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Teaming up for charity



Freshman mechanical engineering major Angelo Chan stands in the middle of 11th Street to publicize a garage sale Saturday. The garage sale was put on by Akbayan

SJSU, Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and Alpha Kappa Omicron sorority to raise money for typhoon victims in the Philippines. Photo by Leo Postvoit / Spartan Daily

by Christian Gin
Staff Writer

Three SJSU organizations collaborated to put on a garage sale Friday to support non-profit relief organizations sending aid to those in the Philippines affected by Typhoon Sendong.

The Alpha Kappa Omega Fraternity, Alpha Kappa Omicron Sorority and the Akbayan Filipino-American Organization created this joint event in an effort to relieve the troubles from the disaster in the Philippines and Pacific Islands.

In December, Typhoon Sendong struck the southern island Mindanao of the Philippines as well as the Palau and Micronesian islands according to Ingrid Mapanao, Alpha Kappa Omicron Sorority member.

Mapanao mentioned that several places were flooded and destroyed, suffering severe damages and more than 1,000 lives lost.

She said more than 100,000 people have been evacuated and lost their homes as a result.

"I was sitting at work, and wanted to collaborate with other organizations to raise money for the victims in the typhoon that happened last December," Mapanao said. "Thousands have been suffering in Mindanao and I wanted to provide help."

Kevin Lai from the Alpha Kappa Omega Fraternity and Arlo Trinidad from Akbayan said they both agreed to join in on this.

Lai said the fraternity believes in its own three pillars of life.

"While our fraternity can be all about brotherhood, our three pillars of social responsibility, leadership and cultural awareness is what it's all about," Lai said. "We wanted to bring cultural awareness and social responsibility in this event in giving back to the community."

The Alpha Kappa Omega fraternity has helped out with several charity events before, according to Lai.

He said the fraternity has participated in several concerts and service days.

Both organizations helped organize the event with the date and time, according to Trinidad.

Mapanao said this is the first time ever that this trio has worked together for something.

All three organizations donated shirts, shoes, hats, knick-knacks and a few Christmas decorations that they didn't need, according to Jesse Barbon, Akbayan community chair.

He said how they were also open to taking money donations from anyone who wanted to contribute.

Barbon said that Akbayan has three pillars they stand by — community, cultural and social awareness.

"We wanted to bring community awareness with this garage sale," Barbon said. "Not many at SJSU are aware that this disaster happened and we want others to know about it."

Trinidad said while their organization is Filipino-based, they are open to help and welcoming to anyone to their group.

"Our world is their world and their world is our world," he said. "We have to share it and take care

of one another by letting them know they have our support."

According to Mapanao, the garage sale raised \$280 for the organization of their choice.

The proceeds will go to Project PEARLS, Akbayan member Francesca Mateo said.

This organization helps out those in the Philippines who are in need of help, as the word PEARLS is an acronym that stands for Peace, Education, Aspiration, Respect, Love and Smile, according to its website.

"Project PEARLS will be using this money for schools and tuition for students who lost their homes in the Philippines," Mateo said. "The money will provide school uniforms and school supplies."

Mateo said how most relief donations have already focused on clothes and food from other fundraisers and organizations.

"Besides raising money for the Philippines, we want to raise community awareness and help those in need," said Mapanao. "We hope to bring the community together with the tragedy that happened."

See a multimedia piece on the garage sale:



DREAM Act spreading hope for undocumented students

by David Wong
Staff Writer

Immigrant and undocumented students will be eligible for Cal Grants starting in the fall 2013 semester, when the California DREAM Act takes effect.

"(This act can) create a safe culture on campus for a student to reveal their undocumented status, which may help in creating a network of support," said Caz Salamanca, interim associate director for MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center.

The MOSAIC center provides social diversity information and resources to students, according to the department's website.

"(We need to) drop the word 'illegal alien,'" he said. "It criminalizes undocumented students (and is) very dehumanizing."

The California DREAM Act of 2011, or Assembly Bill 131, outlines scholarship and grant opportunities applicable to students who live in the state, these opportunities would be the same as those offered to California residents with citizenships — the onus is on school officials to offer all available aid, according to the document.

The Act was passed on Oct. 9, 2011 when Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill, enacting the legislation.

Assembly Bill 540 is a 2001 law that allows undocumented students the ability to pay in-state resident tuition if they attended a California high school and received a diploma or equivalent certification, according to the Student Outreach & Recruitment department.

According to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, there are currently 350 AB 540 students enrolled at the SJSU, including students who are here on a student visa.

Instead of filing a FAFSA, undocumented students would fill out a still-in-development application (expected to be ready by January 2013) to determine eligibility for financial aid, according to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

The DREAM Act would not create new programs for the Fall 2013–Spring 2014 academic year to offer students and AB 540 students will not begin receiving funds until all legal residents have applied for aid, according to the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office.

MOSAIC hosts the AB 540 Help Desk, which helps AB 540 students with resources and assistance, according to the Education Opportunity Program AB 540 Resource Guide.

Student Advocates for Higher Education promotes higher education

among immigrant students regardless of legal status, according to the Education Opportunity Program AB 540 Resource Guide

The organization held its first meeting of the semester on Thursday in room 525 of the Cultural Heritage Center Meeting Room at King Library.

Cesar Juarez, a social sciences graduate and an events organizer, is one of the senior members of the group, having been with SAHE since 2007.

The DREAM Act is a point of pride with Juarez, who said SAHE spoke with local and state politicians to increase awareness of the DREAM Act.

"(SAHE gives) presentations in high school, community centers and churches to make community members aware about AB 540 and the DREAM Act (and what it means for them)," Juarez said.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR FINANCIAL AID UNDER THE DREAM ACT

1. Attend a California secondary school for three or more years; at least one year needs to be at a California high school
2. Graduate from a California secondary school or attain the equivalent
3. If undocumented, the filing of an affidavit with the college or university stating that they have applied for a lawful immigration status or will apply as soon as they are eligible to do so

According to CaliforniaDreamAct.org

Daniel Villalobos, a sophomore graphic design major, said "I'm very excited (by the Act's passage), I have a cousin who doesn't have her papers, so I'm excited for her to be able to go to college."

In the 2009-2010 school year, Associated Students said they passed a resolution that advocated for AB 540 students, as it supported a change in language that allows undocumented students to become eligible for A.S. scholarships that were normally not offered.

