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STUDENT FEES

A.S. educates SJSU on tuition hike

By SAJA MOHAMED
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Associated Students of San Jose State University held a public forum at the Student Union to shine a light on the potential tuition increase in the next academic year. The Board of Trustees will make a decision on the increase in March at the Associated Students main branch in Long Beach.

“As of now, it’s just been a conversation that the board of trustees have been having for the past two board meetings now,” said Eric Medrano, vice president of Associated Students. “They have another in January and another in March and that is when they will have it as an action item. So our goal here is to raise awareness that they are having these conversations and they are looking likely to have that increase.”

An action item means that the board will vote to pass the tuition increase or vote

against it during the meeting.

Over the last four years, tuition has been at a standstill due to a tuition freeze that the CSU system implemented in 2012. Now that the freeze is over however, the CSU system is looking to raise tuition by five percent by the next academic year.

“This is the first opportunity that they have to increase tuition, so when that four year freeze was in place, they found other ways of increasing student fees in general to make up for what tuition couldn’t cover,” Medrano said. “So, now that they have the opportunity to increase tuition, they’re going to go ahead and take it, [which] is the likely outcome.”

Jasmine Garcia, AS Director of Communications, emphasized the reason that the freeze on tuition happened in the first place was because of mass student involvement, not just from SJSU, but from



From left to right, Adriana Manzo, Abid Manzo and Jasmine Garcia go into detail about the tuition increase that may potentially happen in the next academic year at San Jose State University.

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OPINION

Required abortion burial is disrespectful



BENJAMIN SIEPAK
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Under new Texas law requiring that aborted fetuses must be buried, the state is not paying respect to fetuses, but attempting to scrutinize and disrespect women who choose to have an abortion.

Women have a constitutional right to have an abortion. Texas now joins states whose legislatures are looking to end abortion like Louisiana and Indiana, who mandated the burials or cremation of fetal remains earlier this year.

The new law goes into effect on Dec. 19 and comes nearly four months after Texas passed a new set of Targeted Regulation of Abortion Providers (TRAP) laws. According to the American Civil Liberties

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ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Complex e-waste issue can be solved

By HANNAH MOORE
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It is illegal in most states to throw electronic waste (e-waste) in the garbage, but there are environmentally friendly ways for San Jose State University students and San Jose residents to dispose of broken or unwanted gadgets.

E-waste refers to electronics that are at or near the end of usefulness, like computers, televisions, stereos and cellphones.

Taking e-waste to a certified recycling facility is the first step of proper disposal, according to Bruce Olszewski, environmental studies professor and director of the Center for the Development and Recovery of Recycling.

The center is a non-profit organization in the SJSU environmental studies department that operates the Santa Clara Recycling Hotline.

“We’re trying to divert people from just illegally dumping things into our gutters, our streams, our native environments where it could cause harm to our ecosystems,” said Brett Clark, environmental studies senior and project manager of the center.

California enacted a legislation in 2005 that requires retailers to collect an Electronic Waste Recycling Fee on certain electronics purchased by consumers according to the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery website. The fees are then

given to the state to help fund e-waste collection and recycling.

“We’re really fortunate in California that we have so many certified e-waste recycling companies,” Olszewski said.

However, Clark said that not all facilities are certified and their practices can cause environmental harm.

“There’s a big ordeal right now with whether e-waste recyclers are actually recycling all of the materials here in the United States and not just exporting wastes somewhere else,” Clark said. “Some e-waste companies will say ‘we recycle e-waste’ and then ... they’ll take the valuable parts off of [the electronic]

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CLOTHING DRIVE

Mercy Mobile keeps the homeless warm

By BENJAMIN SIEPAK
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A clothing drive will be held throughout this week at St. Timothy’s Lutheran Church in an effort to restock a burglarized vehicle that contained items for the homeless.

The Mercy Mobile vehicle offers food, clothes and other supplies to homeless people across the Bay Area.

According to NBC Bay Area, the RV was ransacked Thursday

night and nearly everything was stolen. Pastor Joe Hill told NBC he was sad to find out the news Friday morning. “They do awesome work and it was pretty heartbreaking to hear that a lot of the things that people give — the donations, the time, the money — were just taken,” Hill said.

