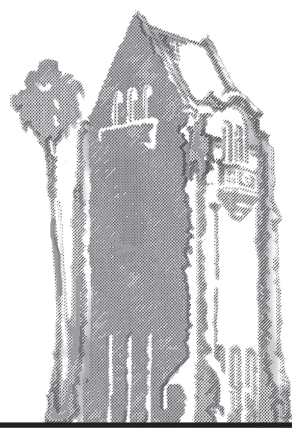


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Projected 2011 BART station slated for historic San Jose building

By MICHAEL RIZZO
Staff Writer

With Mayor Chuck Reed and the San Jose redevelopment agency on board, the Silicon Valley extension of the Bay Area Rapid Transit system — construction expected to begin in 2011 — could

bring a downtown BART station within a mile of San Jose State University.

The mayor allocated \$5 million of the city's budget last month to the San Jose Redevelopment Agency for the purchase of three floors in the historic Bank of America building at South First

and Santa Clara streets.

"This is a tremendous opportunity to provide a grand gateway to downtown from the BART system," Reed said in his budget message. "We should seek a partnership between the Redevelopment Agency, the VTA and the building owner to both renovate the building in a cost effective manner and create a distinctive downtown San Jose BART station."

The owner of the building has acquired the rights to subdivide spaces in the building and sell or lease them as business condominiums, said Kip Harkness, executive director of the Redevelopment Agency.

The building is one of the last historic structures in San Jose in need of retrofits — a project that for the whole building would cost \$40 million. Harkness said that as it stands now, the building is unlikely to survive a major earth-

quake.

"Preserving a sense of San Jose's history is important here and getting some adaptive reuse to bring an older structure into current relevance. Seismically, it's missed every code and upgrade that's ever been out there," said Henry Sirven, the BART project liaison between the city and the Santa Clara Valley Transit Authority.

Whitney Sandelin, a freshman environmental science major at UC Berkeley, said that back home, BART is an easy way to travel to different parts of the Bay Area.

"A lot of people commute to San Jose, so it really doesn't make sense for BART not to be here," she said.

The future San Jose station is expected to be used daily by more people than the number who use

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CSU to act on audit findings

By NICOLE LIEURANCE
Staff Writer

The California State University System plans to make changes to its policies on executive compensation, following the recommendations of a state audit, said a spokesman for the CSU.

The audit, released Tuesday, stated that the CSU lacked an adequate system to monitor "adherence to its compensations policies or measure their impact on university finances."

The report also stated that "concerns have been raised" about the methodology used by the CSU to justify increasing executive salaries in past years.

In the last CSU Board of Trustees meeting, the board voted to give executives an 11.8 percent salary raise for the 2007-2008 year, citing a report by Mercer Human Resources consulting firm that stated CSU campus presidents' salaries lagged the market significantly compared to other comparable universities.

The board also voted to adopt a formal policy to raise executive salaries up to market level over the next four years. Using data from the Mercer report, the board estimated the current difference at 46 percent.

The audit stated, however, that the methodology used to determine such salary lags does not take into consideration other perks given to CSU executives, such as car and housing allowance.

State Assemblyman Anthony Portantino, chair of the committee on higher education, said in a news conference that he was not surprised by the findings in the report, and that current CSU policies reflect a "misuse of the public's trust."

CSU spokesman Paul Browning said that in general the CSU agreed with the audit, which he said did not suggest any inappropriate behavior by university officials.

"We're happy that it presented recommendations in a fair and balanced way," Browning said.

Among other things, the audit recommended the CSU create a "centralized information structure to catalog university compensation by individual, payment type and funding source."

Browning said the CSU planned to follow the recommendations of the audit and implement them "as soon as is feasible."

"We're glad the chancellor is willing to address the issues in the audit," said Alice Sunshine, a representative for the California Faculty Association, adding that she hoped the audit would be a major topic of discussion at the board of trustees meeting scheduled for next week.

John Travis, the political action chair of the CFA, said it would closely monitor the CSU to ensure that it followed the audit's recommendations.

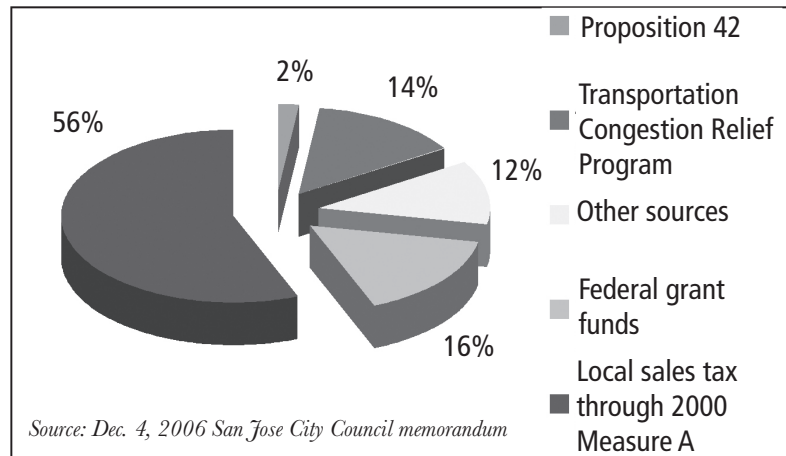
"We have to watch and ensure that change happens, effective tomorrow," Travis said.

Assemblyman Portantino said that he plans to reintroduce legislation to increase transparency of executive compensation in the CSU.

A bill that aimed to create more open discussion in official CSU meetings was vetoed by the governor last month after passing in both the state's Senate and Assembly.

Sunshine said the CFA would continue to analyze the audit in the coming weeks in order to release a more comprehensive analysis on the organization's Web site.

Silicon Valley BART expansion funding breakdown



Source: Dec. 4, 2006 San Jose City Council memorandum

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CREATING A DIVERSITY MASTER PLAN

"Rock the Plan" brought students together with administrators to discuss their opinions on diversity at SJSU.

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From public displays of affection to Halloween holiday traditions, South American exchange students tell what they've learned about the U.S.

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FEMALE BOXING CLUB MEMBER STILL FIGHTING

SJSU Boxing club continues to grow, and freshman nutritional science major Melissa Newman makes the commitment to compete with team A.