The resolution outlines the unclear wording of the St. S. Saffold Scholarship offered by A.S., which provides

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CAMPUS IMAGES



A Toyota minivan was reportedly sideswiped and flipped by a GMC truck on Reed and Third streets across from Notre Dame High School in downtown San Jose at 4:13 p.m. on Saturday, according to an officer on the scene. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

Opportunities uncovered by anthropology students

by Julie Tran
Staff Writer

For some SJSU anthropology students, field studies held during the summer allow them to dig up the past.

Charlotte Sunseri, a professor specializing in historical archaeology, is holding a field study this July at Mono Lake, California, located in the eastern Sierra Mountains.

"I'm excited to get to know the students since it is my first field study," Sunseri said.

Sunseri said she chose the Mono Lake location due to its proximity for students who couldn't afford to go out-of-state due to airfare prices.

Mono Lake was also selected since it is the location of her research, as well as its historic background during the California Gold Rush, she said.

In particular, Sunseri said she is interested in finding artifacts from the Chinese and Paiute Indian workers during that time period.

The Caribbean island of Nevis had a field study hosted by Marco Meniketti, a professor specializing in the Caribbean area who does archaeological digs on both land and underwater.

According to Meniketti, his interest in the Caribbean started out as an accident.

"I was originally interested in the Near East, but I ended up going to Jamaica looking for the last two ships of Columbus," Meniketti said. "With more projects in the area, I ended up going with the flow."

Both Sunseri and Meniketti said about 12 to 13 students accompany a professor with one or two staff members included.

Students stay at a certain location for a month, with living conditions ranging from dorm-like settings to a research facility, according to Sunseri.

When it comes to finding a location to excavate, there are specifics that are considered at a site, according to Meniketti.

"Locations are selected based on research goals and permission to work on particular areas," Meniketti said.

One of the students who attended the Nevis field study was Chris Keith, a senior archaeology major who was on the island doing excavations.

Keith described the living conditions on Nevis as being "not too bad humid but overly hot" and mentioned that the people on the field study were trapped in a severe tropical storm for a few days.

"My favorite part of field work is the hands-on experience working on an actual excavation and finding artifacts that haven't been seen in hundreds of years," Keith stated in an email.

Among the artifacts found on the island was a skeleton dating from 1,000 years ago, according to Meniketti.

"I think the best thing to happen to the field school was the accidental discovery of some ancient human remains on a beach," Keith stated. "We are planning on returning to Nevis and excavating at a later date."

Even if students aren't interested in going on archaeological digs, Keith said he believes that there are benefits from attending a field study.

"I would recommend going on field schools even if you're not an archaeology major because it provides a wonderful chance to travel and experience new places," he said.

CAMPUS IMAGES



A tow truck worker attempts to lift a Toyota minivan off a garbage can after, according to a police officer on the scene, the vehicle was sideswiped and flipped by a GMC truck on Reed and Third streets Saturday. One person was seen transported from the scene on a stretcher into an ambulance. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

Southern Yemen election boycott hints at trouble

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

ADEN, Yemen — Yemenis will head to the polls Tuesday in a one-candidate election that's expected to make Vice President Abdo Rabbu Mansour Hadi the first president from southern Yemen since the country was unified in 1990.

Despite this seeming milestone, however, few in Aden, the south's former capital, are lining up to endorse the future president. Hadi earned the ire of many southerners by siding with northern forces and President Ali Abdullah Saleh during the 1994 civil war.

Now, with Saleh forced from power after months of popular demonstrations, many in Aden are boycotting the elections. They're honoring calls by the Southern Movement, a loose grouping of activists and demonstrators who

are agitating for an end to Yemeni unity and the restoration of an autonomous southern state.

Two decades after unification — which was quickly followed by the south's defeat in the civil war — many southerners say it has been a failure. They say that the culture of the comparatively liberal, formerly socialist south are incompatible with that of the north, and they complain that the influence of tribal leaders and radical clerics originally from the north has contributed to an erosion of women's rights, a spike in illiteracy rates and growing instability.

Even worse, they say, is the toll of having been absorbed into the more populous north — home to nearly 80 percent of Yemen's estimated 24 million people. Many southerners say that the central government in Sanaa has opened the door for powerful northerners to loot their land, leaving the spoils of the region's oil and natural gas reserves in the hands of outsiders.

Hospitality department swings into future careers at Pebble Beach

by Megan Mills
Staff Writer

The SJSU hospitality, recreation and tourism management department recently partnered with the Pebble Beach Golf Course to host the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am Tournament, allowing students to combine golf, hard work and the experience of a lifetime.

This is the seventh year SJSU has partnered with Pebble Beach to give students the opportunity to work alongside Pebble Beach managers in the tournament.

"The students go to work as Pebble Beach managers and are under the managers on-site," project coordinator Richard Larson said. "They are plugged right into the hierarchy management of the structure."

About 80 students were interviewed by a panel and 32 were selected to be part of 2012 Special Event Management Team from SJSU.

Every student gets interviewed by Pebble Beach managers and SJSU faculty, Larson said.

The 32 students chosen were then divided into three teams: Skybox Hospitalities, Corporate Chalets or On-Course Food and Beverage.

The Skybox Hospitalities included responsibilities such as hosting VIP guests in corporate hospitality luxury suites called Skyboxes and managing multiple corporate clients.

Hospitality, recreation and event management major Megan Cabalar was the Skybox manager for the Hertz and Chase Sapphire Skyboxes.

"For each Skybox, we were responsible for the management and oversight of corporate clients," Cabalar said. "We had to communicate with our clients and make sure the day went smoothly and everyone was happy."

The Corporate Chalets included hosting VIP guests in corporate hospitality luxury tents called chalets and interacting with clients, servers, bartenders and culinary indi-

viduals, according to the SJSU hospitality, recreation and tourism management department website.

Junior Sophia Nguyen was a special event manager of chalet hospitality for the Hertz Company tent.

"I was responsible for overseeing all aspects of chalet," Nguyen said. "This included maintaining flow and order of the chalet, overseeing buffets and bar, catering to all the needs of the client and man-

“After I learned about the company ... I knew I wanted to be part of this unique experience.”

-Lac Nguyen, hospitality management major

aging employees to work as a team to provide excellent customer service."

