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LEGACY OF GHOSTS

Qayoumi's abrupt departure leaves a campus looking for lessons learned — and to move on

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The much-embattled administration of former San Jose State President Mohammad Qayoumi came to an arguably anticlimactic conclusion over the summer as he announced in July he had been tapped to serve as infrastructure advisor in the presidential cabinet of a much larger administration — that of his birth country, Afghanistan.

"I will be serving the president and government of a country of more than thirty million people, helping to coordinate the activities of eleven government ministries and guiding the rebuilding of Afghanistan infrastructure, human capital, and technology," Qayoumi told the Spartan Daily in an email interview. "That is, to put it mildly, not a small job. It would have been very difficult for me to turn down an invitation from a life-

long friend to serve my country of origin in such a meaningful way."

Interim President Susan Martin was appointed to fill the vacancy for a year while a search for a permanent replacement is underway.

Qayoumi, born in rural Afghanistan to two parents with no education past the elementary school level, led SJSU since his appointment in 2011. Beforehand he led CSU East Bay in the same role since 2006, making him the first Afghan native to become president of a major U.S. university, according to a CSU East Bay news release from the same year.

ROUGH ROAD

The five years Qayoumi served at the head of SJSU were marred by several high-profile incidents that incensed

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A SHOT IN THE DARK

Vaccine choice group appeals to students



Matthew Dziak | Spartan Daily

Jaimee Hinman volunteers her time looking to add signatures to a petition opposing the SB277 bill on state mandated vaccinations for children before they attend school.

By Matthew Dziak
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With the increase in awareness regarding potential epidemics of contagious viruses, state officials have passed the SB277 bill, mandating vaccinations for children before attending schools.

At one of the booths lining the outskirts of the Student Union yesterday afternoon was SB277 Referendum. Its goal is to repeal the state bill requiring

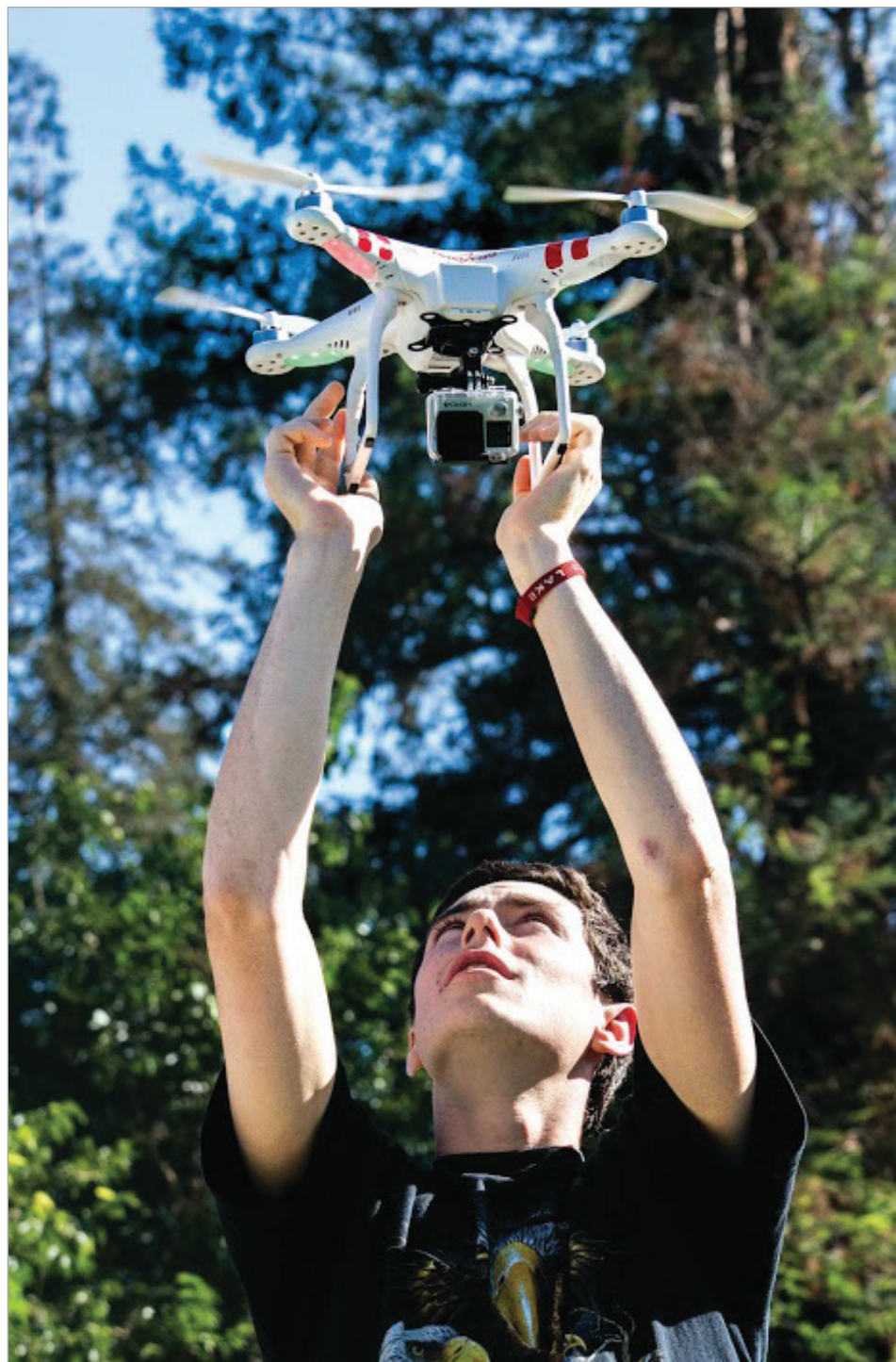
children to have a federally mandated 10 vaccinations prior to being enrolled into daycare, public or private school.

After California Sen. Richard Pan and Sen. Ben Allen introduced the bill in April, Gov. Jerry Brown signed off on it just a few months later to take effect in July 2016.

"This bill was quickly run through our state legislation," said Amy Helstrup,

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TAKING FLIGHT



Katie Rike | Spartan Daily

Freshman chemical engineering major Jonathan Adam flies a drone on Tower Lawn with friends yesterday afternoon.

ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK

California death penalty challenged by U.S. courts

By Hailee Miguel
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California's death penalty is being reviewed by a Federal Appeals Court as they consider whether it is unconstitutional.

There are many things being considered by the court including delays in appeals process and lack of funding.

"There's this sort of endless limbo. They end up stuck in California's death row where they are convicted, they are sentenced to the death penalty, but the death penalty never occurs," said William Armaline, associate professor of justice studies and director for the minor in human rights at San Jose State University.

California has not carried out an execution since 2006 and is the nation's largest death row state with more than 750 inmates sitting on death row according to an LA Times article.

"We're the kings of incarceration. We have some of the most brutal prison environments, in the country and in the world, in California we're under federal receivership still because of our overcrowded prisons already in violation of Constitutional Eighth Amendment protections on cruel and unusual punishment, that's already in our system and we're go-go death penalty and have been for a long time," Armaline said. "Even in that environment, we still have not been able to successfully execute a prisoner on death row for about a decade."

The conditions of death row and the process following the death sentence are also being questioned as unconstitutional Armaline said.

"People have pointed to the conditions of death row (and) the cut off of communication. What folks have argued is these folks get the death sentence and then sort of sit in limbo in these really harsh, harsh con-

ditions that never really go anywhere and there's no clear appeal situation, no clear finality because you're sentenced to die," Armaline said. "But is it ever really going to happen? So basically its being drawn up as cruel and unusual."