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SLIDE SHOW: SJSU BOXERS TELL ALL

The SJSU boxing club welcomes all. The club has its highest membership since 2001, and competing fighters talk about their tough workouts.

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BETH SHAPIRO // Special to the Daily

Tape is placed throughout the halls, pinpointing the locations of the flood damage from the Oct. 27 fire on the the ninth floor of Campus Village Building B.

Students consider renter's insurance

By CHRISSY RAMONEDA
Staff Writer

The recent fire at Campus Village Building B and the Oct. 30 5.6 earthquake have brought up two words some college students might be unfamiliar with: renter's insurance.

Renter's insurance is similar to that of homeowner's insurance in that it protects personal belongings in the event of damage or disaster, said Jason Fisher, a helpdesk specialist at AAA insurance.



JAMES JEFFREY // Special to the Daily

Firefighters responded to the fire alarm at Campus Village on Oct. 27.

"When it comes to college students, that's really not much," Fisher said. "They probably won't need too much coverage."

If a student has personal property estimated at

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Some clocks still unchanged

Daylight-saving time still causing confusion for some students

By TRUTH ESGUERRA
Staff Writer

Several clocks on campus are still displaying the wrong time despite the daylight-saving time change on Nov. 4.

Betty Luna, director of Facility Operations, said the reasons why the clocks on campus would be incorrect has to do with whether the batteries for clocks need changing or the sensors would fail to work on the electrical clocks.

Shannon Bros, a biology professor in Duncan Hall, said the clocks in her classrooms were also incorrect.

"They are a little sporadic," Bros said. "A lot of our clocks, at some point or another, will tell the right time and other ones won't."

Bros said that she was unaffected by the clocks but the students might be affected.

"I think the biggest issue is when you give an exam," she said. "They like to look up and see how

much time is left."

Steven Higginbottom, a senior microbiology major, said he had friends who were affected by the clocks displaying the wrong time.

"They were in the middle of a test and thought they only had half-an-hour left, and they actually had an hour-and-a-half left on the test," said Higginbottom. "People were freakin out about

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Non-motorized vehicles OK'd by SJSU president

By MARK ASPILLERA
Staff Writer

A presidential directive signed on Oct. 23 now allows skateboards and non-motorized scooters on campus, altering a previous mandate prohibiting them, said Gerry Selter, executive assistant to the president.

The previous policy restricted bicycling on campus to select "corridor" streets.

"The old policy literally became obsolete," Selter said, adding that the policy was enacted when Seventh and Ninth streets ran through the campus.

UPD Sgt. John Laws said the department wrote the majority of the policy that was proposed to the president's office by the SJSU Parking, Traffic and Transit Advisory Committee.

UPD is one of the parties represented on the advisory committee. Advisory committee chair Linda Roper said the signed directive is "pretty much the same" as the policy the advisory committee gave to the president's office.

Roper said vehicle riders are required to "always yield to pedes-

trians" and not exceed a campus speed limit of 5 miles per hour.

The speed limit applies to both motorized and non-motorized vehicles.

Issa Chan, a graduate communications studies student, said he rode a scooter to campus to cut his commute time from 10 minutes to two.

He said the speed limit seemed a little slow.

"Five miles an hour is near jogging speed," he said. "If I can get to class faster by running, what's the point of bringing my scooter?"

Selter said the next step is for new signage to be posted on campus pertaining to the new policy. He said the placement of signage would be done by the advisory committee, UPD and facilities development and operations.

Roper said posting new signage is not part of the new policy, but that doing so is a high priority in certain areas of the campus.

"It needs to happen in the congested areas within the next couple weeks," she said, referring to areas with large amounts of pedestrian

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SPARTA GUIDE

Write letters to the editor and submit Sparta Guide information online. Visit our Web site at www.thespartandaily.com. You may also submit information in writing to DBH 209.

Sparta Guide is provided free of charge to students, faculty and staff members. The deadline for entries is noon three working days before the desired publication date. Space restrictions may require editing of submission. Entries are printed in order in which they are received.

TODAY

Africentric Theology Seminar: The Biblical Message for Connecting With Your Ancestors

From noon to 1 p.m., the African American Faculty and Staff Association will hold a seminar in the Cultural Heritage Center in Room 525 of the King Library. For more information, contact Dr. Oscar Battle at 924-6117.

Stress Reduction Workshop

At 4 p.m. in the Montalvo Room in the Student Union. For more information, contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or mail to: chaplain@sjspirit.org.

Centering Prayer: A Time of Quiet Prayer and Meditation

Every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. in the Spartan Memorial. For more information, contact Chaplain Roger at 605-1687 or mail to: chaplain@sjspirit.org.

Eminent Speaker Series: "How to protect your business idea" - Panel Discussion

At 6 p.m. in the Engineering Building, Room 189 several speakers will discuss strategic legal issues facing entrepreneurs, especially relating to intellectual property protection. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Sofia at moede_s@cob.sjsu.edu.

Catholic Mass

Mass will be held at the Spartan Memorial Chapel at 12 p.m. and will be conducted by Dr. Victoria Rue. For more information, contact victoria@victoriarue.com.

Students join in on plan for diversity

By SARRAH S. NGUYEN

Staff Writer

More than 100 students attended an open student forum Tuesday to discuss diversity on campus and shape an Inclusive Excellence and Diversity Master Plan at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

"Rock the Plan" was started by Rona Halulani, an associate professor of communications, to establish student contribution to an Inclusive Excellence and Diversity Master Plan SJSU officials are hoping to set up.

Marcus Kilgore, a junior sociology major, said he heard about the student forum "Rock the Plan," from his professor.

"I think that with such a diverse area — such as San Jose —," said Marcus Kilgore, a junior sociology major. "San Jose State should reflect that, especially with education."

The concept of having an Inclusive Excellence and Diversity Master Plan at SJSU started in the President's reading group that consisted of faculty, staff and administration,

said President Don Kassing.

"The focus is that we get a strong student voice in this," Kassing said about the plan.

Halulani was appointed by Kassing to put together a forum for student participation in the plan.

