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■ NATIONAL

Texans aim for guns on university campuses

McClatchy Tribune

The Texas Senate voted Monday to allow guns on college campuses, moving the measure one step closer to being law as the bill's author attached it onto another piece of legislation.

The measure would allow concealed handgun license holders to carry their weapons on college campuses. To get a license, a person must be 21, pass a 10-hour course and a background check.

Stymied in his previous efforts, Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, was successful on his fourth try as Republican senators agreed to add the proposal onto a state fiscal bill.

The door was opened when senators added another languishing bill, on higher education, to the fiscal measure. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst ruled that the handgun proposal also could be added as an amendment because the overall bill relates to higher education.

Wentworth's measure has been blocked because of a Senate rule that required two-thirds of the senators to vote to bring the bill to the floor for debate - he lacked the necessary 21 supporters. He needed only a simple majority, however, to add the bill as an amendment.

He said the bill stood a better chance attached to the fiscal bill.

"More hopeful today than I was just a couple of hours ago," Wentworth said.

The measure has strong support in the House, with about 85 co-sponsors, and a similar measure has already passed through a committee in that chamber. Gov. Rick Perry has said he supports the bill as well.

The bill has been criticized by top administrators, such as the chancellor of the University of Texas System.

Supporters say that those trusted with handgun licenses should be allowed to protect themselves on every part of campus. Critics, including law enforcement officials and university leaders, say guns would create the potential for more dangerous situations and that universities should be able to set their own rules about concealed handgun holders.

Sen. Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, argued the measure would undermine local control of campuses.

"The only feedback I've had on this bill has been negative," she said.

CORRECTION

- In the May 9 issue of the *Spartan Daily*, a photograph accompanying the story "Spartans honor Mauer, fall short of championships," misidentified the pictured player as BranDee Garcia. The player is actually freshman infielder Jacqueline Zepeda.

■ FEATURE

Beyond the limit



Photo illustration: Matt Santolla/ Spartan Daily

Despite the university's position on alcohol use on campus, members of Counseling Services are working to alter the punitive measures for intoxicated students in need of medical assistance.

Jeff Cianci
Contributor

Katie Johnson was having trouble recalling how many shots she had taken that evening as she left the party early for the night. She was safe though, she thought. Her dorm was only a stumble across campus and a friend had offered to walk her home. All they had to do was cross the street onto campus.

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■ NATIONAL

Obama reroutes \$2 billion for rail

Funds from Florida
spread across country

McClatchy Tribune

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration parceled out \$2 billion Monday for high-speed rail projects in the Northeast, Midwest and California, repurposing a pot of funds rejected in February by Florida's Republican governor.

Amtrak's Washington-Boston Northeast Corridor is the biggest winner, getting nearly \$800 million of the funds; followed by the Midwest, with \$400 million going toward Chicago-Detroit and Chicago-St. Louis routes; and California, with \$300 million for the state's planned San Francisco-Los Angeles high-speed route. An additional \$336 million is designated for new locomotives and passenger cars for the Midwest and California.

"These projects will put thousands of Americans to work, save hundreds of thousands of hours for American travelers every year, and boost U.S. manufacturing by investing hundreds of millions of dollars in next-generation, American-made locomotives and railcars," Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood said in a statement.

The Florida project was supposed to be a showcase of President Barack Obama's \$10 billion high-speed rail initiative, but Gov. Rick Scott canceled the project, saying he didn't want the state's taxpayers to be on the hook for future operating costs.

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Multiple car accidents occur east of campus

Nate Morotti
Staff Writer

There were two separate car crashes early Monday, both occurring on Eleventh Street in downtown San Jose.

The first was a hit-and-run near San Fernando Street in front of the Sigma Nu, Delta Chi and Sigma Zeta fraternity houses.

A red Volvo was speeding down Eleventh Street when it crashed into the rear end of a silver Toyota causing it to crash into a third car, a blue Toyota Camry.

"The suspect exited the vehicle and then ran down Eleventh and onto San Fernando," said Officer Duran of the San Jose Police Department.

The suspect was described as be a Hispanic female in her mid-twenties wearing a black jacket, a floral-pattern blouse and black jeans, according to Officer Duran.

After running a background check on the suspect's vehicle it was revealed that the car was stolen, according to the SJPD Officer.

No injuries were reported to ei-

ther of the drivers who were hit.

The second vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Eleventh and San Carlos street, roughly 100 yards away from the from the first crash.

SJPD traffic officers were flagged down at 12:20 p.m to investigate the accident according to Manuel Aguayo, public information officer for University Police Department.

A white Ford Excursion was in the process of changing lanes when it crashed into the front right wheel of a white Honda. Emergency medical personnel were dispatched and determined that neither driver received any injuries. Both drivers refused any further medical attention.

"I drive down this street every day, but I never expected this to happen," said Sarah, the driver of the white Honda, who refused to give her last name for confidentiality reasons.

But according to Sabrina Miller, one of the residents of Eleventh Street, the road has a reputation for a high number of car accidents.

"There were at least three separate car crashes that I remember from last year," she said. "I hear them all the time."



Photo: Vernon McKnight / Spartan Daily

Two SJSU students examine a damaged vehicle after being involved in a collision at the corner of Eleventh and San Carlos streets Wednesday.

UPD: Alcohol abuse spikes near start of semester

ALCOHOL From Page 1

Then there were police lights — an uncomfortable ride in the back of a patrol car — and a night in the drunk tank.

According to the San Jose State University Police Annual Safety Report, incidents like Johnson's are not uncommon on campus.

In 2009 the University Police Department made 60 arrests at SJSU for alcohol violations, 25 percent of which occurred at university residential facilities, according to the annual safety report.

Sergeant Manuel Aguayo of UPD explained that in their effort to enforce alcohol laws on campus, ensuring the safety of students is most important, but consequences do follow.

"In the residence halls, we frequently find people, especially under the age of 21, who have consumed alcohol to such excess that they need to be hospitalized," he said. "After paramedics have provided medical services, we will write a police report. We will send that police report to student affairs and also to University Housing Services, both for review of disciplinary action.

"Being intoxicated, especially if you are underage, may be a violation of university licensing agreement and it's also a violation of student code of conduct."