Mercy Mobile is piloted by Pastor Scott Wagers and is assisted by homelessness activist Robert Aguirre.

Aguirre told the Mercury News that he was living on

the streets less than two years ago and is now doing his best to give back to the homeless community he once lived in.

As word spread throughout the community about the burglary, donations began flowing into the church.

“The valuable thing that’s in here is the heart of the people that give the stuff and try to help the poor, so that’s not something you can steal,” Pastor Hill said to NBC Bay Area.

Santa Clara County Supervisor David Cortese

is also contributing to the church by restoring supplies for Mercy Mobile.

St. Timothy’s will be accepting donations from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. today in order to restock the burglarized vehicle and put some clothes on the backs of homeless people across Santa Clara County this winter.

The church is located in San Jose at 5100 Camden Ave.

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Engineering program loses students to business department

By LUKE JOHNSON
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Approximately one-fourth of 131 graduates who began as computer engineering majors switched into business administration at San Jose State University.

This research from the California State University database represents all graduates from the classes of 2013 through 2015 who began as first-time, full-time freshmen.

"In high school they expected me to pick a major that will determine my life for the next 40-plus years," said business administration senior Kelli Tran. "At age 17, I barely knew who I was or what I wanted to pursue as a career. How was I supposed to know how hard engineering was?... I wish I had some type of career counselors who could've helped me out."

About 24 percent of originally computer engineering students ended

up earning degrees in business administration, while 39 percent finished in computer engineering.

This pattern is common through both departments according to the CSU database. Of 27 total graduates who began in software engineering, only 37 percent finished in software engineering while seven percent earned degrees in business administration. The statistics show out of 1,037 business administration graduates, 50 percent began with the same major, 16 percent were originally undeclared and 10 percent came from the engineering department.

"What we hear sometimes is that students who come into science and engineering ... sometimes don't anticipate the amount of math and the level of math that they need to go into those fields," said Scott Heil, SJSU's Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Analytics director. "They thought they would be immediately going into designing interesting things

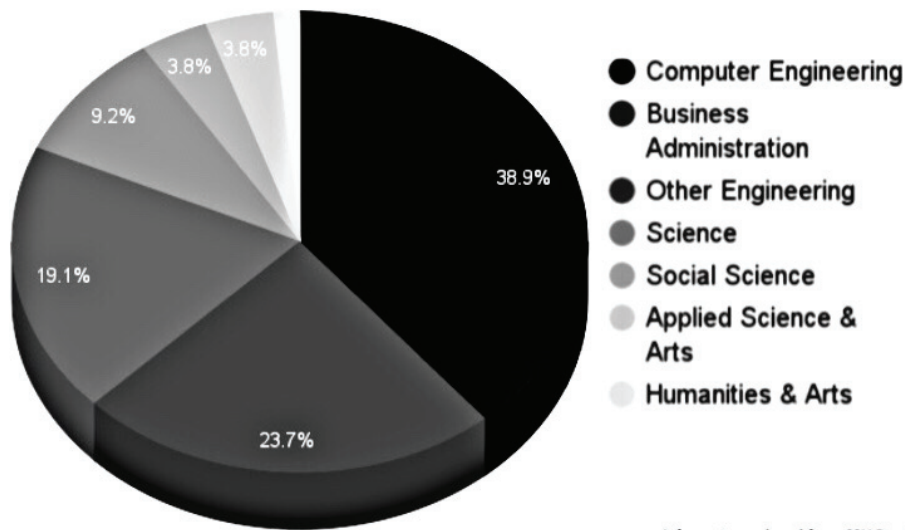
or whatever, and they spend time with equations and more theoretical work. It leads to an exodus from kind of this net loss usually from the stem disciplines into more applied fields."

Heil added that it is plausible that aspiring engineering majors enroll into SJSU because of its proximity and high hopes to have careers in the technology industry in the Silicon Valley. Their ambition, however, sometimes supersedes their preparation and prior research.

