

Freshman Computer Science major Tony Huang plays a non-alcoholic version of beer pong at a raffle booth during the "Benefit Concert for Africa" yesterday on Tower Lawn. Photo by Nick Rivelli / Spartan Daily

Benefit concert garners donations, support for Africa on Tower Lawn

by Christian Gin
Staff Writer

Students tossed rings and shot darts to the loud bass and vocals coming from the band Melted Horses on Tower Lawn last night.

The Spartans for Israel, Hillel International and nine other organizations collaborated to host the free concert that benefits African villages.

"We want to raise money for the Jewish Heart for Africa organization," said Vanina Sandel, assistant director for Hillel of Silicon Valley. "Our goal is to raise \$5,000 for them."

She said the Jewish Heart for Africa will use the money to support hospitals and schools for four African nations.

Hillel and Spartans for Israel's personal goals are to also raise awareness of what Israel is doing with international philanthropy projects and events, according to Sandel.

"We hope to build a community among SJSU," she said. "It is important to have a community of student organizations working together."

Both organizations are also known for educating the campus about Jewish

culture and Israel, according to Sandel. The event had the local band Melted Horses play songs while carnival games were available for people to play.

"I think it's great to know we played for a good cause," said Derek Martinez, the bass player for Melted Horses. "I couldn't be more happier to help out."

Guests could play carnival games to win raffle prizes and gift cards to Starbucks, Peet's Coffee or the Spartan Bookstore.

While the concert itself was free, the food and games were for charity.

"One hundred percent of the money we make will go directly for Jewish Heart for Africa," Sandel said. "We hope to help the countries that the organization is helping out."

The non-profit organization Jewish Heart for Africa helps bring sustainable Israeli technologies to African villages in Ethiopia, Uganda, Malawi and Tanzania, according to Sandel.

Dana Margittai, president of Spartans for Israel, said the organization will use solar-powered systems to help power African schools, medical clinics and water pumping systems.

This green technology from Israel

can help improve economies in Africa, according to Margittai.

"The campus budget, off-campus organizations and grants from Associated Students helped contribute to this event financially," Sandel said.

She said the event took more than three months to plan and put together.

"I heard about this on Facebook and was amazed to listen to some good old rock music," said Travis Kimes, a junior communications studies major. "I hope there are more events like these to bring people out."

Others liked the music, but felt bad there weren't as many people as expected for a free concert.

"The music is great, but I wish there were more people to enjoy this," said Kim Ahram, a graduate student in physics. "This is good to see something for a giving cause."

Margittai said she wants to see these contributions for Africa be life-changing through this concert.

"We hope to raise awareness for Africa," she said. "While we as humans think of our own place and home, we want to make a difference for others who need help in the world."



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Myths of sexuality

by Angelisa Ross
Staff Writer

Nayeli Cruz does not feel that bisexuality is a transitional phase in her life.

"There is a lot that people don't understand," said Cruz, a junior undeclared major. "Most people think you're either queer or your not, that there isn't a possibility to be attracted to both and of course, that is wrong."

Bisexuality is a label but a sexual orientation nonetheless, where a person can be attracted to either a male or female, according to Chara Bui, a senior environmental studies major.

- These are the general myths of bisexuality, according to Bui.
- A bisexual person wants to be with a man and a woman at the same time.

- Bisexual women are faking their sexuality to appear more attractive to men.

- Men say they are bisexual so it seems less intense than saying they are gay.

- Bisexuality is a stepping-stone, phase, or transitional period before one becomes gay.

"It hurts not being accepted or validated," Bui said. "One would like the respect of expressing yourself without judgment or assumptions."

Myths and stereotypes are not the whole truth, but do have some truth, according to Bui.

"To me, the myth of it being a transitional period is partially true," Cruz said. "Personally, it is not for me. It is something that I have felt since I can remember, but I have a lot of gay and bi friends who would argue otherwise."

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Queer & ethnic clubs

On-campus groups dedicated to helping Asian and Latino queers

by Megan Mills
Staff Writer

Two Queer clubs at SJSU are niche organizations which create a safe place for discussion between Queer Asians and Latinos of the student population.

These clubs, the Queer & Asian at SJSU (Q&A SJSU) and EL PAIS, give an opportunity for members of the Queer community to communicate with old members and curious newcomers.

QUEER & ASIAN DEFINED

The Queer & Asian Club provides a safe space for members to speak about experiences and provides social networking opportunities with the greater Queer Asian community, said Total Nguyen, a genderqueer fourth year computer engineering major who is also Queer & Asian chair.

"Queer is a reclaimed word that is an umbrella term for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex and asexual," Nguyen said. "But it is highly inclusive, and represents many subcommunities in a positive context."

The club strives to understand the intersectional relationship between Queer and Asian communities.

"Queer & Asian fills a critical need within the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community to offer a safe space, build community and offer a space to talk about issues that are most important to the Queer API community," said Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the LGBT Resource Center.

On-campus Queer students are pretty safe from discrimination with the "no place for hate" campaign SJSU has which aims to raise awareness around the issues of bias, discrimination and disrespect, said Nguyen, who co-founded the club in Spring 2009.

There are administrators that go into action when something does arise that causes unsafe issues or feelings.

"We have many important aspects like the freedom to speak about their experiences in a safe space, social networking opportunities with the greater Queer Asian community by going to conferences and friendship games with Queer Asian organizations," Nguyen said.

Queer & Asian also provides resources for sexual health testing like the Asian Pacific Islander Wellness Center and safe practice workshops with Project 4PLAY.

Like the other Queer organizations on campus, Q&A SJSU is inclusive of anyone who wants to join and learn more about them.

"We are a strong student body as well," Nguyen said. "If there were issues, the Queer student organizations can report issues to counseling services, MOSAIC, student involvement, the ombudsperson, student conduct and ethical development office, and plenty other services on campus."

QUEER & ASIAN CULTURE

There are three cultures that Queer and Asian people face, Nguyen said.

"The first is the Queer culture which is full of rainbows and political movements and lots of social stigma of being extremely sexual," Nguyen said.

Another is the Asian culture, which varies radically because of the many different Asian countries as well as Asian people that are historically nomads, Nguyen said.

"Lastly, there is the Queer and Asian culture as a whole and the intersectionality of the cultures gives a deeper sense of camaraderie, relativity, safety and adds an instant familial status," Nguyen said.

The club allows members to discuss a culturally conflicting communities within the Asian culture.

Queer & Asian gives students a sense of safety, Nguyen said.

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CORRECTION

In yesterday's issue of the Spartan Daily, the article titled "Former mayors level with beloved political science professor" incorrectly gave the titled of Congressman to Don Edwards. Edwards was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives. The Spartan Daily regrets the error.

CSU-wide unit cap in the fall

by Ty Hargrove
Staff Writer

SJSU students have already experienced increases in fees and tuition and now students will be faced with a unit cap that will be implemented at SJSU beginning this upcoming fall semester.

Beginning Fall 2012, all CSU campuses will limit student enrollment to 15 or 16 units per semester depending on the campus.

"It is up to the individual campuses to notify students and to provide them with the new details about enrollment and registration," said Liz Chapin, the public affairs officer for the California State University Chancellor's Office.

Chapin said this measure has been put into place due to the cuts in state financial support to the CSU system.

"State support by the CSU has been cut by almost \$1 billion or 35 percent over the last 18 months," Chapin said.