"We need a diversity master plan for the campus that deeply embeds diversity into the infrastructure," said Halulani, director of institute planning and inclusive excellence, "so that all members are appreciated and valued."

The university is hoping to build educational, curricular plans around this plan after it is established.

After getting student input, they are hoping to provide more training for faculty and staff, as well as community events for students, Halulani said.

"We will work toward framing diversity as an educational resource and a necessary ingredient for student, staff and faculty success," Halulani said.

Jenny Arellano, a freshman international business major, was also invited to the event by a professor.

"We're looking at the impact of minorities in school and if there is enough help for them," Arellano said about the event.

After an introduction on the history of the event, students were divided into groups to discuss their opinion about diversity on campus.

"It's interesting to know that people grew up differently from you, and they grew up with different values," said Sasha Colina, a freshman nursing major.

Some of the topics of discussion were when diversity was and wasn't appreciated on campus, what diversity is in context to SJSU and what students thought the plan should include.

"For me personally," Kilgore said, "I wanted to see more diversity in faculty and professors. It's just that if we were to talk about diversity, it should be from the people who give us knowledge and guidance to help us graduate."

"If we pull this off, we'll be the first CSU to do it. That's what we think," Kassing said. "At this point we might be the first CSU to have a comprehensive approach. We're in such a unique place to do it."

RENT // Minimal damage in wake of ninth-floor fire

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around \$15,000, the average policy would range between \$150 to \$200 a year.

"For 10 to 12 dollars a month, you're pretty much taken care of," Fisher said. "It gives you that peace of mind."

To find out about renter's insurance, a student can go online and find estimates and other information

on a Web site or call a sales representative over the phone. The representatives ask a series of questions, including an estimated worth of personal belongings and the distance a residence is from a fire station.

"We can do everything pretty much over the phone," Fisher said. "We're not the only ones out there, so by all means, shop around."

While focusing on big things like televisions and stereos are important, when students are estimating the total cost of their personal property for insurance coverage, they are also advised to look at the little things like silverware, glassware and clothing, Fisher said.

"Anything you can physically take out of the apartment," Fisher said. "This stuff will have to be replaced whether you realize it or not."

Kevina Brown, community relation's coordinator for Campus Village, said that after the Oct. 27 fire the only damage that has been reported from students, aside from wet clothes and carpet, was a damaged textbook and a cell phone charger. An estimated cost of damages could not be deter-

mined by the time of this story's publication.

"A lot of people had wet clothes, so we were issuing laundry cards," Brown said. This gave students the opportunity to wash their clothes for free using the Campus Village laundry facilities.

Maintenance also issued dehumidifiers for rooms with water damage, Brown said.

"Basically, the night it happened, they took all our stuff, put it up off the ground and used a water vacuum," said Maggie Roberts, a sophomore nursing major who lives on the eighth floor, one floor below the fire. "We couldn't stay there, they wouldn't let us get our stuff, and the floors were damp the next day."

Concerning water damages, Roberts said, "Two of my roommates had art or class notes in binders on the ground that got ruined. For the most part everything is fine."

Brown said that the university is not liable to reimburse students because "we do encourage them to get renter's insurance."

Brown is referring to a 34-page Housing License Agreement Booklet that is given to students in Campus Village along with a License Agreement Form that must be signed before moving in.

"I have no idea," said Melissa Fernandez, a graduate student in library science. "There very well could be something about renter's insurance in the document I signed, but I'm not sure. I skimmed it over."

Page 24, under "Personal Property," states, "Residents are encouraged to purchase personal insurance, such as a renter's policy."

"No. I was never advised," said David Haelele, an undeclared sophomore, when asked about renter's insurance. "I didn't even know about it. I lived here last year in Building C. There's not an application that I remember."

Although Campus Village is not required to replace damaged items from the fire, they are looking at damages on a case-by-case basis.

"Just as a courtesy, we're not going to leave them out in the cold," Brown said.

Renter's insurance does not only affect students who live in on-campus housing.

Jordan Ames, a senior justice studies major, lost his belongings in a fire at his fraternity house in January 2005.

"I didn't have renter's insurance so nothing of mine got covered," Ames said. "Overall, I lost my clothes, mattress, everything was destroyed."

Ames, who had never been advised on renter's insurance before, was fortunate to have alumni "who helped out a lot."

"It's a good point because I don't think anyone really knows about it," Ames said. "Especially being a freshman or sophomore in college."

Hans Jorgensen, a senior criminal justice major and roommate of Ames during the fire, was able to have his personal property covered through his parent's homeowner's insurance policy.

"I ended up getting pretty much everything I lost replaced," Jorgensen said. "It was very convenient."



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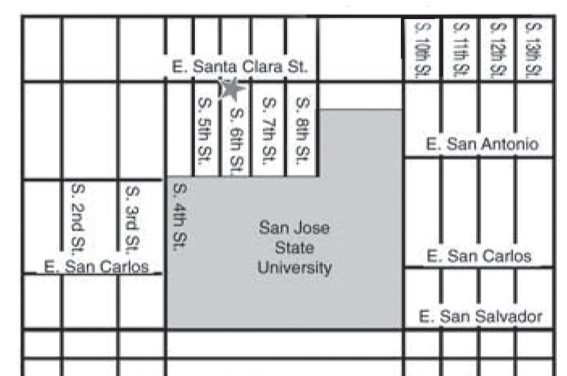
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EVENTS '07

Coming to America

International students from South America talk about the benefits gained from their stays in the U.S.

By OSVALDO CASTILLO

Leo Hernandez

Leo Hernandez, a graduate student from Venezuela working on his master's in conservation ecology, knew it would be difficult to live in Venezuela without his wife Paula.

"She had been attending SJSU for a year," he said, "I took the first opportunity I had to attend SJSU and be with her."

He also said that he did not want to stay in Venezuela because of the political climate in the country.

His wife Paula Matheus, a graduate student working on her master's in astrobiology, said Hernandez was the first person she met in college eight years ago.

The two are teacher assistants for the biology department at SJSU. Both plan on staying in the United States to pursue their doctor's degrees.

