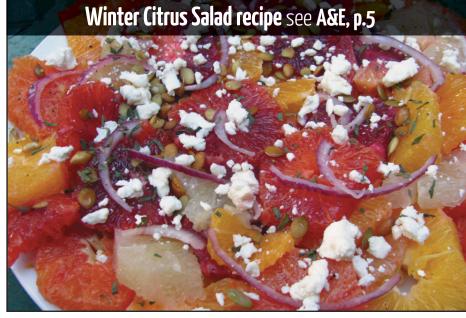


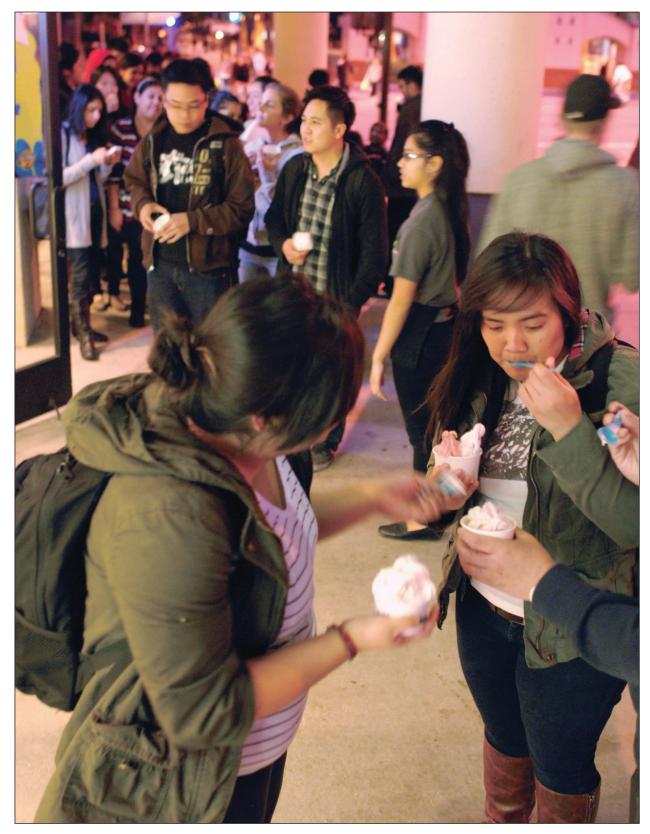
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Worth the wait



SJSU staff leads forum to familiarize faculty with Greek ways of life

by Ty Hargrove Staff Writer

Five SISU staff members addressed student members of fraternities and sororities on Wednesday about how faculty members can build stronger connections with the Greek community.

The event held in the Instructional Resource Center and was part of the series Understanding Our Students.

The series began with a general session in September, with monthly discussions that followed, according to Amy Strage, the interim director for the center of faculty development.

The monthly topics include student athletes, student veterans, firsttime students (frosh and transfer), first-generation students, international students and student members of fraternities and sororities.

Strage and Deanna Peck, of counseling services, began to facilitate these sessions in the fall of 2011.

"We have come up with a series of sessions, with the hopes of strengthening the connection between the faculty and the students," Strage said.

Blake Balajadia, assistant director of fraternity and sorority life, helped shed a little light on how faculty can better help students who belong to these groups by addressing some

false stereotypes that many seem to feed into.

"Perceptions has become a reality," he said. "Most believe that this lifestyle is all about partying and that you pay for your friends," which he added is not the case.

According to Balajadia, fraternities and sororities groups are very dominant on campus and consist of an upward of 1,500 students.

SJSU has 20 fraternities and 13 sororities, according to SJSU's student involvement website.

Also, there are four governing councils which include, Interfraternity Council (IFC), National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC), Pan-Hellenic Council (PHC) and the United Sorority and Fraternity Council, according to SJSU's Student Involvement website.

The first sorority on SJSU's campus was introduced in 1898, which was followed by SJSU's first men's social fraternity in 1901, according to the SJSU's Student Involvement website.

According to Balajadia, many positive aspects of Greek life are looked over because of negative stereotypes.

"We need to bring forth new ideas to welcome students, to get rid of

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In honor of National Frozen Yogurt day, SJSU students swarm the Yogurtland on San Carlos and Fourth Street for a small cup of free fro-yo and a special celebratory blue spoon. From 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. the line wrapped around

the building. Junior mechanical engineering student Miliza Taedo (left) and her friend Kathryn Dela Cruz, a junior kinesiology student, share the different flavors of this sugary treat. Photo by Dorian Silva / Spartan Daily

Campus committees offer opportunities for students

Associated Students has more than 22 committees, many seeking involvement

by Julie Tran Staff Writer

There are numerous ways to be active within the SJSU community, ranging from recreational clubs to sports teams, but one way allows students to create an impact on the campus.

Through the Associated Students, there are 22 committees on the university grounds varying from Undergraduate Studies to Traffic, Transit and Parking Advisory.

Yan Yin Choy, director of student rights and responsibilities, said committees are sub-organizations within A.S. that target specific issues.

"It's an activity on campus that gets students politically involved as well as give service," Choy said.

Choy added that for students to apply to be on a committee, they must fill out an application through the A.S. House and write down the names of the committees they're interested in.

For Katie Minks, director of faculty affairs, she decided that the University Affairs Committee was the right fit for her.

According to a brochure about student government and services from A.S., the University Affairs Committee is responsible "to coordinate the student voice in bringing issues to the A.S. Board of Directors pending in the Academic Senate and CSU Board of Trustees."

A second-year grad student aiming for her masters in creative writing and fine arts, Minks had a goal in mind when joining the committee.

"I want to be a professor one day after I get my Ph.D," Minks said. "I am interested in how the faculty functions on campus."

Despite the varieties of committees available, there has been difficulty when it comes to recruiting students, Choy said.