There is a lack of funding to accompany the issue of a delayed appeals process, as inmates have to wait years just to receive legal representation to begin an appeals process.

"The actual practice of filing and receiving a successfully heard appeal is very, very long and expensive," Armaline said.

Attorney Michael Laurence said inmates linger on death row for 30 to 40 years.

Executions are randomized as reported by ABC News.

"If you imagine you're a poor person put on death row you do not have the financial wherewithal to employ a lawyer for the years and time it takes to file these real laborious appeals processes," Armaline said.

According to ABC News, few can argue California's death penalty has an effect of swift justice as more prisoners are dying of natural causes on death row than in the death chamber.

"I think the death penalty is really eating up a lot of the government's resources and state budget because in reality, a lot of death row inmates end up dying of natural causes anyway," said Monique Ramirez, justice studies major.

Since 1978, the number of killers that have been sentenced to death in California is 900. Yet 13 have been executed since then.

"It's just kind of a broken approach," Armaline said. "Even if you want to argue that it should be morally, ethically, politically correct, the machine that we put together essentially to accomplish that task is obviously, utterly and hopelessly broken."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 5-6

Wizard World Comic Con
10am-7pm Saturday
11am-5pm Sunday
San Jose Convention Center

Bacon Festival of America
12-7pm Saturday and Sunday
Plaza de Cesar Chavez
170 S Market St. San Jose, CA 95112

Santa Cruz Mountain Art & Wine Festival
11-6pm Saturday and Sunday
Garahan Park Boulder Creek, CA

Andre Nickatina Concert
Saturday 9pm
The Catalyst in Santa Cruz

SEPTEMBER 12-13

San Jose Sharks Fan Fest
Saturday 12-7:30pm
SAP Center

SoFA Street Fair
Sunday 2pm
33 W. William St. San Jose CA 95112

Mountain View Art and Wine Festival
10am-6pm Saturday and Sunday
Castro Street

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SB277 Referendum Regional Coordinator for Santa Clara County. "It came out in February and it was passed in June, which is extremely quick for a bill that will affect so many children."

Running the booth was Jaimee Hinman, a parent volunteer, who collected signatures of registered voters supporting the referendum to repeal.

"We don't want the government to have unchecked power and parents are the first line of defense against it," Hinman said. "This is not about pro vaccine or not, it is about unchecked political power over a medical procedure."

According to the National Vaccine Information Center, in 2014, 48 states allowed a religious vaccine exemption and 17 states allowed a philosophical conscientious or personal belief exemption.

Currently, many parents opposing the bill rely on their personal

physician's recommendations to vaccinate. With enough signatures petitioning the bill, a vote would be held in November 2016.

"We want to get it on the ballot for 2016 so the people can vote on it instead of a handful of legislatures making the decision for thousands of parents," Helstrup said. "We are trying to bring awareness that this is a bill that will be affecting hundreds of thousands of children in 2016."

Although the current bill does not affect university students as it stands, the open-ended nature of the bill allows the state to add mandatory vaccinations if deemed necessary by the Department of Health.

"There are too many vaccines for young children before they even turn two," said Anjali Gupta, a freshman management information systems major. "It is something that should be left up to the parents and not mandated."

In a 2010 California study regarding cases of pertussis, commonly known as walking cough, a statistical scan found clusters

of nonmedical exemptions were 2.5 times more likely to have a case of pertussis.

The study also determined that the nonmedical exemption was just one of several factors pertaining to the rise in pertussis cases.

The upholding of the bill would eliminate "the personal belief exemption" which currently allows parents to enroll their students into private or public schools and day cares without all vaccinations. This is true if it is on the basis of their religious or personal belief, a freedom the group responsible for the referendum deems violated.

"Our focus is not on whether vaccinations are good or bad but keeping parental and medical professionals' rights alive," Helstrup said. "They are sticking their noses in our medical decisions and doctors, parents and caregivers are losing their right to make the decision for their children."

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Aldolfo Oseguera | Spartan Daily

Cassie Barmore shows students how to heat up sauce.



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Participants line up to try the chopped veggies and pasta they cooked at the Back to Basics demo on Tuesday.

DEATH ROW

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In a ruling last year by U.S. District Judge Cormac Carney, it was determined unpredictable delays between conviction and execution resulted in an unfair system that violates the Eighth Amendment, as reported by ABC News.

"If inmates were locked up with life without parole it would save a ton of money and avoid the cruel and unusual punishment," Ramirez said.

An attempt to end California's death penalty and replace it with life without parole was rejected back in 2012, and if the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals sends this case back to the California Supreme Court, four more years will pass before a decision, according to the LA Times.

Hailee Miguel is a Spartan Daily staff writer.

Campus cooking event demonstrates the culinary basics

By Adolfo Oseguera @aosogordo

San Jose State University's Cooking Healthy, Eating Well Program hosted the "Back to the Basics" cooking demonstration at the Student Wellness Center on Tuesday.

"All these demos focus on easy-to-make meals that students can cook in their rooms if they don't have access to a kitchen," said Wellness and Health Promotion Coordinator Cassie Barmore. "Some of them just use a microwave but all them

focus on healthy meals that college students can make on a low budget."

According to the Fall 2014 SJSU Student Food Access Survey, 11.7 percent of students skipped or compromised a meal because they did not have enough money to afford it. The survey reported that 45.49 percent of students support themselves financially.

Barmore demonstrated how to cook pasta with the use of only a microwave, cutting knife and cutting board. CHEW provided the essentials for the demonstration. The hands-on experience is something Barmore wanted to focus on.

"Cooking demonstrations don't necessarily change behavior because a lot of times people aren't applying those skills at home," Barmore said. "The reason why ours are hands-on is to help students build that self-advocacy so that way they are most likely to go home and apply some of the skills they've used."

Nutrition graduate student Angela Dyck attended Tuesday's event to answer any questions students may have about cooking.

"I loved seeing the excitement of the students. You got to see just how much they can learn from a short hour class," Dyck said. "(The demonstration) helps

defeat some of the myths you hear online or on campus."

Dyck said the biggest myth that college students believe in are fad diets such as the Paleo diet.

Sophomore software engineering and applied math major Matt Morin participated in "Back to Basics" to learn the skills being taught.

"I'm not really all that good at cooking," Morin said. "And since I am now living off campus...I'm trying to figure what I could do to be better and be able to cook for myself."

Morin said he enjoyed the class because it helped him learn how to cook for himself. He said the class was simple and all the steps were easy to remember.

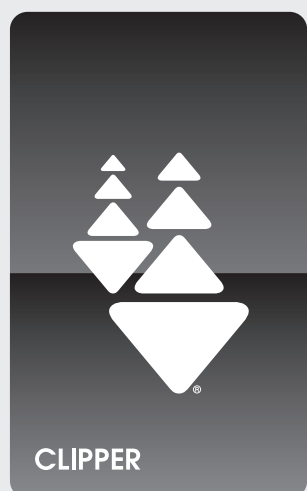
Participants were able to eat the pasta they made, working together to create the fast and inexpensive meal.

Barmore said she enjoyed teaching the class and encourages students to come to the demonstrations. She said it is a welcoming space and a place where students do not need any prior knowledge of cooking to have fun.