The on-course food and beverage included inventory management and providing food and drinks to the daily spectators.

"We were officially considered employees for the Pebble Beach company," said Khalid Hanafy, a junior majoring in hospitality management and event planning. "I was managing 20 to 50 employees depending on how busy the day was to ensure everything ran as smoothly as possible."

There was a student director for each of the three teams and one student coordinator for all three teams said Lac Nguyen, a hospitality management major.

"I always heard about this special internship program when I started SJSU, but I did not know how elite the Pebble Beach Company was until I started researching the program myself," Nguyen said. "After I learned about the company and what their objectives were, I knew I wanted to be part of this unique experience."

Nguyen was selected to be one of the on-course food and beverage operations managers.

"My job was to manage the largest cash concession on Pebble Beach with 11 cash registers while providing direction and motivation to all my staff and my fellow managers," Nguyen said.

"I coordinated staff breaks along with my tent supervisors, took inventory of all products and supplies on a daily basis, monitored employees, ensured compliance with all health and safety policies and procedures with health inspectors, fire marshals, and with Pebble Beach Company's policies and procedures," he said.

Pebble Beach provided housing for the students in downtown Monterey, rental cars for transportation and meals everyday of the tournament, Larson said.

"A great part of this is the commitment of the Pebble Beach management," he said. "We partner with them and help select the students we bring. They do the training and management of the students and our job is to deliver the results."

Students typically worked 12-hour days during the tournament Larson said.

"Some days we would wake up, meet at 5:30 a.m., drive to Pebble Beach and get to the breakfast spot by 6 a.m.," Nguyen said. "We would then drive to our assigned location on the course for the week and open our operation by 8 a.m."

Working for Pebble Beach can better prepare students for after graduation, allowing them to get a hands-on experience in an industry related to their major, Cabalar said.

"Pebble Beach has a high level of customer service and our students are expected to hold that standard when they are working in the tournament," Larson said. "They take those skills and knowledge and apply that to whatever they do in other events."

SJSU has become Pebble Beach's best employee pool for this tournament, Larson added.

"17 of our previous students have been hired for full time employment in Pebble Beach," Larson said. "The consistent thing we hear is that students tell future employees about their experience with Pebble Beach and that often lands them the job."

Students that work for the Pebble Beach Company during the tournament often land jobs within the company after graduation.

"I like that I can possibly work for Pebble Beach after I graduate because I enjoyed working with them this year," Hanafy said. "Pebble Beach was an experience that allowed me to grow and I believe if I continue with them, my career will be successful in the future."

Twenty of the students who had participated in the Pebble

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Spartans start season by losing series to Dons

SJSU outfielder Mercurio goes 4-4 at the plate, team earns its first win Sunday

by David Wong
Staff Writer

After losing its first two home games, the SJSU baseball team got its first victory of the season on the road to end the weekend series against the University of San Francisco.

After struggling to score runs in their first two games, the Spartans (1-2) defeated the Dons (2-1) 7-3 at San Francisco, earning four of those runs in the first two innings.

SJSU freshman outfielder Andre Mercurio earned four hits out of four at bats, scoring two runs in the process.

"We've been struggling on offense," Mercurio said in a post-game interview. "We believed in each other and we just kept grinding. We tried to put good at-bats together today, that was our goal."

SJSU head coach Sam Piraro said he thought the team showed character in the way they played.

"This is a difficult place to win in, a difficult place to win in," Piraro said in a postgame interview.

Before they won the first game of the season, they lost their first two games at home to the Dons.

During the second home game, the team struggled in the early stages.

In the top of the first inning, the leadoff hitter for the Dons, senior catcher Mason Morioka, was able to reach third base before SJSU sophomore starting pitcher DJ. Slaton was able to put out the fire by striking out three of the next four batters he faced.

The Spartans drew first blood in the bottom of the second inning when SJSU sophomore second baseman Jacob Valdez scored on a single batted in by Spartans' junior shortstop Ricky Acosta.

Piraro said the team needed to work on being opportunistic and aggressive during scoring opportunities.

That would be the last run the Spartans would score as the Dons answered in the top of the third by scoring three runs, which began with a hit that ricocheted off of Slaton's shin and entered center field, tying the game.

The inning was capped by two runs batted in by Dons' senior first basemen Tom Barry.

Slaton would be replaced by Spartans' senior relief pitcher Sean Martin.



SJSU pitcher Sean Martin tries to tag out University of San Francisco outfielder Justin Maffei as he slides onto home plate, scoring the fourth run of the game on Saturday. The Spartans lost to the Dons 5-1. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

After pitching three and one-third innings, Slaton ended the day with four earned runs allowed.

Martin pitched four and two-thirds innings before being replaced by SJSU junior relief pitcher Mike Aldrete.

Martin finished the game with three hits allowed, one earned run and three strikeouts.

The bullpen kept the Spartans within reach, which was attributable to the team's depth, according to Martin.

"We can rely on our bullpen to keep us in games or hold on to the lead," Martin said.

The Dons would add runs in the top of the fourth and eighth inning to extend their lead to four.

In the bottom of the eighth inning, the Spartans started a rally that led to a bases loaded situation with two outs.

That was as close as it was going to get for the Spartans, as

Valdez was set down on strikes to dampen the hopes of the Spartans in their comeback attempt.

After the game, Piraro said that the hitters need bear down in run scoring opportunities.

Another rally began in the ninth, but was stopped by USF relief pitcher Elliot Waterman, who struck out the last three batters he faced to seal the win for the Dons.

Piraro said that team committed a few fundamental mistakes that affected the outcome of the game.

"Even though we had no errors, we had some wild pitches," he added that he wanted the team to play as clean a game as they could.

SJSU's next game will be at home against UC Davis on Tuesday.

Information from SJSU Athletics contributed to this story.



SJSU third baseman Caleb Natov reaches for the ball during the game on Saturday. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

"We can rely on our bullpen to keep us in games or hold on to the lead."

- Sean Martin, SJSU senior pitcher

SJSU softball competes in the Louisville Slugger Classic

Team breaks single game hits record

Staff Report

The SJSU softball team won two of its five games over the weekend in the Louisville Slugger Classic in Las Vegas.

The Spartans dropped two games on Friday, the first a 3-1 loss to Utah and the second a 6-3 loss to Ohio State.