Demerris Brooks serves as the ombudsperson for the Student Fairness Committee, which handles complaints regarding student rights violations, grievances and disputes.

As the ombudsperson for the committee, Brooks is responsible for assisting students with the interpretation of the university's policies.

She noted that there were tremendous issues in the previous semester

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University-led institute receives grant

by Rebecca Duran Staff Writer

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded a \$3.5 million federal transit grant to the Mineta Transportation Institute, according to its press release.

The SJSU-led association focuses on research, education, information and technology transfer for multiuse surface transportation policy and management issues, according to its website.

"The program is like an MBA for transportation professionals, and is the only in the nation," said Rod Diridon, executive director of the institute.

SJSU will receive \$2 million of the grant to oversee eight other schools



In the Feb. 6 issue of the Spartan Daily, the word receive was spelled incorrectly in the headline that should have read, "CSU to receive minimal funding in new budget." The Spartan Daily regrets the error. and make sure they use proper scientific protocol, Diridon said.

Led by the institute, the other eight schools include Rutgers University, Howard University, University of Detroit, Grand Valley State University, Bowling Green State University, University of Toledo, University of Nevada and Pennsylvania State University, according to the press release.

The grant will be invested in four areas – three in research and one in education, Diridon said.

The first area of research focuses on transportation security, the second area focuses on finance - with the urban planning department at SJSU – and the third area focuses on high speed rail policy, Diridon said.

The last area focuses on information transfer. This means the institute makes sure the general public knows about research findings, Diridon said.

"The Mineta National Policy Summits meets with top national organizations seven or eight times a year so they can use our information," Diridon said. This involves transportation security, such as national highway protection.

One area is in a master of science in transportation management degree taught through video conferencing through 28 sites around California and video streaming around the world.

The original site was at SJSU, he said.

There are also SJSU professors involved with research programs, Diridon said.

"They are working on over 30 different research projects," he said. "The research is conducted at the highest standard, and is published at the research center and in journals.

"There have been over 150 peerreviewed research reports and books published since the mid 1990s."

The grant was awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation with the support of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, a representative of California's 16th District, which includes most of San Jose and Santa Clara County.

"I want to congratulate San Jose State, as well as other consortium universities, on receiving this grant funding," Lofgren said in a press

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COMMITTEES: Recruitment difficult to fill positions

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due to a lack of students in the committee.

"In the time I worked on the committee, it was the most difficult," Brooks said. "The increased student traffic provided more cases, but we didn't have a lot of people."

In addition, the number of hours a student serves on a committee can take up a lot of time.

"Some range from three to 10 hours a month, but it's usually the minimum and doesn't take too much to be present," Choy said.

Minks recalled balancing her schoolwork and her responsibilities as being a member of the University Affairs Committee to be tricky.

"Sometimes I have a hard time because I work two other jobs," Minks said. "It gets difficult by the end of the semester, but it can be balanced out with planning."

Even with the issue of time commitments and low participation from the student body, some believe that the presence of student committees are essential for SJSU's development.

Robert Carrera, a sophomore majoring in criminology, said he heard about the student committees through his interest in joining A.S as well as his peers from Students for Quality Education.

"A few of my friends in Students for Quality Education are members of A.S. so I did some research online," Carrera said. "From that point on, I got interested."

Although Carrera said he is more determined in joining the Board of Directors, he said the committees can help boost the university's efficiency.

"I love this campus and I think that we can do a lot more to expand the community at SJSU."

jadia said.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security, according to the institute's website.

to oversee research programs

MINETA: SJSU given \$2 million

San Jose State students have also contributed to the institute.

"I do a lot of different things for MTI. They range from processing/filing/tracking paperwork, to distributing research publications to state and federal government offices," Joseph Mercado, a student research report assistant, said. "I prepare research publications to planning the

attention to detail.

"I've grown a lot in the time I've worked at MTI, not just with the new skills I've picked up along the way, but because of the amazing people I work with.

"I believe MTI is what it is today because it has great leaders like Rod Diridon and Karen Philbrick (Director of Reserach), and the best supporting staff to allow them to do their best," Mercado said.

Congress established the institute in 1991 under the In-

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- Joseph Mercado, student research report assistant

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In a letter to the Depart-

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gren stated: "It is our under-

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the transportation industry

The institute is funded by Congress through the U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration, by the California Legislature through Caltrans and public and private grants and donations including the setup of our annual banquet termodal Surface Transportaand board meetings."

His work also includes IT issues and assisting in adminsitration, research and education departments.

"I've learned much about maintaining and creating organizational documents, social skills and communicating with people in a professional environment, along with proofreading and paying

tion Efficiency Act.

The consortium's particular areas of expertise include "alternative fuels, safety and security, public policy, finance, workforce development, livable communities, environmental sustainability, economic competitiveness, new modes and many other critical factors essential to sustainable mobility," according to the website.

GREEK FORUM: Understanding Our Students series aims to build stronger connection with faculty

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myths about Greek organizations that bring forth false stigmas," he said.

The goals and mission statements of the various groups may differ, but their main values are clear, Bala-

He said these values con-

The faculty should try to understand each student's special situation, Strage said.

This series of monthly discussions are dedicated to faculty to help them better understand their students and to find ways in which they can connect with them, Strage said.

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Bernadette Cheyne will be talking with students 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday, Feb. 13 A.S. House-Fireside Room

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sist of family, academics, service and leadership.

"Most students only make it to the 'family' aspect because they are new here and they are only trying to discover a sense of belonging," Balajadia said.

Faculty and student connections are very imperative to help facilitate such a dynamic group, Strage said.

"The faculty needs to look at student motivational tactics and figure out why students came to college in the first place," Strage said. "Maybe then they will find some kind of common ground in which they can build from."

"The question is how can we get faculty to attend these session?" said Deanna Peck of counseling services. "How can we get faculty to reach out to students when we as staff, can't get faculty to come to these meetings?"