Kaylee Saenz, a sophomore occupational therapy major, said the culture of binge drinking in the residence halls has her concerned for her hallmates' safety.

"Everyone drinks, a lot ... sometimes people just get too drunk to take care of themselves, and your roommates aren't doctors — even though some like to think they are," she said.

Psychologist David Emmert of Counseling Services said he is also concerned for student safety and the dangers college drinking culture present.

In Emmert's office a fake bottle of Patron tequila, shot glasses and red party cups rest on his shelf.

According to Emmert, the learning aids are part of his Party With a Plan Program, which teaches students at Office of Conduct-sanctioned alcohol classes.

In addition to punitive actions made by the Office of Student Conduct, students who violate alcohol rules must attend sanctioned classes taught by Emmert, where he says he tries to encourage students to make safer decisions.

"I didn't want to teach abstinence ... many students drink, and my concern is for those who hurt themselves or others," Emmert said.

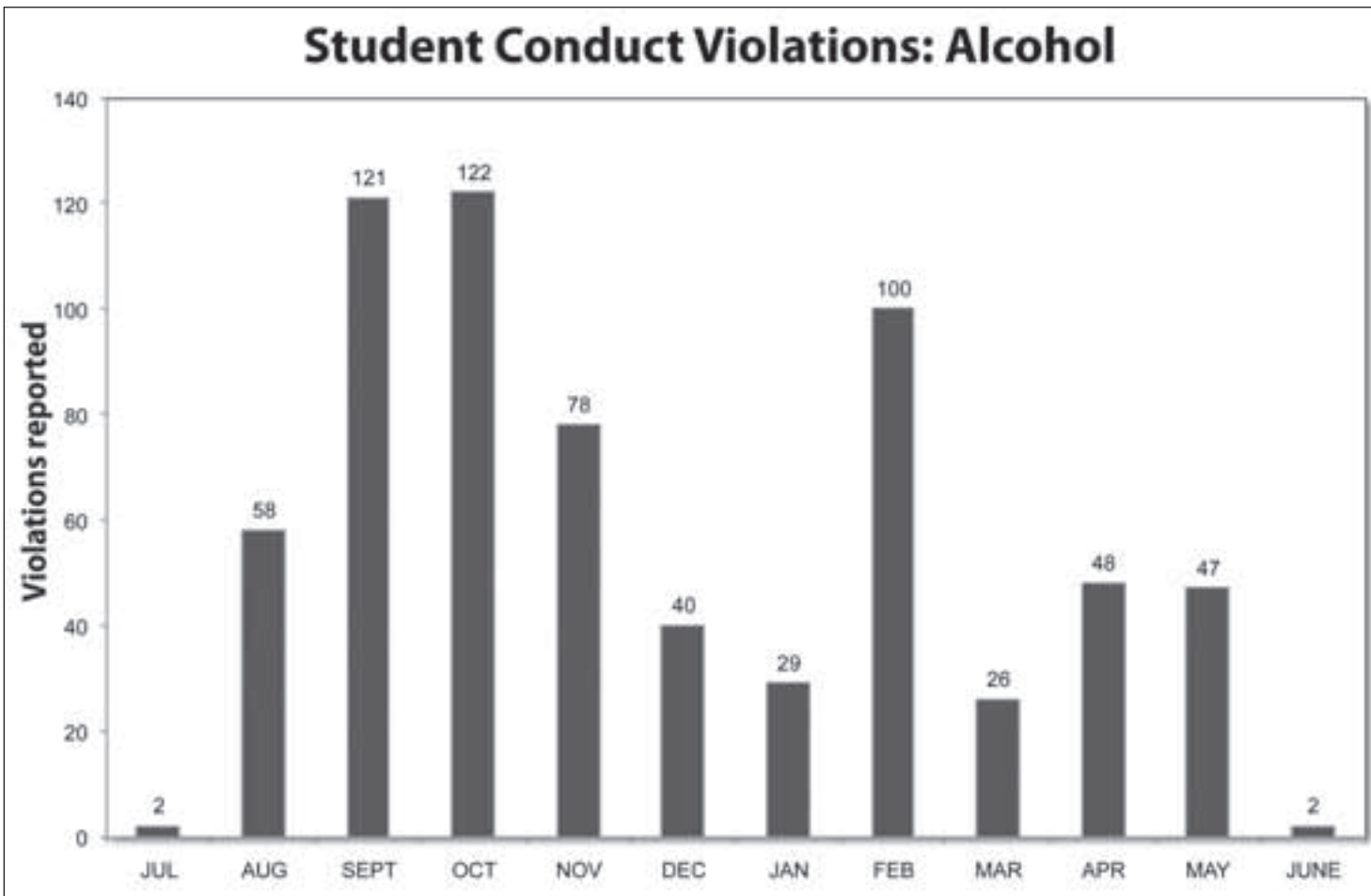
Staci Gunner, interim director of the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, who meets with students to discuss disciplinary action, said she believes Emmert's "party with a plan" approach balances safety and accountability.

When students are required to meet with Gunner for breaking the student conduct code, Gunner says it is important to create an environment for students where they can have an honest discussion about alcohol and their safety.

"We don't perform from a model that's solely punitive ... we would do a disservice to students if we just slapped them on the wrist," Gunner said.

"We have an obligation to teach them safety," she said. "We're not ignorant to drinking, but I'd like to have a conversation to teach students good habits if they're going to drink."

According to statistics from the Office of Student Conduct



Statistics from Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development, Graph: Matthew Gerring / Spartan Daily

Data from the Office of Student Conduct and Ethical Development show a repeating pattern of alcohol abuse.

and Ethical Development, there were 673 alcohol violations at SJSU in 2009-2010, occurring most often in September, October and February.

Gunner said she believes students who know the rules, but test the water, create the beginning-of-the-semester spikes.

"Students gotta touch the fire just to see it's hot ... Whatever you choose, it's your choice, this office is here to hold you accountable," Gunner said.

According to psychologist Emmert, removing the fear of disciplinary action for students in need of medical attention may lead to a safer student environment.

"My priority is student safety. I want to remove those barriers that may prevent students from getting help."

