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**CAMPUS**

# Man arrested for two robberies

By Stephanie Wong  
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A 23-year-old man was arrested by the University Police Department on Wednesday, March 27 for two recent robberies at SJSU and off-campus.

According to Sgt. John Laws of UPD, Brandon Escamilla, who is not affiliated with SJSU, was the suspect of a robbery that took place on Friday, March 15, at 8:55 p.m. in Clark Hall.

Laws said SJSU faculty and students should have gotten a

safety alert email around 10:30 p.m. that night from university police regarding the incident.

According to the safety alert email, a man attempted to rob a 22-year-old SJSU student who was alone in a classroom on the second floor of Clark Hall.

The email stated that the suspect escaped from the scene after two got into a struggle over a can of pepper spray the victim had taken out.

According to Laws, a week after this email was sent out, an SJSU student reported an off-

campus robbery to the San Jose Police Department.

Laws said Det. Michael Barnes was assigned to this case, and the victim told Barnes that she thought the person who robbed her may have been the same suspect from the Clark Hall incident.

This off-campus robbery took place on Thursday, March 14, a day before the Clark Hall incident, Laws said.

According to Laws, Barnes got videotape footage from SJPD's investigation of the off-campus robbery.

Laws said with photos of the suspect and the help of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. library security officers, a positive identification was made that the suspect was Escamilla.

Laws also said the victim from the Clark Hall incident positively identified Escamilla as her attacker in a photo lineup.

He said Barnes contacted SJPD with Escamilla's information so that they could perform the same "county protocol of a photo

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**ALCOHOL**

# UPD sting leads to arrests

By Stephanie Wong  
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The University Police Department arrested three San Jose locals for purchasing alcohol for minors during a Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation on Thursday, March 21.

According to Lt. Robert Noriega of UPD, the arrested suspects were Mia Sanders, 28, Isaac Njuguna, 22 and Joshua Hicks, 21.

According to Sgt. John Laws of UPD, Njuguna is an SJSU affiliate, which means he is somehow associated with SJSU.

Noriega said the Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation targets adults who purchase alcohol for those under the age of 21.

During the operation, a decoy stands outside of a liquor or convenience store where alcohol is sold and asks patrons to purchase alcohol for them because he or she is underage, Noriega said.

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**BASKETBALL**

# New coach takes over Spartan team



SJSU head basketball coach Dave Wojcik shakes hands with President Mohammad Qayoumi during a press conference on Tuesday. **Kevin Johnson / Spartan Daily**

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**CHILDCARE**

# Student parent club advocates for more resources on campus

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A new club on campus seeks to open the minds of those on campus to acknowledge the presence of student parents and their need for resources as they work towards success to better themselves and their families.

Elisha St. Laurent, a senior behavioral science and sociology major and founder of Student Parents Empowered Academically Kinship, said the club was created for parents, which is an underrepresented population on this campus.

"There are not a lot of services besides childcare here," St. Laurent said.

She said although childcare is helpful for student-parents, the lack of evening care is frustrating because she and other student parents take evening classes because they don't have first priority registration.

St. Laurent said the club started this semester and has 15 members.

She said some of the organization's goals are for student parents to get first priority registration, to create student parent empowerment, to learn how to advocate for themselves and to learn how to juggle their responsibilities.

As a student and a single parent with a 6-year-old son, St. Laurent said she wants the club advocate for Spartan-friendly events as well as other resources.

"We can't always do the same things, or we can't go to the same events, or we can't have the same college experience because we have children and the events are tailored to young college students who

don't have these responsibilities," she said.

She said people don't see that she is a full-time student, part-time employee, and full-time parent, which means after she goes to school all day and works to support herself and her son, she still has to find time to cook, clean and read to her son.

"I don't even know where my time goes," she said.

Hyon Chu Yi-Baker, club adviser and director of the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center, said she met St. Laurent at an intern retreat last summer, and at the time St. Laurent mentioned starting a club for students who have children.

As a mother herself, Yi-Baker said she thought it was a good idea for students to have that resource.

"My role as an adviser is to support the students," she said.

Mindy Guerra, a senior behavioral science and sociology major and the club treasurer, said starting the organization and funding it has been difficult, but they are keeping their heads up.

"Right now we're more of a support group but we want to become much more than that something as strong as a fraternity or a group as EOP, that can provide all these services for their community."

