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ON THE BRIGHT SIDE

Interim president optimistic for year at SJSU

By Rain Stites
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“Most people call me Sue, but I’m fine with Susan too. We just can’t go to Susie, I’m not going there,” interim president Sue Martin laughed. “I’m too old for that.”

Martin began her first official day in her newly appointed role for San Jose State University on Tuesday. She is set to serve SJSU as interim president until June 2016 while the nation-wide search for a long-term president takes place.

Contrary to the rather mundane ideal one may expect of a high-ranking university official, Martin carried herself with a rather lax demeanor. With cheer in her voice, Martin described how she loves helping the ordinary person like herself.

“I very much like to be involved with the students, I like to do stuff with them, I like to be out among them, I like to hear what they think,” Martin said.

She continued she maintains contact via social networking sites with many of her past students.

“I don’t tweet or blog or anything

Exposing modern day slavery



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Despite American ideology of being “the land of the free,” human trafficking has been reported in all fifty states, according to humantrafficking.org. The three most reported are Florida, California and New York. The most sought after destinations with the highest rates of human sex trafficking are Los Angeles and the San Francisco Bay Area in California because of the high range of both businessmen and immigrants.

As the number of victims continue to rise throughout the Bay Area the urgency within federal and county departments is becoming prevalent throughout communities. This past year locations such as Santa Clara, Alameda, San Mateo and Contra Costa have placed together a number of resources toward the problem.

Survivors such as Jill Gaines live with the trauma of being trafficked as they try and start a new life. Gaines, a victim of sex trafficking for more than 10 years, recalls her experience in a personal conversation with Jennifer Gonzalez and Kristen Wirtz.

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THE FUTURE IS HERE

Next gen classrooms display future of education

By Raechel Price
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The next evolution of educational technology is coming to San Jose State. Next generation classrooms are popping up in buildings all over campus. The rooms are outfitted with tons of new

tech, including new SMART Boards, upgraded room controls, a hard-wired desktop and lecture recording cameras and microphones.

According to SJSU’s academic technology department website, the new rooms enable faculty to experiment with different teaching strategies. “They are designed to provide an environ-

ment conducive to active and collaborative learning, facilitated by technology tools,” the website stated.

This fall, rooms in Clark Hall, Sweeney Hall, MacQuarrie Hall and Dwight Bentel Hall received the upgrade. Academic

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SUE MARTIN
Interim President

but I have a great experience with students on Facebook and I try to spend time with them,” Martin said. “I hope that students still invite me to things at San Jose State so that I

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OLD WOUNDS NOT HEALED

Justice for Josiah offers police brutality survey

By Vasuki Rao
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A small group of people in white handed out pamphlets with the words “Justice for Josiah” printed on them while students moved into their dorms Saturday afternoon.

“It’s been 18 months since we lost Antonio,” said Laurie Valdez, Antonio Guzman Lopez’s partner and mother of their son Josiah, after whom the group is named.

Lopez, 38, died from two gunshot wounds in February 2014. A witness reported Lopez was holding what seemed like a “large knife” on campus. The two campus police officers who found Lopez, Sgt. Mike Santos and Officer Frits van der Hoek, followed him off campus and demanded he put the object down. However, Lopez did not respond to the demands and when the



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Protestor Laurie Valdez, with other community organizers, carry a poster with photos honoring the victims of supposed police misconduct.

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June 26th

Malala Yousafzai, the young Pakistani girl renowned for her passion, bravery and status as the youngest ever nobel prize recipient visited San Jose State to speak to a crowd of faculty, students and members of the community. Since nearly being killed for pursuing an education and advocating for education equality in her home country, Malala has toured the world and continued to advocate education equality for all people.

July 13th

SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi announces that he will step down as from his position. He will be taking a job as an advisor on infrastructure to the government of his home country Afghanistan. An interim president has been appointed while the search for a replacement commences.

August 20th

New smart technology implemented in SJSU classrooms as Fall semester begins.

June

July

August

July 5th

The US National Women's Soccer Team wins the world cup. Did you know that the minimum salary for The National women's soccer team is \$6,842 while the threshold for the federal poverty line is \$11,770?

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August 1st

SJSU officially becomes a tobacco free campus. Students must now leave campus to smoke.

June 26th

The US Supreme Court passes landmark legislation making gay marriage fully legal. in all states There is still much progress to be made in the fight for full equality in this country, but this marks an important step towards that goal. Couples who have been denied their right to equality for decades can finally have their love accepted in the eyes of the law.

While you were away...

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can hear what they think and get to know them.”

California State University Chancellor Timothy P. White announced Martin would temporarily serve this campus just two days after former President Mohammad Qayoumi announced his resignation from SJSU.

In July, Qayoumi notified students via email he had accepted the position as Chief Advisor to the President for Infrastructure and Technology in his native home of Afghanistan at the request of the president of Afghanistan.

Qayoumi suggested in his email the decision to accept this opportunity came with urgency and had to be determined immediately.

Martin said, because of this, she too had

to make her choice quickly. She described her initial reaction to White's phone call offering her the position as unexpected.

“I was just sort of shocked like ‘Oh, okay.. well I actually am totally free. Yeah, why not?’” she said she told White.

Martin ended her seven year term as president of Eastern Michigan University. Following her resignation, Martin planned to take a year of sabbatical leave before returning to EMU as a full-time professor in the Department of Accounting and Finance in the College of Business.

Martin visited San Jose for the first time after accepting her position as interim president. During her visit, Martin said she was able to meet with some students to discuss their thoughts on university improvement.

SJSU students, Martin said, were very open with her about their concerns with their university which include issues like inadequate support services and difficulty with degree audits. However she met these concerns with great optimism.

“Those are all problems that can be solved. They can't be solved overnight, they take a few years, but they can be solved,” Martin said. “I'm looking forward to tackling some of those issues.”

Already, Martin said she loves SJSU students' vocality on campus issues because it helps her better understand what needs to be done and creates a better experience overall.

“An important part of a college experience is to talk about ideas and concerns and issues,” Martin said. “I love that and I'm happy to see that you know there is a lively discussion of topics and issues at San Jose State as well.”