Matheus got the opportunity to attend SJSU because of a sponsorship she received from NASA Ames. The company has also helped her get an internship this past summer.

Despite learning to speak English in Venezuela, Matheus said her biggest difficulty was communicating with students at SJSU.

"At first I did not say much. I just listened," she said. "Over time I got better."

She also said she had to grow up fast during her first months in the United States.

Aside from spending their time studying, the couple has traveled to San Diego and San Francisco.

They said they would both like to attend either an A's or Giants baseball game because both teams have a considerable amount of Venezuelan players.



KHALID JIVANI // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Edison Lascano

Ecuadorian Edison Lascano was surprised when he found out how easy it would be for his seven-year old son Daniel to attend elementary school in the United States.

"I went in on a Friday to fill out the paperwork, and on Monday I took him to school," he said.

"This was also Daniel's first Halloween," he added. "He was so excited when we went trick-or-treating."

Lascano graduated in 1998 with a degree in informatics and computer systems engineering in Ecuador. He was a teacher for four years at the Army Polytechnic School in Sangolqui, Ecuador.

After receiving a scholarship from the Fulbright Association, which helps international students find schools to attend in the United States, he found his way to SJSU.

"It's a dream to study in the United States," he said.

He is currently working on his master's in software engineering and plans to find work in the United States when he receives it.

But as part of his deal with Fulbright, he has to return to Ecuador and live there for two years.

"I will probably go back to teaching for those two years," he said.

Lascano also said he wanted to return to the United States because he feels safer here and because the people here are friendlier than in Ecuador.

"In this country everyone wants to be helpful and serve you in anyway they can," he said.



KHALID JIVANI // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Gustavo Kawakami

Gustavo Kawakami, a senior business major, may be one of the most interesting and unique students at SJSU.

He is a Brazilian student of Japanese descent. "I was born and raised in Brazil," he said. "I speak Portuguese, but I cannot speak Japanese. I understand a little of it though."

His mother was also born and raised in Brazil, but his father is an immigrant from Japan.

"I did not know Halloween was such a big deal."

GUSTAVO KAWAKAMI
senior business major

Kawakami said he learned to speak English in Brazil and also from living in Australia for a year.

He chose to attend SJSU because of the business job opportunities in the Bay Area.

He said that he is excited about his internship at the Girvan Institute of Technology, a non-profit, high-tech start-up.

He plans to look for a job in the Bay Area after he graduates.

Being in the United States has exposed Kawakami to some traditions he has never experienced before. One of these is Halloween.

"I did not know Halloween was such a big deal," he said. "In Brazil we have something similar called the 'carnival'."

Kawakami also says he does not understand why couples in the United States do not show their affection towards each other in public.

"In Brazil, couples are always holding hands

and kissing each other," he said. "Here you can't tell if a couple is together."



KHALID JIVANI // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

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JENNIFER SKIDMORE // SPECIAL TO THE DAILY

Members of the SJSU women's basketball team watches drills at practice Tuesday afternoon.

Lady Spartans set to tip off season Saturday against the University of Oregon

By SAMANTHA SALAS
Staff Writer

Western Athletic Conference coaches picked the SJSU women's basketball team to finish next to last this season. Members of the media that covered the conference predicted SJSU to finish last.

New head coach Pam DeCosta's first season at SJSU she welcomed eight letter winners and seven newcomers.

And with DeCosta on the team's side, everyone's looking forward to a little change this season.

"We're incredibly fortunate to have Pam DeCosta as our new women's basketball coach," Tom Bowen, director of athletics, said at the announcement of her position on April 11. "Her philosophy mirrors our core values of academic strength and integrity as we continue to build our culture of champions."

What set DeCosta apart from the pool of applicants, Bowen said, was her vast knowledge of basketball, coaching acumen and her dedication to the academic success of her student-athletes.

Prior to SJSU, DeCosta spent the last four seasons coaching at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla. In

her time there, she took a program that had only five wins her first year and produced double-digit wins each of the past three seasons.

According to the Spartans Web site, her teams had a 100 percent graduation rate and one student-athlete who became the third player in school history to be named to the "ESPN the Magazine" Academic All-District team.

"Developing students in the classroom is very important to me," DeCosta said. "We want them to graduate in four years or so — walking away as good players as well as good people."

"As a result of working just as hard in the classroom as they do on the court, they will develop a toughness and become productive in whatever it is they want to do afterwards."

In addition to seeing each of her players graduate successfully, DeCosta has goals for the season on the court — one of which being to work hard and compete each game with their best. She also looks forward to building upon SJSU's program that has so much potential and room for growth.

"I want us to keep getting better and improving day by day," DeCosta said.

DeCosta described herself as an up-tempo coach, which is important in the upcoming season. She expects to players to follow this system, as running and scoring early are the best ways for the team to win.

"I expect the team to come out and work," DeCosta said. "How we play together is what will make the success we have."

"We also have a lot of versatile players who can play different positions, which is also important to our team," DeCosta said.

Brittany Powell, a sophomore power forward, said she thought the team's challenge this year will probably be being able to play up to the new coaching staff's expectations.

"Last year, we lost players and our coaching staff was always changing," Powell said. "We were unstructured all over the place. The coaches are definitely looking to win this year, and I think it may be tough to keep up to that speed."

At the same time, Powell said she is looking forward to the new coaching staff and their vision and direction for the team.

"We're just getting started, and we're already able to see the changes," Powell said. "I think everyone is excited about that."

DeCosta said the new team has

an incredible chemistry. They enjoy being around each other, and she said it makes it a lot easier to win.

Breana Fields, a junior guard who is health science major, said the chemistry among the players makes it easier and more fun to be successful.

"We can turn to anyone on our team if we need anything," Fields said. "When one person on the team is down, then everyone gathers around and picks them up."

Having this chemistry and strength as a unit will help them get through the great challenge that Fields said the team will face this year.

"We have a lot to prove after last year," Fields said. "We have to overcome everyone's opinions and prove them wrong. We're turning things around this year."

Fields said everything about last year is going to change with the new staff.

"Adjusting to the new coaches will be hard," Fields said "But after we piece everything together, everything we work towards, it will all come together in the end."