David Emmert
Psychologist

As a member of the Alcohol/Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program, Emmert said he is rallying support for a medical amnesty policy at SJSU, similar to a policy currently implemented at Cornell University in New York.

Describing the amnesty policy, Emmert explained intoxicated students who were in need of medical assistance would not be subject to punitive actions.

In a 2005 study by the Annual Review of Public Health, 599,000 American college students were injured under the influence of alcohol.

Emmert said a policy change to medical amnesty would lift

some of the fear of seeking medical assistance.

"My priority is student safety," Emmert explained. "I want to remove those barriers that may prevent students from getting help."

Saenz, who lives at Campus Village, said a medical amnesty policy would provide comfort of the school's concern for student safety.

"It would give students a back up plan, and it's kind of reassuring knowing the school kind of has your back in case of an accident," she said.

However, students such as junior industrial design major Irene Groethe voice a concern that such a policy has the potential to be abused.

"I think some students would just use it as a get-out-of-jail-free card and keep drinking heavy, knowing they can just call for help risk-free if needed," Groethe said.

Staci Gunner said it is unlikely that SJSU will adopt a policy that wouldn't punish students who violated student conduct codes.

The policy is in its infancy stages, but would not likely include full immunity from punishment, but rather education programs similar to "party with a plan," she said.

Junior chemistry major Duke Kos-Osok said students who drink to the point of needing medical attention should be held accountable for their violations.

"If you put yourself in that kind of situation where you need medical help from drinking, you should deal with the consequences that come with it," he said.

Currently at Cornell University, where the medical amnesty policy was implemented in 2002, a student who receives medical attention for being intoxicated will be immune from underage drinking and disorderly conduct violations, according to Cornell's medical amnesty website.

While both Emmert and Gunner have described SJSU's amnesty policy as being in its initial stages, a debate has begun as to whether a policy similar to Cornell's would create a safer campus for students.

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Martha Heasley Cox Annual Lecture: E.L. Doctorow
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Wednesday, May 11

E.L. Doctorow in conversation with Andrew Altschul
1 p.m., University Theatre

Friday, May 13

114th Kaucher Mitchell Event for Excellence in Oral Interpretation and Storytelling
7 p.m., University Theatre

Saturday, May 14

A Wish Come True Gala by Delta Sigma Pi - Theta Chi chapter
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RAIL
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The Tampa-Orlando line would have featured 168-mph trains on newly constructed track. The starter money for that project now will go largely toward improving slower existing rail service.

Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., the chairman of the House Transportation Committee and an Amtrak critic, said Monday that he favors private investment in high-speed rail over Obama's approach of "scattered funding to numerous slower-speed projects."

"We need to bring in the private sector to finance, design, build, operate and maintain true high-speed service in the Northeast Corridor if we are going to have any chance of success," he said.

Despite efforts by Republicans in the House of Representatives and some governors to scuttle Obama's high-speed rail effort, 24 states, the District of Columbia and Amtrak applied for

the additional funds in early April. "While other states may ignore the benefits of high-speed rail, California is ready to put investments to work immediately," House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said Monday. "By investing in our state's infrastructure, we increase mobility options and lower our dependence on foreign oil at a time of rising gas prices, while reducing road congestion and preserving the air we breathe."

Noticeably absent from the new list of recipients: Wisconsin. Republican Gov. Scott Walker campaigned hard last fall against an \$800 million high-speed rail project between Milwaukee and Madison, and sent the funds back to Washington shortly after he took office. That money was reallocated to Florida's project, until Scott pulled the plug on it.

Walker then went back last month and requested \$150 million to improve train service on the Milwaukee-Chicago corridor.

High Speed Rail: The Big Winners

CALIFORNIA: The state will receive \$300 million to build the first segment of a 220-mph statewide system, in the San Joaquin Valley. The project now has \$3.5 billion in federal funds to get moving, and construction is expected to begin next year on what could be the first truly high-speed passenger railroad in the U.S. With Florida's project canceled, all eyes are California.

MIDWEST: The popular Chicago-Detroit and Chicago-St. Louis lines long have been the target of improvements for track and signals that hold trains to maximum speeds of 79 mph. Illinois and Michigan will split roughly \$400 million to boost top speeds to 110 mph.

NORTHWEST: Officially, it's the only U.S. high-speed rail corridor, but aging bridges and tunnels, curving tracks and urban congestion often slow Amtrak trains far below their top speeds. Nearly half the \$800 million for upgrades in this corridor will help boost speeds and cut travel times between Philadelphia and New York, two of Amtrak's busiest stations. Amtrak's flagship Acela express has a top speed of 150 mph but rarely reaches it.

MANUFACTURING: U.S. manufacturers will build 11 locomotives and 63 passenger cars for several of Amtrak's existing routes in the Midwest and California. The funds come with a "Buy American" caveat, but foreign companies that commit to expanding their U.S. operations can participate.

Information compiled from McClatchy Tribune, Graphic: Matthew Gerring / Spartan Daily

INTERNATIONAL

Leaked cables show U.S., Israeli tensions

McClatchy Tribune

A security company led by the former head of operations for the Israeli military made such inroads into Latin America a few years ago that U.S. diplomats saw it as a security risk and moved to thwart the company's expansion, U.S. diplomatic cables show.

The diplomats' efforts were made easier when an interpreter for the Israeli firm, Global CST, was caught peddling classified Colombian Defense Ministry documents to Marxist guerrillas seeking to topple the state, one cable stated.

Still, the ability of the Israeli security consultancy to obtain contracts in Colombia, Peru and Panama in rapid succession speaks to the prowess of retired Israeli military officers in peddling security know-how amid perceptions that they'd bring better results than official U.S. government assistance.

At one point, Panama's intelligence chief threatened to rely more heavily on the Israelis out of anger that U.S. officials wouldn't tap the phones of the president's political enemies, according to then cables.

U.S. officials countered that such an arrangement would

threaten all security cooperation with Panama, and the Panamanians backed down.

Colombia was the first Latin nation to sign a contract with Global CST, doing so in late 2006, according to one cable, the same year its founder, Maj. Gen. Israel Ziv, retired as head of the operations directorate of the Israel Defense Forces.

Ziv "was a personal acquaintance of then-Minister of Defense Juan Manuel Santos," the cable stated. Santos is now Colombia's president.