While SJSU has had its fair share of females occupying high ranking positions, Martin served as the first female president of EMU in her home state of Michigan. Although shocked about being the first woman in office at EMU, she said this did not phase her.

“I think women are an underrepresented group. I mean [it always offers] some challenges in leadership roles,” Martin said. “...I'm pretty unflappable, not much bothers

me, I don't take things personally.”

Despite the warm welcome Martin described in her introduction email to the SJSU community, some community members have not been quiet about their opinions toward the newly appointed interim president.

As SJSU is among the top most diverse campuses in the country, according to the official website, some members of the community have raised concern over whether Martin is the best match for this campus.

“On its face, without any further information, it sounds odd to bring a Midwestern white woman to a campus as rich in diversity as SJSU,” said Chrichelle McCloud, an employee of contracts and purchasing department at SJSU, in a letter to the trustees. The comment was published in an article for the Mercury News.

Martin disagreed.

“I don't really know what the basis of that criticism is, I mean southeast Michigan is a very diverse place...I'm comfortable with my track-record, I think people just don't know me,” Martin said.

Another issue raised is an alcohol-related incident in 2012 involving an argument with EMU alumnus at a bar. She described the incident itself as simple.

“I think if I were a man this wouldn't have been a big deal,” Martin said. “To be honest, I disagree with my board's letter at the time and you know I've respectfully disagreed but that's their right to do that.”

Regardless of controversy, Martin said she's fired up to begin her year as interim president.

“I'm certainly not going to come in with Sue Martin's vision and try to recreate a different university,” Martin said. “I think San Jose knows who it is and it's a great place and we just want to strengthen it and have a nice, stable year where everybody comes together and we'll be ready to welcome a new president in the Spring.”

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TECHNOLOGY

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Technology resource analyst Willie Simon said SJSU plans to add seven to 10 more rooms to the list.

Last week, adjunct history professor Laura Guardino learned how to utilize the room for her classes in Clark Hall. SJSU eCampus instructional designer Chuck Borden walked Guardino through turning on the projector and SMART Boards, connecting laptops and iPads and how to record her lectures.

With this new technology, the possibilities seem endless. Live video lectures, webcasting and group collaborations are some of the ideas proposed by faculty and instructors.

Guardino's lectures are pre-recorded, but she said she has not ruled out the idea of recording a few of her class sessions for self-evaluative purposes.

Guardino uses Globalyceum, a web-based curriculum program, in conjunction with SJSU's Canvas software to run her classes. In class, she will be using the SMART Boards and projector for class discussions and collaboration on group work.

With these new capabilities, students have the opportunity to practice collaboration and group-based work, skills Guardino said are becoming increasingly relevant in today's job market.

Students seem excited about the prospect of this new technology in their classrooms. Freshman business major Anisha Sinha thinks the new technology is a great opportunity for students and teachers alike.

“I think it's really cool, since everyone already knows how to use technology and adapts to it pretty easily,” Sinha said. “It's kind of an ancient idea to use a book rather than searching it online.”

Raechel Price is the Spartan Daily opinion exsditor.

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...It's About Building Relationships For Life

SJ Works celebrates its first graduating class

By Rain Stites
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San Jose teenagers and young adults traded in their late morning sleep-ins and chilled out demeanor this summer in exchange for a work schedule and some well-earned cash to go along with it.

"I had a blank resume before that and now I have something in my resume so I can get a better job," 17-year-old Santa Teresa High School student Roberto Islas said. "...My mom was actually pretty happy she said cause like I really don't do anything during the summer."

In support of Mayor Sam Liccardo's Gang Prevention Task Force, San Jose Works placed youth participants considered more "at risk" of gang-related activity into a six week job training program.

As the program drew to a close, Liccardo, among other city officials, commended participants of San Jose Works at the summer youth program's graduation ceremony last Saturday.

"We 100 percent believe in you," Santa Clara County District 2 Supervisor Cindy Chavez said in her congratulatory speech to the participants. "We are going to make this community even better than it is today."

According to SJ Works's graduation press release, the program hoped to expand access to job training and other support services to these youths across San Jose's "target hotspot areas" where gang related activity tends to be more prevalent.

This summer marked SJ Works' first summer of operation after the San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors each contributed \$1 million of funding toward the program's implementation.

"It's the small investment we make now [that makes a huge difference.]," Liccardo said, adding that this program helps open the

door to a quality job for these youths.

"This program lies at the intersection of opportunity and safety. We know we can broaden opportunity by enabling," Liccardo said. "Many of our kids live in neighborhoods where they don't have access to relationships that help get them their first job, to give them a pathway to the future."

Overall, 207 youths ranging from ages 14 to 24 years old participated this summer with 197 of those youth fully completing the program.

Daniel Newell, Program Manager of Workforce and Economic Development at the Career Center for SJSU, said the Career Center helped SJ Works in developing jobs as well as connecting employers with prospective employees in the program.

Younger participants, Newell said, are connected with paid internships while participants old enough to work are connected with employment opportunities in a variety of different sectors.

For some of the participants, SJ Works provided the opportunity of a first real job.

"It was a little nerve racking at first because it was sort of uncharted territory," 16-year-old Archbishop Mitty High School student Yoshmar Pinal said. "I did not know what to expect, but it was definitely a rewarding opportunity because I got to experience being in the workforce and definitely prepared me for the future."

The program offered job opportunities among community centers, city-run libraries and local non profit organizations.

"When students occupy their time with something productive, like working, it helps them build independence skills, it gives them a sense of responsibility," Newell said. "It also exposes them to potential career paths that they may not have been exposed to before until this program."

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Mayor Sam Liccardo poses with participants and supporters of the SJ Works program on Saturday.

JUSTICE

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the policemen tried to use a Taser on him, he reportedly charged toward them with what was actually a 12-inch dry wall sawblade. In response, Santos fired two shots, which hit Lopez in the back. He later died at the hospital.

During Saturday's protest, Valdez, who also filed a lawsuit against the University Police Department, said that the authorities have not yet released the bodycam or the dash camera footage.