Chapin said the current level of funding that is received today is equal

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-Liz Chapin, spokesperson for CSU Chancellor's Office

to the amount that the CSU received back in 1998, but now the system serves about 80,000 more students.

"In order to survive the continuing cuts to state funding the CSU had to take many cost-cutting measures," she said.

These measures include reducing employees, programs, classes and other student services, Chapin said.

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UNIT CAP: Science, engineering majors to be exempt

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According to Dennis Jaehne, vice president for undergraduate studies, SJSU was mandated by the Chancellor's Office to implement the unit cap in the upcoming fall semester.

"The Chancellor's Office sent out a letter to all the CSUs saying this is what you have to do," he said.

Students who are engineering and science majors, which are consider high-unit majors, will be allowed to take more units because these majors require students to take more than 120 units to complete their degree, Jaehne said.

Jaehne said graduating seniors will be allowed to take 18 units, but if you are not a

graduating senior you will have to write a proposal requesting to take more units.

Whitney Zeller, a junior hospitality recreation and tourism management major, said she thinks that the CSU system needs to get this budget issue together as soon as possible because it is starting to have a major affect on students and their degrees.

"They really changed it up on us," she said, "and they are expecting us to graduate on time?"

Zeller said she recently was made aware of this unit cap during a meeting with her adviser in which her adviser told her that it was a CSU rule and not something that SJSU wanted to do.

On the other hand, students like senior recreation major Keith McCullom II does not think that this unit cap is a bad thing at all and thinks that taking 15 units is fair to most.

"More than 15 units can be a lot for the average student but I can understand why many students would be upset," he said.

McCullom said for a person like himself with a schedule outside of school, taking only 15 units doesn't seem to be a big issue to him because he has other things besides school to worry about.

Garren Byrd, a junior economics major, believes that this cap of 15 units is ridiculous.

"You go to college with the expectation of graduating as soon as possible and with this

unit cap it just prolongs the process," he said.

As students express their outrage and concerns about this new unit cap and their doubts about graduating on time, Chapin said this unit cap is something that will help distribute the limited resources provided by the CSU's system this fall.

According to Chapin, this unit cap will serve as a basis for all students to progress toward graduation because it will give students an equal amount of units, despite the limited educational resources due to state funding.

"The unit cap serves to ensure that all enrolled students have a fair access to the limited supply of courses," she said.

CAMPUS IMAGE



Waves of concert-goers wait in line along Paseo de San Antonio for Tuesday night's concert headlined by Rise Against at the Event Center. For more coverage on the show, check out tomorrow's Spartan Daily. Photo by Jasper Rubenstein / Spartan Daily

Chancellor takes blame for pepper-spraying

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — As Chancellor Linda P.B. Katehi took "full responsibility" for the pepper-spraying of students on the University of California, Davis campus, only one tent remained on the quad.

It was one of those pop-up shade structures that had been set up to advertise a nearby apartment complex.

Just a week after the release of the first comprehensive report on the Nov. 18 incident, life on the campus appears like that at any other college.

The Occupy protesters are gone, and the quad is filled with sun-worshipping students playing music or preparing for Saturday's Picnic Day celebration.

But Katehi, in her first public comments since the release of the 190-page report from former state Supreme Court Justice Cruz Reynoso, clearly is determined to move quickly to address the problems outlined in the critique.

"The report illuminated very clearly and critiqued sharply the missteps within the administration and the police which led us to a very unfortunate and regrettable event," she said. "As I said in November and I repeat right now, I take full responsibility for the incident and I consider myself accountable for all of the actions that need to be taken to ensure our campus is a safe and welcoming place."

She added that she wants to see changes made that will ensure "that something like this does not happen again."

Katehi's remarks came during her annual State of the Campus report to the Academic Senate, and members were generally polite during and after her presentation.

"I appreciated the sense of urgency about the matter," said

Ralph Aldredge, a mechanical engineering professor. "Mistakes were made by the administration and the police, and I'm confident that she'll do what's necessary to move us forward."

Stephen Wheeler, an associate professor of landscape architecture, said he hoped "that the university will get its act together and move on."

"We need leadership that talks about social needs and the vital role of the university in helping society think through its problems."

Katehi has apologized before for the handling of the police operation she ordered to remove tents set up on the quad as part of a protest against rising tuition.

She has maintained that she never would have agreed to send the police in if she had known they might use force. Reynoso's group found that she and her top administrators failed to communicate clearly with each other in their planning sessions to remove the tents.

The report, presented again Tuesday at a separate public session at UC Davis, also lambasted the campus Police Department for what it found to be a "dysfunctional" command structure.

Katehi promised the Senate she would conduct a "holistic top-to-bottom review" of the department.

She also suggested she would consider forming a police review commission, and said interim Chief Matt Carmichael already is seeking out independent experts to suggest improvements that can be made.

Campus officials say they expect changes in some campus operations to be made quickly, and Katehi noted after her remarks that the report "gives us guidance to move forward."

Meanwhile, Katehi waits for reports from the Academic Senate and the UC system, along with findings from the now-completed internal affairs inqui-

ry into officers' conduct that day.

Katehi said no actions have been taken against administrators connected with the Nov. 18 incident and that it is "premature" to say whether any action will be taken.

She spoke only briefly Tuesday about the pepper-spray incident, spending most of her presentation on campus achievements and hurdles still facing UC Davis.

There were about 80 faculty members and others gathered for her remarks inside the Memorial Union. And, in a sign of how the focus on her is fading somewhat, there were only a handful of reporters and no television cameras present.

Reynoso himself said last week that he does not believe she should resign over the pepper-spray incident, and some students on campus Tuesday brushed aside questions about whether she should leave.

"She should stay, she should," said Mari Salazar, a 21-year-old fourth-year student from Monterey who is studying community and regional development. "I don't think it's solely her fault, what happened."

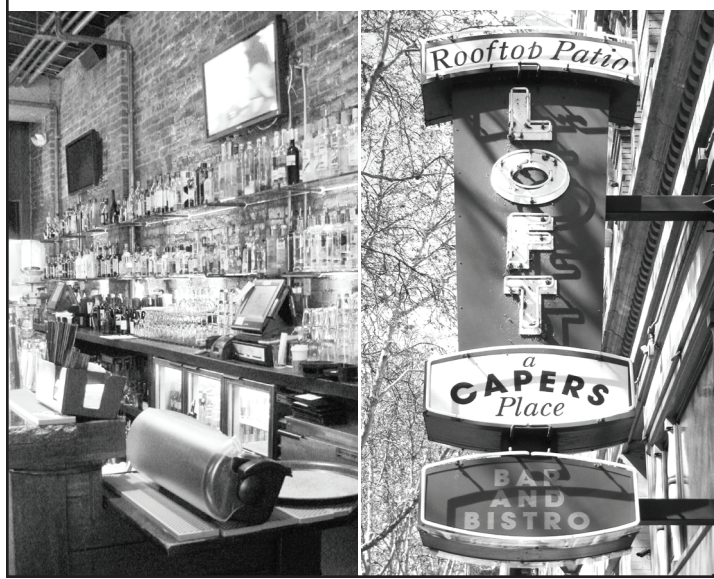
Bobby Vinograd, a 21-year-old history major from Southern California, was sitting with Salazar on the quad and said he believes most students' focus has moved on from the Nov. 18 incident.



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Amid trail of dead, little doubt Sudan and South Sudan are at war

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

HEGLIG, Disputed Sudan — Nine months after Sudan split into two nations in search of a peace brokered by the United States, it is now clear that the two sides are at war.