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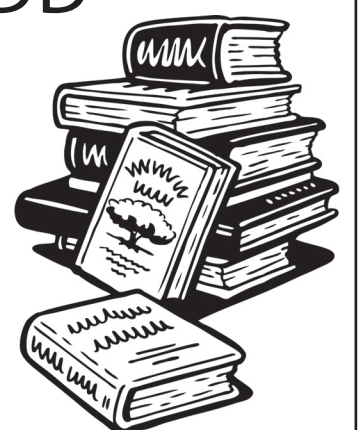


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One of the organizations in attendance was the Rotaract Club, which was lead by Alex Rivera (top) and Andrew Lin (right).

School clubs reach out to SJSU students

By Jose Munguia
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The 12th Annual Community Connections Fair hosted various organizations looking for San Jose State students willing to give back to their surrounding community yesterday at El Paseo De Cesar Chavez.

Event Director Michael Fallon started the fair 12 years ago with a mission to bring students and the surrounding community together to meet and interact with a variety of organizations.

"This is an opportunity for students to come out and see at least 40 organizations in the community that need them to serve or engage with," Fallon said.

According to Coaching Corps, one of the organizations represented at the fair, certain low-income communities in San Jose cannot afford to hire coaches needed for local sports teams.

Coaching Corps is an Oakland-based nonprofit organization that uses student volunteers to act as coaches for teams that are made up of kids from low-income communities.

Kevin Reduta, regional program coordinator for Coach-

ing Corps in Northern California, said he wants to close the gap between students who are unable to join sports teams or cannot afford the cost of uniforms.

"We coach the kids in a variety of sports then find after school programs or community place organizations to place them in," Reduta said.

This is the second year Coaching Corps has participated in the Community Connections Fair. It has experienced success with students signing up, but is always looking to add more members as past volunteers have graduated or will graduate.

In 2005, Coaching Corps was called Team Up for Youth. It decided to change the name to better reflect the organization's new mission.

Prior to the name change, the organization operated via grants. Once it ran out of money, it switched to being a volunteer-based organization.

"As long as they have a passion for sports and want to give back to the kids in communities, any students—no matter the major—are welcomed to join," Reduta said.

Students came and listened to pitches from various organizations.

Psychology junior Guillermo Ramirez said he had low

expectations for the event, but was intrigued after hearing pitches from organizers.

"I thought some of the organizations had a great cause," Ramirez said. "That's why I kept listening and what made me want to sign up."

Students who were unable to attend the fair due to time conflicts will have to wait until next year to reach out to organizers.

The California State University system and SJSU are working to implement the "Cal State S4" database so students will be able to access any community organization online. During the fair, organizations were able to upload their information online for interested students.

"When students are looking for an organization to serve, we've already established partnerships that more or less will ensure a positive quality as well as learning service experience," Fallon said.

In addition to the 40 organizations that attended yesterday's fair, Fallon said students can now access information from over 240 organizations online.

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Dr. Amanda Walters (left) and Irene Chui (middle) talk to students about the stress dot during the Stress Less For Success Fair.

Fair teaches stress management

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The Stress Less For Success fair took place in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library on Tuesday, offering tips to students dealing with stress.

Event Coordinator Victoria Sevilla said stress usually occurs during midterms. The fair helped students learn to manage stressful situations that can arise throughout the semester by providing them coping tools, which were taught to them at different booths.

Fair Director Jimma Cortes-Smith said she wanted to lend a helping hand, knowing how difficult it can be for students in need of assistance.

"It's common for students to feel overwhelmed by college ... this fair is to help them prevent stress if it does become an issue," Cortes-Smith said.

Interactive activities included getting enough sleep, measuring stress via a stress dot and offering yoga classes.

Measuring stress can be the key to learning how to manage it, and the stress dot can help shows a person's stress level. There is a chart that comes with the dot that shows how each color reflects the level the person is on.

By interacting with booths, participants were able to earn raffle tickets that could be used to win prizes given out at specific times of the event.

Sevilla said the Stress Less For Success fair is held for students to actively interact with staff members at each booth rather

than at a workshop.

Some students said they were skeptical about the event, as they were unsure if the suggestions would help.

Business marketing junior Sedrick Banerjee said he thought some of the information was useable.

"At first I thought there wasn't much to do about stress," Banerjee said. "But after listening to some of the staff members, a lot of what they talked about stuck with me."

Students around campus have a different outlook on handling stress.

Aviation sophomore Matt Steele said time management plays a huge role in being able to handle stress.

"I'm involved in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps, and have two jobs so having a good time management has always been key in why I rarely encounter stress," Steele said.

Cortes-Smith said she looks to build on this event and is eager to host future fairs.

Due to a lack of student outreach, the amount of people in attendance was lower than what was anticipated. Coordinators said it is something to improve on.

The next counseling and psychology department event will be a workshop titled Happiness in a Stressful World, which will focus on happiness and stress management.

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Former San Jose State President Mohammad Qayoumi addresses reporters at a news conference in February, 2014. Qayoumi resigned from his position during the summer to accept an appointment as an infrastructure advisor in his home country of Afghanistan.

the campus and community at large, including the apparently racially motivated bullying of an African-American student by his white suite mates. Three students accused in that incident have since been expelled, and a fourth remains suspended. All four pleaded not guilty to misdemeanor charges of hate crimes and battery.

A second high-profile incident that haunted the end of Qayoumi's term was a no-bid, \$28 million contract with Cisco Systems to upgrade technology on the campus. Qayoumi was widely criticized for the no-bid arrangement, and questions were raised over his prior relationship with Cisco after a scathing Mercury News report drew numerous financial connections between the former president and the networking technology giant.

Qayoumi vigorously defended his decision in a Mercury News editorial in October 2014, writing that when he arrived at the university in 2011 he was "alarmed" to discover how outdated the technology was on campus and had to act quickly to fix the serious issues with wireless internet in particular.

A third incident saw then-dean of justice studies Mark Correia accused of using department funds for personal expenses

and keeping tens of thousands of dollars in an unauthorized off-campus account. An internal review had quietly concluded that there was "no indication of Fiscal Impropriety" before a whistleblower tip-off to the CSU prompted an external audit. Correia resigned before the dust had settled and took a position as dean at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The list of issues, both substantiated and unsubstantiated, goes on. Seven professors from the college of business claimed in a petition that similar fiscal improprieties were taking place in their own college in 2012, and called for an independent audit, but then-provost Ellen Junn rejected their request. Qayoumi never responded to the petition after it was hand-delivered to his office by one of the signatories, marketing and decision sciences professor Howard Combs.

Combs said he personally delivered the petition to the president's office, then asked him about it in person in 2014 when he was able to meet with the president face to face in a small group setting. Qayoumi, he said, denied any knowledge of his petition.

"That was not credible to us," Combs said.

Former Executive Director of Associated Students Cheryl Vargas was fired in 2014 after being accused of similar misuse of funds for personal expenses, including a trip to Israel for her teenage son.

QUESTION OF CULTURE

In 2013, before many of the high-profile incidents had come to light, the Academic Senate passed a resolution calling for a review of SJSU's governance.

"I think it was a collective acknowledgment that the way we were doing things wasn't working well, and we wanted outside assistance in figuring out ways to make it work better," said Lynda Heiden, a psychology professor who served as chair of the Academic Senate at the time and co-authored the resolution.

"Overwhelmingly the consensus (among faculty) was that he had to go," said Ted Coopman, a lecturer in communication studies. "And what happened is then (the CSU) said, 'Oh we're going to let him stay.' So, basically what happened was a coup — an attempted coup — and it was a failed coup, so then you live in a post-coup environment and deal with the repercussions of that."