The number of students leaving engineering and switching into business is a revelation that might concern people currently enrolled or interested in enrolling at SJSU. The amount of units, time and money wasted from switching majors can cause students to lose thousands of dollars and extend graduation dates.

"I ended up switching my major from engineering to business at the end of

End point for SJSU grads (2013-15) who began in computer engineering



Information gathered from CSU Database
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my sophomore year," said business accounting senior Jacob Sanchez. "I wasted about 15 units worth of engineering classes, which ended up costing more than \$3,000 and extended my graduation by an extra year."

Heil said this data set is something that intrigues SJSU and plans to do more

research in the future. He added that switching majors more often than not has little effect on a student's probability and estimated time of graduation. The process of changing majors, however, has become more difficult recently because the university wants to lower

the number of students with 180-plus units without a degree.

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other CSU's that were going through the same tuition problems as San Jose.

"Our goal too is to promote the campaign that we're running...there's many students and other CSU's that are taking pictures of a sign that says 'dear board of trustees'," Garcia said. "And they give their story on their social media's and just #dearBOT. So it's something like, social media is a very powerful

tool that we have now. So I think when people utilize it for something like this, it can be very strong."

Increasing tuition is not something that the SJSU administration thought of, but the CSU system itself that made the suggestion. Medrano does not believe that the board of trustees is going to stop the tuition hike from happening however, because when he spoke to them they did not seem concerned.

"I have spoken to faculty and they are against it," Medrano said. "Again, one of our strongest allies is CFA

[California Faculty Association]. We've worked with them in the past in...the five percent increase in salary in the past year. So again, they are helping us with this now."

Students that came to the forum seemed worried about the increase and were there to get more information on whether or not it was going to happen.

Kate Woodcraft, a freshman applied mathematics major, was there because she had seen news of it on flyers and on Facebook. She was also there on the behalf of her boss at the budget office at SJSU, where she works.

"My boss asked me if I could come here and get them some information," Woodcraft said. "Because they need a representative here and they want to know what's going on and how the

students are reacting to it."

Five percent did not seem like it was a lot to Woodcraft and she replied that while any kind of increase is bad, at least it is not as bad as previous years.

"Any tuition increase is bad, but relatively, I know in the past there's been a 20 percent increase," Woodcraft said. "So I'm not panicked right now, but any increase is really hard. I hear a lot of people blaming the school but it's just the whole system."

Whether or not the increase will happen is up for debate, but AS seems to think it will be approved for the 2017-2018 academic year.

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... the chips that they can easily melt down and resell for metal ... [and] send the rest of it to somewhere in Asia where the environmental restrictions are less strict."

The most important thing is to not throw e-waste in the garbage.

"We don't want [electronics] in the garbage because then it goes to landfills," Olszewski said. "At a landfill there's potential for leakage and creating a hazardous material and it would contaminate groundwater."

Olszewski said that companies should embrace "design for the environment," a form of stewardship, which is the responsible management of resources. It would include reducing toxicity, quantity of materials and considering end of life of their products.

"Corporate responsibility doesn't end at manufacturing and selling. It does not end with producing results for stockholders," Olszewski

said. "It must include reducing or eliminating the cost upon society to pay for the discard of their products ... [the companies] need to be considering how not to create problems for the rest of humankind."

The Center receives many inquiries about e-waste recycling.

"[There are] a lot of different e-wastes and sometimes it's a challenge for [the Center] to find out where you can take them, who's going to recycle them best," Clark said.

An example of this challenge is when many hoverboards caught fire last year.

"We were getting a lot of calls [from] people trying to recycle those, but a lot of companies didn't want to take them because there was a risk of them blowing up," Clark said. "We finally found an e-waste recycler ... that had a safe process for tearing down and recycling the boards in a safe manner, including the batteries that were susceptible to catching fire while damaged."

Environmental studies senior Nolan Vano said that

he used this website to find out where to recycle his TV that broke earlier this year. He said he tries to hang onto his electronics.

"When I built my new computer, I still kept my old computer. I could still use it for processing. And in terms of when I finally have to recycle [my e-waste], I will definitely bring it to an e-waste recycler," Vano said.