Against Utah, senior pitcher Amanda Pridmore struck out six Utes in her fourth complete game of the season while junior infielder Cheryl Freitas recorded her first home run of the season with a solo shot in the bottom of the third inning.

SJSU took an early 2-0 lead against the Buckeyes of Ohio State in its afternoon game, but a four-run sixth inning for Ohio State proved too much for the Spartans.

The losses continued for SJSU after a 7-0 loss to No. 1 University of California-Berkeley in its first game on Saturday.

SJSU recorded just two hits in the loss to the Bears.

Despite the three consecutive losses to begin the tournament, the Spartans bounced back and won on Saturday and Sunday.

SJSU's win on Saturday was sparked by a fourth-inning grand slam home run by junior outfielder Markesha Collins, the second home run of her career.

Already with a 3-0 lead, Collins sent her home run sailing over the right field wall on a full count to cap the five-run inning.

SJSU added runs in both the fifth and sixth inning from an RBI single by freshman utility player Nicole Schultz and a sacrifice fly by sophomore catcher Jessica Garcia, scoring freshman outfielder Michelle Cox.

Pridmore earned the win in the contest, pitching six innings and recording four strikeouts.

The Spartan softball team broke the previously longest active school softball record, recording 20 hits in a 10-4 win over Idaho State.

The 20 hits broke the record set on March 26, 1986, in which the Spartans earned 18 hits in a game against Oregon.

Seven Spartans recorded multiple hits in Sunday's contest, led by Cox who went 4-for-5 at the plate and hit in two runs.

Junior outfielder Vanessa House hit a three-run home run in the second inning that opened up the Spartans' scoring on the afternoon.

SJSU added six runs in the fifth inning to the three-run homer by House and a run in the sixth inning.

Senior pitcher Jennifer Ames earned her first win of the season in a complete game effort, allowing just four hits and striking out five.

The Spartans softball team's next game is Wednesday against Sacramento State at SJSU Field.

Information compiled from SJSU Athletics

SJSU BY THE NUMBERS

- **20 hits**

SJSU's 20 hits during the weekend broke the previous school record of 18

- **7 players**

Seven SJSU players recorded multiple hits during Sunday's game against Idaho State

- **2 wins**

SJSU won two of its five games in the tournament over the weekend

- **1 complete game**

SJSU senior pitcher Jennifer Ames pitched a complete game against Idaho State





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REVIEW

'Vagina Monologues' uses jokes to help prevent rape

by David Wong
Staff Writer

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, Morris Dailey Auditorium played host to the "Vagina Monologues" for the 10th consecutive year.

"(The play is) open and inclusive to all genders, ages, races," said Chara Bui, a senior environmental studies major.

The play is based on the book of the same name written by Eve Ensler, which is a compilation of over 200 interviews of women and girls about their vaginas, conducted by Ensler herself.

The basic premise of the production is to raise awareness and end violence against women and girls.

All proceeds from the show go to YWCA Rape Crisis Center, AACI Asian Women's Home and Women and Girls of Haiti.

Yan Yin K. Choy, a senior environmental studies and anthropology major and actor in the play, said this was her third year taking part in the show and that last year the Vagina Monologues raised \$4,500.

Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director at the Women's Resource Center, said the whole movement has been great to prevent violence to women and girls.

"The participants in the play, have either experienced violence or had someone close to them experience

violence," Sugiyama said.

The Women's Resource Center is a support base for female and feminist students to improve the campus atmosphere, according to the department's website.

"I think the play is monumental in the way it conveys messages, I think this play's message is relevant for men and women," Sugiyama said.

The stage setup had four rows of chairs seating all the actors who stayed on stage; those who were supposed to speak stood at the front.

The show began with three actors recalling the numerous euphemisms for a vagina, the relevancy of the terms would be brought up in the following stories.

The actors performed naturally for the most part — a few of the actors forgot their lines or began their performances a bit nervy.

As the show went on there was a deliberate rhythm in the storytelling, the stories transitioned effortlessly when the spotlight turned off.

Some of the notable performances came from Eva Roa as the elderly woman in "The Flood;" "My Angry Vagina" performed by Alissa Fraone; the Congolese woman in "What if I told You I Did Not Have a Vagina" performed by Irene McCalphin; "Reclaiming Cunt" performed by Katherinne Rodriguez and "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy" performed by Lauren Doyle.

"The Flood" is a story of sexual discovery and a humiliating incident that marked a woman's sexual experiences for most of her life.

"My Angry Vagina" involved a woman who was displeased with female hygiene products and medical procedures as unnecessary and foolish.

"Reclaiming Cunt" was notable as being the only monologue which encouraged audience participation.

The production did a good job of balancing the emotional meter of the stories, they weren't too dark nor too light at any point in the show.

For those behind the scenes, they see the play's impact as having a far greater effect on society past the theater stage.

"It's bringing awareness to everybody, not just students. It's great that we can show it on campus and spread the word," said Chris Hernandez of the Women's Resource Center.

Actors, like Eva Roa said they are fans of Ensler's work.

"What Eve Ensler has done is brought awareness...this play is meant to inspire action," she said.

Though most of the audience was female, the audience responses to the actors on stage were consistent — laughter or silence when it was appropriate to the tone of the monologue.

Bui said she encourages students who are interested in helping out with activities to get involved with the Women's Research Center.



Alissa Fraone performing "My Angry Vagina," one of the comical pieces at the benefit performance of The Vagina Monologues on Sat. in Tower Hall's Morris Dailey Auditorium. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

Meet the Brewers gives local beer makers venue for new suds



Justin Trepel, 48, from Palo Alto, talks on the phone while receiving a glass of Kaleidoscope from the Devils Canyon Brewery at the Meet the Brewers Beerfest in San Jose Saturday.

Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

by Julie Tran
Staff Writer

The clinking of glasses mingling with the sounds of laughter echoed through a warehouse where foodies and beer enthusiasts came together on Saturday.

The 3rd Annual Meet the Brewers event was hosted by the Tied House and Better Beer Blog at the Tied House and Hermitage Brewery Distribution Warehouse at 1627 S. 7th Street.

Carolyn Hopkins-Vasquez, director of marketing at the Tied House, started the event as a way for local brewers to show off their goods.