"The students have the right," Valdez said. "The police officers were justified (by officials). But still, the students can help me get the video released because this is their school."

"What is the point if you guys are paying extra tuition for these body cameras if they are not even doing the right thing with them?" Valdez said.

She also claimed what the officers did traumatized her son and her daughter.

"My son, for 18 months, cannot sleep with the lights off. I can't bring his dad back from the dead but if we can get the videos and make them be held accountable, then something good will come out of it and that's all I want," Valdez said.

Because she's been so vocal about this lawsuit and what happened to Lopez, Valdez said more students have told her the campus police has assaulted them.

Valdez, together with community organizers Simone Jackson, Alessa Baldonado and others, have created an online survey titled "Police Misconduct Student Survey 2015."

Jackson said students have been taking the survey and some of the responses have been alarming. A 26-year-old male respondent who filled in the survey on an incident that happened at the 7-Eleven on Santa Clara Street, which is off campus. He started recording an exchange between a group of Mexican-Americans and campus police officers when

the cop pulled up on him.

"Cop pulled up on me recording and started recording me. He almost hit me with his car when he pulled up on me. I had to move out of the way quickly. I asked if I was being detained or if I was free to go and he wouldn't answer me," wrote the respondent through the survey.

"What we're trying to do is get people to report these things so that we can get the tools to give the students to demand action," Valdez said.

Valdez also added that at the end of last year, there were a group of students who marched with her to disarm campus police officers of their guns.

"They need to follow through with that. Don't just do it one time and then forget about it," Valdez said of student protesters.

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A Nu Alpha Kappa alumnus stacks new backpacks for their fundraiser.

Latino fraternity fundraiser packs a punch

By Jeremy Cummings
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As the sun peeked through the clouds, alumni from the Nu Alpha Kappa fraternity opened boxes of backpacks and stacked the colorful bags on a table outside Rosemary Elementary School in Campbell last Thursday.

The brothers, some of whom are San Jose State graduates, were there giving away backpacks to students as part of a months-long charity effort aimed at helping the financially disadvantaged youth.

"We want to make sure this experience is good for the students," said Nu Kappa Alpha (NAK) National Alumni Association CEO Angel Barajas. "We want to support them and make sure they can focus on their academics."

Barajas and a number of other NAK alumni present that day said they came from a similar background: as disadvantaged Latino youth working their way through all levels of education.

Over 85 percent of the students at Rosemary Elementary School receive free or reduced-price lunches, according to Barajas.

A 2013 report on the Santa Clara county website said the poverty rate for Latino and Latina children in Santa Clara County had risen to 21 percent in 2010. The same report said Campbell, where Rosemary Elementary School is located, has one of the highest concentration of average and high poverty neighborhoods in Santa Clara County outside of the downtown San Jose area.

"As a Latino-based fraternity, we understand the importance of serving our under-privileged population," NAK's press release stated, "Reaching back into our communities to provide a brighter future

for children and providing platforms to higher education for our youth."

The NAK alumni chose August 13 in particular because it was the day parents brought their children to get their schedules for the upcoming school year. The parents and children alike were all grateful for the gift of a free backpack.

NAK gathered 525 backpacks total for the expected 510 elementary students. They had eight different colors ranging from black to lavender which could appeal to any child's aesthetic needs.

Byron Suarez, one of the NAK brothers, not only graduated from SJSU but attended Rosemary Elementary School for both second and third grade. Suarez and his siblings, like many current Rosemary students, relied on support and giveaways for their school supplies as well.

"My brother mentioned to me that they were doing this giveaway and it kind of completed the circle and it was very touching and gratifying to be a part of it," Suarez said.

This spring the NAK brothers raised \$1,300 through their alumni network to purchase the backpacks for the giveaway according to the press release.

Rosemary Elementary School faculty were grateful for the fraternity's philanthropic efforts.

"Any little support like this makes a huge difference," Principal Brian Schmaedick said. "It is a huge relief to us as a school knowing that we don't have to worry about our kids having a backpack."

Schmaedick added that seeing the successful Latino men of NAK had the added benefit of giving the children a goal they can strive for while they continue their education.

Jeremy Cummings is the Spartan Daily executive producer.



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Symbiosis Gathering 10 year Re:Union



Photos courtesy of Symbiosis Gathering Above, photos from The Symbiosis Gathering 2013

By Vasuki Rao
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Save the dates for September 17 through the 20 because the Symbiosis Gathering announced the complete line up for its ten year anniversary Re:Union that will feature some famous electronic and live performers.

This lakeside music festival in Oakdale, CA is a multifaceted music and arts event. The venue this year, the Woodward Reservoir, is about 100 miles east of San Francisco bay. This location is unique because it is one of the only concert venue in the United States that has lake swimming and art boats.

If you've never heard of any of the artists listed in the side bar or don't see enough familiar names to convince you to go, their mission to create a one of a kind experience should be your deciding factor. Symbiosis Gathering has started a first-of-its-kind Art Boat program for this 10 year Re:Union. The 2, 900 acre Woodward Reservoir provides participants with a hands-on

aquatic escapade.

An explosion of art with Art Cards, Art Boats you can climb onto and floating art installations. There will be stationary sculptures and human or wind-powered cruising vessels as well. According to Symbiosis Gathering's press release, "Adhering to the principles of co-creation, all Symbiosis community members are welcome to build and bring their own Art Boat." If you've ever wanted to build a boat and go crazy with your artsy side, this is your chance to do so.

What's also notable about Re:Union is its diverse lineup as the featuring artists come from five continents. The Glitch Mob's edIT & Ooah will be presenting Crying Over Porcelain for the first time since Symbiosis 2009. Re:Union will be Tipper's only 2015 California appearance, Carbon Based Lifeforms first U.S. appearance and Raja Ram of Shpongles first solo West Coast appearance.

As posted on Symbiosis events page on

Facebook, "This music is from this world, yet out of this world." The beauty of this festival that makes it stand out is definitely its variety.