Ziv's consulting firm pledged "a strategic assessment" that would devise a plan to defeat "internal terrorist and criminal organizations by 2010," the cable, sent in late 2009, stated. The exercise was named "Strategic Leap."

"Over a three-year period, Ziv worked his way into the confidence of former Defense Minister Santos by promising a cheaper version of USG (U.S. government) assistance without our strings attached," the cable said.

Colombia began working with a variety of retired and active duty Israeli officers "with special operations and military intelligence backgrounds," another cable said. By 2007, 38 percent of Colombia's foreign defense purchases were going to Israel, it added.

With a foot firmly in the door in Colombia, Ziv roamed the region, going next to Peru, a coca-producing nation that also faced security challenges.

Ziv told Peruvian authorities that Global CST's had played an advisory role in a spectacular jungle raid on a rebel camp in Colombia a year earlier that freed former presidential

candidate Ingrid Betancourt, three U.S. military contractors and 11 Colombian police and soldiers. Colombia denies that Global CST played a role in the raid.

The Israeli firm signed a one-year contract worth \$9 million to help Peru defeat the Maoist Sendero Luminoso insurgency "once and for all" in that nation's remote Apurimac and Ene river valleys, according to another U.S. cable.

When Global CST approached Panama's government about expanding on an initial contract, red flags went up at the U.S. Embassy there.

In early 2010, an Embassy cable to Washington said Panama had already paid Global CST for a small security study but the nation's intelligence chief, Olmedo Alfaro, was threatening to rely more heavily on the Israelis out of anger that U.S. officials would not tap the phones of the president's political enemies.

"Alfaro is increasingly open about his agenda to replace U.S. law enforcement and security support with Israelis and others," the cable said, adding that the move "bodes ill" for quelling narcotics activity and crime in Panama.

U.S. officials told the Panamanians that they would limit security cooperation and intelligence sharing if private consultants from a third nation were involved.

Adding to the pressure was news that Colombia's relations with Global CST had soured. In a meeting in late 2009 with the then-U.S. Ambassador to Colombia, William Brownfield, national police chief Oscar Naranjo complained that the company had turned out to be a "disaster," a cable stated.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY ...



On May 10, 1988
Spartan Daily Reported that ...

- (Above) Little John Chrisley battles blues great Andy Just on the harmonica at an outdoor blues concert in front of Tower Hall at SJSU, attended by 3,500 people.
- Two SJSU students won \$150 each for naming two new Spartan Shops food stations — Cactus Cafe and Asian Express.
- The SJSU Aquatics Center opening was delayed after failing a health inspection.

Northwestern cancels sex class

McClatchy Tribune

Northwestern University will not offer a controversial human sexuality class next academic year after a controversy erupted over a live sex-toy demonstration in an after-class presentation earlier this year.

Psychology professor J. Michael Bailey will not teach his popular class next year and there is no other faculty member qualified to teach the subject, psychology chair Dan McAdams said Monday.

"I learned a week or two ago that they had decided to cancel the course for next year," Mc-

Adams said. "The decision was made higher up than me at the central administration level."

University spokesman Alan Cabbage did not immediately return a call Monday afternoon.

Earlier this year, Bailey — and the university — came under fire when about 100 members of the class watched a naked woman being penetrated by a sex toy on stage in a campus auditorium. The demonstration occurred after class, and attendance was optional. It followed a discussion about kinky sex and female orgasm.

Northwestern president Morton Schapiro said that

while professors have the privilege of academic freedom, they also have to act responsibly.

"You don't have a right without a responsibility," he said. "Where is the line? We have all been considering that."

Bailey could not be reached immediately on Monday. In March, he said in a statement that he regrets "the effect that this has had on Northwestern University's reputation." While he said that he wouldn't make the same decision to allow the demonstration again, he also would give those who disapproved of it an "F" for their arguments.



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SPORTS ROUNDUP

Staff Report

Gymnastics

Wright signs two to the National Letter-of-Intent

Two gymnasts signed the National Letter-of-Intent Monday to compete on the SJSU women's gymnastics team for the 2012 season.

Dannon Gregory from Phoenix, Ariz. and Alyssa Montalban from Stockton, Calif. are the final two incoming freshmen that will be joining the current Spartans and head coach Wayne Wright.

Gregory currently competes for the Phoenix Gymnastics Academy. She placed ninth in the all-around as a level 10 in the 2011 Region 1 Championships and also finished seventh on the bars and eighth on the vault and floor.

Additionally, Gregory was second in the all-around and on the beam at the 2011 Arizona State Championships. She was third on the floor, vault and bars.

In other meets this year, Gregory finished second in the all-around at the Chinese New Year meet. At the Malibu Coast Challenge,

she was third in the all-around, vault and beam and was second on the floor.

Montalban currently competes for Byers Gymnastics in Elk Grove, Calif. She won the 2011 Level 10 NorCal Championship on vault and competed at the 2011 Region 1 Championships where she was 11th on vault.

During the 2011 season, Montalban won the vault title at the Seattle Open, Delta Classic and Paradise meets, the beam title at the Seattle Open and the all-around at the Delta Classic. In 2010, she was the Level 9 Regional co-champion on vault and placed second the all-around.

"I am very excited to have Dannon and Alyssa join the team," Wright said. "They will be great additions and add depth to our team."

Gregory and Montalban join Cami Guyer of Fall City, Wash., and Kiley Field from San Jose, as the incoming freshmen signing class for the 2012 season.

Men's Golf

Spartans advance to NCAA Regional Championships

The SJSU men's golf team will be one of the teams participating in the NCAA Men's Golf Regional Championships for the first time since 1997.

The Spartans, who placed second at the 2011 Western Athletic Conference Championships, is one of 13 teams invited to the Colorado Regional Championship hosted by the University of Colorado at the Colorado National Golf Club in Erie, May 19-21.

"Great news. This was the opportunity that a great number of people put a great deal of work into," head coach John Kennaday said. "We've got a group of young men that are looking forward to taking advantage of the opportunity afforded them by the NCAA."

Junior Jay Myers said he is thrilled for the chance to play in the championship.

"From three years ago — all the hard work — it's good to see that it's paying off," Myers said. "We've been through a lot and things are coming together for us."