"I just realized in the South Bay, the craft beer movement here isn't really discussed much," Hopkins-Vasquez said. "There is such a thing as good beer in the South Bay and I wanted to promote the brewers."

Despite the cool weather, 18 local breweries and five food trucks were present to satiate the attendees.

Food selections ranged from Oaxacan Kitchen's enchiladas drenched in mole sauce to seafood po'boy sandwiches from The Louisiana Territory food truck.

Beers offered at the event varied from a Baltic Porter from Santa Cruz's Uncommon Brewers, which had hints of chocolate, roasted barley, star anise and licorice to a light Belgian Blonde from Boulder Creek Brewery and Café with floral undertones.

One of the more unusual offerings at the event was from Sunnyvale's Rabbit's Foot Meadery.

Mark Paterson, assistant brewmaster at Rabbit's Foot Meadery, offered a beverage called mead to curious customers.

According to Paterson, mead is a type of wine created by a

laborious process of fermenting honey, water and yeast.

"About three to five pounds of honey for one gallon of water is needed to produce mead," Paterson said. "Mead is less common than wine and it is more expensive."

The Rabbit's Foot Meadery also offered a black cherry

cider and a Belgian-style golden ale called Diabhal.

With about 1,000 attendees at the event, Meet the Brewers had people ranging from beer novices to connoisseurs.

Maricela Gonzalez, a San Jose native, attended the event with David Luzano, who is also a San Jose resident.

"I was checking Yelp to see what was going on in the area, especially since it's my birthday," Gonzalez said.

Both Gonzalez and Luzano said they enjoyed the variety of beers present as well as supporting the local brewers in the Bay Area.

Luzano had advice for those who are starting to try out craft beers for the first time.

"A blonde beer is much easier on the palette in contrast to an IPA or a Scotch Ale," Luzano said. "The actual fermentation process of the beer can affect the taste depending if it's aged in wood barrels or a metal tank."

According to the website for North American Brewers, IPA which stands for "India pale ale," is a beer with higher alcohol content as well as

more hops, that adds a bitter taste to the product.

Attendees at Meet the Brewers received a souvenir glass for beer tasting, a list of brewers and a raffle ticket for prizes.

Prizes offered at the raffle ranged from T-shirts to a keg of beer from Tied House.

Patrick Naughten, restaurant manager at the Tied House in Mountain View, said the first Meet the Brewers was held two years ago with at least 500 attendees.

Over time, the number of attendees grew every year.

"The beer keeps people coming back," Naughten said.

Naughten noted that the increased popularity of beer-related events in the South Bay originated from the microbrewing revolution in the mid-1980s.

Jo Panther, a volunteer from Mountain View, believes in the interest of supporting local breweries.

"It's always important to support individual ingenuity and be aware of new ideas," Panther said. "Beer is simple but complex."

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Google's privacy policy changes promise for better user experience

By integrating its 60 services, tech giant enhances its content

by Nina Tabios
Staff Writer

Google announced in late January new changes to its privacy policy, compressing more than 60 policies into just one applied over all Google services.

The policy changes expect to make the Google experience "seamless" for users, as stated on the search engine's public policy blog.

If Google account users are signed in, Google may combine information provided for one service with information received from other services, which include Gmail, Maps, Android, Chrome and YouTube.

"The changes made by Google don't necessarily sound so bad to me," said sophomore accounting major Kris Penea. "As long as they're not reading through my emails."

Members of Congress expressed concerns on the policy in regards to users' privacy,

which Google responded to with a letter on Jan. 30.

"We've written our main Google Privacy Policy to make it much more readable, while incorporating most of our existing service-specific privacy notices," Google's public policy director Pablo Chavez stated.

Google's "Policies and Principles" webpage explains that unless limited by specific restriction, the privacy policy allows Google to apply generally-used data to improve the company's services.

The company ensures that under the new policy users are treated "as a single entity across all our services, which will mean a simpler, more intuitive Google experience."

Google explains on the policies and principles page what information is collected and how it is used.

Log data, account information and service data is collected, which allows Google processors to record search history, account information provided by the user, and data that is not associated with any user.

"I don't really like the idea of someone having access to my emails, information and especially my search history," senior psychology major Ashley Rivera said. "It almost sounds like I'm being watched."

According to advertising professor Tim Hendrick, access to user search history helps advertisers target their audience in a more efficient and cost-effective manner.

"Companies like AOL and Yahoo have been doing the same thing for years," Hendrick said. "Google's just bigger right now."

Google's servers are able to use search history to gather information in directing advertisers to which consumers would most likely be interested in their products.

Google is also granting the same search history access to YouTube, which could result in users receiving recommended videos based off of their previous Google searches, according to the Google policies and principles page.

Users have the option of turning off the search history application or they can choose



A Google bike sits in front of a building at the Google campus in Mountain View last week. Google hopes to improve its products by merging together its many privacy policies. Photo by James Tensuan / Spartan Daily

to edit the privacy options in their personal settings.

"I like the idea of Google trying to make things easier for the users," said senior kinesiology major Calvin Nguyen. "If it makes my use of the Internet easier because they're

able to remember what I'm interested in, I'm all for it."

In the letter to Congress, Chavez explains that the policy change was something that lawmakers and regulators have asked of technology companies.

By compiling several of the separate privacy policies into one main policy that covers all Google services, the wording is reduced by 85 percent, according to the Google blog post.

The privacy policy changes will be effective on March 1.

Silicon Valley pay rises, presents opportunities for college students in tech

Engineers, designers, coders and scientists all in great demand

by Gregory Nelson
Staff Writer

Silicon Valley is the technology hub of not only the country, but also the entire world, with tech experts coming from all over to live and work here, hoping to become the next Steve Jobs or Bill Gates or create the next Google or eBay.

On Feb. 9, Joint Venture held its annual State of the Valley conference, which is a kind of "town meeting" for the area, with representatives of all the major businesses in the area.

This year's event was hosted by Russel Hancock, president and Chief Executive Officer of Joint Venture.

"The median income is \$86,000 with half of the people in the Valley making more than \$86,000 and half making less, so that's where the break is," Hancock said.

The per capita income is increasingly volatile in the valley, and averages to about \$66,000, according to Joint Venture.