According to Peck, faculty should be required to attend one workshop per semester.

Because no faculty members were at this session, the connection that we hope to spark may be put on hold, Peck said.

"Having teachers better understand their students is a reflection of student life," she said.

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Romney favored, Santorum lurking as three states vote Tuesday

Conservative voters beginning to lean toward Santorum over recent disapproval of Romney

McClatchy Tribune Wire Service

WASHINGTON - Republicans in Colorado, Minnesota and Missouri will vote for presidential candidates Tuesday, and while Mitt Romney is favored to win, many conservatives appear eager to signal their unease with him by voting for Rick Santorum.

Social conservatives are particularly active in Minnesota, where one poll has Romney, a former Massachusetts governor, in a virtual tie with former Pennsylvania U.S. Sen. Santorum.

Polls are often poor predictors of caucus results, however, where attendance is a function of campaign organization and voter passion.

"Caucus attendees here tend to gravitate to the most conservative candidate," said former Minnesota Gov. Tim Pawlenty, a Romney supporter. SantoSantorum ahead of Romney by 29 to 27 percent in its Saturday poll, and called the race a tossup. Not far behind were Newt Gingrich, a former speaker of the House of Representatives, with 22 percent and Texas U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, at 19 percent. Paul has campaigned hard in the state; Gingrich has made little effort.

"Maybe 60,000 people will turn out, in a state where millions of people vote" in general elections," said Steven Schier, a professor of political science at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn. "It's a sliver of a sliver. Santorum knows that, and he's been here and he's been active."

Colorado's caucuses are less of a risk for Romney, though tea party candidates won statewide primaries there last year before losing in the

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney addresses supporters during a rally at American Douglas Metals in Orlando, Florida, Wednedsay, Jan. 25. Romney won the Nevada Caucus on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Joe Burbank / MCT

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-Steven Schier, political science professor at Carleton College

rum has been emphasizing general election. Romney has family and faith, painting himself as the race's true staunch conservative.

Santorum questioned Romney's conservative credentials Monday, while the Romney camp painted Santorum as aggressively spending federal money during his Senate years.

Public Policy Polling, a Democratic survey firm, found a strong state organization and has campaigned hard there in recent days, while Gingrich ly to derail his march to the and Santorum aren't as well organized there.

Missouri also will vote Tuesday, albeit in a nonbinding primary that will select no delegates to the Republican National Convention in August. They'll be selected later.

The caucus states will be watched most closely. A Romney stumble Tuesday is unlikenomination, though it would revive questions about his political strength. He won both state caucuses in 2008.

This time, "losing one of these races is not game-changing," said Floyd Ciruli, a Denver-based independent politia lifeline for one of the other candidates." If social conservatives signal their displeasure with

cal consultant. "But it would be

Romney, that could add drama to a GOP battle that's widely considered to be effectively over after Romney's big wins last week in Florida and Nevada.

"Santorum has great appeal to some of those people," said Charles Slocum, a former Minnesota GOP chairman. Many conservatives, Slocum said, think that Romney's record "has not been consistently conservative enough."

Among their beefs: Rom-

ney signed into law a state health care plan that became the model for the 2010 federal health care law. He's said the plan was right for Massachusetts but shouldn't be imposed nationally.

"The only area conservatives would appreciate Romney flip-flopping on would be Romneycare," Santorum spokesman Hogan Gidley said. "So why he doubles down on this liberal accomplishment instead of just flip-flopping as usual is beyond me."

The Romney camp aggressively confronted the Santorum threat Monday. It issued a "research briefing" on Santorum's "false attacks on Massachusetts health care."

Santorum said at a candidates' debate Jan. 26 that Romney backed a "top-down, government-run health care system." Massachusetts law requires nearly everyone to obtain insurance and provides assistance to those who can't afford it, but it doesn't create a government-run system.

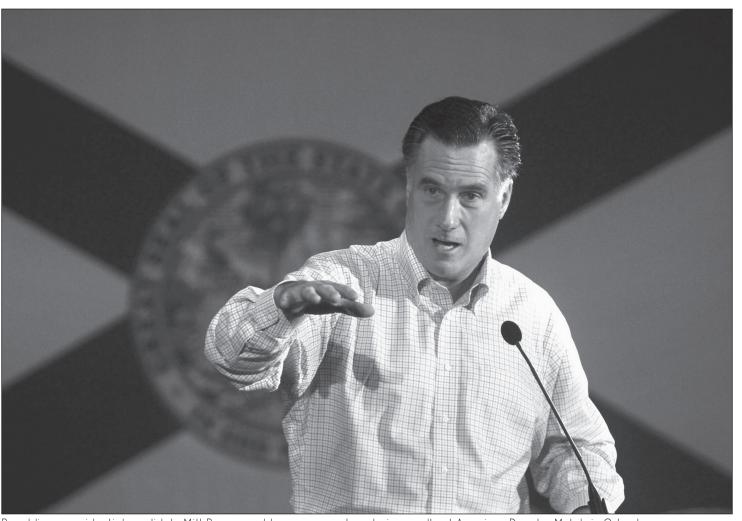
Later Monday, Pawlenty conducted a media conference call on "Rick Santorum's Long History of Pork-Barrel Spending," listing different earmarks, or local projects, that Santorum backed while he was a U.S. senator from 1995 to 2007.

Super Bowl ratings set new record with more than 111 million viewers



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LOS ANGELES – Another ratings record, another halftime controversy. What else could it have been but the Super Bowl?

Sunday's NFL championship set another TV ratings record, the latest evidence that the Super Bowl has become the equivalent of a nationwide secular holiday, with all the attendant hoopla and partisan bickering one might expect.

An average of 111.3 million total viewers tuned in to NBC's coverage, according to figures from Nielsen, watching the underdog New York Giants hold off the New England Patriots 21-17 in a seesaw match that went down to the final moments.