Myers, a second-team All-Western Athletic Conference selection, posted a 72.97 stroke average for 36 rounds included 14 of par or better in the regular season.

SJSU played 7,741-yard, par 72 course with success last September in the Mark Simpson Colorado Invitational.

Spartan senior Mark Hubbard, a Denver native, was the individual medalist with a seven-under par 209.

Junior Matthew Hovan, from San Mateo, Calif., was close behind with a 212 in third place.

As a team, SJSU was fourth in the 14-team

field that included NCAA Colorado Regional entrants New Mexico State and Denver.

"It's a good layout, great greens, firm course," Myers says about the golf course. "It gets very windy, but it is a really good layout for us. We had a lot of success there in the fall. It's a really good spot for us."

Kennaday said it will be a little altered golf course this time around.

"It's a different time of year in Colorado," he said. "It sees more of the season change than we do (in San Jose). It will be interesting to see what the golf course plays like. When we were there in the fall, it played hard and fast. Mark Hubbard won a tough battle for his first victory."

Oklahoma State, nationally ranked No. 1, tops the 13 teams in this one of the six NCAA Regional Championships that will determine the 30 five-man squads advancing to the NCAA Championships, May 31 through June 5 in Stillwater, Okla. The top five teams from each regional will continue their season.

Georgia, Auburn, Arizona State, Clemson, Chattanooga, TCU, North Florida, Northwestern, and Colorado State round out the field. SJSU finished ahead of Arizona State at the 65th annual Western Intercollegiate in April.

"The interesting thing about golf is we're competing with the 12 teams," Kennaday said. "It's how you figure who wins and loses. In reality, it's us against the golf course. How we play the golf course and how we play to our capabilities is the actual key. There is no defense. It's a matter of us getting to what we do best."

Women's Golf

SJSU finishes 2010-2011 season at Regionals

The SJSU women's golf team finished the 2010-11 season Saturday evening at the NCAA West Regional at the Washington National Golf Club.

The Spartans shot a 326 to finish 23rd overall in the three-day event.

Junior Madeleine Ziegert had the team's best finish of the weekend as she was 37th after shooting an 80 on Saturday for a 228.

In her final tournament, senior Katrina Delen-Briones finished 84th at 238 and junior Jennifer Brumbaugh shot an 83 and finished at 245.

Freshman Rachelle Reali led the Spartans in scoring on Saturday with a 77 and finished at 249 and junior Jody Ho rounded out the scoring with an 86 Saturday and a 256.

COMMENTARY

Sharks need game six win for a chance to re-write history

Daniel Herberholz
Senior Staff Writer

History will not repeat itself.

That's what I keep telling myself.

After San Jose lost game five of the Western Conference Semifinals to Detroit on Sunday, reality set in that the Sharks still had time to complete their annual collapse.

The Sharks had been leading 3-0 in the series, but lost game four.

The team was up 2-0 in the second period of game five, but after the second loss, are now on the tipping point of going to a deadly game seven.

In the locker room after game four, forward Ryane Clowe told the Mercury News: "We're going back home still in command up 3-1."

Well Clowe, is the command still there after another loss?

For the team's 20-year history, and particularly in the past five seasons, San Jose has continued to find new ways to surprise fans with early exits from the playoffs.

In 2008, the Sharks were dropped in six games by Dallas in the second round. Game six required an NHL-record four overtimes (a painful game to watch).

In 2009, the Sharks were skipped by the eighth-seeded Anaheim Ducks in the opening round despite winning the President's Cup for most regular season points.

In 2010, the Sharks were swept by eventual Stanley Cup-champion Chicago in the Conference Finals.

Current San Jose goalie Antti Niemi highlighted the Blackhawks series vic-

tory, stopping 129 shots for Chicago in an otherworldly performance which made the overpowering Sharks offense look like fools. In retrospect, that series felt so much closer than the 4-0 Chicago advantage it turned into.

Last year, the Sharks advanced to the Western Finals by taking the Red Wings out in five games.

If these Sharks are to change things up they must look in the mirror and decide to put up some fight. As Bruce Lee's credo goes, a broken rhythm makes a good fighter.

**"You think
about a little bit
of everything.
But you can't
dwell on
anything."**

Patrick Marleau
Forward

Rather than extinguish Detroit's Stanley Cup hopes in a second-straight semifinal game five, the Sharks can use this opportunity to cap a Red Wings comeback — and thus gain the momentum to defeat the Vancouver Canucks in the Conference Finals.

San Jose has been in a crucial game six before. In 2004 they squandered a 3-0 lead to the Colorado Avalanche, but wound up taking game six to win the series.

In yesterday's San Jose Mercury News, columnist Mark Purdy wondered if the Sharks can learn from

that series against the Avalanche.

"You think about a little bit of everything," Sharks forward Patrick Marleau told the Mercury News after Sunday's game. "But you can't dwell on anything."

How about dwelling on the fact that Marleau, the team's leading goal scorer (37) and point tallier (73) during the regular season, has gone pointless in this series?

Possibly. Better not dwell on Detroit's victories this series. Its first win of the series included a three-goal comeback by the Sharks. Only a slapshot by Detroit's Darren Helm with less than 90 seconds left lifted the Red Wings over San Jose.

Niemi and the Sharks defense let the Red Wings score three goals in the final period of Sunday's game, letting Detroit capture its second win. The Sharks defense cannot allow that to happen again.

The blame game could go on forever, however — the Sharks just need to step their game up.

Or the Red Wings need to step their game down.

Defenseman Nicklas Lidstrom and forward Henrik Zetterberg have been beasts out on the ice, deflecting Sharks passes and winning face-offs all over the place.

In a way, all of this is me putting on my best fan face while still understanding that it's one team against the other, not one team against itself.

But as the Sharks have shown me (as well as the rest of San Jose) year after year that they are their own worst enemy.

History will not repeat itself.

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Dreamy Fleet Foxes return with fervor in new album



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More dynamic than the group's eponymous debut, Fleet Foxes tightens their sound in *Helplessness Blues* without losing their earthy, choral charm.

A sophomore effort by the Seattle-based sextet, "Blues" holds the ethereal feel of their first album while nixing its waft and simplicity.