At most events you have people with the same interest gath-

- Headliners:

 - Nicolas Jaar
 - Tipper
 - Damian Lazarus and The Ancient
 - Moons
 - CocoRosie
 - Four Tet
 - edIT & Ooah
 - Shpongles with
 - Thugfucker
 - Justin Martin
 - The Acid
 - Bob Moses
 - Max Cooper
 - Blond:ish
 - G Jones
 - Kaytranada
 - GRiZ
 - Truth
 - Random Rab and more

ered around but with so many different elements going on in one festival, it'll be an opportunity to meet strangers that can offer

a different perspective on music, arts and life.

"The lineup was diverse enough to draw people from each of these different scenes," Symbiosis Gathering's co-producer, Kevin KoChen, said in an interview with SF Station. "It created a community of like-minded people who just happened to like different kinds of music." Re:Union stretches further from being just an electronic music festival.

More elements were added to entertain and stimulate the mind; various talks, presentations and panel discussions.

Some of the areas covered are alternative reality gaming, cybercurrencies, DIY culture, urban exploring, cacao tasting, indigenous appropriation maker movement, permaculture, edible 3D printing, sharing economy, women's health, sacred leadership, vocal alchemy, vaccinations and much more.

For all you aspiring painters and art lovers, you have the opportunity to experience Visionary Art that has

captivated the modern world. Instructors such as Android Jones, Chris Dyer, Simone Star and others, will reel you into a world full of the positive vibrations from architects and shapers of interdimensional art form.

"We have more Facebook friends but less relationships, more timesavers but less free time to spend," KoChen said in the press release. "Symbiosis is our attempt to facilitate a peak experience, the timeless moment that you will remember forever."

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REVIEW Straight Outta Badassery

By Vasuki Rao
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Back up people, because 16 years since his last album, Dr. Dre's at the door, ready to make entrance.

If you're wondering why Dr Dre's Compton is such a big deal, here's why: A 50-year old billionaire who owns a line of mainstream electronics, is the 'Master of Mixology', who guided Eminem, 50 cent and Snoop Dogg through their careers, assisted in the invention of gangsta rap and developed the base for the most popular genre of hip-hop in the early 90s called G-Funk has finally released an album after over a decade.

After the disappointing single "I Need a Doctor" released in 2011, we were worried that "Compton" would be a compilation of Dre helplessly scrambling to find the essence of what made his music resonate in the 90s. Compton is no Detox, but instead we got something so much more authentic.

Dre claims that the biopic "Straight Outta Compton," which is about NWA, inspired the sound for his new album. The 16-track album opens with the dramatic "Intro," a commentary on the overview of Compton and the violent situation in the city. It pumps up the excitement

for the following 15-tracks and sets the mood for the entire album. The transition into "Talk About It" is so smooth that you don't even realize

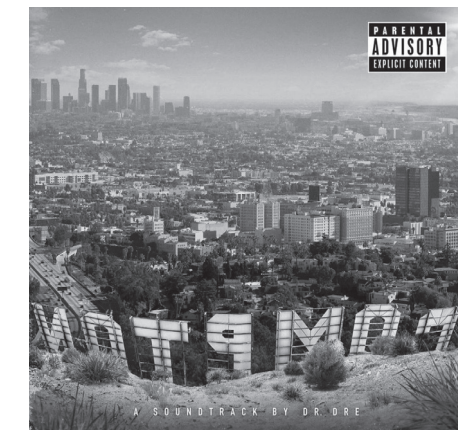


Photo courtesy of Aftermath Entertainment Above, is the album cover of Dr Dre's solo album; Compton.

it's happening until the track starts.

"Genocide" follows through strong with Kendrick Lamar showing of his wordplay skill with lines like, "Recognize what lives inside the eyes, I'm silent 'til the dead has risen." The song closes with the sickest bass descend I've heard in a long time.

Dre's collaboration with Snoop Dogg on "One Shot One Kill" works out with a charge of inexorable beat combined with lyrical strength. Listening to it gives you a fresh of breath air because this is the Snoop we've been hoping will eventually resurface (instead of his borderline mainstream pop songs) and it finally happens in this jaw-dropping album.

With Eminem's collaboration, everyone is rewarded with the track Medicine Man. With daring lyrics and a catchy hook, this track comes

that he claims to be his last. As if he knew that his listeners would need some time to soak in his last track, Dre purposely lets the beat ride on for over a minute with a trumpet solo to conclude his career. It creates inevitable moments of silence that every faithful fan of Dr Dre needs by just staring into space, realizing what they've been a part of and how it's come to an end with this very track.

Most people expected an in-your-face comeback but instead this astounding album serves as a closure to his one of a kind past and entralls its listeners by giving them way more than they could have expected from a hip-hop legend who's last solo album came out in 1999.

The ace is back, again.

Vasuki Rao is the Spartan Daily arts & entertainment editor.

"I remember when I got started my intention was to win, but a lot of shit changed since then" is the verse Dre opens with on his last track 'Talking to My Diary'. In this track, he reminisces about his past and what he's gone through to be where he is right now, which works as the perfect ending to the album

Drawings from COCO on Exhibit in MLK library

By Vasuki Rao
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Roger Ourthiague is a pictorial arts BFA student at San Jose State University and interdisciplinary visual artist who produces imagery focused on addictive behaviors of all kinds.

“My work is not a reduction of these experiences, it is the visual embodiment,” Ourthiague stated on his official website.

In this one-time installation on the 4th floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, Ourthiague's Drawings From COCO is displayed on the walls using traditional 18-foot-long scrolls. In an interview, Ourthiague said that this was the first time he's done something this big in a horizontal perspective, which makes the installation in the library specifically different from his other ones.

“They are more bigger [sic] and wilder than anything I've attempted before,” he said. Besides the scale, Ourthiague said that this installation is also differ-

ent because it was site specific, and the lighting of the building influenced his art.

“I was very conscious that this was going to be in a public space and that was always at the back of my mind,” Ourthiague said.

Made with charcoal and chinks, his drawings use the domestication of animals as a metaphor for our own primal brains.

