who liked to help them."

Phyllis also provided funding for a campaign that would provide the band with new uniforms. She agreed to match the amount that was donated for the uniforms. She was also the first one to see the design Pierson made for the uniforms. The band will wear the new uniforms in a special halftime show honoring Simpkins at the football game on Saturday.

"She was so looking forward to seeing those uniforms," he said. "If it were not for Phyllis, after Alan died in 1997, I truly believe the band

would have died." It has been really weird to start this season without Phyllis around, he said. "She would be the model for anyone that wanted to succeed in helping others."

Athletics

"She had all the best qualities," said John Poch, Deputy Director of Athletics. She was proud of SJSU, humble, always involved and always trying to help behind the scenes, he said. "They (Phyllis and Alan) helped make the department what it is today."

She created a special fund to help the water polo and cross country teams, he said.

Poch said he was coaching women's soccer when he first met Phyllis in 1995. He remembers her telling him her granddaughter played soccer. "Do you have kids?" she asked.

According to Poch, every student athlete on campus will be wearing a Phyllis Simpkins (PS) patch. "They aren't just playing for the name on the front of their jersey, but also for Phyllis," he said.

"I never met someone so caring, it was just in her nature," Poch said. We think about her daily, he said. "Heaven got an upgrade with her."

Department of nutrition and food science

According to Lucy McProud, department chair of the department of nutrition and food science and packaging, Phyllis helped the department many times.

She created the nutrition and metabolism laboratory and the student learning center among other projects, McProud said. "She was so great in helping us out with so many projects to enrich the educational programs for our students."

The event will be held tomorrow at 3 p.m. in Morris Dailey Auditorium with a reception to follow in the rose garden and bell plaza area outside of Tower Hall.

Phyllis Simpkins died July 7 after a long fight with cancer. Her husband, Alan died in 1997.

According to a release from the university, SJSU and the California State University have honored Phyllis and Alan Simpkins many times.

"Back in 1979, Phyllis Simpkins received the Tower Award, SJSU's highest honor for philanthropy and service," as stated in the release. "Phyllis and Alan Simpkins were named CSU Philanthropists of the Year in 1989. Both Phyllis and Alan Simpkins also received honorary Doctorates of Humane Letters at the SJSU commencement in 1996."

Michael Bordoni, Phyllis' grandson, said her legacy shows what she leaves behind.

"She got so much out of helping people at SJSU," he said. "The lesson is that no matter what your means there is always a way to give back."

Phyllis was born in 1924 in San Jose, according to Bob Simpkins, her son. She was raised on the Forward Dairy Farm, which is now underneath the runway of Mineta San Jose International Airport.

As a young girl she enjoyed fishing with her father and spending time in Santa Cruz, which later became her home.

Phyllis Simpkins is survived by two sons and a daughter, as well as seven grandchildren.

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