Vano has gone through six or seven cellphones during the past five years, but holds onto them for reuse.

"As I've gotten new phones, I've sought out friends who need a backup phone and I've lent my phone to them," Vano said. "I've let my mom use my old phones because she's not as technically inclined."

Vano said he has always wanted to recycle his e-waste.

"Even before I was an environmental studies student, I felt the need to recycle e-waste," he said. "It wasn't just [something] I adopted as an environmental studies student ... it's just more about doing the right thing."

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Library exhibit explores Arab, Muslim and Sikh struggles

By ESTEPHANY HARO
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“Living in an Unfinished America: Shared Experiences of Discrimination and Resilience by Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans” is the second part of a previous exhibition at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library, located on the second floor.

The San Francisco Human Rights Commission sponsored this photovoice project and the Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion brought it to campus.

The project provides a forum for community participants to examine their lives and communicate their reflections through photographic experience, according to the description of the exhibit. This exhibit will be in the library from Dec. 1 to Dec. 21.

“Given the current political environment, it is important that we invite the public to explore and gain insight into how groups of people have used their own voices to combat hate,” said Edward Mamary, the principal investigator of this photovoice exhibit.

The testimonies are shown in passages next to the photographs where the victims only use their first name.

“Defending My Son” is the name of one of the testimonies. Fayza, a Palestinian-American Muslim woman started her testimony with the sentence: “This is my son, his name is Osama.”

The photo in the passage shows her son held outside of his high school, John F. Kennedy, where he experiences discrimination and bullying by his own peers.

“After 9/11, many people at his school — including students, teachers and staff — tormented him. One teacher in particular called him Osama Bin Laden,” Fayza said. “He had nothing to do with

his name and we had nothing to do with 9/11. They made it [seem] like it was his fault.”

This photovoice exhibit attracted freshman sociology student Jesse Pitti who has seen the forms of discrimination among his own peers. Joking around might be a form of unintentional discrimination.

“It’s eye-opening how comments you’d think are a joke really do hurt people... I guess you can kind of see it as bullying,” Pitti said.

“Not a Personal Choice” is the title of another testimony from Verdah, a Pakistani-American Muslim woman who struggles finding herself in a time where women like her are looked at differently.

“This picture portrays myself either putting on or taking off a scarf,” Verdah said in the passage. “I used to wear the Hijab, but I ended up taking it off. To this day I still struggle with the choice I’ve made, and I hope to one day put it back on.”

Junior business student Leila Nunez said this passage reminded her of the incident at the West SJSU parking garage on Nov. 8. A student wearing a hijab was assaulted by an unidentified suspect who tried to pull her hijab according to an SJSU Alert.

“I feel that is very important for the university to bring up issues like this because we recently have heard of so many hate-related incidents on campus,” Nunez said.

The project reflects the hardships Arab, Muslim and Sikh families go through, especially after 9/11 increased the discrimination, hate, violence and Islamophobia that was already part of their lives. “Today, Arabs and Muslims continue to experience hostility in their daily lives,” says the welcome flyer displayed at the exhibition.



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The “Living in an Unfinished America: Shared Experiences of Discrimination and Resilience by Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans,” photovoice exhibit in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.



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A photo from behind a Sikh man while he reads is displayed at the “Living in an Unfinished America: Shared Experiences of Discrimination and Resilience by Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Americans,” exhibit in the Martin Luther King Jr. Library.

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California embraces marijuana legalization in just one year



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People in the Golden State love weed, and 2016 has been proof of that. In one foul swoop, tobacco and marijuana use entered the same playing field in California.

For decades, tobacco could be purchased by people 18 years of age or older. Governor Jerry Brown raised the minimum age to 21, which went into effect in June of this year. Hawaii is the only other state with an age limit that high.

Coincidentally, marijuana became legal for recreational use for people 21 and over through California Proposition 64, which

passed last month. The only surprise about this outcome is that it didn't happen sooner.

Tobacco was the only recreational option by California legislation for several generations. The baby boomers experienced cigarette smoking to be as common as drinking milk.