Heiden emphasized that the review request had been for the governance of SJSU as a whole and not a review of Qayoumi as an individual.

Several faculty members and students loudly criticized Qayoumi's administration in the wake of those incidents, with associate professor of justice studies Sang Hea Kil saying that she suspected the university was plagued by a "culture of corruption" in an October 2014 interview with the Spartan Daily.

Combs echoed that claim, saying at the time: "I think it's a culture of improper activity on campus that goes all the way to the top."

Shawn Bibb, then the university's chief financial officer and who had worked with Qayoumi previously at CSU East Bay before making the shift with him to SJSU, sharply rejected such claims in an interview during the same month of 2014. He called the claims "amazing" and said that Qayoumi was one of the most moral people he had ever met.

It was clear that some of the initiatives that we needed to pursue would not be comfortable for everyone," Qayoumi said, responding to these criticisms. "But I was also aware that, as Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has said, that you have to be willing to be misunderstood if you are going to innovate. In order to meet the needs of students, employees, alumni and community, the status quo wasn't going to be acceptable."

Students seemed to be somewhat less aware of the controversy that embroiled Qayoumi's administration.

"He brought in all of the new equipment, and he didn't get quotes from other buyers — he just went with one," said mechanical engineering masters student Jared Besson. "Cisco?"

Arthemuel Hernaez, a junior biomedical engineering major, said in his department they "don't really talk about the president much. It's almost like he's all the way up there, and we're down here, and it seems almost impossible to contact him."

"I know that he's no longer in the coun-

try," said sociology junior Michelle Williams. "From what I've observed, it seemed like it was kind of difficult to work with him. Maybe he wasn't as transparent as he should have been with his staff."

Sophomore engineering student Sikna Matthews said she didn't know the gender of the former president, or that there had been any recent changes in leadership.

LOOSE ENDS

"I think all of his intentions were good because you obviously want to bring the school into using everything modern," Besson said. "Overall I would say, if it's good or bad, he did a good job but made errors along the way."

"I really do believe, and I think most people who knew him would agree with me, that he really did want what was best for San Jose State," Heiden said.

Heiden worked closely with Qayoumi on the school's executive committee and said she met with him frequently one on one. She credited Qayoumi with balancing the campus's budget after he inherited a deficit and pushing to hire more tenure track faculty.

She still, however, has lingering doubts about the Cisco contract. "I don't think anyone would say that ever felt resolved," she said, "and I would say that's true for me as well. I never felt that I had a complete picture of where the money went and if it was well-spent."

Particularly the no-bid nature of the contract troubled her, something she said Qayoumi was never fully able to explain to her satisfaction. But now, she said, it's water under the bridge, and she worries that focusing too much on past issues won't

serve any benefit to the campus.

Combs agreed.

"I'm a Vietnam veteran, OK, so it's kind of like resurrecting Vietnam. It's a war you've already fought and lost, and regardless of the validity of the cause, you don't want to fight it again."

MOVING ON

"We've got a whole new group of administrators at the top that I've got a lot of confidence in," said Heiden. "They're great to be around. Even before many of them came, I felt our campus was on a positive trajectory — we were on our way back up in terms of morale and other kinds of things, so I want to keep our momentum going and I don't want to do anything that disrupts it."

Heiden said she expects there will be a respectable pool of applicants to permanently fill the top seat. "We're in California, we're in Silicon Valley, we are very integral to the valley in our students working in different companies, we do a lot of really great things creatively and in business and engineering — social science, I mean, you name it — so, we're a good place."

As for Qayoumi, he said that whoever his replacement is, he hopes that person "has audacious dreams and the courage of commitment — even when their decisions are unpopular."

Nicholas Ibarra is the former executive editor of the Spartan Daily.

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REVIEW

Bay Area Brewfest bubbles with entertainment



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Among the huge variety of craft beers poured at the festival was the Mighty Dry Hard Cider by Golden State Cider.

By Adolfo Oseguera
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San Francisco held its fourth annual Bay Area Brew Festival on Saturday, Aug 29.

The Bay Area Brew Festival is home to many domestic and international beers and San Francisco's best food trucks. Beers offered ranged from IPAs to ciders. Some of the booths included Guinness, Napa Smith Brewery, Karl Strauss Brewing Company and New Belgium Brewing.

Upon walking in, attendees were given a beer-tasting cup that read "Eat, Drink, Play." This cup became your best friend at the event and, filling up with all the beer you can drink.

There was a big, old-looking shed, which was filled with beer booths and music for guests to enjoy.

The booths inside seemed endless, stretching from one end to the other. The range started off with an offering of ciders then moved up to regular lagers and pale ales, including Indian pale ales.

People working the booths added to the lively and crazy vibes surrounding the festival-goers. They were dancing, chugging and yelling along with everyone else.

Ashley Albani, one of the many women pouring beers, said she was thrilled to be there. She served beer with



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Francesca Ciresi, Mikaela Cory and Terelyn Tom test their jenga skills on a life size jenga set.

nothing but smiles and laughs.

Music playing inside enhanced the effects of the beer and made people dance. The Napa Smith booth was filled with nothing but energetic individuals.

In addition to serving beer, Katie Morris encouraged people to dance and paused between pours to join them. That is the kind of energy loved by festival-goers, giving it a welcoming vibe.

After drinking a little, I continued to the outside portion of the festival where I got a hotdog. The food trucks were a hit as they were flooded with costumers.

The trucks also created a friendly border around festival games and a picnic area, making food accessible no matter where you sat. That was a plus.

Games at the festival were unique because they were life-sized versions of games that are usually small. Jenga pieces were almost as big as my forearm and the chips for Connect Four were nearly the size of my face.

The size of the games provided an intense atmosphere, especially Jenga when the massive pieces tumbled down.

Bean bag toss was another option for festival-goers. Perfectly lined wooden holes taunted tipsy players as they carefully aimed to get the bean bag in. This area, like inside, was a crazy party itself.

What surprised me most was the fact that everyone there was able to hold their liquor. I was expecting to see at least two to three people unable to handle their alcohol. For an event that was all about beer, people did surprisingly well.

Will I go back for the fifth annual festival? Of course I will. The entire event was filled with nothing but great vibes.

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Safe in Sound Festival comes to San Jose

Bro Safari, Datsik and Zomboy are getting ready to impress

By Dakotah Zabroski
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Flashing lights and vibrant costumes are common themes among festivals. San Jose will host another music festival at the Civic Center when the Safe in Sound Festival arrives on Oct. 23.

Bro Safari, Datsik and Zomboy will be the main headliners for the second year in a row with guest appearances by Nero, Flux Pavilion and many more that have yet to be announced.

Performing artists are getting in the mood for the tour and want to put on a good show for the fans.

"I'm really looking forward to this tour. Aside from playing a string of great shows, I get to pal around with some prolific members of the bass music scene that I respect a lot," Safari said in the press release.

This is the first year Safe in Sound Festival is the world's only traveling bass festival. So far it has proven to be a huge success after completing a 20 city tour last year, according to the festival's website.

"(I am) Hyped to hit the road again this fall, and with such an awesome line up the shows are sure to be fire," fellow headliner, Zomboy said.

The festival look bigger than in past years with at least 30 dates across North America.

Safe in Sound Festival boasts to be "the most powerful touring sound system ever used for an EDM tour."