Guerra said the club's main focus is on SJSU students, but they would also want to reach out to local community colleges so transfer students with children can be aware of the resource before they transfer.

St. Laurent said a family friendly campus could make SJSU more appealing to prospective transfers.

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**PHILANTHROPY**

# Alpha Xi Delta raises autism awareness with AmaXing Challenges

By Rochelle Beckel  
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Alpha Xi Delta will be raising money for Autism Speaks and furthering awareness of autism through its annual AmaXing Challenge, a series of events and contests taking place from April 8 to 11.

"There are a lot of very influential people in this world who are autistic or have Asperger's (an autistic disorder)," said Alpha Xi Delta President Beth Clark, a senior recreational therapy major. "It doesn't affect their motor development and the way that they think."

Autism and Autistic Spectrum disorders are general terms used to describe a group of complex disorders of brain development and are characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and nonverbal communication and repetitive behaviors in varying degrees, according to the Autism Speaks website.

According to Clark, April is Autism Awareness Month, and April 2 was Light It Up Blue, which celebrates World Autism Awareness Day.

Clark said actual world monuments were lit up that day to bring more awareness to autism and that Alpha Xi Delta set up a table in front of the fountain on Seventh Street to put out their own awareness for autism by passing out ribbons and stickers.

All of the SJSU fraternities and sororities participated in Light It Up Blue by lighting up their own Greek houses, according to

Taylor Elmore, a sophomore occupational therapy major and member of Alpha Xi Delta.

Each day of the AmaXing Challenge will be dedicated to a certain event that each candidate from participating Greek houses must compete in to win the title of Xi Man or Xi Woman with the help of their sorority or fraternity brothers or sisters, according to Clark.

"It's a lot of house participation points and things like that," Clark said. "It's really hard to win if you're doing it all by yourself. You need your house supporting you and coming to different events."

From April 8 to 11, Alpha Xi Delta will be setting up a table in front of the Event Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. to raise awareness of autism and hold Penny Wars, which is one of the contests of the AmaXing Challenge, according to Elmore.

"There's going to be a bucket out with every house's name on it," Clark said. "So (Penny Wars is) basically just trying to get as much money in your bucket as possible. So people put dollars, some people put change, whatever (they) have people dump it in their candidate's bucket."

Clark said at the end of the week, Alpha Xi Delta members count all of the money up and then the specific amount that each Greek house raises goes toward its candidate's point total for the competition.

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**BASKETBALL**

## Dave Wojcik eager to get program back on right track

By Vince Ei  
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The new head coach of the San Jose State men's basketball team, Dave Wojcik, gave a passionate introduction at yesterday's news conference to announce his hiring.

"I will do everything in my power to put this program on the map," Wojcik said to the hundred or so Spartan supporters and media in the Gold Room of the Spartan Complex.

He said that he will use his emotion and energy, along with the five scholarships that are available to him, to help turn the program around.

"My vision is we have to build a foundation," Wojcik said. "I'm not a very patient person ... so I want to win and I want to win now."

There was even more conviction in his voice when addressing his intentions of

having his players graduate.

"We will graduate players," Wojcik said. "That is my number one, ultimate thing... I have a responsibility and that's to get those kids their education ... and an education from here is a damn good one."

SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi said Wojcik has never worked with a program that had an athlete ineligible for academic reasons.

Last season, the Spartans went 0-14 to end the season, playing without leading scorer James Kinney who was suspended for academic reasons, compared to a 9-6 record with him in the lineup, according to SJSU Athletics.

Wojcik was moved to tears when talking about his father and the late Skip Prosser, who he played for in high school at Wheeling Central Catholic and was an assistant at Xavier University and Loyola University, Wojcik's alma mater.

In high school, Wojcik was a McDonald's Honorable Mention High School All-American point guard who played in three West Virginia AA State Championship games and won a state title in 1987, according to SJSU Athletics.

While playing at Loyola, Wojcik became the only player in school history to record a triple-double, according to SJSU Athletics.

His coaching resume includes stints as an assistant at James Madison University under legendary coach Lefty



Dave Wojcik speaks with the media after the news conference at the Spartan Complex on Tuesday. Kevin Johnson / Spartan Daily

**I'm not a very patient person ... so I want to win and I want to win now...**

Dave Wojcik  
Men's head coach

Dreisell and Wake Forest under Dino Gaudio.