They could smoke at work, at restaurants, on airplanes, in hospitals and basically everywhere else. Before high schools were tobacco-free zones, teachers were allowed to smoke in the hallways while students smoked in designated smoking areas.

As decades passed, people became more knowledgeable about the health ramifications of tobacco and California Proposition 99 in 1988 was the nail in the coffin for the industry. This created a tax increase for tobacco products, with a portion benefiting companies aiming to end tobacco use. Therefore, money spent on tobacco

was helping to eliminate it.

Insert marijuana. Although illegal for recreational use since 1913 after the Poison Act, it has been put on a pedestal by California pop culture. It has its own genre in the entertainment industry. Movies, TV shows and music have glorified weed, opposed to none glorifying tobacco. Songs with lyrics consisting of "smoke weed every day" or similar words are played on the radio "everyday" in the Bay Area, even if they are 20 years old.

Effective immediately after the passing of Prop 64, people in California can legally possess an ounce of weed and up to six plants in their homes. Unfortunately, the tax money won't come right away because the licensing and taxation will not begin until January 2018. The only legal way to purchase cannabis is with a medical card.

Despite Colorado and Washington breaking ground and legalizing recreational use in 2012, California

has still been the largest market for pot in the U.S. according to the New York Times. This is probably because all the hardcore smokers and pot lovers in California have a card, and it is common knowledge that an exponential number of them didn't obtain it by having glaucoma.

California is now the only state that has marijuana and tobacco legal for recreational use at the minimum age of 21. The only difference is marijuana will be treated similar to alcohol. For example, it can't be used in public, nor can people be under a certain level of influence while operating a motor vehicle.

Once licensing and taxation is put into place, the marijuana market is expected to produce hundreds of millions, possibly billions, of dollars in California. As the weed business continues to ascend, the tobacco industry will crumble. The hookah lounge in my hometown shut down less than six months

after the tobacco age limit was bumped up, and I predict other venues in California will suffer the same fate.

Marijuana is so common in California that kids were seized for selling it on campus when I was in junior high school. But on the other hand, I grew up in Antioch, California and have encountered 14-year-old female pimps. The thought of that would probably make an old, white conservative faint.

Some California citizens have already treated marijuana as if it were a legal commodity and the people who want to smoke weed already smoke it. Try walking one block in San Francisco without passing a Starbucks or taking a whiff of burning ganja.

In a few decades, California might have to change its name to Marijuana-formia.