PK Sound will be returning and will show off their 150,000-watt-wall of bass with the newly featured Trinity line of array, which was the same brand used at the Electric Daisy Carnival Las Vegas last Summer.

"(I am) super thrilled to be going back on the road with such an epic bass squadron and a massive PK rig, this should be one for the books," Datsik said in an interview with Billboard.

Trinity uses electronically actuated loud-

speaker elements to aim the sound from a computer allowing the engineer to focus the sound field accurately onto the target area.

Executives of the tour are confident of the quality of content that will be displayed.

"I'm personally excited to watch Bro Safari live because I've been listening to him for sometime now and he has some of the best trap songs. I'm especially looking forward to watch him perform live his track 'Bender' because it's my personal favorite," Marian Noei, a second year biology major from San Jose State University said.

Safe in Sound Festival is having a giveaway for fans to win four backstage passes to the festival. The giveaway lasts for seven more weeks and information on how to enter can be found on the Safe in Sound Festival website.


The festival will start on Sept. 3 and will make its way out to the states after its first two stops in Montreal and Toronto.


Dakotah Zabroski is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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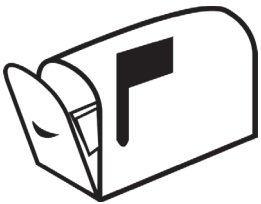
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Defunding reproductive services is not the answer to ending abortion

Planned Parenthood should be given more money for what they do

By Jovanni Arroyo-Camberos
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It began when Democrats blocked a Republican effort to defund Planned Parenthood on Aug. 3 after an undercover video was released, raising questions about the distribution of fetal tissue.

The U.S. Senate put the issue to a vote, but failed to defund the nonprofit on with the vote ending in a 53-46 decision, meaning the focus has shifted to a must-pass bill dated for Sept. 30.

Instead, the Senate should look to further fund the nonprofit that has helped reduce teen pregnancy to a 20-year low, according to Planned Parenthood's official website.

According to an image of a proposal collected by politico.com, 18 house Republicans told leaders of Congress that defunding Planned Parenthood should be taken seriously.

The proposal comes after an anti-abortion group released

a series of videos in which a doctor said the nonprofit organization sells fetal tissue for profit. Planned Parenthood doctors are only reimbursed after paying out of their own pockets for transporting fetal tissue to research labs for scientific research.

Fetal tissue from Planned Parenthood is in fact donated, according to a statement by Eric Ferraro, vice president of communications for Planned Parenthood.

Patients choose to donate fetal tissue for research. It is not stolen or bought.

"We help patients who want to donate tissue for scientific research, and we do this just like every other high-quality health care provider does—with full, appropriate consent from patients and under the highest ethical and legal standards," Ferraro said.

Besides contributing to scientific research, Planned Parenthood does a number of positive things for sexually-

active people. They provide sexual-education courses, STD-awareness courses and health and reproductive services.

According to its 2013-2014 annual report, Planned Parenthood has connected 1 million people with health care.

Some might say it's all about the abortion issue, but abortions only cover 3 percent of the services Planned Parenthood provides, according to its website.

It's not hard to say this nation needs someone with a foot in the door when it comes to sexual education. Just imagine a world without Planned Parenthood.

Women's lives might be at risk from unsafe procedures, children would be misinformed about sex, the spread of STDs could increase nationwide and there would be a loss of scientific research.

It's safe to say we need Planned Parenthood whether you like it or not.

I would like to think most people understand that without a proper teacher, no one is able to learn and progress. Sexual education is important.

Growing up and having to learn about sex is a bit awkward, but that's life. I'm happy I learned about the consequences of unprotected sex before it was too late.

Funding should not be cut based on an unfortunate incident and bad timing for an organization that has faced years of scrutiny.

Planned Parenthood should continue to receive funding to inform and educate the nation about issues concerning sex, which could prevent abortions around the country.

Jovanni Arroyo-Camberos is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



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Robotic umpires will ruin America's greatest pastime

By Kavin Mistry
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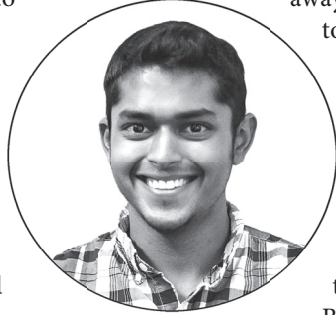
Baseball is moving further into the 21st century after implementing instant replay, and is now considering putting robot umpires behind the home plate.

Major League Baseball will use these robotic umpires to call strikes and balls during every game. Players have argued that umpires now control the outcome of games more than the players themselves, and they are in support of the robots.

This problem became evident in a huge game between the San Francisco Giants and the Los Angeles Dodgers on Tuesday night in their battle for first place.

Giants batter Alejandro De Aza was called out on a pitch that was unhittable

and clearly out of the strike zone. This had a direct effect on the outcome of the game because the umpire took away San Francisco's chance to tie the game.



According to a tweet by Alex Pavlovic, Giants insider for Comcast SportsNet Bay Area, manager Bruce Bochy said it was the "worst call at the worst time."

But it is unfair for the blame to be placed solely on the umpire because the Giants could have scored in any of the other eight innings.

As a college baseball pitcher myself, I hope to never see a robot umpire on the field. They would give the hitters an unfair advantage, knowing exactly what would be called a strike and what would be called a ball.

Pitchers have an unspoken relationship with umpires. When the game begins, the umpire reveals how the strike zone will be called for that game and the pitcher adjusts his game plan accordingly.

This is something that hitters have to figure out for themselves during the course of the game, along with trying to understand the pitcher.

If there were robot umpires, hitters would only have to worry about what pitch is going to be thrown. It takes away strategy in the mind of the pitcher.

By putting in robots to call the game, it takes away from the human aspect of baseball, including the ongoing battle between hitters and pitchers to outsmart each other.

If I had to deal with robot umpires there would be added pressure on how to throw strikes. If the pitches are close, but not in the clear-cut computer strike zone, it would be frustrating.

Despite the negative effects of having these robot umpires, the movement has already begun to take shape.

Kavin Mistry is a Spartan Daily staff writer.



Dear Editor,

The bike rack relocation is an affront to the significant portion of the student body who relies on bicycle transportation, and in general the socially inclusive spirit of the university as serving the lower income, working class community who turn to the CSU, lacking the means to attend more expensive, big name institutions. My Bachelor's in Sociology focused primarily upon inequality, and how social movements are often needed in response to society choosing to neglect some of its members, and I recognize this movement of the bike racks as nothing short of socioeconomic discrimination.

The official story of this being done to address bike theft is absurd. Moving the now fewer bike racks to only the periphery of the campus, where they are less likely to be monitored by UPD as well as passing students who could notice suspicious activity, are now at greater risk of theft. The bike rack relocation is a clear statement that bikes are not wanted on the campus. This reveals an unfortunate trend signaling a change to an institution that had previously prided itself on a diverse student body representing all racial and economic backgrounds, but has now decided to take on more elitist attributes.

This is a trend that needs to stop. Stanford, Berkeley, etc. already have this attitude well served. SJSU thankfully is not these places, nor should it ever aspire to be them. Our society has been moving toward greater and greater inequality with no end in sight, reflected by the ridiculous cost of living here and treatment toward those who can't afford it. If you can't make here, which means making six figures and paying around \$4k/mo. in rent or a mortgage, you quite literally are meant for the street, in what is now one of the nation's largest homeless populations.