This year's Spartans open their new season at PAC-10 opponent Oregon on Saturday.

Boxing more than a sport for club members

By BRIANA HERNANDEZ
Staff Writer

"I have to fight. I want to."

These are the words of freshman nutritional science major Melissa Newman, and they are the reason Newman joined SJSU's Boxing Club at the beginning of this semester.

Newman is not alone in her drive to enter the ring as she is one of 49 members of this growing club, said Armando Cervantes, team captain and vice president of Boxing Club.

SJSU's Boxing Club returned to campus in 2001 for the first time as a club sport after the NCAA discontinued collegiate boxing in 1961 due to lack of student involvement.

Cervantes said SJSU boxing is the biggest it has ever been since the club formed.

Students can either belong to the B team, to learn the fundamentals of boxing, or the A team, to train and eventually take on an opponent in the ring.

"The B team is more for people who want to stay in shape in kind of an aerobic workout," Cervantes said.

All members must pay a \$50 membership fee, while A team members must pay an additional \$85. For this, A-team members receive a boxing license and utilize an off-campus gym at the San Jose Police Activities League where they are coached by 2000 Olympic boxing team coach Candelario "Candy" Lopez.

Newman, a San Pablo native, said she has wanted to box since she was a child. Since there were no facilities in her home town, this was her first attempt at boxing. She said being a boxer comes with its sacrifices.

"It does take a lot of time with practice everyday," she said. "But I kind of enjoy practice, so it is only a sacrifice in time."

Another test Newman will face is making weight.

"If you are on the A team," he said, "you are committed, which

means making the weight in order to fight. Any sport that requires you to cut weight — it is a difficult task to do. It takes a lot of commitment and dedication."

In the pool of athletes in SJSU Boxing, Newman is definitely a minority. According to Cervantes, she is only one of two girls in the entire club. As a result, she said there are some hurdles to overcome.

"At first I think (the guys) are scared to hit me," she said. "But they kind of get used to the fact that I am going to hit them, and they have to hit back."

She said, however, being one of the only girls in not a terrible disadvantage.

"I kind of like it," she said. "It's like I'm an equal, and I have to keep up with them."

Newman said being a woman in boxing gave her a lot to prove.

"I want to do good and show that I am not just a girl," she said.

Sophia Nguyen, a freshman nursing major, is a B team member for the club. While Nguyen said she is interested in many sports and would someday like to fight competitively, for now, she is getting comfortable learning the ropes.

Nguyen said she feels little separation between the two teams.

"We all learn the same things," she said.

While she practices at every club meeting and is still learning the fundamentals, Newman has not yet participated in a real fight. On the other hand, Cervantes knows firsthand what it feels like to enter the ring. He said he feels the most fear right before a fight.

"It's intense," he said. "Just knowing you're going to be in a ring with a guy who wants to punch your face in. But once the bell rings and you get in there — after the first round you're fine. You get used to it."

Cervantes said boxing is a way of discovering himself.

"You learn a lot about yourself once you're in a ring," he said. "If you get knocked down, you learn how determined you are to get back up."

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In billions of years, still the universe collides



KEVIN RAND

From the Hip

In the beginning, God created the Universe.

He began his work some 14 billion years ago using an infinitely small point in space and time, a point made of nothing but possibility.

Neither the possibility, nor God, could contain themselves.

And, bang! It started.

God unleashed the realm of possibility and told it that it could do anything — anything possible, that is. And so it did.

It raced off in every direction, like a gigantic, expanding balloon, and all the possibility — the energy — had at it.

“Create yourself,” God told the Universe.

The energy wasted no time. It organized itself and made atoms.

The atoms partook and became gases and dust.

They formed spiraling galaxies, grander than they themselves could imagine, and the galaxies spun round-and-round.

The Universe knew it was on to something, but it was in no rush.

God said, “Take forever.”

So it took its time. It pondered the Creator’s order, “create yourself.”

The energy was self-governing, and it ordered the hydrogen and helium in the galaxies to gather in large, humungous amounts to burn hot and bright.

The Universe was up to something.

Its creative appetite was insatiable.

“Gather ‘round,” the hot gases, called suns or stars, shouted.

And everything within their grasps listened.

Flaming comets, rocks the size of planets, gaseous forms as big as Jupiter circled the stars, obeying their orders.

The big balls of rock or gas — or both — called themselves “planets.” After all, they were as big as planets.

God noticed a particularly rambunctious one; it was the third farthest planet from its sun at the edge of the Milky Way Galaxy.

It was relatively young because by this time, the Universe was nearly 10 billion years old.

It was definitely up to something, but God, in accordance with his divine order, let it be.

It was a big planet, but not too big; and it was stormy, very stormy — endless-lightning stormy.

Its oceans of water heated up, and its masses of land shifted on the planet’s surface, birthing active volcanoes.

But the planet, Earth, cooled down one day. It sat there, ripe with possibility, until lightning hit a beach on the edge of a landmass.

The electronic charge was so fierce that it inspired a new creation, a creation that would grow, survive and adapt until it became intelligent enough to know that it itself existed.

That creation was life.

And God shook his head, saying, “Nothing is impossible.”

He smiled at what he allowed to happen, but he did not bask in his own glory. He knew that things were going exactly as they should.

Meanwhile, some of the intelligent life on Earth, the humans, learned of themselves.

They felt powerful and powerless at the same time. They knew they could do whatever they wanted, but they never understood why.

And they fought over this “why” for thousands of years, never coming to a conclusion.

They talked about it and wrote books. They even fought wars and killed each other, each group holding tightly to its beliefs.

But as a whole, the humans remained puzzled, never knowing exactly what to believe.

They knew they were here for a reason. They knew about creativity and living and endless possibility — and choice.

And some of them asked God why they were here, and he whispered back, “It is what it is. Choose what you wish.”

And that was it. The humans — the

people — could choose what they wanted, and they knew that.

And one of them, a writer and editor at a college newspaper, sat one day.

He was the curious type, and he had some writing to contribute for the next day’s paper.

He wanted to discuss, if not meagerly attempt to reconcile, the debate about creation versus a randomly occurring Universe that happens to hold life.