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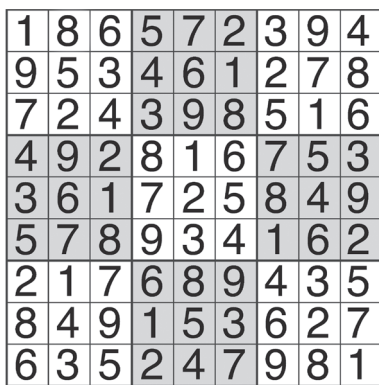
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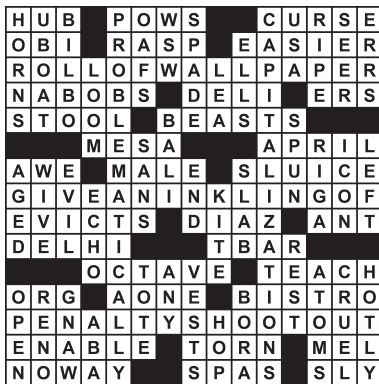
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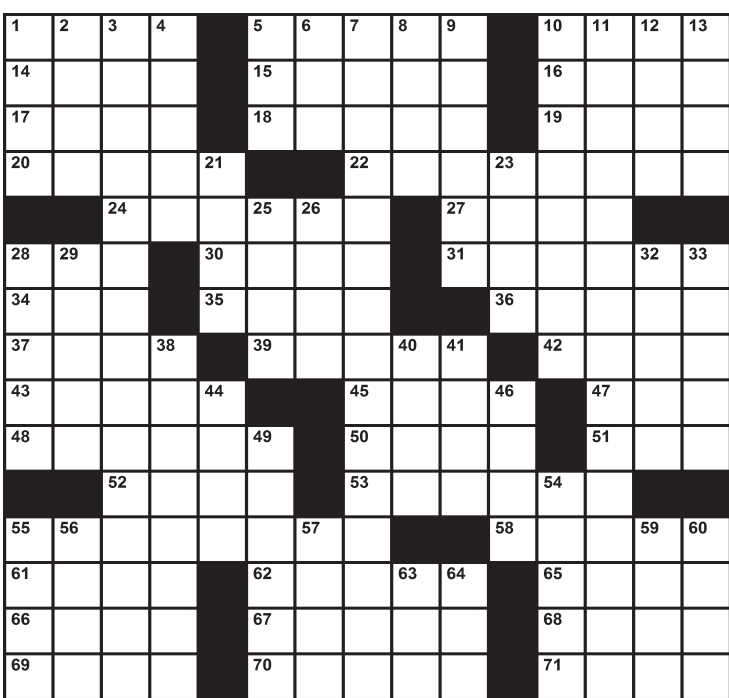
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- 1 Individual squats, curls and such
 - 5 Met expectations?
 - 10 Rock with lots of makeup
 - 14 Thing to strike while it's hot
 - 15 Noon meal, for many
 - 16 Longest sentence possible
 - 17 Drink with lots of bubbles
 - 18 What an emcee will provide
 - 19 What Shrek is
 - 20 Japanese city that held a world Expo
 - 22 Wannabe actor's need
 - 24 Rescind, as a driver's license
 - 27 Word with "gasp" or "ditch"
 - 28 Little bit of gel
 - 30 One-eyed Norse god
 - 31 "___ Alive" (Bee Gees hit)
 - 34 Supped
 - 35 Aren't anymore
 - 36 Type of indoor football
 - 37 Study like crazy
 - 39 Large edible ray
 - 42 Talks and talks
 - 43 Employer, sometimes
 - 45 Wreck site
 - 47 Dirt road hazard
 - 48 Cobbler's stuff?
 - 50 Lose to gravity
 - 51 Muddy barnyard digs
 - 52 Narrow wood strip
 - 53 "The Little Mermaid" villain
 - 55 Plentiful
 - 58 Hindu term of respect
 - 61 Great thing to go out with
 - 62 Get more value from
 - 65 Russo of Hollywood
 - 66 Outer limit
 - 67 Carpenter with the pipes?
 - 68 Fence opening
 - 69 Some jeans
 - 70 Gallant charger
 - 71 Strong smell
- DOWN**
- 1 "___ Suave" (1990 hit)
 - 2 Greek Cupid
 - 3 Annual event featuring frigid water
 - 4 Double-crossover of biblical proportions
 - 5 "Aladdin" figure
 - 6 Jog
 - 7 Soon
 - 8 "God's ___" Little ___
 - 9 Sandbarn in water
 - 10 Book addendum
 - 11 Innovative and then some
 - 12 One of the "Mod Squad" hairdos
 - 13 Convene
 - 21 Formally declare as true
 - 23 Base contents?
 - 25 Poems that honor Spock's superior
 - 28 Russian country house
 - 29 Take ___ down memory lane
 - 32 Johnny Five's need
 - 33 Like extremely foul weather
 - 38 Motley assortments
 - 40 Binge
 - 41 Snake-like fishes
 - 44 Abbr. after an elderly general's name
 - 46 Cold alternatives?
 - 49 Hammerheads and others
 - 54 "Key ___" (Bogart film)
 - 55 Cain's victim
 - 56 Responded to the auctioneer
 - 57 What a slob is not
 - 59 Thoroughly enjoying
 - 60 Beverage on tap
 - 63 "Get it?"
 - 64 Shut down

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Is it possible for equality and chivalry to coexist in 2016?

Women can be independent and appreciate chivalry



TAYLOR JONES
STAFF WRITER

Being an independent woman in today's world is viewed more positively than it was 10 years ago. Women today are praised for doing their own thing, making their own money and all around getting things done without the help of a man. Do not get me wrong, a man's help is still appreciated, but having a woman not have to rely on a man for everything is liberating to see.