The album was released on May 3 by Sub Pop Records, known for backing popular bands Nirvana and The Shins.

Fleet Foxes is comprised of vocalist Robin Peckhold, guitarist Skyles Skjelset, bassist Christian Wargo, keyboardist and mandolin player Casey Wescott, drummer Joshua Tillman, and multi-instrumentalist Morgan Henderson.

This range allows for a variety of creative arrangements, giving the group a uniqueness to compose what they told *The Independent* are "baroque harmonic pop jams."

"Battery Kinzie" and title-track "Helplessness Blues" accomplish just that. These two songs are bleeding with torqued-up emotion.

"Montezuma" opens the record and "Peckhold immediately reflects on his place on Earth — "Now I am older than my mother and father when they had their daughter/ Now what does that say about me?"

These lyrics are accompanied by a chorus of voices, as well as swirling strums from Skjelset and Wescott.

Using clap-worthy drums and Irish-esque violin breaks, "Bedouin Dress" outlines Peckhold's desire to return to "Innisfree," an isle fea-



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"Helplessness Blues," released May 3, features 12 tracks.

tured in a poem by William Butler Yeats.

"All of the sirens are driving me over the stern," he sings, referring to women's habit of diverting him from revisiting the summer utopia.

"Sim Sala Bim" is mellow and dreamy in contrast to the lyrical content.

"What makes me love you despite the reservations?" asks Peckhold, tormentedly. "Are you off somewhere reciting incantations? Sim sala bim on your tongue / Carving off the hair of someone's young."

The song features the catchiest section on the record, with a ripping river of fretwork to close the track.

The rocking "Battery Kinzie" is a decent follow-up to the heavy "Sim Sala Bim," lighter in theme but louder in sound.

"The Plains/Bitter Dancer" is one of two split songs on the album. The first section emphasizes strings and choral voices in the most ethereal part of the album, building steadily toward the second section's simple strumming and flute interludes. The end combines each of the first two sections, setting the title track up well.



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Fleet Foxes, which has released two studio albums, is a Seattle-based Indie folk band with an earthy sound.

"I don't know who to believe / I'll get back to you someday soon you will see" Peckhold croons on the title track. "I'm tongue-tied and dizzy and I can't keep it to myself / What good is it to sing helplessness blues, why should I wait for anyone else?"

A quick rhythm and slow-burning bridge on "Helplessness Blues" combine with the lyrics to create a tour-de-force the Foxes did not have on their freshman disc.

The latter half of this second album overshadows the opening leg, from the title track to "The Shrine/An Argument" to the gorgeous "Blue Spotted Tail."

"The Cascades" is a beautiful immersion of melodies, as flowing as the title suggests.

Named after a mountain range which runs from Mt. Shasta, Calif. to Canada, Fleet Foxes show off their versatility on this rolling instrumental track.

Highlighted by the only use of distorted guitar on the album, "Lorelai" describes one of Peckhold's lost loves — "I was old news to you

then ..." he repeats. "Now I can see how we were like dust on the window / Not much, not a lot — everything's stolen or borrowed."

"Someone You'd Admire" is the only song I'd take off the album. "After all is said and done I feel the same / All that I hoped would change within me stayed," Peckhold wallows, and though it is a nicely existential sentiment it also describes how the track is a hold-over from the group's eponymous debut.

The album's second double-track, "The Shrine/An Argument," starts with a simmering contemplation of a fountain with coins "glowing fine" in the water.

"Sunlight over me no matter what I do," shouts Peckhold, stretching his voice to the limit seemingly for the first time ever. "Apples in the summer all cold and sweet / Everyday a passin' complete."

The second leg of the song is as raw as "Battle Kinzie" and the title track.

Rattling rifts join Peckhold's tremblingly singing "In the ocean

washing off my name from your throat."

He again visits Yeats's utopian island, "I will lay down in the sand and let the ocean lead / Carry me to Innisfree like pollen on the breeze."

Though it relates to his aforementioned trip toward the isle, the following chorus of seals whimpering is as baroque as music gets. Personally, I skip over this section.

"Blue Spotted Tail" is for any fans of Fleet Foxes' first hit, "White Winter Hymnal."

Unlike that song, "Tail" adds traces of guitar but the meaning and feel are similar. "Why is life made only for to end? Why do I do all this waiting then?" Peckhold questions, truly making the listener think.

The final track, "Grown Ocean," combines the best aspects of each song — meaningful lyrics, choral voices, instrumental variety and a rhythmic feel.

The album is like a fantasy, giving fans of Fleet Foxes a fever dream in which to lose themselves.