Wojcik has been with teams that have gone to the postseason 11 times.

His most recent appearance was this year as the associate head coach for Boise State University who received an at-large bid to the NCAA Division I basketball tournament.

Wojcik exuded confidence when describing the kind of team fans will see next season.

"... the team we'll put out on the floor will play extremely hard and will play extremely

unselfishly and you'll be proud of that team, I promise you that," he said.

Wojcik emphasized playing aggressively on both sides of the ball and acknowledged the players in the room by assuring them that they will make progress next season.

"Spartan nation get ready, because we're coming and we're coming with a force and I'm excited about it like no other," he said.

The head coach position was a coveted one according to athletic director Gene Bley-

maier, who said he was still receiving offers until yesterday.

"This was another very fruitful and exciting search ... when we got it down to the finalists, we felt like we were in a no-lose situation," Bleymaier said. "After much deliberation, I think the committee was unanimous on our selection of coach Dave Wojcik."

The hiring committee believes Wojcik to be a great fit for the Spartans and so does Jake, Dave's 10-year-old son.

Jake told his father on the plane ride, "Spartans are cool."

According to Dave, when asked to describe a Spartan, Jake replied, "Well, they're tough and they yell a lot. You're going to be the best spartan dad!"


Junior guard DJ. Brown said that Wojcik's enthusiasm was appealing to him.

"The thing that struck me first was his passion," Brown said. "He was emotional up there. It was genuine and I like that from a coach ... My game fits his aggressive style."

Vince Ei is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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REVIEW

## Sultry film lures audiences into ‘Temptation’



By Lauren Hailey  
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The new seductive thriller from Tyler Perry leaves nothing to the imagination.

Tyler Perry’s “Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor” is filled with dramatic moments from beginning to end.

It’s the story of a young couple who have known each other their whole lives, growing up together in the south, going to church five days a week and being in love and marrying each other.

After marriage, the couple moves away to Washington D.C., where husband Brice, played by Lance Gross, becomes a pharmacist while wife Judith, played by Jurnee Smollett-Bell, begins work as a therapist at a high-class dating service for the wealthy.

At her job, Judith’s boss Janice, played by Vanessa Williams, is introduced to Harley, played by Robbie Jones, an alluring stranger who happens to be a millionaire wanting to invest in the company Judith works for.

Over time, Harley makes it clear to Judith that he wants to pursue her, regardless of her current married status.

Harley shows Judith a side of life she never thought she’d experience, complete with fancy dinners and private jets, and she begins to question her relationship with her husband.

Brice, having begun to take Judith for granted, does not notice the signs of her falling



“Tyler Perry’s Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor” hit theaters nationwide on March 29. Photo courtesy of filmofilia.com

for another man and continues to see it as a pure work relationship.

He is also distracted with trying to help out a woman named Melinda, played by Brandy Norwood, who was hired at the pharmacy and seems to be hiding a secret of her own.

Although Brice seems oblivious to his wife’s cheating ways, Judith’s mother Sarah, played by Ella Joyce, notices her daughter’s behavior beginning to change and tries to educate her with the word of the lord.

### The story almost parallels the infamous tale of Adam and Eve...

Despite the warnings from her mother, Judith is forced to learn a horrible lesson for herself.

With any Tyler Perry movie, God, the Bible and Christianity are essential to the plot line.

The story almost parallels the infamous tale of Adam and Eve, with the character of Harley representing the deceiving serpent.

Smollett-Bell’s performance was done very well. She nicely played a smart, quick-witted woman, who

was still vulnerable enough to fall to temptation.

Also featured in this movie is Kim Kardashian, although there isn’t much to say about her role except she was able to play a stuck up, snobby fashionista with ease.

Renée Taylor provides the comedic effect in the movie as the owner of the pharmacy Brice works at. Her character, Mrs. Chapman, is one that makes the movie even more enjoyable.

The actor who stole the show was Robbie Jones. His

portrayal of a young distraught man with ulterior motives was done incredibly well, and added the most dimension to the movie.

If you like Tyler Perry films, you’ll be able to predict the end of this movie almost as soon as you begin watching it.