Diplomats discussing the armed conflict talk of skirmishes and dustups, but a visit to this border region shows that what is taking place here is no accidental exchange of fire by troops confused about where the border lies.

Instead, what's happening is a headlong mobilization involving not just thousands of Sudan's and South Sudan's best forces and heaviest equipment, but heavily armed rebels from the distant Darfur region fighting alongside the South Sudanese troops.

Whether an emergency peace plan could curb the escalation remains to be seen. But neither side is talking to the other, and the mood here is weighted with the sober intensity of wartime.

On Sunday evening in a looted Sudanese garrison in Heglig, South Sudanese generals drew military positions in the sand with a curtain rod. They were expecting an imminent counteroffensive by Sudanese troops. Soldiers stood by, twitching, on edge.

Suddenly, missiles rained in, and artillery pounded the earth behind.

"We are under attack," yelled South Sudan's Maj. Gen. Mangar Buong, the commander. Troops scurried, trucks spun out.

The international community has condemned the fighting and has called on South Sudan to withdraw.

But its leader, Salva Kiir, has publicly refused to do so.

The fighting started last week on the road to Heglig, an oil outpost with a military base that had long been controlled by Sudan.

The two sides faced off at a de facto border point marked now only by the start of a miles-long trail north of rotting corpses and feasting birds.

Who fired first is unclear, but from there, the fight spread northward to Heglig, which fell to the South Sudanese army a week ago.

Heglig now is a reeking graveyard of carnage.

Two destroyed tanks sit on the road. Scraps cover the red dirt and debris floats in the dry wind.

Battered signs proclaiming the Chinese-led oil consortium that worked here poke above



South Sudanese troops prepare for battle in the disputed border town of Heglig, on Sunday. Photo courtesy of Alan Boswell / MCT

heaps of loot from its offices — chairs, file cabinets, TVs, refrigerators — waiting to be hauled south as bounty.

Meanwhile, hundreds of South Sudanese soldiers stream up the road in large trucks to join the fight as Sudanese war planes hunt from above, pummeling the ground with bombs and rockets.

The South Sudanese army is using the captured Sudanese garrison in Heglig as a forward operating base.

Soldiers pick through piles of clothes and half-finished meals while peeking at the sky in fear of the Sudanese planes above.

Stores of weapons were left behind, including crates of anti-personnel mines, banned under a treaty Sudan ratified in 2003.

The conflict is not new. Ever since British colonialism handed power to Sudan's northern, Arab elite in the 1950s, war between the two sides has been an off-and-on affair.

But that war was supposed to have ended with the creation last year of

South Sudan as an independent nation — at least, that was the hope of the U.S. and Western allies who brokered the 2005 peace deal that gave South Sudan the right to split away.

Instead, the splitting of Sudan now appears only to have turned an internal war into an international one, with much more firepower on all sides. The new dimensions of this old conflict are starkly evident on the front lines.

The South Sudanese army is no longer the guerrilla force of old, but sports its own tanks, anti-aircraft weapons and sovereign land. It's joined by rebels from the Justice and Equality Movement group, who swooped in from Darfur laden with vehicles and heavy weapons, some likely from Libya.

The Darfur rebels have been fighting against the Sudanese government for years and have joined this new front with gusto.

Their trucks are scrawled in Arabic and mounted with heavy weaponry, including one large anti-aircraft gun.



"JEM oyee!" yelled one fighter in a green tank top and dirtied white turban as he pulled to a stop, beer can in one hand and steering wheel in the other. A machine gun was mounted on the passenger seat, in front of his boyish sidekick.

The alliance with the Darfur group raises questions about South Sudan's plan and how far it intends to press the battle.

Brig. Gen. Makal Deng, in command of Heglig, said he did not know what the end goal was.

"If they (headquarters) say go ahead, we go ahead," he said. "If they say stop, we stop."

Other South Sudanese military officials say that they have no intention of pushing far north, into what they consider proper Sudanese territory, and only want to defend their border. But the presence of the JEM rebels from Darfur, who are seeking to overthrow the government of Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir, suggests otherwise.

JEM and a weaker Darfur rebel group, the Sudan Liberation Army, have joined up with South Sudan-aligned rebels in Sudan's Nuba Mountains and Blue Nile.

Together, the rebel alliance calls itself the Sudan Revolutionary Force.

The Sudanese army is better armed, but it seems drawn thin and disillusioned.

In the Nuba Mountains, the rebels have been making surprising gains against the government forces.

Here, it appears that the Sudanese army withdrew suddenly without a spirited fight.

There is no foreseeable endgame. The one hope for peace is that neither side can afford war for long.

Landlocked South Sudan shut down its oil production in January, unable to reach an export deal with Sudan.

Now, with Heglig's oilfields shut down as well, Sudan, too, is facing a currency crisis.

Logic and sober analysis, however, overlook the depth of bitterness felt by both sides and the comfort with which a population that barely knows what peacetime means accepts violence and destruction.

Carrening down the road back southward, the South Sudanese soldiers pointed at the corpses outside, dozens of Sudanese soldiers who'd died in battle.

Stripped of boots and valuables, denied a Muslim burial, they decay out in the open.

The air reeks of death. "Jellaba," the South Sudanese say, using derisive slang.

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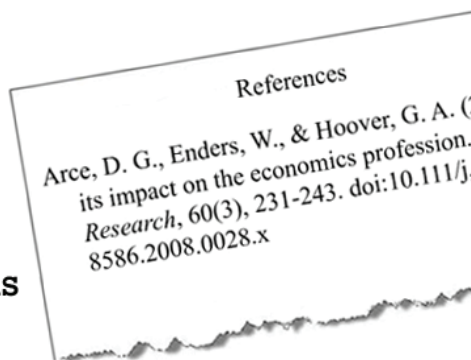


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Shuttle Discovery finds final resting place

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Cheers broke out from crowds gathered on the National Mall. Workers peered out windows and looked up from sidewalks. Motorists pulled to the side of the road to catch a glimpse of the spectacle: The space shuttle Discovery piggy-back on a modified 747, flying low over the monuments of the nation's capital before landing at Dulles International Airport on the way to its permanent new home with the Smithsonian.

"Folks were pretty excited. It was a pretty special moment and a great show," said Adrienne Watson, an aide to Rep. Loretta Sanchez, D-Calif., who was among the congressional staffers who gathered at the U.S. Capitol to watch the historic flyover. The plane flew at

about 1,500 feet but made low passes at Dulles and Reagan airports and Joint Base Andrews in its last air show.

The Discovery is the first of the retired shuttles to be delivered to their final destinations after a fierce competition for the rare space artifacts. Others are headed to the California Science Center in Los Angeles, the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum in Manhattan and the Kennedy Space Center visitor complex in Florida.

Jeffrey Solsby, a congressional staffer who watched the flyover from the window of his Capitol Hill office, said his wife Michelle took their daughters, 6 and 4, out of school to see "something I'm sure our girls will remember for a long time."

In Arlington County, where teachers took students outside for flyover, Barrett Elementary School Principal Theresa Bratt said in an email, "The children told me

that they wanted to reach up and touch it because it seemed so close."

But for Texas congressmen, the flyover was a bitter reminder that Houston, home of mission control, was passed over for a retired orbiter.

"One of these vehicles belongs at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, not on the Intrepid in NY," Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, wrote on his Facebook page. "Shame on the White House for playing politics with a national treasure."