"Tech workers are the driving force of our economy — no question about it. But people in that sector in the economy are less than a third of the Silicon Valley workforce," Hancock said. "The rest are doing what you would find people doing in any American region. So yes, we're very tech heavy. There's no place in the world that has as much tech as us, but it's not the majority of our workforce."

Biology major Anthony Dukes is a freshman at SJSU and said he plans to go medical school after graduating.

"The competition in the area is pretty tough, but there are quite a few bio-tech jobs and bioengineering jobs around, so I think my options are open," Dukes said. "With a graduate degree, I think I'll be pretty comparable to an engineering degree, (so) it will take more time and I'll make similar pay so I might be a little worse off."

According to a recent Dice Holdings annual sal-

ary survey, professionals in the tech and engineering industries have been seeing big boosts in their yearly incomes since 2008 and have recently crossed the \$100,000 mark. Bonuses are bigger in the Valley as well with 38 percent of professionals receiving average bonuses of \$12,450.

This is good news for engineering and tech students who have recently graduated or are about to graduate, said Linda Kane-Neufeld, owner of the temp agency Express Employment Professionals, who works with SJSU students in the Career Center.

"It's crazy, isn't it?" Kane-Neufeld asked. "Engineers today right out of college are making almost \$93,000. If you have a master's degree you're making over \$100,000. First year out of college, that's what they're getting."

Dice Holdings reports a steady decline in unemployment since 2007, but Kane-Neufeld said jobs are coming back to Silicon Valley.

"The support staff is actually coming back," Kane-Neufeld said. "Engineers are driving the product, which trickles down to the support staff."

Small businesses support the big companies while manufacturing seems to be leaving the valley as those jobs appear to be disappearing, though Kane-Neufeld said she doesn't believe those who make under the average income can live like the big earners.

"But we are coming back," she said.

Tim Quan, a senior software engineering major, has hopes of getting a career through an internship after college.

"I could try to get hired by a big company and try to work my way up the chain of command," Quan said. "Another path is to do a start-up — start a business, become an entrepreneur."

Quan went on to say there are a lot of risks involved because lots of start-ups fail, but it could be very rewarding.

Matt Labbie, a kinesiology major at SJSU, said he hopes to eventually go to physical therapy school but isn't worried about making enough money to live on.



Kim Gibbons, director of strategic marketing at Cisco Systems uses her own personal cell phone and iPad while working at Cisco in San Jose, California, on Friday, January 27, 2012. The laptop, however, belongs to Cisco. Photo courtesy of Patrick Tehan / MCT

"Small businesses support the big companies while manufacturing seems to be leaving the valley as those jobs appear to be disappearing."

"I'm trying to get into the health industry, (because they're) needed anywhere," Labbie said.

Dice has found the most popular skills by analyzing the frequency these skills appear in job postings on Dice. A core set of skills emerges for technology professionals.

Currently, Oracle experience is requested in more than 15,000 job postings on any given day or nearly a quarter of all job postings on Dice.

Demand for that top requested skill is up 57 percent year-on-year. The national average salary for technology professionals with experience in Oracle Database is \$90,914 and for

Oracle Application Server is \$88,063.

Civil engineering major Ryan Tartar said he wants to get a job working for a city somewhere in the Bay Area, if not in San Jose itself.

"I know there's big competition (in) engineering especially in this area, but for civil engineering cities are always developing and I'd really like to get into that," Tartar said. "Cities are always changing."

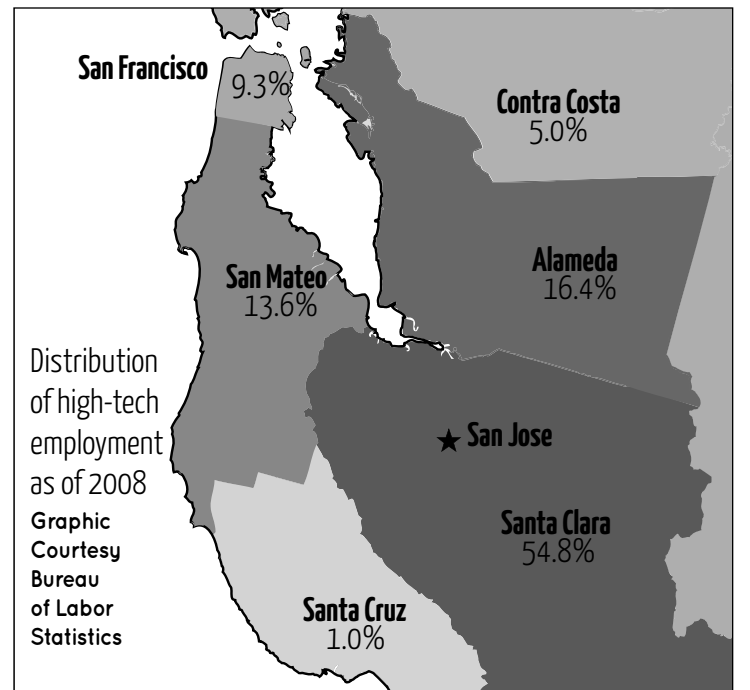
According to a Bureau of Labor Statistics 2008 report, distribution of high-tech employment in Silicon Valley greatly favors San Jose and the rest of Santa Clara County with a tech employment rate of 54.8 percent, followed by Alameda with 16.4 percent and San Mateo with 13.6 percent.

"We have an income divide in Silicon Valley," Hancock said. "People who are making more than \$100,000 a year per household, but we also have people who are making less than \$40,000 a year and then that middle section is getting squeezed so there are fewer middle income earners in Silicon Valley then there have been historically."

Some people in those particular industries (engineering and tech) are commanding very impressive salaries, according to Hancock.

Engineers, coders, scientists, designers — these are people that command huge salaries because they are very skilled and this area is in huge demand for those products and services, Hancock said.

However, Hancock said people pursuing education and equipping themselves with skills and training to do very special-



ized things are going to have an advantage in this valley.

"The economy's a complex animal," Hancock said. "We have big companies, we have medium size companies, we have small companies, they're all woven together in this dense fabric of supplier, subcontractor and supporting infrastructure, and we have all of them in Silicon Valley."

After two straight years of wages remaining nearly flat,

tech professionals on average garnered salary increases of more than two percent, boosting their average annual wage to \$81,327 from \$79,384 in 2010, according to Dice.