But that doesn’t mean the movie lacks the drama that Tyler Perry movies are famous for. If you love watching drama of any kind, you’ll like this movie.

Lauren Hailey is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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## Children: Limited funds affect center growth

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"More people (could) choose to come to San Jose State because they know that this campus is family friendly," she said.

Guerra said UC Berkeley has a student parent center like SJSU's Mosaic Center but it caters to parents who would like to study with their children or receive advising and other services.

Guerra said her hope would be for SJSU to follow UC Berkeley's model.

Yi-Baker said student-parents on campus are an invisible population and the university does very little to reach out to that community and meet their needs other than childcare.

St. Laurent said the A.S. Child Development Center has been very supportive of the club and its requests, but limited funds have hindered the center from making great contributions.

Maria Davis, director of the A.S. Child Development Center, stated in an email that the center fully supports student parents and their academic goals.

"However, (the center) is tapped out with our current financial resources," Davis stated. "The California Department of Education has reduced our funding for low income students over the last three years and, as a department of Associated Students, budget constraints limit additional services for student parents."

St. Laurent said the organization United Way is willing to partner with the club to fund them, but the club must first show it is a needed resource and there is a population to serve.

"I need to show that this is not just a personal issue," St. Laurent said. "This is a community issue on San Jose State's campus."

St. Laurent said her son now understands that she spends a great amount of time at school to create a better future for them, but there have been hard times.

"His favorite words are 'I just want to hold you' and 'I just want to cuddle with you' and 'I just want to spend time with you,'" St. Laurent said.

She said when her son was younger, it was hard for him to understand why she wasn't home but



Senior behavioral science and sociology major Elisha St. Laurent plays with 5-year-old Angel Carter at the student-parent group's meeting in the Student Union on Friday. **Codi Mills / Spartan Daily**

now understands her need to graduate, and he encourages her.

"He found out I got an F in a class and he was like 'what can I do to help you to get an A,' she said. 'You need to get A's in class because you have to graduate.'"

St. Laurent said she goes to school from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and her mother helps with her son, but she hopes the club can create the appropriate services for those who don't have an extra person.

She said it would be helpful if professors assisted student parents with PowerPoints or study aids in case of class absence because of their child, such as a doctor's appointment.

Cecelia Brown, a junior biological science major, said she sees a lot of student parents on campus but not a lot of options for them.

"I was reading (SJSU confessions) and I saw a girl post she was alone, she had no friends she could talk to, she felt her boyfriend was not in the picture anymore and she didn't know no where she could turn."

Brown is part of Real Options, a pregnancy support team, and she said this group is on campus but other than that she doesn't know if there is a lot of information for student parents.

Nelly Khayat, an adviser, counselor and supervisor for Real Options, said "when I see a parent on campus or I see a pregnant woman, I think how

much I admire them that they were brave enough to make a choice based on their life instead of based on what other people would think about them."

Guerra said at the meetings that students bring their children as they brainstorm their needs and because students are welcomed to bring their children to their meetings, they would like a better space for the children to play.

Guerra said she has been in school for seven years and when she went to community college, there would be times when she couldn't finish because of family circumstances or her grades had slipped, and even though she had to drop out some semesters, she kept going back.

"You feel like it's your only way to continue moving forward," Guerra said. "It's either an education or finding a measly job with no job security."

Guerra said she, as any other students, desires to get her degree but the difference is she not only has to worry about the success of herself but also for her children.

"As (my daughter) gets older she's realizing you can't go many places without a higher education, and I know when she's older she'll also appreciate seeing everything I went through to stay in school and to complete my degree which is one of the biggest reasons I continued on, for my kids," Guerra said.

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## Crime: Suspect connected to on-campus assault

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lineup" with the victim from the off-campus robbery, who also positively identified Escamilla as the man who robbed her.

According to Laws, the Santa Clara Police Department stopped Escamilla "early this morning" and arrested him before turning him over to SJPD, who then notified Barnes.

After interviews were conducted and all the necessary paperwork was finished, Laws said Barnes picked up Escamilla and brought him back to university police for further interviews.

"We brought him down to jail and (campus police) booked him for robbery, burglary and assault with intent to commit a sex crime," Laws said.

According to Laws, Escamilla was arrested today on charges from both university police and the city of San Jose.

Laws said this arrest may not have happened if the SJSU student who got robbed off-campus didn't report the robbery or contact UPD.