“The way we are hard-wired is very animal-like and although we as a society have elevated ourselves past that, we still do have this very primal brain inside of us and it is often pleasure seeking,” Ourthiague said. “It's almost like an itch and we're trying to figure out a way to scratch it.”

Ourthiague's drawing process matters to him more than the subject itself because of its creative experience.

“The choreography of mark-making is the essence of this piece,” he said.

To describe his style, Ourthiague said, “By constructing modular forms and placing them into a two-dimensional framework, I

am able to re-articulate my drawings into an alternative way of seeing.”

Drawings from COCO roots back to his childhood in Contra Costa County, California where there was always a presence of the arts.

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They are more bigger and wilder than anything I've attempted before

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Above and left below, Roger Ourthiague's artwork displayed at the 4th floor of MLK.



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Too little, too late During California's extreme drought, water waste is often overlooked or ignored

by Rain Stites
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When I was little, one of my teachers in elementary school said "You can only live for a few days without water."

The notion of living without earth's most precious gift, however, never occurred to me. It was beyond my realm of thought that one day we may be facing its scarcity.

Flash forward to 2015—concerns over California's lack of water supply fill media reports.

On July 21, the U.S. Drought Monitor revealed that 95 percent of California continues to be in a "severe drought." This harsh reality seems to have caused a sobering realization for most as many lawns have died off and many people claim to be taking shorter showers.

As green grass fades to brown, I too have taken it upon myself to be more conscious of my water usage.

When Gov. Jerry Brown ordered a 25 percent cutback on water use across our entire state back in April, I wrote a piece advocating water conservation and its importance called "We shouldn't be taking showers everyday."

However I've since realized this problem goes beyond the upkeep of our front yards

or limiting our bathing time. The problem, I think, is ideological.

It seems to be ingrained into the minds of our society that our earth's resources are infinite. We act as if they are there for us to use with reckless abandon.



In fact, this is such a recurring problem that an actual name has been given for each day of the year when our expected resources dry up.

An article published by the National Geographic referred to "Earth Overshoot Day" as the day when the given year's demand for natural resources exceeds the Earth's ability to produce those resources. This has happened every year since the 1970s, National Geographic reported.

In other words, people are using up more than the earth can provide naturally. On August 13, with about four months left of the year, the Earth reached its overshoot.

It's unbelievable to me how we can continue to live like this and not think we need to take more action. We must not only change the amount of resources we're wasting, but we must change the way we think.

Because of the drought, I began to think about how water is used. And a short walk through the grocery store in no way reflects the notion of a "severe drought" like the numbers suggest.

Let's take a look at how much water our favorite products require. A small bag of potato chips, for example, needs a lot of water in order to be produced.

Grace Communications Foundation, or GCF, an organization working to promote a more sustainable future, broke down the estimated amount of water required to produce processed food such as potato chips.

"After growing the potatoes—which takes the biggest portion of water—potato chip-processing takes additional water to clean potatoes and machinery, produce cooking oil for deep frying, produce the fuel for delivery, produce packaging, and so forth. The water use accumulates

above and beyond what it would take to produce and eat a whole potato," GCF stated on its website.

We need to drink water to survive. We need to eat food which requires immense amounts of water to produce. But is it necessary to stock grocery shelves with unnecessary foods that contribute to immense water consumption?

I think what we need to overcome is the idea that our resources are something which can be used past capacity.

I, too, am guilty of this. We all are guilty to some extent. It's tough to overcome this idea when these products are so readily available.

I cannot, in the amount of words I've written on this page, propose a solution. We cannot stop eating, but we can cut down on the foods that require more water.

Yes, it's great that people have begun realizing the importance of using less; the importance of ecological responsibility. But why do we wait until it's too late before we make a change? Why does it take a state of severity until we realize we may be consuming too much too quickly?

We need to learn to adapt rather than control, because we're living like it doesn't matter.

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How a lion in Africa exposed America's flaws

by Raphael Stroud
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I like animals. Maybe not with the same intensity as most conservationists but I still like them, and I always hated reading news about some person bragging about their latest trophy hunt, only to get ostracized on the Internet.

I don't see a point in trophy hunting. Even if you are taking down a dangerous animal that's been causing problems for a local population, you don't win sympathy points for showing so much eagerness and joy in killing a giraffe, elephant or lion.

Cecil the lion was part of a wildlife conservation and an Oxford study dating back to 1999. According to reports, he was popular with tourists and didn't shy away from their tour vans.

In 2015, Cecil was hunted down by an American dentist with a lot of money to burn. Although I guess I shouldn't judge; I'm willing to pay close to \$100 for a new video game, why shouldn't someone pay \$50,000 for the privilege of illegally killing an animal, skinning it and taking its head?

But let's get something clear here: the situation with Cecil upset me because I view killing animals for sport (or greed) as pointless and disgusting.

But do you want to know what else I find disgusting? Shooting a guy in the head because he started driving away and you panicked that you were going to lose a suspect.

I may not have a lot of respect for poachers and trophy hunters, but I've got a lot less of it for incompetent or downright crooked law enforcement officers, and this summer's been full of them.

We've got Darren Wilson awkwardly trying not to sound racist during a New York Times interview, a detective robbing banks, another detective with road rage threatening to kill people, a cop arresting someone for resisting arrest without an actual charge (leading to her committing suicide), cops slamming girls in bikinis onto the ground.

The list really does just pile on up, doesn't it?

But let's talk about a specific university cop in Ohio. Actually, a "former" university cop in Ohio named Ray Tensing. This case is admittedly looking pretty black and white. Tensing pulled over Samuel DuBose, DuBose started to drive away and Tensing pulled out his gun and shot him in the head. Tensing fabricated a story, then his bodycam video was released, and now Tensing's charged with murder.

Such a blatant abuse of power should have sent shockwaves, right?

That's where Cecil comes back into the story. See, Tensing's indictment and the release of the body-worn camera video just happened to be around the time Cecil's slaying was reported.

So basically, Americans, online blogs and news networks had a big decision: should we maybe take this blatant abuse of power from police seriously, or should we go nuts about a lion?