I used to be the type of girl that thought that I needed acceptance from boys to feel okay about myself. I used to feel that if a boy did not like me or look my way, there was something wrong with me or that I was doing something wrong to have them stray away from me.

By surrounding myself with confident, independent female friends, I came to realize that I do not need a man's approval to be okay with myself. I do not need a man telling me that what I am doing with my life is okay by his standards. If I am happy with my life, who is to say that I should not be, and try to dictate what I do?

I am all for being an independent woman. Every woman is strong and beautiful in their own way. Showing that confidence is not a sin either. If you love yourself, go ahead and show it. Let it be known to others that you are so confident in yourself, that you do not need another person to come along and make you feel appreciated.

With women now being more confident than ever, some men are taking notice to this and calling them out on it. I have seen far too many boys—they really should not be called men—call out women who are confident in themselves. Some of these men call women stuck up for loving themselves, while others throw fits when a woman does not adhere to his beck and call.

Do not get me wrong, I am all for men being chivalrous towards women. If a man opens the door for me, I will be polite and say thank you. I am not going to push him out of the way and scream, "I can open my own door!" There is a line between being a nice, chivalrous guy and being a douchebag, to put it lightly.

“There is a line between being a nice, chivalrous guy and being a douchebag, to put it lightly.”

To women, true chivalry comes by doing nice acts that literally anyone could do. Some examples of this include opening the door for someone, saying 'bless you' when someone sneezes or engaging in nice small talk. That is what chivalry is; both men and women should know what that is.

On the other hand, you have some men who overstep their boundaries with women and act straight up creepy. They probably think that asking a woman multiple times to dance with him is a chivalrous act, when in real life it is very awkward and unappealing.

If a man comes up to me and asks me multiple times to dance with him or go somewhere else with him, I am going to get annoyed and walk away. Most women tell these men to back off after the first few times. It is up to the man to swallow his pride and leave the woman alone. If she said no the first time, there is no chance she is going to say yes after the third or fourth time.

Independent women know what they want, and it usually includes being with friends or by themselves. Women do not mind chivalry, but they also know the difference between when a man is being chivalrous and just downright creepy. Men, know the difference.

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The need for chivalry and equality create a double standard



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STAFF WRITER

I am truly and sincerely sorry, miss. In no way did I mean to offend you by offering you my seat on the bus last week.

I understand that you are just as capable as I am of standing throughout the entire ride. I've skipped leg day for the past year, so you're probably even better suited than me to stand for an hour.

I didn't offer my seat because I thought you couldn't handle standing. I offered it because I was raised to be courteous to women, to protect women and yes, to provide for women.

Through this uncomfortable experience, I am starting to believe that chivalry and equality cannot coexist because they directly conflict with each other.

As I reflect, I question, how would I have reacted if the scenario were flipped to where you offered me the seat?

Honestly speaking, I'd feel a little degraded. I can see my thought process playing out already. "Is she serious right now? Does she not think I can last this whole ride on my feet? I know I'm on the skinny side right now, but no need to attack my self-esteem."

Those thoughts would have continued escalating up until I realized that I've yet to answer her. "No thank you," I would say.

I'm aware that I have double standards in that I offer support to women, but then feel inferior, even helpless, when a woman offers me the same support.

However, it is also a double standard for women to expect both chivalry and equality from men. Quite frankly, it's a very confusing double standard.

Women want men to act according to traditional gender norms and show up when they have a spare tire, open doors and give up our seat on the bus.

If we don't do these things, women often get mad and say we don't treat them well enough.

However, when we do these things, women simultaneously get offended because we aren't treating them as equals.

I went online and researched how chivalrous men should be, but all I came across were conflicting messages and I ended up more confused.

In a Bustle article titled "Can You Be A Feminist and Still Expect Guys To Pay?" writer Maria Yagoda stated, "I am a feminist. I strongly believe in the social, political, legal, and economic equality of men and women. Yet, on a first date, I expect the guy to pay for me."