"Without that key piece of the puzzle, Detective Barnes wouldn't have been able to put together the case that he did," Laws said.

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### PREVIOUS PUZZLE ANSWER

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## Today's Crossword Puzzle Universal Crossword

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- 1 Mischievous rascal
  - 6 Invitation initials
  - 10 Takes measures
  - 14 Courtroom address (with "your")
  - 15 "Too many to list" abbr.
  - 16 What an X-Acto knife might make
  - 17 A face in the crowd?
  - 18 Grand Theft
  - 19 Vocal pitch
  - 20 Where expensive furs may be
  - 23 Greens-keeper's purchase
  - 25 "The Rum Tagger" ("Cats" tune)
  - 26 Stir from sleep
  - 27 It may be gross
  - 29 Email command
  - 32 Basement's opposite
  - 33 Certain muscle injury
  - 34 Make a quick note of
  - 37 Cabbie's question
  - 41 Unwelcome answers,
  - 42 usually "Beau Geste" author
  - 43 Classic TV's "The Limits"
  - 44 Track of a wild animal
  - 46 Certain Greek islander
  - 47 WWI French common soldier
  - 50 Winning X or O
  - 51 Checks for ages, say
  - 52 Safe
  - 57 Internalize one's anger
  - 58 Paris' Gauche
  - 59 Hot rod's sound
  - 62 Flower box location
  - 63 Creative starting point
  - 64 The blabs
  - 65 Hard to catch, in a way
  - 66 Company car, for example
  - 67 Bow lubricant
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Feminine pronoun
  - 2 "Cougar Town" actress
  - 3 Remedies
  - 4 Daybreak,
  - 5 It makes perfect
  - 6 Bailiwick
  - 7 Alternative to draw or hold 'em
  - 8 Winery vessels
  - 9 Central story line
  - 10 Off-track
  - 11 Dagger's go-with
  - 12 Hint of color
  - 13 17th-century painter
  - 21 Caught stealing
  - 22 Head-turner in a tree
  - 23 Salmon do it
  - 24 Prefix for "pedic"
  - 28 Christmas tree type
  - 29 Direct to a source
  - 30 Make, as a salary
  - 31 A person paid to play
  - 33 Bilingual word
  - 34 Throws, as from an airplane
  - 35 Mountain nymph of Greek myth
  - 36 Some swallows
  - 38 More than one
  - 39 Besides
  - 40 \_\_\_ and cry (public clamor)
  - 44 At a snail's pace
  - 45 Sta-\_\_\_ (old fabric softener brand)
  - 46 Act lovey-dovey
  - 47 Ad hoc group of lawmen
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  - 49 "What did \_\_\_ you?"
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## Winning is irrelevant

Tiger Woods has certainly come a long way since the November 2009 incident between him and his then wife Elin Nordegren, which kicked off the long list of Woods' extramarital affairs and one of the biggest scandals in professional sports.

Since the incident, Woods has been rumored to have been romantically linked to over a dozen women, coughed up over \$100 million in his divorce to Nordegren and lost several endorsements including Golf Digest, Gatorade, Accenture and AT&T.

To say the least, Woods has been paying (literally) for his infamous mistakes and has been attempting to redeem his image ever since, both on and off the course.

One supporter Woods had on his side: Nike. Since he was age 21, Woods has been the face of Nike's golf line and, given his accomplishments, a perfect celebrity endorser.

The company extended his contract in 2000, offering him a multiyear deal worth a reported \$105 million. He was considered a huge asset in growing the company's golf line, which was worth an estimated \$650 million in 2010.

In 2010, Nike's president Charlie Denson said Nike would be supportive of Woods through his ordeal, but advised that Woods stay off the golf course until he "deals with his issues."

Recently, Woods' road to redemption takes a back seat due to Nike's latest advertisement featuring the pro golfer.

After winning the Arnold Palmer Invitational last Monday, a first since 2010, Nike



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congratulated Woods with an ad of him stating, "Winning takes care of everything."

According to an email from Nike's spokeswoman, Beth Gast, to the Huffington Post, the ad is a salute to his athletic performance, not his difficult past.

However, because Woods' scandal was not that long ago, the ad is just in bad taste.