Well if you were to ask me I'd say be upset about them both! You can be angry about some rich guy killing animals for sport AND be angry about an officer murdering a guy and trying to lie his way out of it a la Michael Slager!



But that's not what happened, is it?

What happened was that Cecil the lion oversaturated the media to the point where everyone pretty much swept DuBose's murder under the rug.

Jimmy Kimmel shed some tears for a lion but didn't say a thing about DuBose being shot in the head over a license plate and some fragrance that Tensing thought was alcohol because it was in a gin bottle.

Around the same time as these two incidents was the murder of Sgt. Scott Lunger of Hayward, which is a tragedy in and of itself (and if you don't think it is because of officers like Tensing, then you're a part of the problem). So when all this scrutiny should be on similar incidents to Tensing's, everyone decided to divert their attention to Cecil and Lunger, as if there wasn't any room for Tensing and DuBose. No room for a real discussion about the reality of police brutality.

I honestly can't tell what's worse: if this all deflecting was done intentionally because America still refuses to acknowledge that not all police officers are knights in shining armor, or because Americans just don't care.

I'm willing to bet on the latter, considering how little care we gave Africa during the Ebola crisis compared to how we're giving them all this attention because of Cecil.

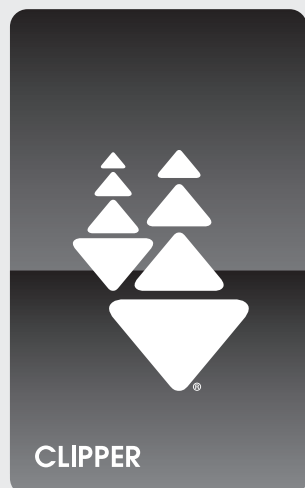
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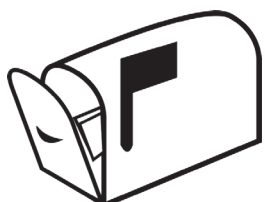
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Stop tackling issues in only black and white

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When the email regarding the tobacco ban was sent out, for some people it was a dream come true. They would have been thrilled that there will no longer be any involuntary secondhand smoke or cigarette butts scattered on the ground like leaves during fall. To those of us who smoke however, this situation isn't too ideal.

As a smoker, I am against the ban of tobacco use on campus not simply because I can no longer go down to the quad area after dinner for a stick but because this ban is much more complicated than the problem it is attempting to solve.

Banning everyone from smoking on campus, even outdoors, is punishing those who smoked according to the rules before the ban. Surely there were people who were ignorant enough to stand within 25 feet of buildings while smoking, but what about those of us who actually respected the rule?

It seems rather unfair to punish every smoker instead of the respective individuals. If this perspective is a little difficult to comprehend, let me use a different example.

Think about all the times you or your friend, who were younger than 21, consumed alcohol on campus although it is strictly against the law. Wouldn't it be a little extreme if the university banned alcohol on campus for everyone (including those 21 years and above) simply because a few people broke the law? The same approach should be used for tobacco use.

I understand this ban is also a means of protecting the welfare of the campus community but it is an infringement on the personal rights of students. Some, if not all, smokers are aware of the dangers smoking imposes on their health. Trust me when I say we know what we're doing to our bodies every time we take a puff. That however doesn't give the university the authority to encroach on our personal choices despite how poor they are.

Now let's talk about the more serious issues this ban will create. But what's an argument without statistics?

According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

18 out of 100 adults in the U.S. aged 18 years or older currently smoke cigarettes regularly.



With a university population of over 30,000, that should give us about 5,000 smokers at least. Banning tobacco use on campus isn't going to make all these smokers quit smoking. However, smokers will most likely do whatever they have to do to have a smoke even if it means going down to San Carlos and 10th streets at midnight, that's what's going to happen. This inevitably compromises students' safety.

On a more philosophical note, let's just ask ourselves if banning tobacco use on campus is actually tackling the real problem: the act of smoking itself. This ban is basically turning a blind eye toward smoking. It is sending the message that it is ok to smoke, as long as it's not done on campus grounds.

Implementation of laws like these also creates the impression there is only one way or the other to handle an issue. We need to embrace the grey areas because it teaches us to think. In an environment that should be encouraging critical thinking and the equal weighing of both perspectives, the university could have handled tobacco usage differently.

Designated smoking areas could have sufficed without taking away much from both sides.

Education will help students understand the negative effect smoking has on them and the community. To have a generation that grows up understanding this, we need to, as Kurt Cobain said, "Go to the source and start there."

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Smoking hurts more than just your lungs

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San Jose State University became a smoke-free campus this month.

No more hookah and vape sessions in front of the Bricks residence halls, no more cigarette breaks in the Campus Village quads and no more weed in the dorms.

Oh who am I kidding? It's not like the pot smokers in the dorms ever followed the rules to begin with.

I had the chance to get the opinions of several students not once, but twice on the topic of SJSU becoming a smoke-free campus. Ironically, neither of those projects had to do with the recent decision for SJSU to be smoke-free, because that seemed more like wishful thinking than the reality it would become three semesters later.

Most students wanted a smoke-free campus. One girl cited asthma problems as a main reason. Another said he was tired of having to hold his breath while walking to class.

Many of the smokers brought up that quitting is not nearly as easy as people think. A non-smoker said it would be too difficult to enforce and just wasn't worth the trouble. But they also argued they had a right to be able to smoke as long as they followed the school's guidelines.

And therein lies the problem. Too many smokers did not actually follow the guidelines.

The old smoking rules stated smokers had to be 25 feet away from the windows and entrances of all buildings on campus. It really wasn't that hard to see people smoking on the benches just in front of the dormitories or near the windows of the Campus

Village apartments, or even on the staircase of Joe West.

When I used to visit my other friends in the Bricks (who would live on the third floors of their buildings), I could smell the tobacco even when the windows were closed. Luckily my own room was on the third floor and facing the back of the building, where no one ever hung out on account of the garbage dumpsters.

But that brings up another problem: the rule wasn't effective to begin with.