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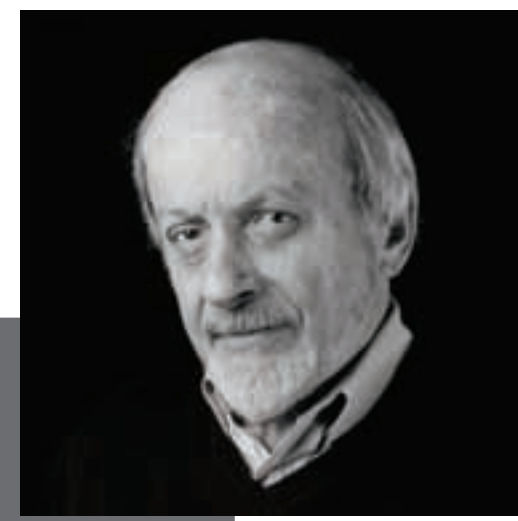
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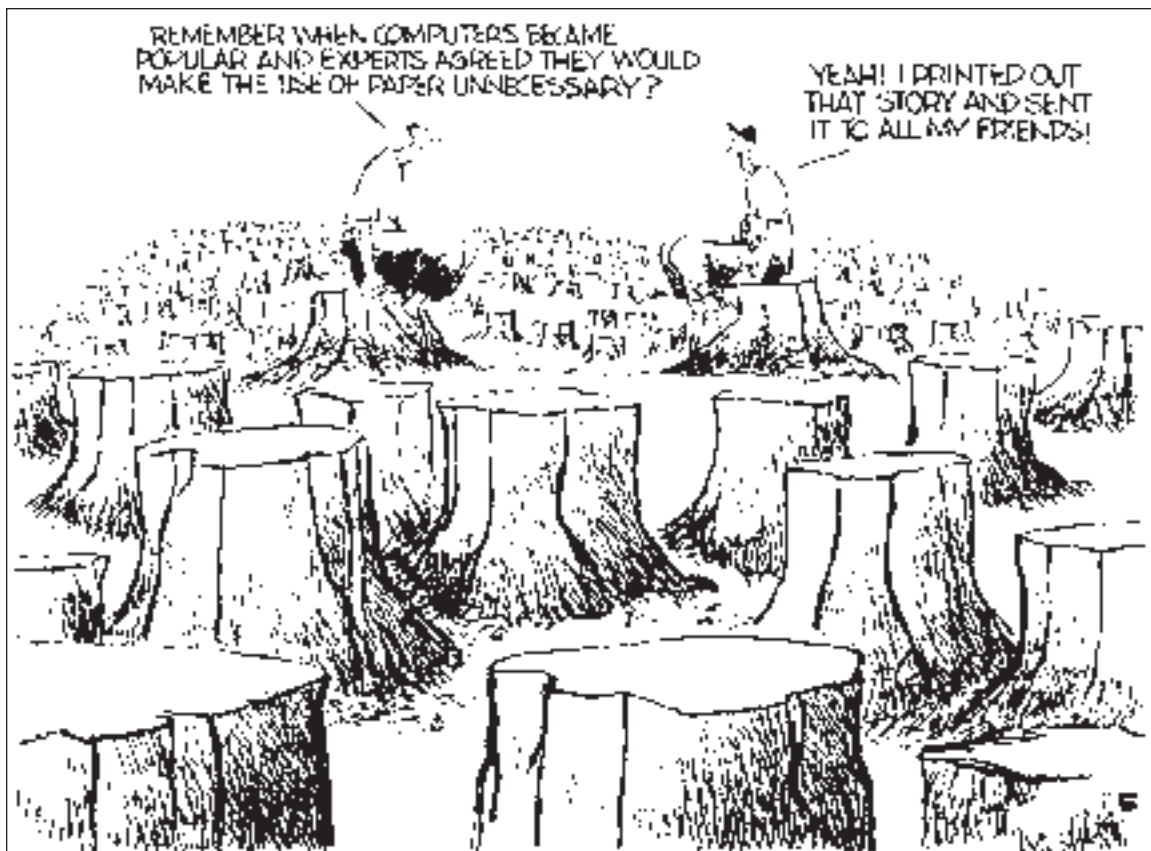
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Standing by as technology quickly takes over our lives

As a little girl, I was more likely to be found curled up in my dad's armchair with a book than I would be getting into mischief.

Over the years, I have read too many novels to count.

To me, there is nothing more fulfilling than finishing a good book and reading was one of my main motivations to become a writer.

In recent years, however, the popularity of novels and reading has declined, replaced by the newest technological gadgets and a slew of time-wasting entertainment.

A study from the Associated Press showed that one in four adults in the United States admitted to reading no books at all in the last year, while a survey conducted by the American BookSellers Association concluded that the amount of time spent engaging in technological activities increased by 65 percent.

When I was in high school, teachers relied on our knowledge from books such as *Pride and Prejudice*, the *Great Gatsby* and *Moby Dick*, requiring that we incorporate those stories into essays, tests and homework.

I wouldn't be surprised if students in one of today's average high schools would be able to name every Jersey Shore character, but wouldn't have a clue as to who Jane Austen or J.D. Salinger was.

It seems current schools are suddenly putting less of an emphasis on the importance of reading and turning instead to the power of the Internet.

I have watched over the last 10 years as the effect of the technology boom has gradually taken hold.

Around the time of Y2K, the Internet was a luxury available to few and computers were nothing more than a glorified typewriter.

The first computer my family owned had nothing but a



Jaimie Collins
Ya Know What I Mean?

word processor and Internet Explorer and it was a treat to have to use the Internet for homework assignments.

Now, every computer comes with the possibility of connecting to the rest of the world, offering up endless opportunities of Internet surfing where everything and everyone everywhere is within your reach.

Sadly, I am not immune to these shifts in behavior.

I am just as addicted to advances in technology as the next person and when I have free time, I rarely pick up a book and start reading. Instead, I open up my MacBook and proceed to spend the next two hours surfing Tumblr.

While this may be an obvious waste of time, there is no doubt that the Internet has had an amazingly positive effect on our society.

It has resulted in people becoming more educated and having better access to resources that can greatly enrich their lives.

Through the Internet, some people are actually gaining more opportunities to learn as they surf through the endless web of information.

Despite the positive possibilities, however, most people use the Internet for entertainment and usually blatantly ignore the possible education they could reap from the World Wide Web.

My main concern is the effect the Internet has had on other parts of our learning and application of knowledge, especially reading and our interaction with the world around us.

Our society is rapidly becoming more reclusive and impersonal, turning the focus on the users instead of the world as a whole.

While everybody is constantly focusing on their handheld devices and are tuned in to their personal entertainment, interaction with one another and the world around them has become limited.

I cannot count the number of times people have literally ran into me because they were looking down at their cell-phone while walking.

Whereas some people might actually strike up a conversation with the person sitting next to them, the current generation keeps their headphones in and attempts to ignore anything outside of that moment's entertainment.

Regardless of the creation of new gadgets and tools capable of education, our society is becoming less educated as they spend more time constantly on the Internet, wasting their days watching YouTube videos and looking at LOLcats.

Instead of filling their brain with useless information they will most likely forget tomorrow, people should be enriching their lives through reading and education.

I am more than a little bitter concerning the death of my beloved pastime, but overall, it makes me sad that our society is slowly becoming more dependent on technology and less dependent on their knowledge.

"Ya Know What I Mean?" is a weekly column appearing on Tuesdays. Jaimie Collins is a Spartan Daily A&E Editor.

When athlete favoritism goes too far for students' own good

Whether they are in high school, SJSU or other colleges, athletes are often given special privileges.

At SJSU, we see the favoritism all the time.

For one, athletes get first dibs on class schedules. I understand that they need to register early because they can't take classes when they are practicing.

But, does the university ever work around your work schedule?