The flyover was such a big event, even in a city accustomed to historic moments, that AAA Mid-Atlantic issued a warning to motorists: "Don't let anyone or anything — even a space shuttle overhead — distract you" and "For safe shuttle-spotting, pull off the road and park your car."

A similar flyover is planned for New York City next week for its shuttle delivery.

Confessed Norwegian killer goes on trial

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

LONDON — Anders Behring Breivik, who has confessed to killing 77 people in a rampage last July, went on trial Monday in Oslo for Norway's worst criminal episode since World War II.

The 33-year-old right-wing extremist has admitted to slaying 69 young people gathered for an annual Labor Party political camp on the Norwegian island of Utøya on July 22 after killing eight other people by detonating a homemade bomb that destroyed a government building in the Norwegian capital.

Breivik appeared calm and defiant as he entered the courtroom dressed in a dark suit and wearing handcuffs. He surveyed the media and public packed inside the courtroom and smiled. Family members and survivors of the attacks were in the public sector, separated from the defendant by thick glass partitions.

After his handcuffs were removed he gave a raised-fist fascist style salute before sitting down and giving a brief statement, saying: "I do not recognize the Norwegian courts. You have received your mandate from political parties which support multiculturalism." He said he acknowledged the acts but that he carried them out "in self defense."



Norway's mass killer Anders Behring Breivik gestures in a courtroom in Oslo, Norway, on Monday. He pleaded not guilty at the Oslo District Court. Photo courtesy of Hakon Mosvold / MCT

Breivik's antagonism to Islam, Muslim immigrants and multiculturalism has been aired in documents and statements since the killings. Through his lawyer he has said he was sorry he "didn't go further" to kill more than the 77 victims.

In essays on the Internet he has proclaimed himself a knight on a crusade against what he sees as Norway's "cultural suicide" and expressed anti-feminist views along with his hatred for Norway's Labor government, which supports both immigration and multiculturalism.

On Monday, he listened impassively as prosecutor Inga Bejer Engli listed the 77 victims and the manner of their death in an hour-long statement.

Svein Holden, also speaking for the prosecution, gave the court an account of Breivik's past life and his fascination with extreme right-wing politics. The court was shown photographs of Breivik's tiny bedroom and the remote farmhouse where he stockpiled weapons and explosives. In other photos, Breivik posed in a self-styled military uniform, holding an automatic rifle and sporting medals and badges — one reading, "Multiculti (sic) Traitor Hunting Permit."

The court saw and heard of his allegiance to the Knights Templar, his version of a militant Christian religious order that no longer exists, and was shown Breivik's own 12-minute propaganda film making references to

the group. During the showing, which was not broadcast outside the court, Breivik was seen to burst into tears as he watched.

Holden also gave a detailed account with film and CCTV footage of Breivik's actions on July 22, including recordings of the shots he fired on the island and his own calls to the Oslo police to announce his deeds during his 80-minute attack.

Although initially deemed insane after his surrender to police and subsequent arrest, Breivik has recently been reassessed and judged to be sane. The most recent evaluators warned that there was a "high risk of repetition of violence."

Under Norwegian law he faces a maximum penalty of 21 years in prison, which can be extended to life. When Breivik was read the charges of crimes of terrorism and murder last month, Holden told reporters they were "crimes of a dimension we have no previous experience with in our society in modern times."

Breivik will have five days to present his case which, reports say, will not be broadcast.

Obama proposes steps to curb oil market manipulation

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

WASHINGTON — Facing heat for high gasoline prices, President Barack Obama tried to shift the focus to Congress, Republicans and energy traders, calling for legislation that he said would "put more cops on the beat" to crack down on potential manipulation of the oil market.

Obama called on Congress to provide more money for regulators and increase penalties for market manipulators. The president, flanked by Treasury Secretary Timothy F. Geithner and Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., suggested that traders and speculators are affecting the price of oil and digging into Americans' pocketbooks.

"We can't afford a situation where some speculators can reap millions while millions of American families get the short end of the stick," Obama said in brief remarks in the Rose Garden on Tuesday. "That's not the way the market should work."

Obama's proposal would add \$52 million to the budget for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, which oversees oil futures markets, to pay for improved technology and additional employees. The president also proposed increasing the maximum civil and criminal penalties for manipulative activity in oil futures markets and beefing up data collection.

Republicans have pushed to trim the CFTC as part of their budget-cutting push.

Independent analysts and Republicans quickly questioned whether Obama was exaggerating the effect of speculation on the market. The White House did not point to any evidence that illegal conduct was on the rise.

Independent analysts have said speculators are a factor in the recent surge in oil prices but are not the main reason. A study last month by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis said global demand has been the main driver of higher oil prices over the last decade. Speculation was the second-largest factor, accounting for about 15 percent of the rise, the study said.

Republicans on Capitol Hill labeled the proposed legislation a political ploy.

But the president argued that the measures were necessary to prevent illegal trading as the volume of trading increases.

"Imagine if the NFL quadrupled the number of teams, but didn't increase the number of refs," Obama said. "You'd end up having havoc on the field, and it would diminish the game. It wouldn't be fair. That's part of what's going on in a lot of these markets."

Obama's expected Republican opponent, Mitt Romney, accused the president of over-regulating industries and slowing production.

"He's made it harder through trying to push the (Environmental Protection Agency) into regulating fracking for natural gas and oil, made it harder to get a reliable supply of gas, made it harder for those that mine coal and for those that use coal, made it harder to drill for oil," Romney said as he campaigned near western Pennsylvania's coal country.

Domestic oil and gas production actually has increased, and fracking — a technique primarily for producing natural gas — is not a direct factor in the price of gasoline. Still, the issues of energy and regulation are likely to resonate further as long as commuters are paying more at the pump.

It's possible that gasoline prices already have peaked. Prices have fallen nationally for the last two weeks after reaching a high of \$3.941 on April 2. Crude oil futures prices, which have risen steadily since October, also have gradually been edging lower, according to Energy Department data.

But prices remain markedly higher than they were a few months ago, which has helped make energy a weak spot for Obama. A Pew Research Center survey released Tuesday found that two-thirds of voters called energy a very important issue in the election. Romney had a slight edge with voters who saw energy as a top priority.

The White House's strategy for changing that dynamic looks much like its strategy on other pressing issues — use the unpopular and deadlocked Congress as a political foil, putting the onus on lawmakers to act and chiding them for disagreeing with the president.

"Congress should do all of this right away," Obama said. He also blasted congressional Republicans for blocking legislation that would have eliminated subsidies for oil companies.

"Here's a chance to make amends, a chance to actually do something that will protect consumers by increasing oversight of energy markets," he said.

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BREAKING THE SILENCE

A SPECIAL SERIES ON LGBTQIA ISSUES

'Legalize Gay' exhibit brings awareness to students at King Library

by Angelisa Ross
Staff Writer

Mark Sheppard, a senior pre-law studies major at San Jose City College, recently launched a "Legalize Gay" campaign.

"Most of my work revolves around social issues," Sheppard said.

According to Sheppard, the purpose of the campaign is to show support and awareness for Proposition 8.

"...all types of people have the right to feel how they feel and not be afraid of it."

-Gabriela Gomez, senior child development major

The "Legalize Gay" campaign photo display is located on the fourth floor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

According to the exhibit, "This nuanced petition rises to address the issue of inequality in response to the discrimination of same-sex marriage."

The campaign includes

black and white photos of different types of people holding a sign that says legalize gay.