Even if someone wasn't sitting directly in front of the windows or doorways, they were vaping on the lawns near the sidewalks. Either that or they were blowing smoke through crowded areas, forcing everyone else around them to hold their breath. And then there's the sheer amount of litter that the discarded cigarette butts created. In 2012, the Campuses Organized and United for Good Health, or COUGH, at SJSU picked up 2,000 butts. In 2013, they found enough to fill three two-gallon jars in only an hour.

This boils down to want versus need. You need healthy lungs. You do not, however, need to smoke. Getting people to understand the risk isn't the issue because smokers know the risk and I know more than a few who are tired of being told about it. We all know that smoke wafts and travels, and that secondhand smoke can affect the health of those nearby the smoker.

When your habits are directly affecting the people around you, it's not their obligation to just "deal with it" if they don't have to.

So SJSU and the students who attend and live there aren't telling you to quit smoking. Ultimately you make your own decisions in life and you cross whatever bridges you have to when they arrive.

What the SJSU community is saying is that they want their second home to be a healthier place for everyone, even though it will rub another portion of that community the wrong way.

The administration didn't just impose their will on smoking students. They just listened to the non-smokers and decided to give them what they wanted.

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Pulling the triggers Trigger warnings do more harm than good on campus

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Imagine you are going to the gym. You walk in, put down your bag and approach the rack of dumbbells to begin your workout. When you grab the weights however, they are unexpectedly heavy so you sue the gym for not having a warning label indicating the difficulty of lifting them.



That seems ridiculous, but it's a close analog to the growing absurdity of the trigger warning movement on college campuses.

In an article recently published by The Atlantic titled, "The Coddling of the American Mind," the authors outline

various cases of college students or faculty being punished for entirely innocuous acts that offended other members of their campus community.

I recommend you all read that article, as it delves into various psychological aspects of this issue which I won't discuss here.

Possibly the most outrageous case mentioned in the article was that of a Purdue University student found guilty of racial harassment for reading a book about student opposition to the Ku Klux Klan which had a picture of the Klan on the cover. Many cases don't go this far, but the fact remains that thoughts and speech are being policed on campuses.

All of America should be a free speech zone. A country where we can only speak freely in designated areas in not a free country. The day the right to not be offended becomes law is the day that freedom of speech dies.

We, the millennials, are a generation raised in a culture of intellectual coddling and oversensitivity. Many of our parents got the idea that by shielding us from negative feelings and making us feel

special they were helping our development, but that is far from the truth.

I haven't built up my rock climbing callouses by avoiding rocks, I've done it by tearing the hell out of my hands at the gym. No one would ever think that avoiding physical stress is good for physical development, so why would anyone think it works for the mind?

I'm not saying we shouldn't be sensitive to those who have experienced serious trauma or discrimination. I'm saying the microaggression culture taking hold in society is detrimental to intellectual discourse.

If someone can be cast as a villain because they unknowingly use an innocent word that offends someone based on their unique experience, then it will be increasingly difficult to have rewarding educational experiences. Restricting what people can say around you not only halt your mental growth, but keeps those around you from having a complete enriching educational experience.

The potential consequences students and faculty can face

for simply reading a book or uttering certain words is not only outrageous at times, but is a perverse form of censorship that could easily go awry if left unchecked. It terrifies me that this is seen as acceptable by so many people.

No one can expect the world to conform to their desires. The world is bigger than any one of us and in order to thrive, we need to adapt to the environment. Look at nature. Nothing changes to make it easier for animals to survive. Animals change and adapt to what's around them.

Life is not pretty. We are surrounded by ugliness and by refusing to acknowledge that fact you are only making it harder for yourself to exist in these increasingly troubled times. So steel yourselves and learn to separate innocent mistakes from actual offenses or transgressions.

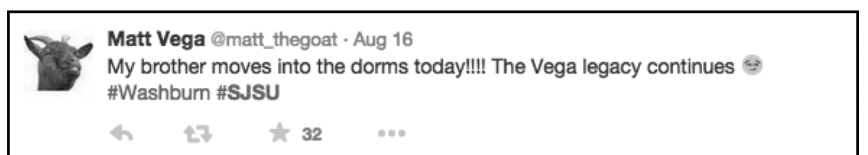
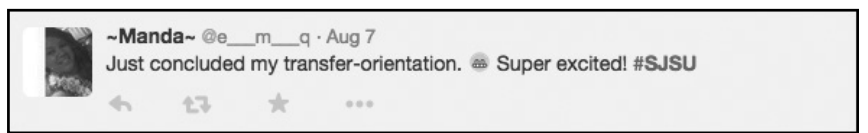
Freedom of speech is worth getting your feelings hurt once in a while.

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 - 17 Tempt fate
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 - 21 Mushroom caps
 - 22 Barbaric
 - 23 Newspaper column
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 - 28 Mind reader's claim, briefly
 - 29 Gutter sites
 - 31 Honeydew, e.g.
 - 33 Less feral
 - 34 By a small margin
 - 35 Where people do a lot of fighting
 - 37 Stayed away from
 - 39 Go one better than
 - 40 Encircles with a belt
 - 41 One may be frequent
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 - 45 Dinghy blade
 - 46 College official with a list
 - 47 Cream of the crop
 - 49 Art class item
 - 52 Faultfinder
 - 53 Where people get grilled in London?
 - 57 One in a class by himself?
 - 58 Not once, poetically
 - 59 Flip-a-coin test answer
 - 60 Wine glass parts
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 - 27 Beginning of time?
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Senior captain Darlene Rodriguez takes the ball upfield against the UC Davis Aggies last Friday at the Spartan Soccer Field.



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Freshman defender Veronica Chung battles for possession with Aggie senior Sienna Drizin during last Friday's exhibition at the Spartan Soccer Fields.

Spartans gain experience in exhibition loss

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The San Jose State women's soccer team fell to UC Davis 2-0 in a preseason exhibition at the Spartan Soccer Fields last Friday.

Despite the loss, the game was a positive experience for the Spartans who were playing for the first time as a team.