I'm on the school newspaper and campus radio station, but I don't get any special privileges.

Even when athletes miss a class, they are often given more leeway from professors because of their busy athletics schedule.

In some rare cases, a teacher will pass an athlete just because the teacher cares more about the athlete's success on the field than his or her success in the classroom.

This is the most overt example of favoritism of athletes and deserves the strictest punishment.

At Garfield High School in Washington, athletic director Jim Valiere taught a three-person Spanish class with three of his star athletes.

Talented basketball player Tony Wroten Jr., who was one of the three in the class, composed a tweet that said he was in the three-person Spanish class, essentially informing the public of his situation.

If your high school was anything like mine, you'll remember taking most of your classes with at least 30 students.

Garfield High School is no different, yet Valiere decided to set up a course just for the three students.

After the Twitter world read the tweet, the situation was investigated.

Suspicion arose that Valiere was purposely giving the athletes passing grades so they could play sports.

Investigators discovered that the year before, Valiere had also passed some athletes in a nonexistent Spanish class.

Valiere was fired soon after.

Because I have no access to the investigation, it is hard to say whether



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Akeley's Alley

Valiere truly deserved his fate.

If he was giving his athletes passing grades to keep him from dropping below a 2.0, then he deserved to be fired.

But if Valiere was really trying to teach his athletes, then he deserves to be praised.

After all, since when was it a crime for a teacher to help students with his or her own time?

As an athlete in high school, I never received

any help in my academics.

I became close friends with a few of my teachers who may have favored me, but I also worked for my grades, never receiving any grade boosts for my involvement in sports.

I wouldn't have accepted grade boosts anyway — I have no entitlement to better grades because I can dribble a basketball better than most.

Ultimately, the high school kids are "student athletes." School comes first for a reason.

By playing sports, they may receive an education for free through scholarships. It is up to them to value that.

It is up to our teachers to treat athletes just like other students, because so many of them are ending up on the streets after college.

The teachers who don't let them slip by are doing them a favor, forcing the athletes to learn the course work so they have alternative career outlets after high school and college.

The ones who do let them slip by are keeping the notion alive that they should not value education and will always be the center of attention.

It's after college when reality sets in — a miniscule percent of student athletes make a living playing a professional sport.

College is supposed to be the building block for a long career, but unfortunately for many student athletes college marks the end of their careers.

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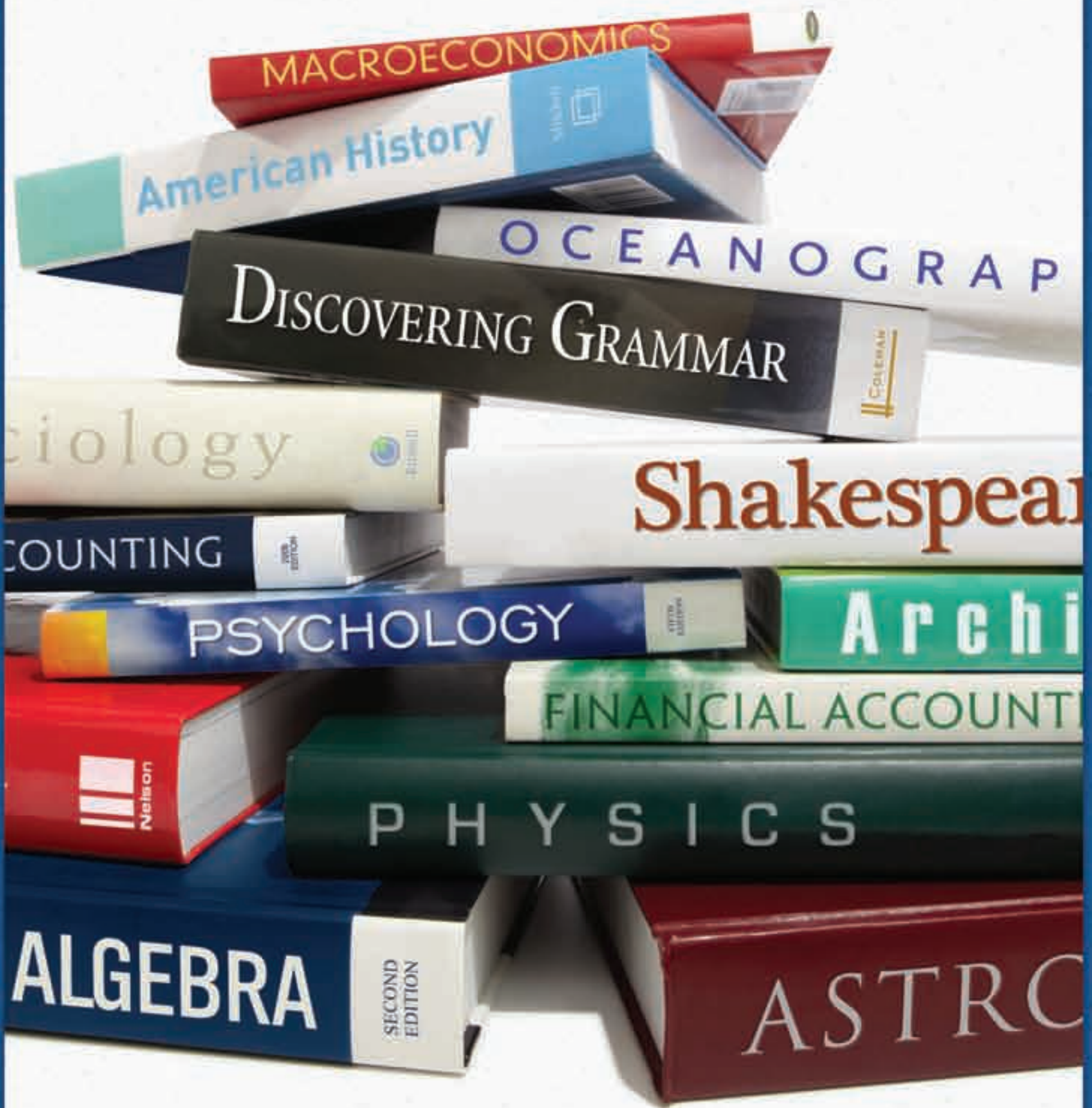
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