When I think of the Nike brand, I think of high-quality, elite sporting clothing and equipment. Its advertisements reflect the confidence, endurance and strength of world's most elite athletes, not passing judgment on their marital lives.

The ad's message suggests winning trumps character, which reflects poorly on Nike's and its celebrity sponsors' image.

Corporations don't just seek anyone to sponsor their product. They look beyond an athlete's professional achievements and into their public personas to determine if they're likable enough to increase brand awareness and sell products.

Some corporations may be more lenient



towards an athlete's private life, but, ultimately, their public persona is still a factor selecting them as a celebrity endorser.

Woods is not the first, or the last, athlete to cheat on his wife on more than one occasion. Yes, Woods made many poor choices when he cheated on his wife with, allegedly, more than a dozen women, but I'm not a proponent of making Woods pay for his poor actions for the next 10 years, either.

Since the incident in November 2009, Woods has since entered rehab to deal with his indiscretions, lost his wife and now shares custody of his two children. He has also

demonstrated remorse on more than one occasion.

It doesn't help his image when Nike posts ads of him that suggest winning makes up for marital indiscretions, especially ones as disgraceful and scandalous as Woods'.

Woods' best method for redeeming his image would be to keep a humble attitude, not just winning every invitational he participates in.

Sure, winning can show his talent shine in even the most troubling of times, but demonstrating a humble character can be more challenging for a person and, therefore, more commendable and appealing.

Who would want to stand behind a public figure that humiliates and disrespects his wife but is reliable to win? What integrity does that show? How is it admirable?

The ad reflected more poorly on Nike than Woods, but its message suggests Woods' huge mistake is excusable as long as he keeps bringing home trophies – which is clearly the wrong message to send.

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## Adoption gives children opportunity for their futures

I grew up in one of the most stereotypical suburban American environments you can imagine – two parents, a younger sister and two dogs all living together in a white two-story house with a red roof and a white fence in the backyard set in a neighborhood where the kids grow up going to school together and the residents throw the occasional block party in the neighborhood park.

On the outside, my background growing up looks pretty standard and predictable, and for the most part it was.

What people never realize before they get to know me, however, is that if it weren't for my parents adopting me from Shanghai, China, and taking me to their home in north San Diego county, I likely would never have experienced the safe, stable home life I was privileged enough to grow up with.

I hope to one day open up my home and my life to children or teenagers in need of a family who can love and support them unconditionally the way my parents did for my sister and me.

I was adopted in March 1993 when I was only four months old, so I've never had any issues viewing my parents as my real parents, something that I'm sure many men, women and couples worry about when deciding whether or not adopting is the right choice for them.

Adopting a child is ultimately saving a child's life, especially when adopting from a country like China, where the orphanages are

crowded with infants and children, which is largely due to the one-child policy that was implemented in 1979.

**If a child ages out of the orphanage or foster care system without being adopted, their chances of building a successful future for themselves are extremely slim ...**

According to the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute website, there are about 153 million orphans worldwide who have lost one parent and 17,800,000 orphans who have lost both parents and are living in orphanages around the world or even worse, on the streets. They are deprived of the care and attention required for healthy development, putting them at high risk for suffering malnutrition, disease and death.

If a child ages out of the orphanage or foster care system without being adopted, their chances of building a successful future for

themselves are extremely slim compared to children lucky enough to come from a stable, supportive family and home life.

According to the National Foster Care Month website, about 20,000 young people placed in U.S. foster care age out of the system every year, typically when they're 18 and still in need of support and services.

The Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute website reports that as of July 2012, nearly 25 percent of youth aging out of the foster care system did not earn a high school diploma or GED and only 6 percent earned a two or four-year degree after aging out of foster care.

However, the website reports that 70 percent of all foster care youth have the desire to attend college.

These are extremely upsetting statistics, and it's a tragic reality that these kids did nothing to deserve the unhealthy, unstable childhood that life dealt them.

In the U.S. alone, more than 250,000 children enter the foster care system every year, according to adoptuskids.org.

The website reports that currently, there are 104,000 children in foster care waiting to be adopted, ranging in age from younger to a year old to 21 years old.

According to the Adoption and



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Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System, three years is the average amount of time a foster child waits to be adopted, and about 55 percent of these kids have been placed in three or more different families.

For three years a child is forced to wait for a family to reach out to them and call them their

child, an experience that the vast majority of people are lucky enough to be born into.