He decided to write a story, a story that would include both theories as possible, plausible and probable.

But deep down he knew it could never be done — that no matter how smart people were, they would never be able to prove either or both sides of the argument.

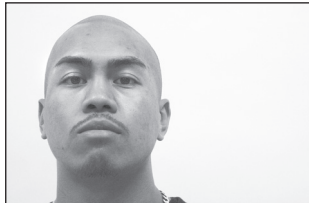
He knew that within the confines of human reason, neither side could be proven.

So he contributed his piece, got back to work, and let the debate continue ...

For another 14 billion years.

Kevin Rand is a Spartan Daily copy editor. “From the Hip” appears every Wednesday.

A long time ago, TV was not this sexy



By JOVANNI COLISAO

Staff Writer

I’m dusted and disgusted with the content of television nowadays.

As a toddler, I remember watching television shows that helped me learn how to count, spell and read.

For example, one of my favorite children shows was and still is “Reading Rainbow,” which taught children about all types of literature available to read.

I would not want my little nieces and nephews to be subjected to such content.

“Sesame Street” was another favorite because it taught children how to spell, read, count and sing.

Truly, these are the fundamentals of educating children.

Today, more shows correlate with nudity, violence, foul language and generally immoral behavior.

Some of the character’s I remember watching were Zack Morris and Kelly Kapowski in “Saved By the Bell,” DJ and Michelle Tanner in “Full House,” and Laura Winslow and Steve Urkel in “Family Matters.”

All of these shows began with a problem and ended with a lesson

to learn.

Today, the majority of television is overpopulated with reality shows that have no scientific, political or artistic value.

I understand that all television shows must serve the public’s interest in order to receive a license from the Federal Communications Commission, but how far must reality television shows go?

Programming must serve the educational and informational needs of children aged around 16 or younger.

In 1992, MTV’s “Real World” began an ongoing reality TV show in which a group of strangers live together under one roof, have sex, use explicit language and consume a lot of alcohol.

I would not want my little nieces and nephews to be subjected to such content.

Now, one of today’s popular shows is “A Shot at Love With Tila Tequila,” which is about a group of men and women trying to win over the heart of Asian sensation and bisexual Tila Tequila, who was made famous as a model and singer on MySpace.

I am not sure what type of educational purpose this show may have, besides dozens of men and women getting drunk and making out with Tila Tequila.

In 1996, the Federal Communications Commission adopted new rules such as the Core programming, which contained a significant purpose in serving the educational needs of children by limiting adult shows not to be aired between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m.

But many times adult-rated TV

is shown when children are watching.

My experience watching TV shows is what I expected it to be when I first began — that everyone being filmed is either in Lala Land, a.k.a. Hollywood, or would like to be.

... I want to see shows that pertain to a more general audience.

I always thought that everyone on reality-television shows were just ordinary people, but it seems like every person on each show would like to be famous.

Back to what I was discussing earlier.

I have watched most of the recent episodes of reality television, and it seems like Hollywood will televise anything, especially shows that do not have any educational value.

Honestly, I want to see shows that pertain to a more general audience.

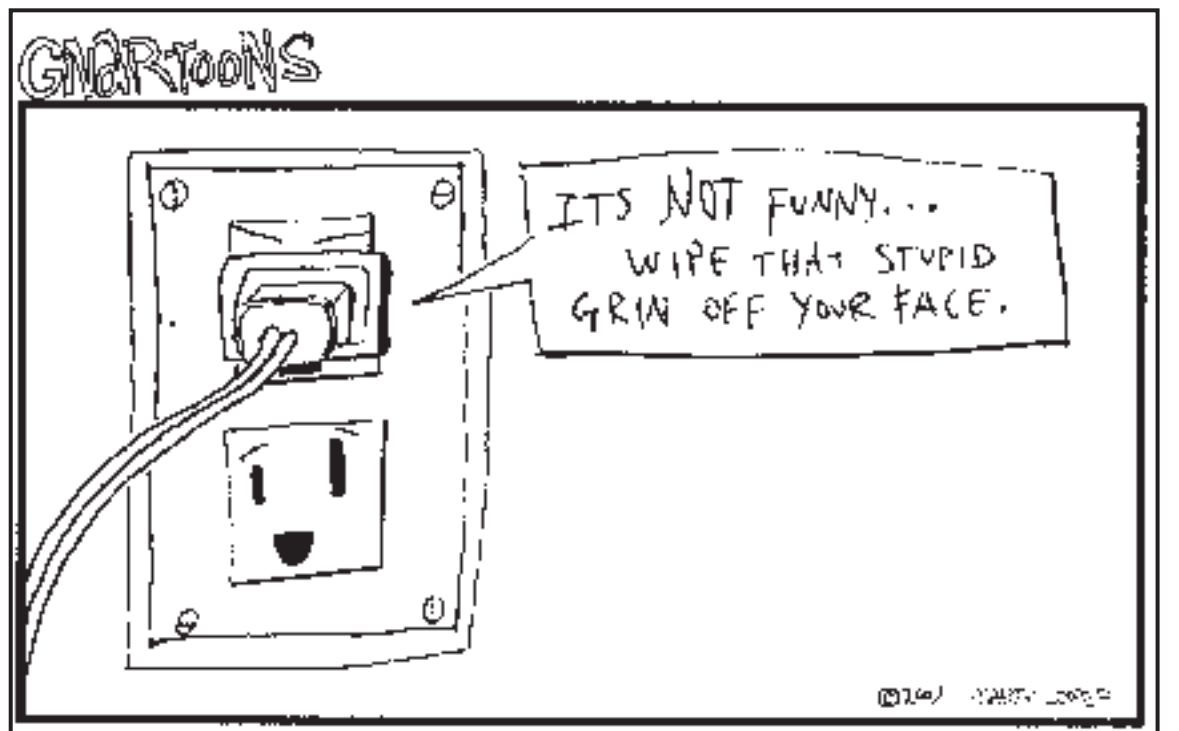
OK, I have to admit that the shows I watched growing up displayed a little romance, but not to the extent where people were exposing half of their bodies to the entire nation.