Statistically, the viewership was flat with last year's game on Fox (111 million). But the less-than-1 percent increase was nevertheless enough for NBC to claim bragging rights for the most-watched telecast in U.S. TV history. The network estimated that 177 million viewers - or more than 56 percent of the current U.S. population - watched at least six minutes of the game. That gave it a reach comparable with an entire cycle of the Olympics, spread over many days and nights. Advertisers paid a reported \$3.5 million for 30 seconds of ad time during Sunday's game.

Running counter to the trend of fragmenting audiences that has afflicted TV and media in general, the Super Bowl has compiled an impressive record of increasing viewership year after year.

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And of the five mostwatched telecasts in history, four are Super Bowls. The only non-sports program to make the cut is the February 1983 finale of the CBS sitcom "MASH," which drew 106 million and now ranks No. 4.

Football remains the most popular televised sport in America, and major sports events tend to draw high numbers generally because viewers greatly prefer to watch them in real time. Although NFL regular-season ratings were slightly down this season compared with last, the playoff games leading up to the Super Bowl posted a mild increase.

Ratings for the Super Bowl were aided by the close game, which was decided on the last play.

"In recent years, these games have gone down to the wire," said Brad Adgate, an analyst for New York-based ad firm Horizon Media. "The longer viewers stay with the game, the higher the ratings and average audience."

In the adults ages 18 to 49 demographic favored by advertisers, Sunday's game drew a 40.5 rating, the highest number since the 1996 Super Bowl in which the Dallas Cowboys beat the Pittsburgh Steelers.

As is the case with all Super Bowls, much of the attention was fixed on things other than football, including the annual carnival of high-priced ads that barked (sometimes literally, with canine performers) during commercial breaks.

Twitter and other social me-

spots featuring Jerry Seinfeld and Jay Leno for Acura, Matthew Broderick for Honda and Clint Eastwood for Chrysler.

Eastwood's gung-ho spot, with its paean to the "roar" of American engines, has already become the focus of partisan sniping, with conservative critic Michelle Malkin dismissing it as "an auto bailout ad" designed to enhance President Barack Obama's re-election prospects. (Eastwood has at different times supported both Republicans and Democrats.)

NBC said the heavily hyped halftime show, featuring Madonna with a special assist from Cee Lo Green, LMFAO, Nicki Minaj and M.I.A., was the most-watched ever, with 114 million viewers.

That doesn't mean, however, that the musical extravaganza was more popular than football, but rather that viewing of the entire Super Bowl telecast was increasing throughout the evening, and Madonna and friends benefited by being sandwiched in the middle of it all.

During the last half-hour, with New York mounting a game-winning scoring drive, average viewing topped out at 117.7 million.

Meanwhile, M.I.A. – a British rapper famed for kicking up controversy in alt-music circles – raised another storm when she was glimpsed briefly extending her middle finger during the musical program. The gesture recalled the controversial halftime program of the 2004 Super Bowl, when Janet Jackson briefly exposed her nipple in what was dubbed a "wardrobe malfunction."

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4 Sports Tuesday, February 7, 2012 SJSU women's rugby player following her father's footsteps

Senior Jenna Ross pursuing pro career

> **by Megan Mills** Staff Writer

After observing the sport of rugby for much of her life, senior Jenna Ross made the decision to try the aggressive pastime and was instantly hooked.

Ross first entered the world of rugby in fall of her junior year of college after watching her dad, Les Ross, play the sport for many years.

"I would not at all know about rugby or consider playing it if it wasn't for my dad," Ross said.

Ross said her father played rugby in Zambia as a young boy and now currently plays for the Harvard Alumni Rugby Team, traveling to destinations like France, the Bahamas and New Zealand.

"Jenna has grown up seeing me play and has come with me to other countries to watch me play in rugby events," Les Ross said. "Although she enjoyed watching the game and it was great to have her show an interest, I had no idea that one day she would actually end up playing in women's rugby."

Now president of the SJSU women's rugby club, Ross strives to promote the rugby team on campus through fundraising activities and raising awareness to those who might be interested in joining.

"Her reliability and willingness to represent a club that is struggling to survive makes her the ultimate team player," said head coach Karl Laucher.

Ross hopes to extend the appreciation of the sport, not only on campus, but for other students everywhere trying a sport for the first time.

"She has taken the active role of president of the club and captain of the team," said Angela Ardizzone, co-coach of the SJSU women's rugby club. "She has ensured that women attending SISU have



SJSU senior rugby player Jenna Ross stands at the tailgate field on South Campus. Ross also serves as president of the club. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

out, and she has been able to do that in under two years."

This is the seventh year Laucher has been the SJSU women's coach after coaching high school boys for 15 seasons and playing on the first SJSU men's rugby team in 1971.

Ardizzone has been a cocoach with Laucher for the past two years.

"Both Karl and Angela have been great at teaching me the basics and pushing me to not be chicken on the field," Ross said. "They get me to suck it up."

Ross says her favorite moment in her rugby career so far took place during a game against Fresno State last year.

"I hooked all the balls except for one and we won that game as well," Ross said.

"The friendships she will develop as a result of the game, the discipline of working hard physically, and working together in a team environment will be so beneficial to her in so many other areas of life," Les Ross said.



the chance to play and learn how to play rugby, one of the best sports in the world."

The ladies are currently in season, but still need to obtain seven more players in order to compete in games against other schools, according to Ross.

Ross plays the position of hooker, which is the center player in the three-person front-row of a scrum.

The scrum is used to restart play after a violation, usually when the ball is dropped or passed forward.

"She takes her position as hooker seriously and takes pride in stealing the ball away from the opposing hooker," Laucher said. "She is physically tougher than she appears to be, and can put some pop in any confrontation with the opposition."

Ross's favorite part about playing rugby is the sole fact that she can do it.

She has had the experience of playing a sport she didn't know she could play, until she tried it for the first time last year, according to Ross.