The last place I expected to follow this trend was SJSU. An effort to accommodate the lower income students the CSU was intended to serve, must be made in the form of more affordable options. There should be cheaper food in the Student Union, and as far as transportation we've already got the bikes, we just need some racks. Where they are most noticeably absent from is Clark Hall, a great location as it is centrally located on the campus from which many students are able to have a short walk to their classes, more racks around the library which are always full, and around the new Student Wellness Center where there seems to be ample space available on the concrete border surrounded it.

Thank you for considering these pressing issues.

Sincerely,
Alejandro Deleal
Graduate student, TESOL

The White Boy's Burden

Understanding your heritage sometimes means accepting the unfortunate truths

By Jeremy Cummings
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I lock my keys in the car a lot. As a severely absent-minded person, this is just one of the many problems I deal with regularly.

One day I drove to an affluent neighborhood in the Oakland hills to get a view of the city when it happened. Luckily, I was able to borrow a wire hanger from one of the residents so I could get back in. As I stood there in broad daylight breaking into my own car, I had a profound realization.

I could only get away with that because I am white.

Multiple people drove past me and saw what I was doing, but no one called the police. I can't help but think it would be different if I were black.

Honestly, I can be kind of an idiot. I have gotten myself into situations that would have had much worse outcomes if I had darker skin.

Casually trespassing was a favorite pastime for my friends and me while

growing up in the suburbs. But we would not have politely been asked to leave when we were caught if we were not a bunch of white boys.

I could have spent time in jail at some point. Maybe something even worse

In general, it is easier to be white in America. The early settlers did a great job of repurposing this land for us. Our heritage is atrocious though.

would have happened.

In general, it is easier to be white in America. The early settlers did a great job of repurposing this land for us. Our

heritage is atrocious though.

American history is filled with atrocities committed upon multiple ethnic groups in the interest of suppressing them.

From the lynching and subjugation of blacks to boarding schools built in the 1800s, which were made for indigenous children to unlearn their own culture, white people have an abysmal track record.

On standardized tests and other such documents, I obviously check off the white/Caucasian box every time. It's always left a sour taste in my mouth though because I associate "white" with all of these negatives.

Racism and bigotry are shameful, but very real, aspects of our history. Today, ignorant appropriation is thankfully more common than outright hatred of other races.

Bigotry and ignorance still exist today. They live in the twisted souls of the monsters who killed the Muslim students or shot up the black church, in the headdresses and war paint kids wear

to music festivals.

I've met ignorance embodied in white kids at parties who don't understand why I won't let them call me "my n----."

Pinning down my racial identity has always been tricky for me because identity comes not only from how you view yourself, but also from how others view you.

People look at me and see a white guy, but I don't want to identify with that because when I think "white" I think about slavery and the near-genocide we committed on Native Americans.

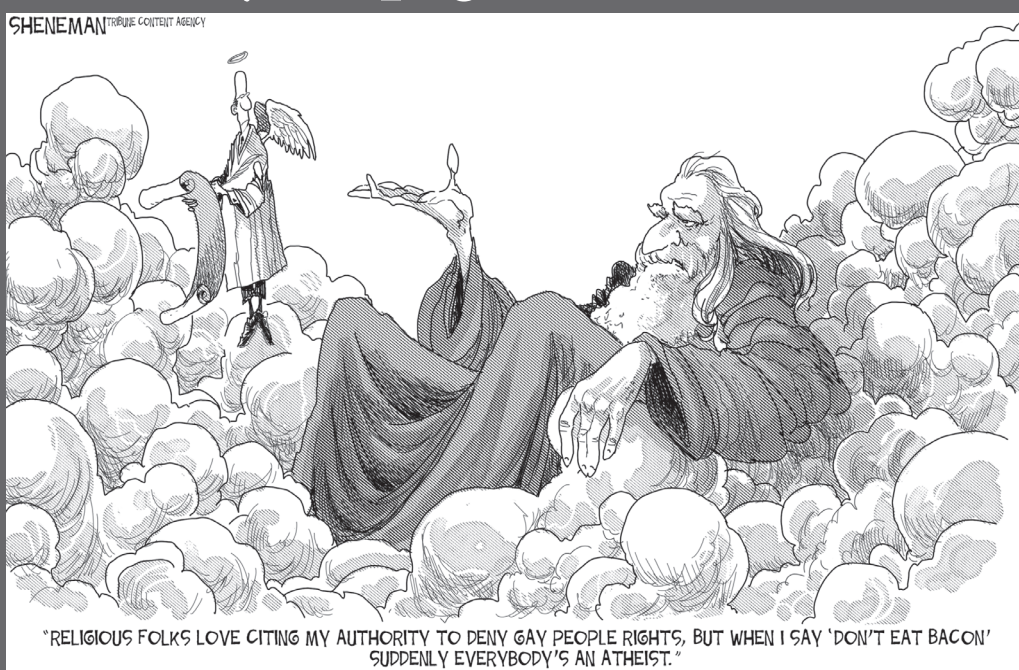
White culture is, unfortunately, largely based on the appropriation of other cultures, often cultures our ancestors made great efforts to eradicate.

We, as white people, have the power to change our image. If we make more of an effort to look outside of ourselves and understand other cultures rather than accepting media stereotypes, we can make a huge difference in the way we see other people and how they see us.

Jeremy Cummings is the Spartan Daily executive producer.



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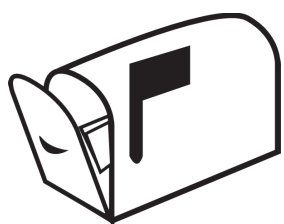
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The sad reality of childhood poverty in Silicon Valley

By Dakotah Zabroski
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Silicon Valley is home of multi-billion dollar companies such as Google, Yahoo and Apple, yet surprisingly one in three kids is at risk for hunger, according to a recent CNN report by John D. Stutter.

The average income of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties is \$35,000 higher than the national average, so at first I did not have the slightest clue of the severity of poverty.

The fact that more is not done about this in such a wealthy area and in the USA is outrageous and not to mention a little depressing.

It is not a problem that is specific to this area, one in five children lives below the \$23,834 federal poverty line in America, according to demos.com

The billion dollar companies previously mentioned are the driving reason for increasing house prices, which in turn makes it even harder for families who are already struggling.

As prices rise so does the percentage of children in poverty, and situations where there are overcrowded houses are not uncommon.

Not to mention that families are pushed out of their houses and are forced to live in places such as "the Jungle."

"The Jungle," one of the country's most notorious homeless encampments before it was torn down, spanned more than 68 acres in central San Jose where there is high crime and unsanitary conditions.

For some, going to places such as "the Jungle" is the only option as advocates predict it would take \$60,000-\$100,000 to escape poverty according to Stutter.

On top of that the average list price for rentals in San Mateo is \$2,975 a month or \$35,000 per year, which is a staggering amount considering that is just for rent.

Elsewhere families with two working parents may be considered middle class but they are in poverty because of the absurd prices, Stutter said.

A logical solution would be to move out of the area, however it's not as simple as it seems. One may argue that it is "survival of the fittest" but it is still wrong to force people out of the places they have called home for years.

The Silicon Valley is a hub for work, so families are often forced to stay because of the close proximity to work and a

two hour commute is out of the question. It is a slippery slope that is becoming increasingly difficult to escape.

Child poverty impacts youth more than just physically, it also has serious negative mental health effects that can last a lifetime.