According to Sheppard, the people that are photographed are all volunteers and supporters of the campaign.

"The way it started was organic," Sheppard said.

He got the idea for the campaign during a lecture in his women's studies class, he said.

"I have a really ignorant teacher, who made a really ignorant comment," Sheppard said.

According to Sheppard, out of fear for his grade, he suppressed his frustration toward his teacher and decided to start the "Legalize Gay" campaign.

The campaign has 200 photos and the number continues to grow, Sheppard said.

There are currently seven pictures posted in the library, with more to come in the next week, according to Sheppard.

He will add and rotate the pictures during the duration of his two-month exhibit to ensure all of his volunteers are presented.

"This project has a good way of centering people and networking," Sheppard said.

He hopes to raise enough awareness so that the Supreme Court rules in favor of gay marriage, he said.

According to Candice McGee, event coordinator for King Library, Sheppard's exhibit will be on the fourth floor until the end of May.

"I felt that with the Proposition 8 and all the stuff that's in the news right now that it was a good exhibit to have," McGee said.

The fourth floor will become

dedicated to displaying student work, according to McGee.

"I thought this is one way of expressing the fact that we can get this out there," McGee said. "Some people are going to like it, some people aren't, but at least it is freedom of speech."



The "Legalize Gay" exhibit displayed on the fourth floor of MLK Library. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

Viewers can see the exhibit from different floors of the library.

"I really don't have a problem with gay marriage," said Gabriela Gomez, a senior child development major. "If they choose same sex that's their option. If they're happy, they're happy."

According to Gomez, the campaign does a good job of promoting awareness.

"Everyone in the poster, they're all diverse," Gomez said. "Not everyone is the same and I think it shows that all types of people have the right to feel how they feel and not be afraid of it."

Seminar tackles food safety

by Eddie Fernandez
Staff Writer

The MOSAIC Cross Cultural Center hosted a discussion titled Genetically Modified Foods: Hurtful or Helpful?, to roughly 30 students and other attendees on Thursday.

The two-hour discussion led by Jose Pineda, a junior health science major and diversity advocate intern for MOSAIC, gave a slideshow presentation to individuals about the history, science and political issues regarding genetically modified foods.

"We set up the discussion because I wanted students to be educated on the fact that there are some positives and negatives of genetically modified food," Pineda said. "I wanted them to (be) informed and make an informed decision on whether to boycott research or to just support research in the future."

Some pros mentioned are that crops can be saved from pest infestation and produce can last longer when consumers purchase them.

In contrast, genetically modified foods include potential health risks and a shortage of food due to decomposing.

According to ProQuest, an online library resource, the term "genetically modified foods" is most commonly used to refer to crops created for human or animal consumption using the latest molecular biology techniques.

These plants have been modified in the laboratory to enhance desired traits such as increased resistance to herbicides or improved nutritional content.

The presentation gave Kyle Chak, an undeclared junior, a new awareness about what food purchases to make and what foods to eat.

"I rather watch carefully with what I eat," Chak said. "If there's any health risks they want me to know — then that's what I want to watch for."

Chak added that the presentation gave him an in-depth understanding about how food is modified by science.

Norman Borlaug, of the "Green Revolution" initiatives, applied scientific research by experimenting on new cereal strains and putting them into extensive production in order to feed the hungry people of the world—thus providing, as he said, "temporary success in man's war against hunger and deprivation," according to the U.S Department of Agriculture.

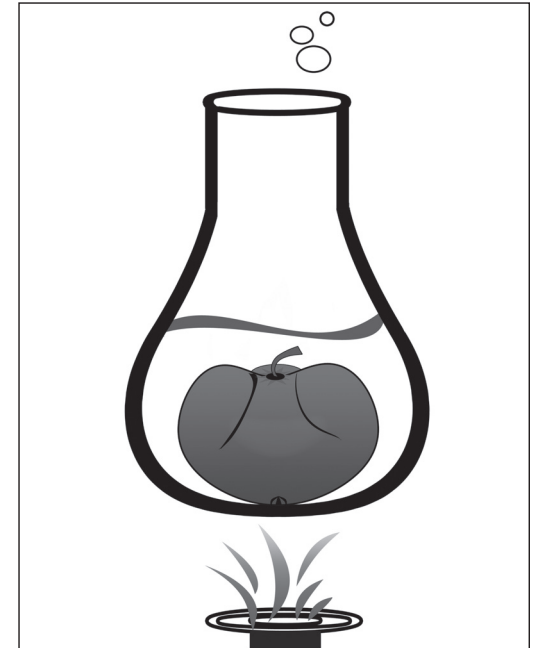
A documentary film titled "Food Inc." was presented to the class in an effort to further

educate and inform students about how corporate farming has almost monopolized agribusiness.

The Monsanto Company is the leading producer of genetically engineered seeds, with 90 percent of all U.S. market seeds coming from the company, according to the documentary.

According to the film, Monsanto has put farmers out of business because of longer lasting crops.

Monsanto has patented their seeds and farmers who choose to use their seeds must abide by their rules.



A tomato inside an Erlenmeyer flask. Illustration by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

Annabel Salamanca, a junior Mexican-American studies graduate student, said she found herself conflicted about modified food.

"If we look at it, the economic perspective of GMO's, I guess I would be for it simply because more than half our country is low income and they couldn't afford organic foods," Salamanca said. "But other than that, I think I would be against it."

The event's discussion gave students and others the opportunity to take their own understanding of science and agriculture and apply it to their daily nutrition.

The on-campus celebration of Earth Day will be tomorrow and booths will be set up throughout campus with information on how to be green and help make the environment better.

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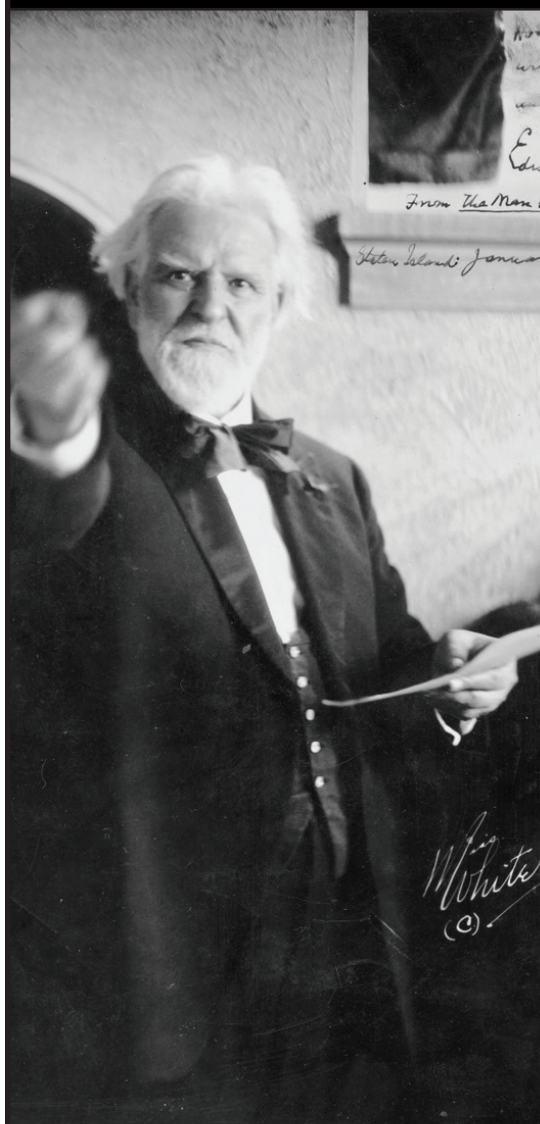


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Womens' intuition has Romney figured out

BY BRITTANY PATTERSON

Small Town Girl



This column appears every other Wednesday

A 14-point margin. That is the amount American women — surveyed by a recent Reuters/Ipsos poll — favored President Obama over Republican hopeful Mitt Romney.