As our generation continues, more and more ideas regarding reality television keep widening, but you have to think about whether reality TV is meaningful.

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Quote of the day

“All factors considered, I think that the balance is decisively in favor of confirming Judge Mukasey.”

SEN. ARLEN SPECTER

The Republican senator from Pennsylvania said about Michael Mukasey, the nominee for U.S. attorney general.

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Letter to the editor

About “Student accused of V. Tech-like threat” from Oct. 25, 2007.

To the editor,

With the permission of Nathan Oliveira, I write to clarify one portion of the story that appeared in the Daily on Oct. 30, 2007. During proceedings under the Student Conduct Code, Mr. Oliveira was not found responsible for threatening students nor for intimidating a potential witness. His sanctions were based on the discovery that he possessed alcohol in his room during a room search. The University authorized him to return to his residence hall because it was determined that he is not a threat to the San Jose State University community.

-Veril L. Phillips
Vice President for Student Affairs

Facebook unveils program to target ads based on user behavior

By ANICK JESDANUN
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Facebook has begun transforming itself from an online hangout into an online business district.

Companies can now create their own pages on Facebook for free, under a new program announced Tuesday. Advertisers also will be able to show users their pitches in the guise of friends' endorsements, based on what the friends buy and do online.

For example, if a friend has booked a vacation on Travelocity, the online travel agency will be able to display the friend's photo as part of an ad to entice the user to buy flights and hotel stays.

The friend will have some control over whether to share that information, but the user will have fewer choices over whether to receive it.

As Web companies look to boost advertising revenue by offering to target ads based on users' hobbies, interests and be-

havior, Facebook's move could change the tone of the site and revive privacy complaints it faced last year. Facebook will rely on information in users' profiles and on friends' online activity to determine what ads might appeal to users.

The key will be how Facebook tells users about the program, something it plans to do shortly.

"Some people may find it creepy," said Deborah Pierce, executive director of the San Francisco-based Privacy Activism. "They are trying to find some ways to monetize this and keep the lights on. If the disclosure is up front, yeah, I think this is a reasonable thing for them to do."

Facebook has long prided itself on guarding its users' privacy, but the walls have gradually lowered. A feature allowing users to track changes their friends make to profiles backfired when many users denounced it as stalking and threatened protests. Facebook quickly apologized and agreed to let users turn off the feature.

BART // Silicon Valley expansion to run 16.1 miles

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San Jose International Airport, Sirven said. About 24,500 people a day — more riders than both San Francisco and Oakland — are expected to board from the station.

The VTA's \$4.7 billion BART to Silicon Valley project plans to extend the transit line 16.1 miles from the Fremont station in Warm Springs through Milpitas, San Jose and Santa Clara. Five miles of subway are planned for downtown San Jose, including service to the airport — thereby connecting all three international airports in the Bay Area.

"One of the biggest draws will be the East Bay students that are now taking BART and then express buses to get to San Jose State," Sirven said.

Having a rapid transit station in San Jose would mean Sandelin could make the trip to visit her friends in San Jose more often.

"Right now it takes me two hours to get home," she said. "I have to take the bus to Fremont and then BART to Berkeley. Sitting and waiting is the worst part."

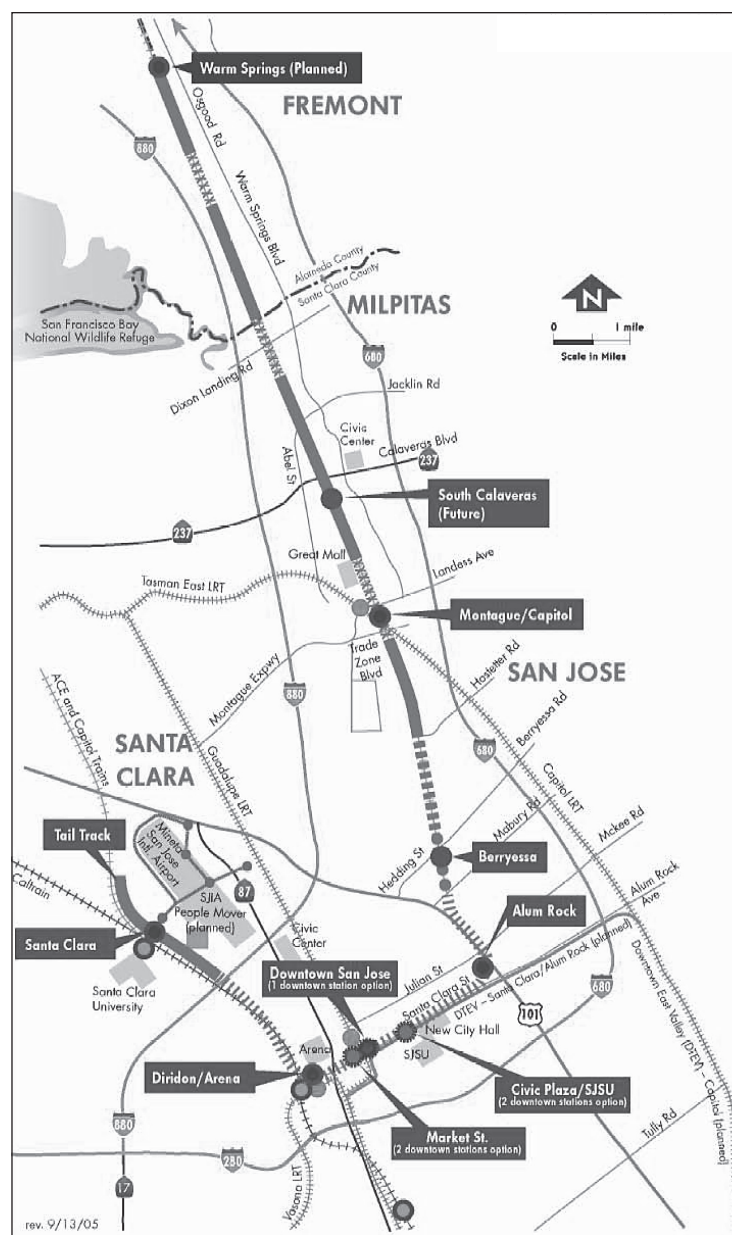
Virak Chan, a student from Cambodia studying at SJSU, uses BART to get to Oakland and Berkeley for academic events at universities. He said

he'd participate in more such events if more transportation options were available.