"Poorer children and teens are also at greater risk



for several negative outcomes such as poor academic achievement, school dropout, abuse and neglect, behavioral and socioemotional problems, physical health problems, and developmental delays," according to the American Psychological Association.

These effects can lead to weakened formation of synapses in the brain

and makes learning difficult for adolescents.

Another solution would be to invest more into our youth and send them to school at an earlier age.

This has already worked in places such as Iceland who send their kids to school at age two and also give parents nine months paid leave to raise their child when they are born.

Iceland has one of the lowest childhood poverty rates in the world and it is directly attributed to this.

Poverty is a problem not only in the Silicon Valley but in the country and there is much that needs to be done to properly address the problem.

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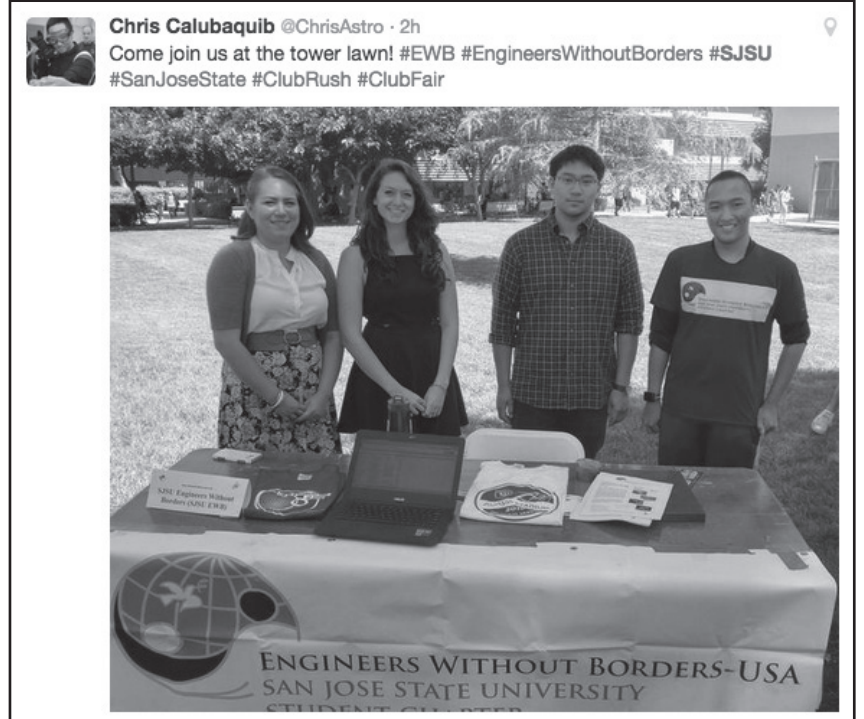


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 - 6 "X marks the ___"
 - 10 Mama's mate
 - 14 Pop tour venue
 - 15 Continental capital
 - 16 Geraint's love
 - 17 Parts of an orchestra
 - 20 Marsupial pocket
 - 21 Airplane strengthening
 - 22 Strengthen, as an embankment
 - 23 Construction site sight
 - 25 Collectible coin rating
 - 26 Lounge around
 - 28 Sorrowful drops
 - 30 Agile for one's age
 - 34 Parolee, e.g.
 - 36 High school department
 - 38 Feel regret over
 - 39 Office or store, e.g.
 - 43 "My country ___ of thee ..."
 - 44 Site of a small fort
 - 45 Downhill run
 - 46 Parodied at the zoo?
 - 48 Open air courts
 - 51 Piano's 88
 - 52 Customary observance or practice
 - 54 Gunpowder ingredient
 - 56 Raccoonlike animal
 - 58 African antelope
 - 59 "___ in victory" (elementary lesson)
 - 62 Say "yes sir" or "no ma'am"?
 - 65 Visibility hindrance
 - 66 "Huh-uh"
 - 67 Place to get Seoul food
 - 68 Pitcher in a basin
 - 69 "You ___ a mouthful!"
 - 70 Grade-school insult
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 - 2 "Tosca"
 - 3 Grade-schooler's organizer
 - 4 Boundary line
 - 5 Come up with, as money
 - 6 Tasty seed
 - 7 Green tap
 - 8 Legendary Bruin Bobby
 - 9 Out-of-town
 - 10 Annoys
 - 11 Last Stuart ruler
 - 12 Brad of Hollywood
 - 13 They can drum up customers
 - 18 Uncluttered
 - 19 Multiple males
 - 24 Christian Coalition, e.g.
 - 25 Bonn housewife
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 - 41 Give a grand party for
 - 42 Big name in sneakers
 - 47 Desk compartment
 - 49 Accustomed (to)
 - 50 Assistant coach, e.g.
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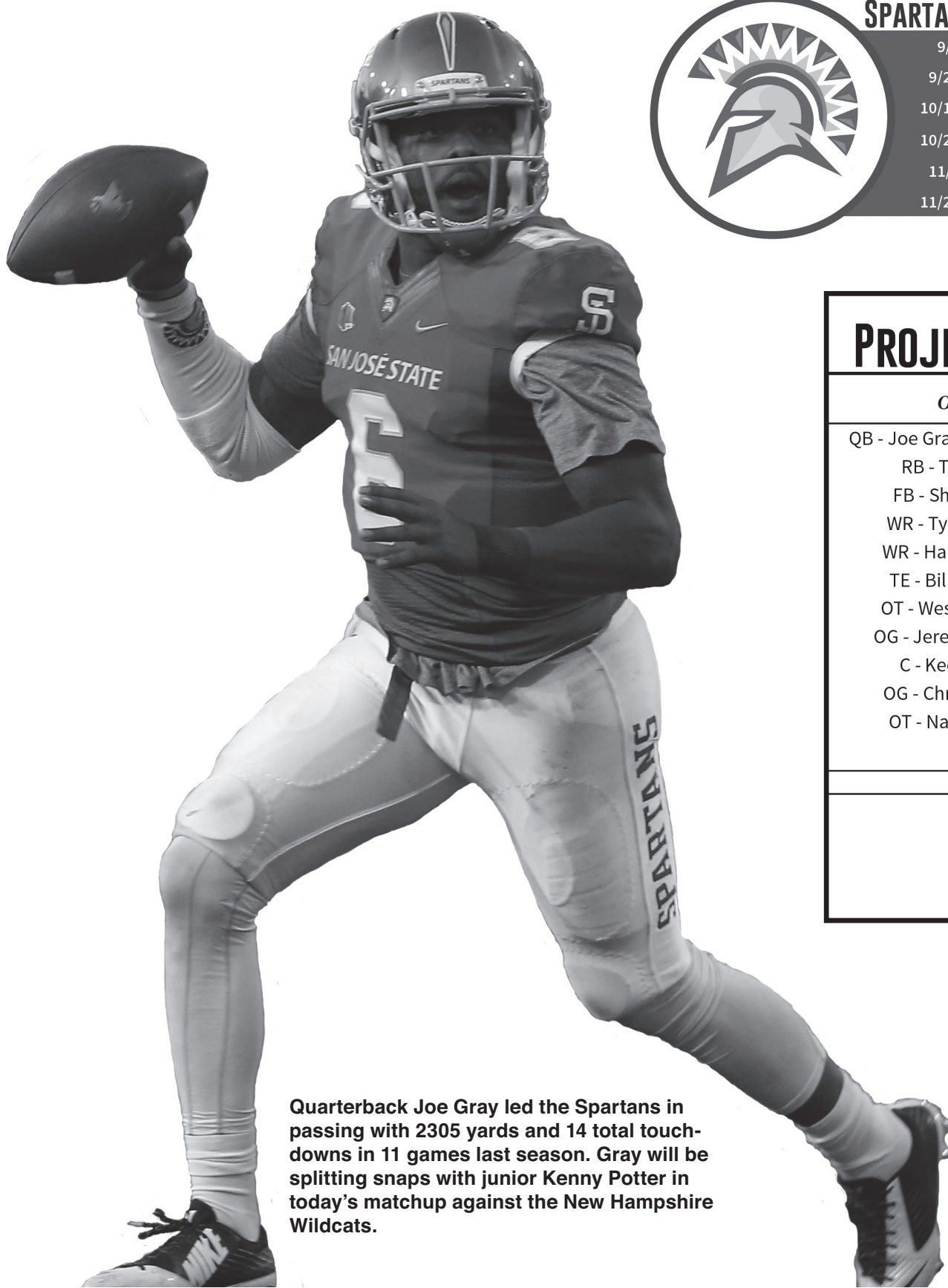
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Quarterback Joe Gray led the Spartans in passing with 2305 yards and 14 total touchdowns in 11 games last season. Gray will be splitting snaps with junior Kenny Potter in today's matchup against the New Hampshire Wildcats.