"My advice for this rising generation to succeed in this brutal economy you need to have skills, a niche, a specialty, you need to be really good at something you can do especially well," Hancock said. "You need to offer yourself as a specialist."

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WESSIDESTORY

by Wesley Dugle

Dead celebrities society



This column appears every Monday

A peculiar thing happened this past weekend.

I was at the Event Center gym working out on the exercise bike while watching the news on CNN when this happened.

The news started out as normal with a countdown of the day's top stories.

The first gave a minute on the recent unrest in Syria, then another minute detailing the similar violence and unrest in Egypt and then thirdly a few minutes on the volatile rhetoric of the GOP presidential campaign.

But then, the last round of news rolled around and it was new details emerging on Whitney Houston's death (who passed away on Feb. 11) and this section not only got more airtime, but a half-hour discussion and debate on what happened.

This astonished me for a couple reasons.

One was the clear agenda-setting by CNN's news team on what's most important — a few minutes on actual news and then a full-panel discussion on a celebrity who died more than a week ago.

Secondly, the fact that a celebrity, whose death makes little-to-no difference in our lives, is getting this tremendous amount of coverage over issues that are much more newsworthy.

This agenda-setting of coverage just reminds me of the many things that are wrong with the way most news media goes about business these days.

It's not just about when these celebrities die — we hear about the way they live too, and for some reason, the news media likes to make it seem as if this matters.

Now, I don't want to seem like a complete pessimistic jerk so I'll agree that Houston's death is tragic, I guess if you were a fan, and hell I was sad back in September when former "Spartacus" star Andy Whitfield died as well.

But these celebrity deaths need only to be mentioned, not debated on and discussed.

Their deaths happened but our lives aren't affected in the least bit, and this goes for any celebrity news in general.

I don't need to know about who Jennifer Aniston is sleeping with these days, I don't care if Jay-Z got a new Escalade and do we really need to keep up with the Kardashians?

Please.

Celebrity news like this is unimportant, shallow garbage for the most part that should be

reserved for MTV's and TMZ's twitter feeds, not major news channels like CNN.

What it comes down to is that the news media has a major responsibility to the people when they deliver news.

When they play out news from top to bottom and give certain amounts of airtime to one thing over another, they are not only showing us what is going on in the world but they are also subliminally telling us what they think is most important.

"In the end, when the news media gives more airtime to unimportant celebrity headlines, they are sending the wrong message to society."

It's as Uncle Ben in "Spider-man" once said — "With great power comes great responsibility," and the news media wields a tremendous amount of influential power.

When they give gross amounts of airtime to something as trivial as celebrity news

over something more important going on in the country or the rest of the world, they are in fact telling us the former is more important than the latter.

It starts bending the line between hard news and entertainment news.

And this country wonders why the rest of the world thinks we're ignorant.

Once again, I'm not saying Houston's death wasn't sad — but you know what's more tragic?

The violence and terror that's going on in Syria is more tragic.

The millions upon millions of people who are starving and suffering in Darfur is more tragic.

And the fact that there are people in this country who are struggling to make ends meet and can't afford basic health care coverage is more tragic.

In the end, when the news media gives more airtime to unimportant celebrity headlines, they are sending the wrong message to society.

The media needs to start taking more responsibility for the influential power they wield, because if they don't change soon then we may as well just tune into MTV for our news from now on.

So educate yourselves on what's going on in society and the rest of the world, because the news media these days certainly won't.

The government needs to control gas prices better



by Rebecca Duran
Staff Writer

As if gas wasn't expensive enough, the national average has reached \$3.53, according to an Associated Press report.

Gas prices in cities like San Jose are rapidly reaching \$4 and beyond.

An oil analyst at the website GasBuddy.com predicts prices to reach \$4.50 a gallon on the West Coast by Memorial Day.

Prices are rising in response to refineries closing on both coasts as they switch to the formula of gas that's needed during the summer, according to an article on SFGate.

Summer gas is more expensive because it burns cleaner and uses different additives than winter fuel, according to howstuffworks.com

With U.S. prices nearing \$103 a barrel, we've reached a point of paying devastating amounts to drive.

Commutes to school and work aren't getting shorter, and rising prices will keep making it more expensive.

An ABC news segment stated that for every 10-cent rise in gas, there is a \$90 million decrease in spending on other items.

It may seem too obvious to switch to public transportation, but that is easier said than done.

As a student, I have an Eco Pass that I can use to ride the bus or light rail.

However, living in Mountain View means it takes me an hour to get to school on the light rail.

As someone who has experienced both this and a 20-minute drive to school, I choose driving.

Since I choose driving, I have to deal with the consequence of paying for gas.

Besides the time, there's always the annoyance of dealing with many different types of people on public transportation.

While public transportation is meant to be safe, there is always the possibility of dealing with dangerous people, especially at night.

This would also include walking over to the stop from school, and walking home

from there in Mountain View.

The worst scenarios were when I realized that I had forgotten something for class, and my only option was taking the light rail to go back home and get it.

These reasons contributed to me changing my mind about using public transportation to get to school, even if it meant saving money

The rising gas prices may come during Obama's \$143 billion payroll tax cut, but that doesn't mean it won't effect people.

Besides commutes, people go out to places where driving may be necessary.

For example, a family that wants to go to the beach has to deal with the high gas prices because they have too much stuff to carry to be able to go on a bus or train.

Large families need large cars, and it can be more difficult to keep children rounded together on public transportation than sticking them in a car.

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Or what about people going out on the weekend who don't want to have to worry about taking public transportation home during such late hours?