"Jenna is the total reliable package," Laucher said. "She shows up, does what she says she is going to do, takes initiative and asks the right questions."

Ross continues to learn more about rugby during every practice and game, hoping to take her new found skills beyond her college career.

"She has become the type of player that not only plays with her heart but also her head," Ardizzone said. "Rugby is a difficult game to learn and it takes many years to figure Off the field, Ross works as an aide for senior women with developmental disabilities every Friday, Saturday and Sunday working 10-hour shifts at a time.

"On a good night, I do nothing but study and clean," Ross said. "On other nights I take care of the women which can include helping them shower, changing sheets and making sure they remain comfortable."

While currently doublemajoring in psychology and French, Ross wanted to find a job in the field of psychology that did not require a master's degree.

At one point during the season, she was working 50 hours a week in addition to school and rugby, working at her current job and tending to children with autism.

"I think Jenna epitomizes the ultimate over-achieving SJSU student," Laucher said.

After graduating this May, Ross hopes to play for the San Jose Seahawks and to continue working as an aide for those with developmental disabilities.

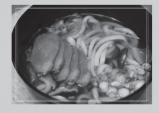
Until then, Ross encourages any girl to try out for rugby, regardless of an athletic background, skills or experience with the sport.

"Rugby is awesome for any body type and any athletic ability," Ross said. "Girls get worried you have to be ferocious and beastly, but it's not like that at all."

She has become the type of player that not only plays with her heart but also her head.

-Angela Ardizzone, women's rugby co-coach

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Jenna Ross, top right, is lifted into the air by her teammates during a "line out" drill at tailgate field on Friday, Feb. 3. A "line out" puts the ball back into play after going out of bounds. A player from each team leaps into the air. **Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily**



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Chronicle proves to be well-made adventure

Found-footage style movie gives viewers dark adventure with strange powered teens

by Christian Gin Staff Writer

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While I had low expectations on the movie, Chronicle was an eye opening surprise.

Chronicle is part of the found-footage genre, where the audience is given the view from handheld cameras.

This limits the knowledge of the viewer since everything is shown from a first person perspective.

Most of the footage is from the life of Andrew, a shy and unsocial teenager.

The other notable characters in this film are Andrew's cousin, Matt, and Steve, the most popular kid in school.

The film begins by introducing the audience to the fact that the entire film is shown from the view of hand-held cameras that are recording.

Andrew is shown with his camera facing the mirror telling his father that he wants to record everything.

It shows that he has lived a tough life with his mother dying of cancer, his father being a drunken retired firefighter, and being bullied in school all the time.

One day, Matt takes Andrew to a rave party and he dislikes it. After Andrew gets kicked out of the party because he was accused of filming people, Steve and Matt approach him.

Steve and Matt tell him that they found something that must be recorded, and force him to follow them.

Steve and Matt later take Andrew inside a hole and discover a shiny object while walking under the ground.

The audience has no idea what it is and as the camera blacks out the scene is cut off.

Suddenly, the movie cuts to another scene where all three guys practice using the powers they received from the unknown object.

They picked up the power of telekinesis, which is the ability to move objects with the mind.

Steve, Andrew and Matt start using their powers for fun, and not harm.

Later throughout the movie, their powers become more dangerous because Andrew's anger can outdo himself.

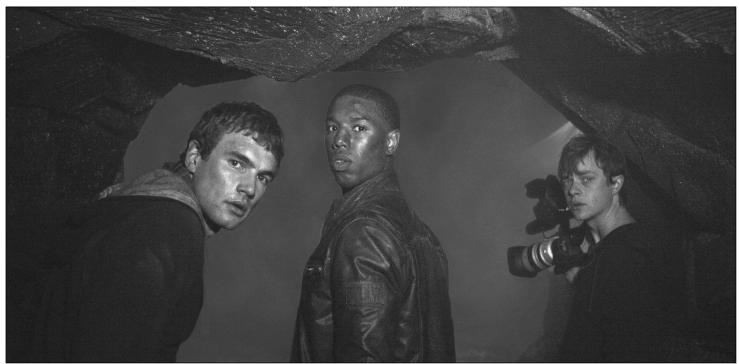
The frustration of being picked on and his family situation can get the best of Andrew, and it's up to Steve and Matt to help him overcome it.

The thing I really liked about this movie was how realistic it was, from the view of a teenager.

One wouldn't think that a shy person, a popular person and some-



Andrew Detmer (Dane DeHaan) succumbs to his darker nature as his telekinetic powers become stronger. Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com



Inside a cave Matt Garetty (Alex Russell, left), Steve Montgomery (Michael B. Jordan) and Andrew Detmer (Dane DeHaan) make a discovery that will change their lives. **Photo courtesy of allmoviephoto.com**

one in-between would all become friends and be together in a movie.

The movie was directed well for a found footage genre film. While it can be frustrating as a spectator to see that the story is told only with what's recorded, they effectively left holes in the story that keep someone guessing.

The first person perspective that focuses primarily on Andrew is what makes this movie unique while it limits what happens elsewhere.

The movie is edited as if an amateur filmmaker created it because of the several black outs the film uses.

There are also many jump cuts where scenes look like they're cut off by edits.

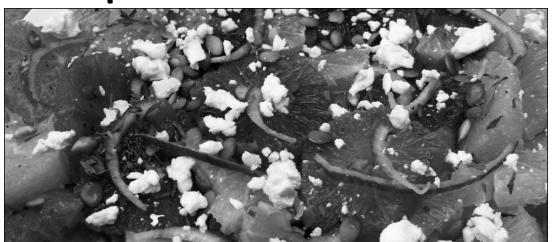
Despite what the trailer showed, a movie cannot be judged by something that is only two minutes.

The movie contained a nice blend of some social life scenes and light hearted humor as well as dark scenes of emotion and distress from Andrew.