These are the kinds of facts that motivate me to one day rescue at least one child from a life lacking in proper health care and emotional support and give them the promise of a better future.

As children become older, it becomes increasingly unlikely that they will find a permanent home and family to call their own since most parents want to adopt a child young enough to still have time to grow up with them and genuinely identify with them as their real parents.

This reality contributes to my hope to one day adopt a preteen or young teenager so I can provide them with the home, family, love and security that they will have probably at that point lost all hope of ever experiencing.

Being raised in an orphanage or bouncing from foster home to foster home can easily deprive children of any real sense of belonging, home, or

family – something that every child deserves to grow up with.

It's difficult enough to develop into a successful, happy adult with a solid direction in life even when you do have a supportive, loving family there for you and believing in you.

High school and college years are complicated stages in life for any young adult – trying to figure out who you are and what your place is in this world can be completely overwhelming.

The idea of anyone going through that adolescent experience without the stability of a family or home to come to is devastating to me.

Kids are often put up for adoption because their mothers were unable to raise them, the family they were born into couldn't afford to care for them, or they were mistreated somehow, according to livestrong.com.

They deserve the chance to have a promising, thriving future as much as anyone else, but without anyone to turn to or family members to support them, their opportunities are limited.

I want to provide that hope, love and stability for a child or children who may otherwise never get to go through those experiences, experiences that most of us take for granted, and I hope that more individuals, couples and families develop that same desire to open up their lives to a child in need as well.

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## Minors: Operation is a deterrent program

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He also said if the adult agrees to purchase alcohol for the decoy, they are "arrested and cited for furnishing alcohol to the minor."

According to Laws, the operation took place at several different alcohol establishments within the university neighborhoods.

"The operation was supervised by Sgt. Manuel Aguayo, who was assisted by Sgt. John Laws and Cpl. Michael Silva," Noriega said.

Noriega also said the decoy in the operation is a minor who is under the supervision of UPD officers.

Laws said because the underage decoy was working under the authority of UPD, no crime was committed.

For safety reasons, Noriega said he couldn't release the name of the minor decoy who participated in the operation.

"The penalty for this violation is a minimum fine of \$1,000 and 24 hours of community service," he said.

According to Noriega, the operation is part of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, which grants funds sponsored by the California Office of Traffic Safety as well as the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Laws said the operation is a deterrent program that is very common.

"The idea is for people to realize that it's dangerous to be buying alcohol for others, especially if you know what you're doing is illegal," he said.

Stephanie Massoud, a 19-year-old psychology major, said minors aren't considering the amount of trouble an adult can get in if they purchase alcohol for them.

"While the adults might think that they're just helping out their friends, they're really committing a crime," she said.

Massoud also said the adult purchasing the alcohol for the minor doesn't

know for sure that it will be consumed responsibly.

According to Noriega, UPD arrested 105 people for being intoxicated in public both on and off campus between Jan. 1, 2011 and Oct. 1, 2012, and 20 of those people were younger than 21.

He also said during the same period that 30 minors, mostly SJSU students, were taken to the hospital "for severe alcohol intoxication."

UPD issued more than 100 citations for minors who were in possession of alcoholic beverages during that time period, Noriega said.

"While SJSU has adopted prevention education programs aimed at curbing (alcohol) abuse, they do not address issues such as sales to minors by licensed establishments or those who furnish alcohol to minors," he said.

According to Laws, Shoulder Tap Decoy Operations will continue to run as long as the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control continues to fund it for UPD.

Abby Sargenti, a 21-year-old senior psychology major, said she thinks it's a good idea for UPD to have the Shoulder Tap Decoy Operation to help catch people who could be endangering a minor.

She said a minor could end up being followed, kidnapped or raped by someone who buys alcohol for them.

"Minors don't think about (consequences) because it's cool to drink alcohol.' There are plenty of other fun things to do before you turn 21 and start to damage your liver," she said.

According to Noriega, alcohol abuse not only affects students on campus, but the surrounding community as well.

"It is our hope to enhance the efforts already in place at SJSU to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors, mitigate alcohol-related traffic collisions, criminal conduct, abuse and other risky behaviors," Noriega said.