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Spartan football prepares for season opener

By Matthew Dziak
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Lines at Spartan Stadium have been painted, adorning the blue and gold school colors on the artificial turf, bracing for the clamoring of cleats and crushing tackles.

San Jose State University's Football team returns with the 2015 season opener against the University of New Hampshire Wildcats on Thursday, Sept. 3 at Spartan Stadium, with kickoff set for 7 p.m.

Last year, Spartans began the season 3-3, but dropped its final six games, finishing 3-9 overall.

A cloud of uncertainty looms over the Spartan offense for which quarterback will be under center to start the season.

Joe Gray, who started 11 games last season for the Spartans, led the team with 2,305 passing yards, throwing 11 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

Meanwhile, Long Beach City College transfer Kenny Potter, threw for 4,534 yards, with 61 total touchdowns and 1,207 yards rushing in two seasons prior to joining the Spartans this spring.

"At the quarterback position, we have two guys playing very good football," said Spartans Head Coach Ron Caragher. "Competition brings out the best in all of us and every day is an evaluation and I like that element at that position. I think fans can feel confident that both players will be seen (Thursday)."

Potter showed his ability to grasp the offense quickly, throwing for two touchdowns, and running one in during the 2015 Spring game. Yet, Gray enters his fifth year with SJSU and has more familiarity with the offense.

Returning eight starters to the offense from last season, Spartans are led by sensational running back Tyler Ervin. Posing a problem for opposing defenses, Ervin is capable of moving the chains both on the ground and receiving.

"He is a very dynamic back, but more than what you see on the field is what you see off the field, said Caragher. "He does what we ask and is a tremendous ambassador of SJSU athletics."

In 2014, Ervin led the Spartans in all-purpose yards with 888 yards rushing and 306 receiving, as well as being the team's leader in kickoff returns.

On the other hand, Wildcats have recently been put on the map, in part because of former offensive coordinator, Chip Kelly.

He was the Wildcats' offensive coordinator for eight seasons, from 1999 to 2007 and he is currently the head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles.

Kelly played defensive back at New Hampshire, studied under the tutelage of head coach Sean McDonnell.

Entering his seventeenth season as head coach of the Wildcats, McDonnell has led New Hampshire to 11 straight playoff appearances at the Football Championship Subdivision level, the longest active streak.

Senior quarterback Sean Goldrich has relied on both his arm and legs, propelling the Wildcats to the NCAA FCS semifinals the past two seasons.

As a dual-threat quarterback Goldrich stands 6 feet 3 inches and weighs 219 pounds. He averaged 265.7 passing yards per game, with 21 total touchdowns (nine rushing) last season in nine games before suffering a right knee injury.

In order to nullify the potent New Hampshire offense, who averaged 36 points per game last season, the Spartan defense will need to improve their rush defense.

Although they finished first in the Mountain West Conference in opponents passing yards per game (117.8) in 2014, the Spartan run defense surrendered an abysmal 239.4 yards per game.

After standout defensive lineman Travis Raciti graduated last season, the defensive front has seen a make-over, with Tony Popovich leading the way.

"He is down in the trenches; a blue collar, go get after it, actions speak louder than words guy," Caragher said. "We got to win those battles up front and Tony is a key guy for us."

The Spartans have won each of their past two season openers, both at home, and will have a chance to make

it three in-a-row to begin the 2015 season on the right note, with a win over the Wildcats on Thursday night.

"No one had a good taste in their mouth after the 2014 season," Caragher said. "That was a tough one and the guys take an approach to roll up their sleeves, get to work to improve and get better."

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Women's Tennis enters 2016 with new head coach

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After serving as an assistant coach for the San Jose State women's tennis program for the last three years, Chad Skorupka heads into the upcoming season as head coach after being appointed in July.

With former head coach Sylvain Malroux taking the head coaching position at the University of Nevada due to family matters, Skorupka will use his prior experience with the team to prepare for contention in the Mountain West Conference.

"It's not like I'm a new coach inheriting a team very late in the Summer, which might cause a lot of angst for maybe another coach who might not have that experience," Skorupka said. "But I was familiar with this team, familiar with this school, so the transition wasn't as hard."

Skorupka had success as a head coach prior to joining SJSU's tennis program in 2012.

He compiled a win-loss record of 119-83 during a nine-year stretch as the head coach at both Wake Forest and Yale, and made four trips to the NCAA championships during that span.

Skorupka inherits a Spartan squad that was ranked as high as 53rd in the intercollegiate tennis rankings last season, according to SJSU Athletics.

Junior Marie Klocker said the promotion of Skorupka convinced her to return from her native France because of his qualities as a coach.

"You know what to expect from Chad every time. If he says 'you practice for two hours,' we practice for two hours and then we're out of here," Klocker said. "There's no surprises with him."

Skorupka said the strict schedule is implemented to benefit the players so time is not wasted.

"They're in school full-time and then they come out to practice. I want to be efficient with our time," Skorupka said. "You can accomplish the amount in a two hour practice if you're efficient, and if you're not efficient, you're wasting your time and not being clear on what you want to do and it might take three hours."

Junior Gaelle Rey said Skorupka also knows how to mix practice with fun and emails the players to keep them informed about what is happening the following week.



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Chad Skorupka coaches senior Julianna Bacelar during a match last season at the Spartan tennis courts. Skorupka is now the head coach after serving three years as an assistant on the staff.

The Spartans have just four players returning from last year—Klocker, Ray, sophomore Sybille Gauvain and senior Justine Deleval—and a junior transfer, a sophomore transfer and one freshman joining the ranks.


Although the current roster has one less player than last year, Ray said there were previous issues with continuity that affected the team's performance and believes the new team will not face similar problems going forward.

Skorupka emphasized that newcomers should not stress about playing at their peak right out of the gate and wants them to prepare for the state championships next April.

"I'm going to be very positive with this team, push them, be very clear with our goals of what we want to achieve as a team," Skorupka said. "And quite honestly, at the first meeting I told them 'we're not going to accomplish anything if we're not all in this together.'"

The Spartans will play their first tournament of the season at the Battle of the Bay in San Francisco on Friday, Sept. 18-Sunday, Sept. 20.

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