For a film that had a very questionable trailer, the movie itself is worth watching.

I recommend that everybody sees it.

Recipe: Winter citrus salad





A winter citrus salad with goat cheese, red onions and toasted pumpkin seeds makes for a tasty, easy and beautiful looking meal. **Photo by Samantha Clark / Spartan Daily**

by Samantha Clark Staff Writer

Winter is primetime for citrus.

To take full advantage of the season, ditch the notion that healthy eating means more greens and prepare a brightly-hued citrus salad to add color to the gray bitterness that is winter. Wow the new roommates with your gourmet cooking abilities or avoid a cold with this blast of vitamin C.

The burgundy flesh of a blood orange against pink grapefruits and navel oranges looks beautiful, so use a variety of colored citruses.

Ingredients:	¹ /4 cup toasted pumpkin seeds	kosher salt and ground pepper
5 medium to large citrus fruits		to taste
(I used 2 blood oranges, 1 pink	¹∕₂ teaspoon raw sugar	
grapefruit and 2 navel oranges)		1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
	1⁄4 cup feta cheese,	or sherry vinegar
1/2 small red onion, thinly sliced	chopped or crumbled	
		1 teaspoon honey
¹ /2 teaspoon chopped tarragon	1 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil	

Directions:

- Cut the fruit at its poles to make it stand upright, then take your knife and cut off the peel.
- Cutting takes off the pith, whereas peeling the fruit leaves the bitter and ugly webs.
- While keeping in mind size, texture and color, slice the fruit into disks and organize them on a large platter.
- Scatter the thinly sliced red onion, chopped herb, sugar, pumpkin seeds and feta on top.
- For the vinaigrette, add the salt and pepper, vinegar and honey in a small bowl.
- Mix in the olive oil slowly with a fork, mix well and drizzle over the salad.
- The citrus wheels platform contrasting flavors from the dressing and toppings: nutty pumpkin seeds, tarragon for a mild anise flavor, sweet honey and creamy tangy feta.



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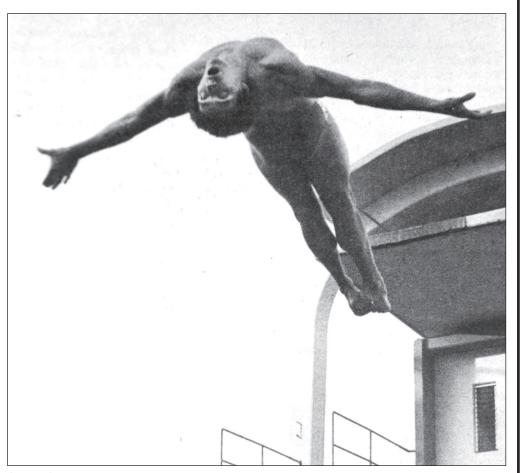
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Forum focuses on defense: The College Republicans, a national political organization founded in 1892, hosted a discussion on U.S. foreign policy in the Student Union. Topics included education about communism and a military draft.

Loan rates standardized by Truth-in-Lending Act: Loan lenders are now required by law to tell customers orally and in writing the annual percentage rate (APR) before signing a contract.

Quintette performs today: The Boehm Quintette, a wind ensemble from New York, will perform for free in the Student Union and conduct a master class.



US imposes new sanctions on Iran, turning up the heat

McClatchy Tribune Wire Service

WASHINGTON The Obama administration announced tough new targeted sanctions Monday against the Central Bank of Iran, ratcheting up economic pain on Tehran in a move intended to drive it into new international negotiations over its nuclear program, but one that could prove a trigger point for conflict.

The sanctions, part of a yearslong effort to force Iran to comply with global nuclear-weapons rules, were issued in a White House executive order.

They comply with amendments to a sweeping defense bill that Congress passed late last year.

The sanctions require any U.S. person or corporation to freeze property or interests that belong to the government of Iran, its Central Bank or any other Iranian financial institution.

Most of these sanctions already had been in place on all major Iranian banks, but targeting Iran's Central Bank is unusual.

The action attempts to disrupt operations in which a thirdcountry bank is acting on behalf of Iran's Central Bank or other Iranian banks.

This is happening in Afghanistan and possibly other Iranian neighbors.

In a letter to lawmakers, President Barack Obama said additional sanctions were necessary "in light of the deceptive practices of the Central Bank of Iran and other Iranian banks to conceal transactions of sanctioned parties, the deficiencies in Iran's anti-money laundering regime and the weaknesses in its implementation, and the continuing

tem."

To reinforce the measures, the Treasury Department announced that Daniel Glaser, the assistant secretary for terrorist financing, was being dispatched to Oman, Qatar and Russia this week for high-level meetings on Iran.

This happens amid mounting concerns that Israel soon might launch a pre-emptive attack on presumed Iranian nuclear weapons-development sites.

That would inflame tensions across the Middle East, a region in turmoil over the past year that analysts view as a tinderbox.

Tehran has shown some interest in international talks, but it's also signaled that it considers new sanctions a provocation.

It's threatened to disrupt oil shipments in the Persian Gulf by blocking the narrow Strait of Hormuz, through which some 20 percent of global oil trade passes.

On Friday, Iran's supreme cleric, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, issued thinly veiled threats of retaliation.

"Of course, the Americans and others should, and do, know that we have our own threats to confront the military threats and oil sanctions and when necessary, we will make use of them at the right time," Khamenei said. Analysts fear that conflict in

the Strait of Hormuz could send oil prices soaring and set back the U.S. economic recovery.

Oil prices surpassed \$100 a barrel late last year and remained in the \$97 range Monday, in part because of concern over Iran.

"I think they are elevating oil prices. Based on what we've seen on the supply and demand side, oil prices should be \$5 (a barrel) lower or more," said Phil Flynn,

and unacceptable risk posed to a veteran commodities trader for the international financial sys- PFGBest in Chicago, adding that U.S. inventories are solid and demand weak. "Why is oil staying higher?"