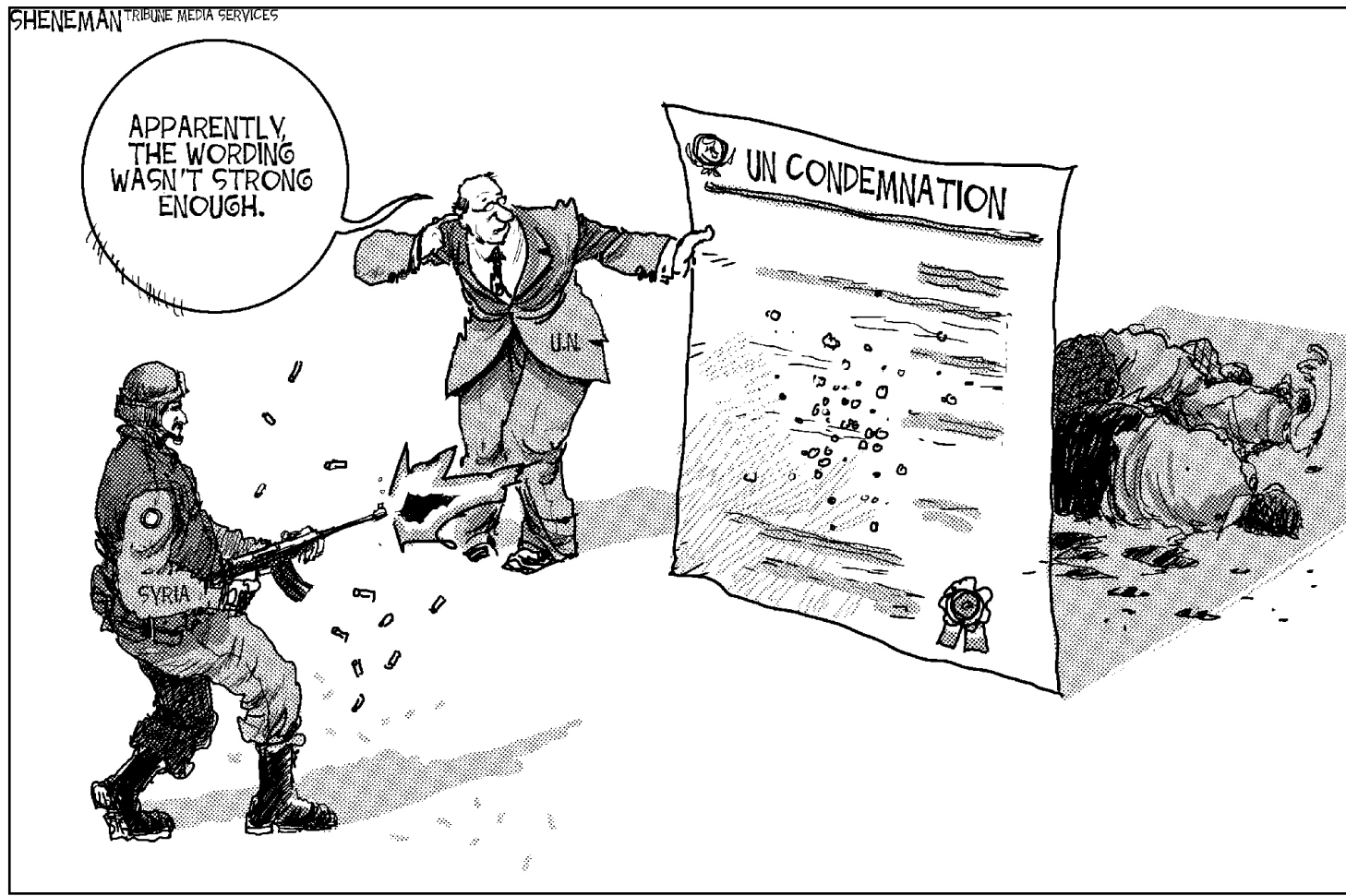
Carpooling may be more beneficial now than ever, especially if you're going to meet with a group of people anyway.

Or for people who can make a big change, selling your car to buy a hybrid would be a cool switch.

In the end, there still is public transportation, even though I don't choose to use it.

While many of us are still waiting for alternative fuels to replace oil, it is still hard to have such a dependence on gas as a student.

I just hope the costs won't hurt my wallet for good.



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DREAM ACT: Employment, aid affected by citizen status

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no help to students who cannot file a FAFSA, the rest deals with a change in terminology regarding undocumented students and A.S. backing on all programs and opportunities made available.

Liliana Salazar, a senior engineering major and SAHE member, is an undocumented student and said she was unaware of the obstacles facing her when figuring out how to pay for school.

"When I told (my high school counselors about my undocumented status) they stopped helping me," Salazar said. "I had to figure out how to go to college on my own... it's been super-stressful, it's like another class."

She said her prospects for employment are affected by her status.

"It is difficult to obtain engineering internships and work," Salazar said. "The majority are federally funded — sometimes it's very depressing to feel that you have some much potential and not have the opportunity to show it."

Salazar said she believes the DREAM Act is a step in the right direction by presenting undocumented students as capable students and "not just another statistic."

Though it's too late to reap the benefits of the DREAM Act, Salazar said her sisters will be able to apply for financial aid to attend universities.

She said the ultimate goal for undocumented students is for them to obtain citizenship, but in the meantime it's necessary to educate students on what aid and support groups are available to them.

"I would like to be able to help my community by establishing programs for minority students focused on the



Verónica Carrillo, a senior social work major, listens attentively as members of SAHE, the Student Advocates for Higher Education, discuss the DREAM Act during one of their weekly meetings. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

sciences and engineering," Salazar said.

The expected financial impact of the DREAM Act on SJSU is expected to be minimal, according to Marcos

"I had to figure out how to go to college on my own ... it's been super stressful, it's like another class"

-Liliana Salazar, senior engineering major

Pizarro, a Mexican-American studies professor.

"I don't think it's going to have a dramatic effect on the University," he said. "The biggest issue the country needs to figure out is how to get these students employment opportunities once they graduate and want to contribute to the community."

Pizarro said he believes there needs to be a federal law to address the lack of employment opportunities for undocumented students, as they are a vibrant and critical part of our community. They often arrive at a young age, grew up here and want to give back to their communities, he said.

"They work very hard, pay for their entire education on their own, volunteer, and add a vital and unique perspective to the intellectual community at SJSU — the least we can do is to treat them like we do the rest of the students they

have gone to school with all of their lives," Pizarro said.

Opponents of undocumented immigrant rights are displeased with the passage of the DREAM Act, according to a statement by California Assemblyman, Tim Donnelly of the 59th district.

"The simple truth is, we do not have the money (to pay for undocumented students' education) — AB 131 is irresponsible, insulting and unfair," he stated on his website.

The website said providing public funds to undocumented students for higher education was an increased burden to taxpayers.

Pizarro refutes Donnelly's assertion.

"The reality is that undocumented folks contribute in very significant ways to the economy on multiple levels, not the least of which is taxes collected to pay for public schooling," Pizarro said.

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