The amount of surprise I have over this finding — absolutely none.

The poll, released yesterday, showed 51 percent of registered female voters support the president, compared to 37 percent who favor Romney.

Women chose Obama over Romney in every category.

And so the question is: Why? Traditionally, the Democratic candidates fare better with women.

Women voters have favored Democratic candidates over Republican, commonly referred to as the gender gap.

Republicans, including Romney, tend to be more conservative on social issues such as the right to choose and gay marriage, which puts them at a disadvantage with women voters, who tend to be more open on this front.

But Obama won women over in categories such as foreign policy, family values, jobs and the economy.

Now, I can't speak for all women, and I'm a bleeding heart liberal, especially on social issues, but Romney just strikes the wrong chord with me.

I'll acknowledge that's far from a scientific diagnosis, but the amount of sliminess that oozes from the overly tan Romney zaps what little credibility he might have.

I've got two major qualms.

The man wants to enact more tax cuts for the wealthy — his proposal would abolish taxes on dividends, interest and capital gains for anyone with incomes of \$250,000 a year or less, while also keeping the Bush-era tax cuts in place.

Let's get a little real here.

This economy we're living in — not so good. We're all struggling. We feel it when we fill up our cars, buy groceries and check our savings statement.

But for the portion of Americans, and this is arguably a small portion, who are making it, Romney is proposing we alleviate their financial burden.

I am a strong believer that for those who foster the entrepreneurial spirit in America, who have been lucky enough

to be able to live the American Dream, part of their success is directly related to the unique infrastructure of this country.

Corporations can thrive in this country because the workforce is fairly well-educated, or at least has access to education.

We have an advanced network of roads thanks to the government and our tax dollars. There is the postal system, our currency, and the list goes on. These things have been prioritized by the government and all of us, including the rich, have benefited from them.

I like my food not killing me, which is why programs like the FDA are things I'm not OK with sacrificing.

Slime-factor number two — Romney has the presumptuousness to think his vast mountain of wealth shouldn't separate him from the rest of us.

Romney's estimated his wealth is close to \$250 million. He earned \$21.6 million in 2010, mostly from investments, according to tax returns he released in late January.

In an interview aired yesterday with ABC's Diane Sawyer, Romney said his wealth shouldn't prevent him from relating to most Americans.

Romney's vast wealth will be paying for a car elevator as

part of a \$12 million renovation at his beach home in La Jolla, Calif.

That's cool. I know I relate to a man who is going to install a car elevator in his beach mansion. Really, these are the only people I relate to.

I know Obama is rich too — not as rich, but still rich. According to The Atlantic, the Obamas reported a joint adjusted gross income of \$789,674 and paid \$162,074 in federal taxes in 2011.

But seriously, a crucial insight that the president of the United States should have is to be able to understand what the majority of the country needs and wants.

We need and want jobs. Being super wealthy and proposing tax cuts for the wealthy accomplish neither of those things.

As a woman, I feel as though I have a pretty good sense of people's character. I'm sure it's tied to some anthropological desire to pick the strongest, most loyal mate, but applying that to this upcoming presidential race, all I can see is a fake, tanned and out-of-touch Republican nominee.

Let's call it women's intuition, and we all know we shouldn't mess with that.

GSA investigation is a justified action



by Rebecca Duran Staff Writer

The General Services Administration is in some hot water.

It was recently revealed that they spent tax payers' money on a 2010 conference and on frivolous family trips, costing a total of \$830,000, according to a ABC news article.

The GSA is a federal agency that oversees government business and hires federal employees, according to its website.

Congressional hearings this week will decide the fate of the workers involved.

Jeff Neely, the former Public Building Regional Commissioner for the administration's 9th region, is remaining silent as he is accused of being the main organizer of the conference, according to the article.

Neely also used money to go on trips to the South Pacific, Napa Valley and Las Vegas, according to a USA today article.

I am outraged that a government agency would betray citizens by selfishly using its money for personal trips.

Emails between Neely and his wife were shared during Tuesday's meeting, in which the content alone makes me angry.

"Rough schedule per our conversation. Guess this'll be your birthday present?" Neely said in reference to the illegal spending, according to the article.

How did his wife respond, you ask?

"Its yo birthday ... We gonna pawty like iz yo birthday!" according to the article.

The couple's trips included luxurious stays in Hawaii, Guam and Saipan, with 115 electronic devices meant for GSA prize ceremonies also going missing, according to the article.

Guess what?

One of the prizes, an iPad, was traced to Neely's daughter.

Are the greedy acts by certain members of the government something Americans still need to deal with?

If it wasn't for Inspector General Brian Miller's suspicions of the Las Vegas conference, and bringing it to the attention of Congress, all guilty parties would still be getting away with this.

Who knows how many

more people were involved in this scandal and who will continue to remain at large?

I'm hoping an investigation will uncover any of the other employees involved and put them behind bars.

This country is already in enough turmoil for the people it trusts to be greedy and betray them.

I guess making deals with resorts and vendors and planning trips was worth the pretense they were planned under.

GSA administrator Martha Johnson even resigned after the scandal was revealed.

"It's time for the government to be wary of employees' actions and speak up when suspicions arise."

This is supposed to be the company whose tasks include running the rules and regulations of travel and conferences for federal agencies, according to Yahoo.

If we can't trust them to not secretly spend tax money on their own trips, who can we trust?

Neely couldn't even take responsibility for his actions, pleading "the fifth" and not showing up to Tuesday's hearing, according to the article.

At least the GSA is demanding he pay back the money, according to the article.

All the punishments in the world still doesn't change this act of betrayal.

People should not have to deal with corruption, even though it is rampant around the world.

It's time for the government to be wary of employees' actions and speak up when suspicions arise.

If the spending has been taking place over the last two years, then why did it take so long for it to be noticed?

There needs to be greater scrutiny when this type of spending takes place, but I guess fines and prison time will have to do for now.

No one should have to stand for the government to use and abuse their hard-earned money.

Tupac is dead and we need to move on



by Francisco Rendon Senior Staff Writer

Tupac Shakur died on Sept. 13, 1996 in a hospital from gunshot wounds previously sustained on the Las Vegas strip.

He was pronounced dead at the hospital, there was a coroner's report, his body was cremated and the ashes were spread around Los Angeles.

Some people will believe what they want to believe, and even prior to Sunday, there were many conspiracy theorists who insisted that Tupac had simply grown tired of the media attention and was hiding on a beach or in a basement somewhere.

Nevertheless, the overwhelming evidence suggested

that Tupac was gone. That was that.

And then a life-size hologram of Tupac greeted festivalgoers in his voice and performed several tracks with Snoop Dogg at the Coachella Music Festival on Sunday.

Now, just to be clear, Tupac is still dead. Please reference the first two paragraphs of this story for the validity of these claims.

While I don't like a lot of the violent, sexist and hateful songs he made, he did make tracks like "Changes," "Keep Ya Head Up," "Dear Mama" and "Thugz Mansion" to address social injustice and provide words of encouragement, hope and love.