> The European Union agreed late last month that its members would block oil imports from Iran, the second largest oil exporter in OPEC, by July 1.

> Together the U.S. and the EU are choking the oil-dependent Iranian economy.

> "Iran is not that big a lucrative market. Do you want to endanger yourself with the Americans and Europeans?" asked Patrick Clawson, an Iran expert at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, a pro-Israel security research center.

Global news reports suggest that Iran is beginning to feel the sting of isolation, Clawson said, pointing to disruptions in grain shipments from Russia and Ukraine and difficulty in getting insured oil tankers into Iran.

"All of this suggests we're having more and more effect on Iran," he said, acknowledging that Iran is running out of options to combat the tightening sanctions. "That's putting it mildly."

The mounting global sanctions are creating turmoil within Iran, White House spokesman Jay Carney said.

That has had an impact at a variety of levels, most demonstrably on the economy and on the currency.

The unity that Iran enjoyed, if you will, with regards to this issue three years ago has gone.

And by contrast, the international community has united behind the position that the president has taken, with our allies and partners, to pressure Iran, to try to force Iran to change its behavior," Carney said.

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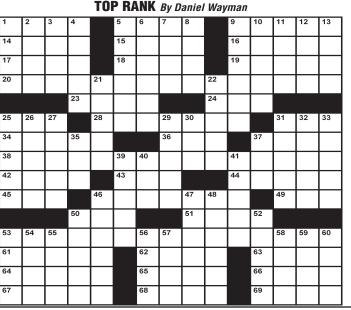
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Learning to adjust to the world around me



It's fairly common to see students running around campus like chickens with their heads cutoff.

Last semester, I was one of those students. In some respects, I still feel like I am some days.

Every student knows the feeling. The research paper that you have been working on for a week is due in 20 minutes and to no avail your printer dies.

You are rushing out the door with your coffee when you spill it all over yourself - by the time you clean up the mess you are late for class and you inevitably miss the review for your midterm exam.

Whatever can go wrong, seems to go wrong.

This has probably happened to every student.

It seems like a fact of life, or maybe it's just preparation for the real world.

Over time, I have learned a very important lesson – life happens, things go wrong, and preparing for them isn't enough.

You have to adjust to your surroundings and deal with the way things play out.

This semester I have really tried to take a different outlook on life and academics with this thought in mind.

I took on what seems like way too much this semester, jamming my schedule full of classes and work without thinking to leave extra time for homework and relaxing.

Instead of sitting around and fretting about the situation, like the old me might have done, I have learned to deal with it.

I know I have to stay organized and focused.

If I have a free minute or a class gets out a few minutes early, I hop on my laptop and get started on my homework or start reading a chapter that is due next week.

The old me would try to plan my day around what I know I needed to do rather than what I wanted to do, but like most students I often ended up getting distracted by things around me.

Now, I know that I really have to manage my time.

I ordered all ebooks this semester, so that I could just bring my Kindle along and have access to all my materials at my fingertips. This way I can just read a few pages here and there when I have some downtime.

I use a weekly planner to schedule my time, as well as a daily calendar with time slots on it, so that I can easily set aside time to work on specific projects.

I make lists and I make myself sit down and focus on something for an hour at a time. By doing this, I feel like at least I am getting something done.

It feels better than the alternative – getting nothing done.

I have to plan my day around what I know I need to do, instead of what I simply want to do.

Thinking about the future isn't always at the top of a student's list, but I try to keep it in the front of my mind.

I know that the harder I work now and the harder I try

to stay on track, the closer I will be to my goals.

Even though it can be extremely hard for students to stay focused, especially with all the distractions surrounding them, one has to learn to stay focused.

I have had to learn to stick to my plan. If I learn last minute that it

happens to be a friend's birthday on a specific day, I don't necessarily skip going, I just make up the time.

If I do take a timeout for fun distractions, I know that I have to get back on track.

I might set aside extra time on the weekend to catch up, or leave an hour earlier than I might otherwise.

I often remind myself that I have to do a task, even if it might not be due for another week.

I have found that by tricking my brain into thinking I have less time then I do, I am really

able to focus. It's all about dealing with what life throws at you.

It's a give-and-take of what works and what doesn't.





If there is one thing that ticks me off, it's the whole debate on how "authentic" a singer or band is when it comes to the artist's image.

Last time I remembered, I thought listening to music was about, you know, the music.

However, there's a debate going on in the entertainment world about a singer named Lana Del Rey.

Born Elizabeth Grant, her music career got a jumpstart from her father, who was a very wealthy investor and supervised every aspect of her upcoming debut.

In 2010, she released her first full-length album "Lizzy Grant A.K.A. Lana Del Ray" but decided to pull it off the shelves. A year later, Grant emerged into the music scene once more under the name Lana Del Rey.

her retro-inspired style and her soulful, yet sad crooning earned a nod from hipsters everywhere.

Personally, I really dig Lana's tunes since they have heart-wrenching lyrics and the music has a nice bluesmeets-pop feel that is a treat to listen to.

While she's been described as a "gangster Nancy Sinatra" in terms of her fashion sense, 66

few years back was much more atrocious.

Sure, Lana Del Rey may seem to be "fake" or "untalented," but in reality I believe that almost any entertainer would get called those things sometime in their career.

As long as the musician is truly passionate about the work and puts the effort into making a performance great, then I believe that should be the focus.

Why are people even debating if Lana is "real" or not? For all I know, Lana Del Rey can simply be another persona for Elizabeth Grant.

Famous singers such as Beyonce or Lady Gaga have their own different personalities when it comes to their music.

I mean, I didn't see anyone throwing their arms up in the air in anger when Beyonce sang under her "Sasha Fierce" persona.

Even Nicki Minaj has two personas that she plays in her album "Pink Friday" and needless to say, I think the addition of a different personality brings interest to the music.