"Because of the inconvenience in the public transportation system here, I don't," he said.

"Right now it takes me two hours to get home. I have to take the bus to Fremont and then BART to Berkeley."

HENRY SIRVEN
BART project liason



BART to Silicon Valley project description map.
Source: Dec. 4, 2006 San Jose City Council memorandum

NEWS BRIEFS

OC college cancels plan to put free condom in campus newspaper

FULLERTON (AP) — Officials at an Orange County college have scrapped plans to distribute

free condoms in an upcoming campus newspaper edition after some students complained about the safe sex campaign.

The promotional campaign sponsored by the student health center and the Daily Titan newspaper at California State University, Fullerton called for placing some 4,500 condoms in the paper's Nov. 14 edition.

But a poster alerting students to the giveaway offended some students who objected to the image of stick figures appearing to have sex. Their complaints led campus officials to cancel the giveaway, Dean of Students Bob Palmer said Monday.

"If I'm picking up a paper to read it, I would not necessarily want to have a condom there," Palmer said.

Instead, the newspaper will print coupons that can be redeemed for free condoms at the student health center, he said.

The Daily Titan's executive editor said he doubts many students will use the coupons.

"It will just mean more stu-

dents are likely to get pregnant or contract a disease because everyone will be too embarrassed to forget," Ian Hamilton said.

Federal judge further delays Calif's stalled death penalty

SAN JOSE (AP) — A federal judge canceled plans to tour California's new execution chamber later this month and temporarily halted proceedings in a lawsuit challenging the state's death penalty.

U.S. District Court Jeremy Fogel in San Jose delayed litigation in the federal lawsuit filed by condemned killer Michael Morales because a state court judge on Oct. 31 invalidated the state's death penalty on administrative grounds.

The U.S. Supreme Court has also been halting executions nationwide while it considers a challenge to Kentucky's lethal injection execution method.

Fogel ordered lawyers to return to his courtroom Jan. 17 to consider the next steps.

TIME // Satellite-linked clock system could become standard on campus

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not having enough time on the test when they actually had an extra hour."

"It still hasn't been changed for daylight savings," he said about the class clock in his Stars, Galaxies, and the Universe class in the Science Building. "I could see how it would be confusing if it was in the middle of the day," he said about the clocks.

Bros said it would be better if the time were correct for tests, and it would be better for professors with their timing on their lectures.

She added that students can check their cell phones or their watches for the right time.

Luna said SJSU clocks run on a partial system, electric clocks and battery operated clocks.

She said the difference between the electric clock and the battery-operated clock is the central computer — located in the Central Plant on campus — operates the electric clock, and the battery-operated clocks run on their own mechanism.

Luna said both clocks look similar and are both analog devices.

She said that the custodians, who work from 10:30 p.m. to 7 a.m., are the ones responsible for changing the batteries and resetting the battery-operated clocks.

Luna said the custodians in the Dr. Martin Luther

King Jr. Library, which uses battery-operated clocks, take about two-and-a-half hours resetting the clocks within the whole library.

She said building coordinators, teachers and student assistants should call the front desk of the Facilities Development and Operations and report any problem regarding the clocks.

Emergency custodians, who work during day and have three members, would be sent by the Facilities Development and Operations to fix the problem, Luna said.

She said if there is a failed sensor on an electric clock and the custodian can not fix it, they can get electricians to go and resolve the problem.

Luna said Washington Square Hall, Sweeney hall, MacQuarrie hall, and the Boccardo Business Complex are the only places on campus that called the Facilities Development and Operations

She said Facilities Development and Operations are not in charge of the clocks in student housing, parking garages, the student union, the Aquatic Center and the Event Center.

Luna said the Facilities Development and Operations is trying to get Primex clocks — clocks in sync with a satellite — which keep accurate time for the entire campus.

She said each clock would cost about \$154. "It's quite expensive," Luna said.

Upcoming Events at The Event Center



Nov. 10
Kelly Clarkson

& Jon McLaughlin
Saturday, 7:30pm
Tickets: Reserved Seating \$39.50

Nov. 14
Evanescence

& Sick Puppies
& Julien-K
Wednesday, 7:30pm
Tickets: G. A. \$35.50

Nov. 24 & 25
George Lopez

Saturday & Sunday, 8:00pm
Tickets: \$49.50 - \$54.50

Nov. 29
Fall Out Boy

& Plain White T's
& GymClassHeroes
& CUTE is What We Aim For
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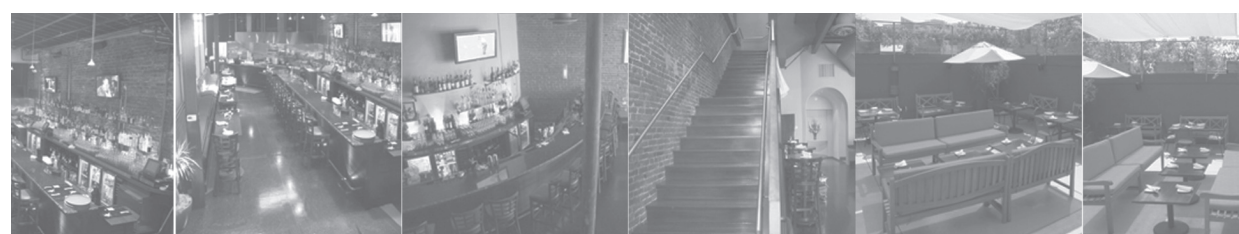
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traffic such as the walkways around the Student Union.

Roper said there are plans to place temporary "A-frame" signs in such areas that would require students to get off their vehicles and walk them.

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enforce," he said, adding that UPD officers were writing "at least 10 warnings per shift" before.

Roper said the policy is in effect from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The new policy also allows bicycles to be parked inside private offices in campus buildings, something previously banned.

Under the new policy, student bicycles are still required to be secured in a bike corral or on one of the bike racks on campus.

"No benches. No trees. No light posts," Laws said.

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