If you watch interviews with him from early in his career, he exudes charisma. You cannot help but like him.

He spoke out against poverty. He (sometimes) defended the struggle of women,

especially black women in society. He advocated for the elimination of prejudice (even as he repeatedly used one of the most racist words in the English language).

It should come as no surprise that people do not want him to be dead, and will resort to sometimes dramatic lengths to keep him "alive."

But like it or not, the man has gone onto whatever comes after we die and we should let him be gone.

He left us his writing, music and movies to remember him by. Do we really need to make his image dance around on stage in front of millions of people and perform "2 of Amerikaz Most Wanted?"

Did anybody ask Tupac that before he died?

"Hey Pac, we know you're gonna die someday, but would it be cool if we create a hologram in your exact likeness so

we can keep making money and pretending you're still alive?"

Somehow, I doubt anyone gained the consent of Tupac to parade what is as close to a copy of his body as we can create around for our entertainment.

In writing this I guess I can see the value in enjoying his performance. After all, many people love his music, and music you love almost always sounds better live.

And who knows, maybe he would want us to be able to appreciate his songs "live." Somehow, I don't think we will ever know.

Regardless, whether or not it's right may be a moot point anyway: Rumor has it there is a possibility the hologram may go on tour.

Stay tuned for updates on the ghost of a dead legend, coming to an arena near you.



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Editorial: Queer community issues are our issues, too

You may have noticed the special series header in the Spartan Daily this week symbolizing our special series on issues in the LGBTQIA community.

Here in California, especially living in the Bay Area, it's easy to forget that in many parts of the country, the fight for equality in the LGBTQIA community is still being fought valiantly.

We are the generation that has grown up talking more about LGBTQIA issues than any other before us, but there is always work to be done.

Take for example the case of 18-year-old Rutgers student Tyler Clementi, who jumped to his death from the George Washington Bridge in New Jersey in September of 2010.

Clementi, a gay student, was unknowingly videotaped by his roommate Dharun Ravi and hallmate Molly Wei, kissing another man.

A second attempt to tape Clementi was made, and the footage was released to the Internet through Twitter and Facebook.

Tyler Clementi's suicide, along with the suicides of several other gay teens who had been harassed, moved many members of government, including President Obama, to express their dismay over bullying in the LGBTQIA community.

Federal legislation titled the "Tyler Clementi Higher Education Anti-Harassment Act," was introduced and requires schools that wish to receive federal funding to establish anti-bullying procedures and codes of conduct.

But it took an 18-year-old man, whose life was just beginning, to take his own life before we, as a society, called for action.

This week the queer community is observing "Breaking the Silence" week which will culminate in the "Day of Silence" the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network's annual day of action to protest the bullying and harassment of members of the LGBTQIA community.

Students across the nation can take a day long vow of silence on Friday that represents the silencing of LGBT students and the people who support them.

It's easy to be apathetic about this cause, but we can't dismiss it as "These issues don't affect me because I am not a part of that community."

But it does affect you because you are a part of the whole of humanity.

Bullying, harassment, discrimination, and wanting to belong to a community transcend labels regarding our sexuality.

When confronted with a community you're not familiar with, it can be easy to tune out or shut down. We lose interest or expect other people to do so for us.

When we are polarized by an increasingly forceful media we are bombarded by messages from multiple mediums, it's not acceptable to just settle with a baseline acceptance.

Regardless of terminology, the overarching connection between all of us is that we are humans.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, ally, asexual or straight, we have the same emotions, the same physiological needs and desires.

Our lives will take similar paths. We will all live and die, work and sleep, love and suffer loss. All of us together because we are human.

Diversity is what sets us apart. That we can be different, that we seek to be individuals, these are notions that transcend societal labels.

And so we ask you to disregard whatever initial reluctance you might feel about understanding, to set aside the language and vocabulary and to take a stand on this basis: these issues are not LGBTQIA issues, they are human ones.

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BREAKING DOWN

'LGBTQIA'

- **LESBIAN:** A woman whose primary sexual and affectional orientation is toward people of the same gender.
- **GAY:** A person (or adjective to describe a person) whose primary sexual and affectional orientation is toward people of the same gender; a commonly-used word for male homosexuals.
- **BISEXUAL:** A person whose primary sexual and affectional orientation is toward people of the same and other genders, or toward people regardless of their gender.
- **TRANSGENDER:** Used most often as an umbrella term, and frequently abbreviated to "trans" or "trans*" (the asterisk indicates the option to fill in the appropriate label, i.e. Transman). It describes a wide range of identities and experiences of people whose gender identity and/or expression differs from conventional expectations based on their assigned biological birth sex.
- **TRANSSEXUAL (TS):** A person who perceives themselves as a member of a gender that does not "match" the sex they were assigned at birth. Many pursue hormones and/or surgery. Sometimes used to specifically refer to trans* people pursuing gender or sex reassignment.
- **QUEER:** Anyone who chooses to identify as such. This can include, but is not limited to, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgendered people, intersex people, asexual people, allies, leather fetishists, freaks, etc. Not all the people in the above subcategories I.D. as queer, and many people NOT in the above groups DO. This term has different meanings to different people.
- **QUESTIONING:** One who is in the process of questioning their sexual identity/orientation/preference.
- **INTERSEX:** People who naturally (that is, without any medical interventions) develop primary and/or secondary sex characteristics that do not fit neatly into society's definitions of male or female.
- **ALLY:** A person who confronts heterosexism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, heterosexual privilege, and so on, in themselves and others out of self-interest and a concern for the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and other queer-related people, and who believes that heterosexism is a social injustice.
- **ASEXUALITY:** A sexual orientation generally characterized by not feeling sexual attraction or a desire for partnered sexuality. Asexuality is distinct from celibacy, which is the deliberate abstention from sexual activity. Some asexuals do have sex. There are many diverse ways of being asexual.

Infographics by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily
Information compiled from UC Davis LGBT Center website

Ethnicity: SJSU Queer groups are diverse in opinions, activities

FROM PAGE 1

"A lot of students face discrimination within their own family in an oppressive home environment," said Chara Bui, a senior environmental studies major. "Q&A SJSU provides a safe space for students to gather, attend events, explore their own identities and freely express themselves."

EL PAIS DEFINED

Estudiantes Latino's y el Proyecto Arco Iris, or EL PAIS, meets every Tuesday and Friday to discuss various subjects like Queer Latinos in the media and "Latino lingo."

Steven Prudencio, the president of EL PAIS, said he has been running the club for three years.

"I started the club because I wanted a group where I could find more individuals I could really relate to which were Queer Latino students who had similar interests," Prudencio said. A sense of community can be found among the six group members. "Though we are a small, tight-knit group we each work for each other in a sense, and if there is something one member wants we all work to execute it as a group," Prudencio said.

Tina Fernandez, who does public relations for EL PAIS, said her favorite part of the group is the social interaction and the discussions at the meetings among members.

Fernandez publicizes the group through social media such as Facebook and Tumblr to try and get Queer Latino students to attend the meetings.

"At times it's hard recruiting individuals of the same group who identify as Queer and Latino," Prudencio said.

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"Culture affects me and identifying myself as a Queer Latino male," Prudencio said. "It's always been a matter of acceptance within the culture and the masculinity within the culture itself."

Machismo is an overt masculinity within the Latino culture, Fernandez said.