Rapper-producer Princess Superstar commented on the Lana Del Rey topic in an article by Spin magazine and said something that stood out to me.

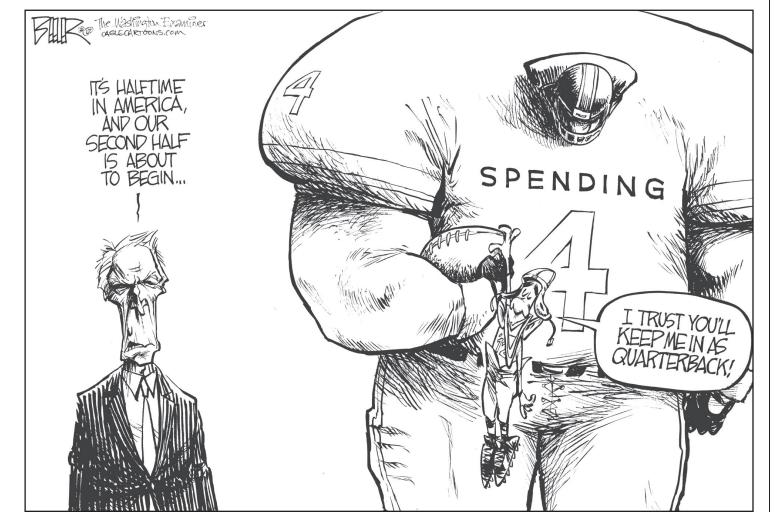
"I never understood this controversy about whether she is real or fake; all artists have a persona," she said. Unless the musician is un-

Music is supposed to entertain people as well as give inspiration.

some critics said her entire der fire for plagiarism or an sound and look seems "manufactured".

During a Jan. 14 airing of to how "real" an artist is. "Saturday Night Live," Lana Regardless if people enjoy

act of crime, it shouldn't be a gigantic issue when it comes



Del Rey performed her songs "Blue Jeans" and "Video Games" for the first time on live television.

Since it was her first show on SNL, she showed some nervousness in her singing but if I were in her shoes, I'd be terrified to be on national television.

News anchor Brian Williams of NBC Nightly News said that Del Rey's appearance was "one of the worst outings in SNL history," but I still think the lip-synching done by Ashlee Simpson a Lana Del Rey's music or not, they have the choice of simply ignoring her work and going on with their lives.

Music is supposed to entertain people as well as give inspiration.

It can also serve as a way to escape from the daily grind of everyday life and the fact that some are whining over how a musician is presented is pretty silly to me.

As for me, I will keep listening to Lana's music and enjoy it for what it's meant to be - inspiration.



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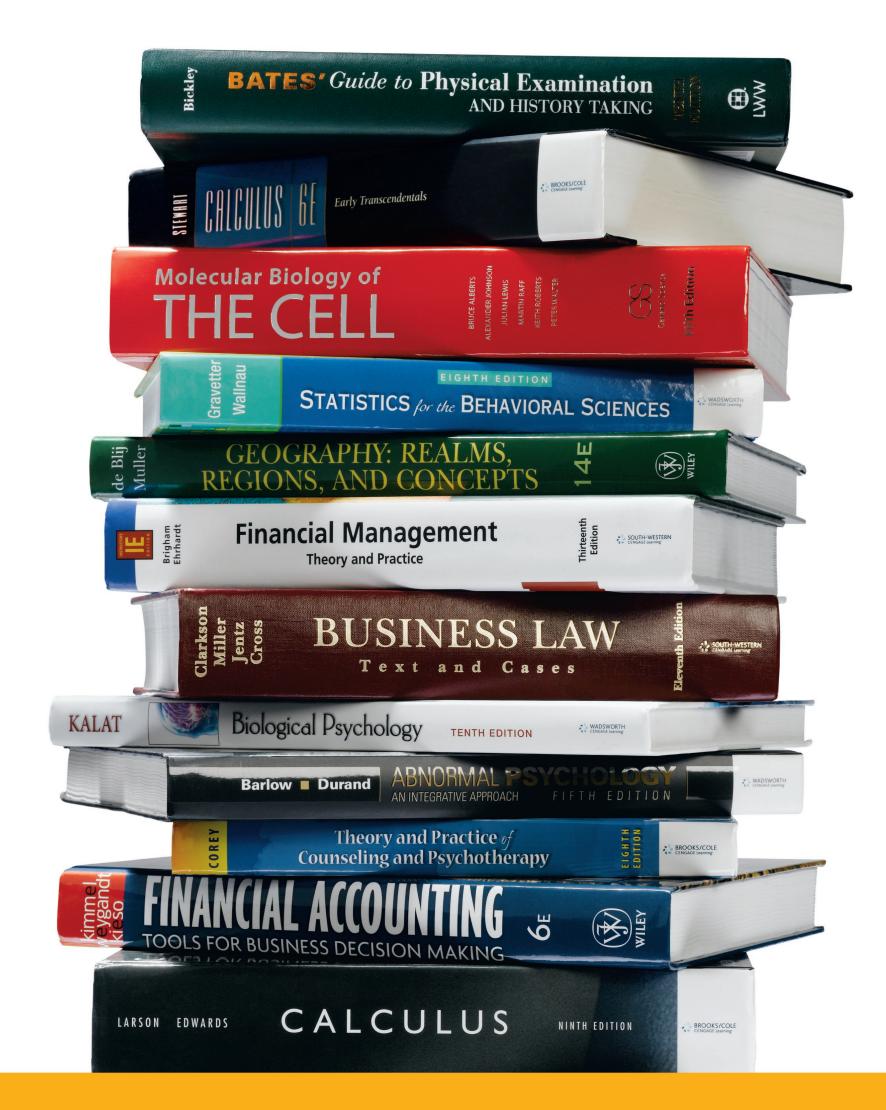
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