"I think this game is a learning experience because we started off frantic," senior forward Darlene Rodriguez said, "because everyone was nervous and jittery but as the game went on we improved."

Spartan head coach Lauren Hanson said the game was about the team "getting their feet wet" and wasn't concerned about the score.

"We have 11 new players this year so we played everybody today," Hanson said. "It was a great opportunity for them to see what Division I college soccer is all about without the game actually counting toward our record."

Early in the match, the Spartans were unable to pierce the backline of the Aggies' defense and relinquished two goals before the seven-minute mark.

The first goal was on an uncontested shot by Aggie forward Andi Damian that somehow snuck under the top bar while avoiding the long reach of Spartan goalkeeper Zoe Makrigiannis.

Damian assisted on the second goal less than two minutes later with a cross that set up Aggie defender Rachel Smith.

The scoring ceased for the remainder of the match despite the Aggies having 17 shots on goal. A good portion of those shots were rushed because of the scrambling Spartan defense.

"I think we needed a scrimmage just to settle in and once we got settled it was like, if those two goals didn't happen it would've been a different game," Makrigiannis said.

The Spartan offense, compared to its defense, wasn't as polished. The team was able to get some looks but didn't really put pressure on the Aggies goalie, red-shirt freshman Alexis Smith, who had just one save.

Hanson said she's chosen to have the team be more committed to defense, in particular small number defending, at the start of the season and will focus on offense as the season progresses.

"We'll probably work on that in a couple weeks time so we're still going to be working on a lot of defending," Hanson said, "because as you saw there's a lot of miscommunication, a lot of new faces so it needs a lot of work and it needs to work over and over and over again until we get that right."

Hanson's team features seven freshmen, including three time all-league defender Veronica Chung and goalkeeper Paige Simoneau who won a national championship for youth soccer in 2012 as a member of the Legends FC of Chino, California.

The addition of Simoneau gives the Spar-

tans a solid backup behind Makrigiannis who was named to the Mountain West All Conference First Team for her stellar play last season.

Last season Makrigiannis set a school single season record with seven shutouts and became the first Spartan player ever to be named to a Mountain West All-Conference Team according to SJSU Athletics.

The newcomers will add depth to the roster, which is improved from last year's team according to Makrigiannis.

"Last year not everybody meshed well and I think people didn't embrace coming off the bench as an important part and now I think we have the team chemistry so everybody knows that it doesn't matter whether you play five minutes or 90," Makrigiannis said.

With so many new players, developing bonds has been a priority for the team. In order to get a chance to connect off the field, the team went on a camping trip a week prior to the match.

"We've all known each other for a month now and you get to know each other's quirks and how to push each other's buttons and I think it's what a team is about," Makrigiannis said.

Both Rodriguez and Makrigiannis said the team chemistry is better than it was last year so teammates have more trust in one another when they're on the field.

Hanson thinks the Spartans will be better rounded later in the season and will feature a ball-dominating style designed to grind down their opponent.

"Midway through the season you should see our time with some great rhythm, it just will take some time," Hanson said.

Darby Brown-Kuhn is the Spartan Daily Sports Editor.

"I think we needed a scrimmage just to settle in and once we got settled it was like, if those two goals didn't happen it would've been a different game"

Zoe Makrigiannis
Spartan Goalkeeper



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Bonds beats investigation, awaits Hall Of Fame

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After almost eight years, Barry Bonds now has a chance to join other legendary ball-players in the halls of Cooperstown.

In July, the United States Department of Justice dismissed criminal charges against Bonds, the main charge being perjury when investigators believed Bonds lied when he testified under oath that he didn't use performance-enhancing drugs.

"As I have said before, this outcome is something I have long wished for," Bonds said shortly after the announcement as reported by CBS New York. "I am relieved, humbled and thankful for what this means for me and my family moving forward."

This is an appropriate ending to one of the biggest goose chases in American sports history.

Bonds was the white whale criminal prosecutors were never able to catch despite the mountain of evidence they obtained.

There was testimony from multiple witnesses, the affiliation with BALCO, and Bonds' physical transformation from a lean but strong physique to a body type that belonged in professional wrestling.

It wasn't as if Bonds was the only player guilty of taking steroids, but looking at the length investigators went to take him down you would have thought that was the case.

Considering how easy players such as Roger Clemens, Andy Pettitte, and Mark McGwire got off, it's hard not to think there was a double standard for Bonds and everyone else.

True, he wasn't friendly to the press and got in scuffles with coaches and teammates, but the man's accomplishments on the baseball field can't be overlooked.

Even before he allegedly started juicing after the 1998 season, Bonds' statistics at that point of his career were Hall of Fame worthy.

He won three Most Valuable Player awards along with seven Silver Sluggers and eight Gold Gloves. He became the first player to hit 400 career home runs and steal 400 bases and is still the only player to achieve the milestone.

And that was before he started juicing. Once he started a regimen of illegal drugs, he became the most destructive offensive force the game has ever seen.

From 2000 to 2004 he amassed 258 home runs, including the single season record of 73 he set in 2001, and took home four more MVP awards.

No pitcher was comfortable throwing to him, during the same time span he drew 872 walks and was walked an absurd 232 times in 2004, also a major league record.

Bonds would be lucky to get two at bats in a game, and when he got an opportunity he prevailed more often than not.



Photo by Joelle Wiggins

After almost eight years, Barry Bonds is no longer being investigated for using performance enhancing drugs.

Keep in mind that many of the pitchers he faced were on steroids too, and teams were still terrified of pitching to him.

In the Steroid Era, Bonds was head and shoulders above any other player and it wasn't even close. That level of dominance needs to be respected, no matter how abrasive the individual is.

A reason why people may still hold a grudge against Bonds is because he was so talented that he didn't need to cheat. Then he turned to the dark side and became one of the biggest villains in baseball history, which angered many in the baseball community.

But the baseball writers who vote on who gets into the Hall of Fame need to put their feelings aside and let Bonds in.

To not let in a player of his caliber would be a far bigger travesty than anything he did on the field. He played in an era of cheaters and he was the best, and he shouldn't be punished because of that.

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