"I constantly face challenges because I'm Queer and female," Fernandez said. "This puts a lot of pressure on me culturally because of machismo and the traditional female roles to cook, clean and be submissive."

Prudencio said EL PAIS is a group for all Queer Latinos, who all get along well. The group is also accepting of anyone willing to join, including allies, he said.

LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER RESOURCE CENTER

A warm and inviting atmosphere surrounds the LGBTRC, with plush couches, tables, scattered artwork and vibrant rainbow motifs.

"The LGBTRC advises and supports five student clubs, provides leadership development opportunities through training, retreats and conferences, education in the classroom and through workshops, provides safe spaces and opportunities for community development," Sugiyama said.

The center, which is located at Modular B, helps with student identity development, educates on current issues and provides support groups for those wishing to take advantage of the services.

The LGBTRC is a great place, anyone can come out and join it and be free to express themselves, Prudencio said.

Myths: Bisexuals, lesbians are often misportrayed

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Cruz said she noticed she was bisexual at a young age.

"I probably was around seven-ish when I realized I was bisexual," she said. "I think that is around the time we start noticing others in ways more than just friends."

However, Cruz said, since she was young, she suppressed her feelings toward a classmate of the same sex for years.

"At that young age, that was when I knew I was attracted to women. I also knew I like boys as well," she said. "I have had an equal attraction."

Senior photography major Steven Prudencio said one of the myths of bisexuality is that men don't have the option to be bisexual — only women do.

Prudencio defines bisexuality as "an individual who looks at love in both terms of gender but in a not so specific manner."

He said one of the biggest challenges of being bisexual is that there is a double standard.

"If a girl is with a guy and she kisses another girl they (her boyfriend) don't consider that cheating," Prudencio said. "If a guy is with a girl and he kisses another guy the girl will immediately see it as cheating and will, in many cases, say you are gay."

He said the media play a big role in the stereotypes of bisexuality and lesbianism.

Prudencio used the example of singer Katy Perry's song

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"I Kissed a Girl," which completely obliterated what it means to be a bisexual.

The song empowers the stereotype women have the option to choose who they fall in love with and men do not, he said.

"Honestly, I dislike the way the media portrays bisexuality," Cruz said. "I feel they try to sexualize everything. It's not just about sex — it's way more than that — it's about feelings."

Prudencio said he's seen an artistic photography work where two women are pictured kissing while a man is also present in the room watching them which sends the wrong message about the lesbian community.

Stephanie Monterroza, a senior nutrition education major, said the media has an effect on

the queer community and how others view it.

"I feel that the media portrays lesbians as hot and is much more acceptable in society than gay men," she said. "The media glorifies lesbian woman and is geared toward entertainment for male viewers."

Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender resource center, said the idea that males view lesbians as attractive stems from the media.

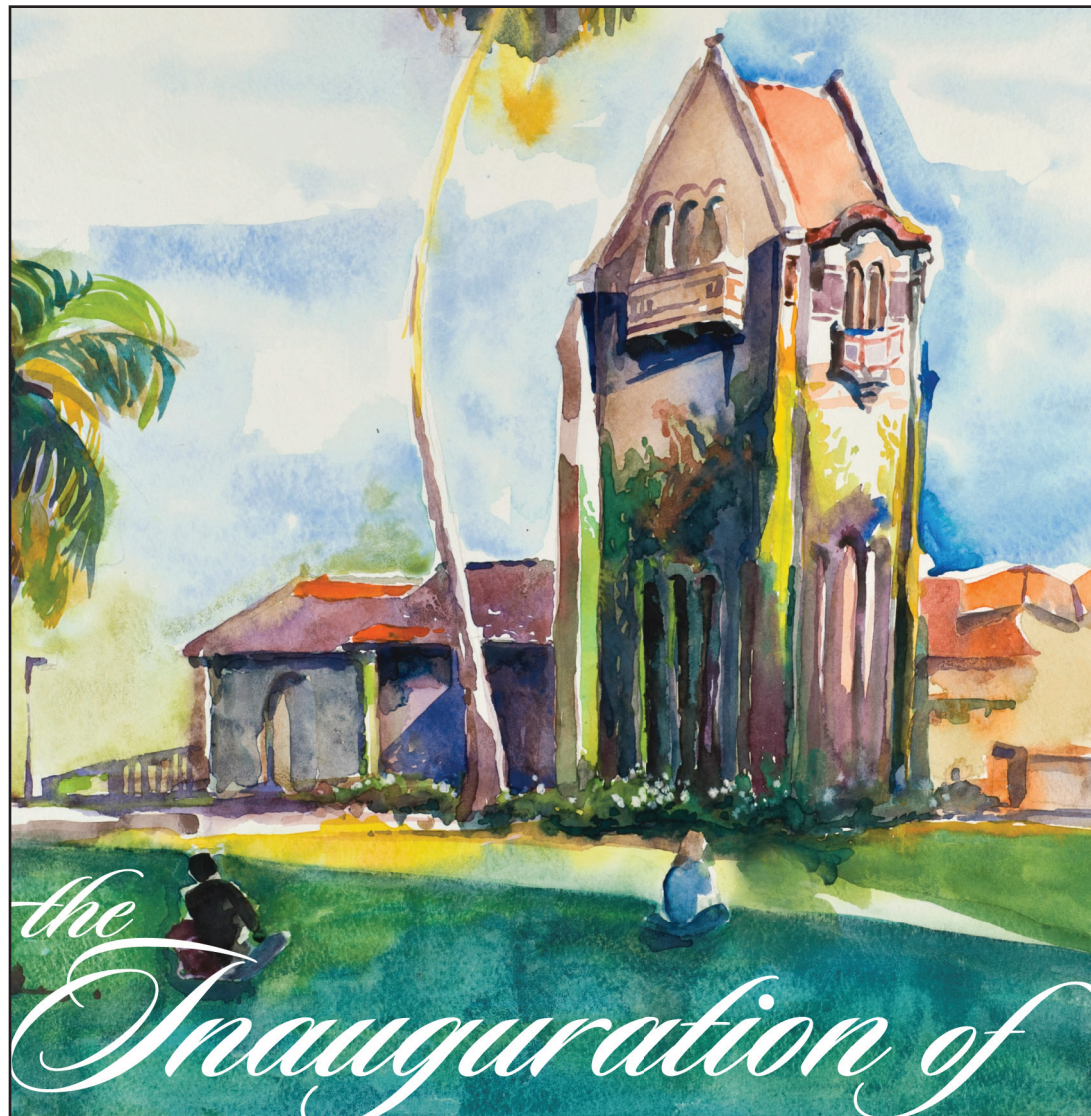
"There's porn where there are women together, but I wouldn't necessarily say that they're lesbians," Sugiyama said. "It's for the entertainment of men, which is different than if you were to watch actual lesbian porn. It looks a lot different."

She said men are more inclined to be attracted to feminine-looking lesbians as opposed to masculine-looking lesbians.

"How men react is interesting because a lot of it depends on whether or not they think that they can become a party to it or if it serves them in a purpose of being entertained by it," Sugiyama said.

Due to the media's portrayal of lesbians, men are inclined to think it's attractive, Monterroza said.

"What is sad however, is that a lot of folks even in the queer community carry that same belief — you are either queer or not and you'd think they would be more understanding," she said.



"Given the tumultuous and fast-paced environment that we live in, anticipating the future is increasingly difficult. All we can say with confidence is that change is constant, endemic and necessary. The best way to predict the university's future is to create it ourselves."

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