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## Charity: Greek community raising money for autism

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According to Elmore, on April 9 there will be a fundraiser dinner for Autism Speaks at Fourth Street Pizza Company, during which sororities and fraternities compete for which house brings in more participants.

"If tons of people go to the Fourth Street Pizza dinner there's going to be a place where they sign their name, and so they're going to get lots of participation points for that day," Clark said.

According to Clark, the AmaXing Challenge also brings in money for Autism Speaks through entry fees and T-shirt sales.

"Normally, the fee is paid for by the chapter that is participating," Clark stated in an email.

The AmaXing Challenge's next event is the Catch a Xi competition which will take place on April 10, according to Elmore.

"All sisters of Alpha Xi Delta will be wearing white shirts that say Catch a Xi," Elmore said. "Throughout the day anyone from any other chapter can come up and sign your shirt and write their name and their chapter's name to gather points for their team."

Participants can sign their names on as many Alpha Xi Delta shirts as they can find, but are only allowed to sign their name once per shirt, according to Sydney Sheiner, a senior social work major.

Clark said Catch a Xi's main purpose is for Alpha Xi Delta's chapter to meet with other chapters while raising awareness for the cause.

On April 11, the Xi Man and Xi Woman will be picked during the main AmaXing Challenge event on the Associated Students Lawn from

3 p.m. to 7 p.m., during which candidates compete in a variety of obstacle courses and a talent show, according to Elmore.

"The sororities are paired up against the sororities and the fraternities against the fraternities," Sheiner said.

Some of the obstacles course events include jousting with large, cushy Q-tip shaped objects and an event called Damsel in Distress, according to Clark.

"(During Damsel in Distress), they have to go through a blown-up obstacle course and then they have to grab one of our sisters and run her across the lawn," Clark said.

The candidates who place first through fourth earn points toward their grand total for the entire competition and the winners of the challenge win the title of Xi Man or Xi Woman, a set of letters declaring that they earned the title and a plaque, according to Clark.

"For who wins, it's a combination of how much money they raise throughout the week and how much house participation they get," Clark said. "So if lots of people are going and signing shirts on Catch a Xi, then they're going to get more points that day."

Clark said Autism Speaks was chosen as Alpha Xi Delta's national philanthropic cause, so every Alpha Xi Delta across the country represents the organization and supports it.

"All of our profits are supposed to go directly back to them," Clark said. "So when we raise money we have a set budget for it, and every single thing we bring back in is given directly to Autism Speaks, so no money we

raise is ever coming back to us. It goes directly to Autism Speaks."

According to Clark, Alpha Xi Delta has had a national partnership with Autism Speaks since 2009 and Alpha Xi Deltas across the country have raised more than \$1 million for the organization.

"Autism Speaks then uses the money to create resources for families, fund research projects and advocate for families who are effected by autism, etc.," Clark stated in an email.

Although they work with other philanthropic organizations, Autism Speaks is Alpha Xi Delta's major national philanthropy, according to Clark.

"I think Autism Speaks is a really awesome organization to support because autism affects so many people and I would say more than the majority of this house is affected by it directly," Clark said. "I think that's something that's really cool about it, that we're able to support something that we see on a regular basis."


Sheiner said although autism impacts a significant number of people, few people actually know what it is and what affect it has on those who live with it.

According to the official Autism Speaks website, "ASD (Autism Spectrum Disorder) can be associated with intellectual disability, difficulties in motor coordination and attention and physical health issues such as sleep and gastrointestinal disturbances. Some people with ASD excel in visual skills, music, math and art."

Clark said since autism is a spectrum disorder, there are a wide variety of types of people who are within that spectrum.

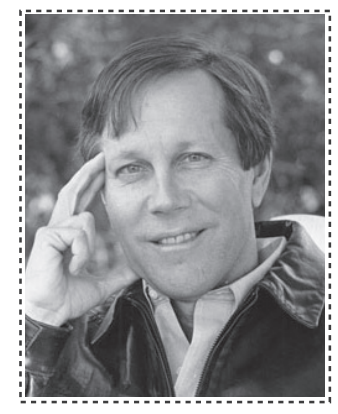
"There (are) some people who are extremely high functioning and then there are some people that are very low functioning, and then on that same spectrum is Asperger's," Clark said. "Autism now affects 1 in 88 people and 1 in 54 boys, so it's very prominent in today's society."

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