Well that's saying two opposite things. I'm even more lost.

“I came across conflicting messages and I ended up more confused.”

Then another article on Elite Daily titled "Chivalry Isn't Dead: Why Feminists Still Want A Gentleman" by Sarah MacKenzie seemed to bring me clarity.

Through her writing, I can tell that she is a diehard feminist and she states that it is okay for her to value and appreciate a true gentleman. So that means it's fine for men to be chivalrous?

Not quite, because then there are articles such as the one on Everyday Feminism titled "Chivalry Must Die: On Women's Expectations and Men's Obligations" by Abigail Collazo.

In case the title didn't give it away, this article is calling for the death of chivalry because it conceals "a dramatic assertion of inequality between the sexes" and views women as delicate fragile creatures.

I'm at a complete loss. Someone please enlighten me. Where is the line between chivalry and sexism?

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ABORTION

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(ACLU), TRAP laws "single out abortion providers for medically unnecessary, politically motivated state regulations."

Ironically, requiring aborted fetuses to be buried or cremated provides absolutely no medical benefit. It's unnecessary.

According to The New York Times, President of the Center for Reproductive Rights Nancy Northup says the new burial law is counterintuitive to the TRAP laws passed earlier this year.

"Just five months ago the U.S. Supreme Court struck down two Texas sham laws and declared that medically unnecessary restrictions on abortion access are unconstitutional," Northup said. "Texas politicians have now responded with one of the most blatantly pointless and insulting restrictions yet."

Since the TRAP laws were passed in August, several abortion facilities have closed down because it's nearly impossible to keep up with the new facility requirements. Several women are being denied access to safe and legal abortion, according to the ACLU.

“Texas is framing women who choose to have an abortion as shameful and stigmatizing.”

They have made it exceedingly difficult for doctors to keep their abortion facilities

and for facilities to meet state standards.

Now with the new burial laws, it appears the state of Texas is not only disregarding the health of women, but using it as a political statement.

According to The Huffington Post, the executive director of Texas abortion rights group NARAL Pro-Choice Heather Busby criticized the Department of State Health Services in a letter saying "the state agency has once again ignored the concerns of the medical community and thousands of Texans by playing politics with people's private health care decisions."

Those who argue to defend the passing of the new burial laws say that a fetus is an innocent being who deserve to be respected as the deceased.

According to the Chicago Tribune, Texas' Republican Governor Greg Abbott defends the new burial laws and "believes human and fetal remains should not be treated like medical waste."

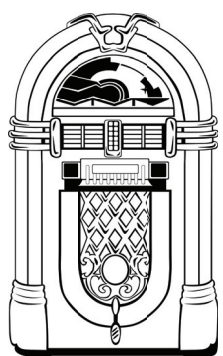
This is where the situation becomes sticky as religious, moral and philosophical views leave people to determine for themselves the significance of a fetus incapable of independently surviving.

Either way you look at it, the health department in the state of Texas is framing women who choose to have an abortion as shameful and stigmatizing.

This is erroneous considering they are exercising a constitutional right. The state of Texas has no health or safety reasons to back their new abortion law and are rather trying to harass and burden women who decide to terminate their pregnancy.

Under new President-Elect Donald Trump, expect to see more state-imposed laws to continue the anti-abortion movement and for women to continue to face absurd restrictions eroding their right to safe and legal abortion.

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CLUB SPORTS ON CAMPUS

Dragon Boat Club brings Chinese culture to SJSU



San Jose State University's Dragon Club team paddles in synchronicity and takes the lead as it races its rival team at the CDBA College Cup.

BRYAN CAO | CONTRIBUTING PHOTOGRAPHER

BY TAYLOR JONES
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San Jose State's Dragon Boat Club is not the typical sports team students are used to seeing.

Football, basketball and soccer are what San Jose State is known for. The three are arguably the most popular sports in the country, if not the world.

Those are just the everyday sports, however.

The Dragon Boat Club competes in a unique sport that intertwines culture and sportsmanship at SJSU.

Studio-practice senior Alan Shia originally started the club in 2012 when he was a freshman at SJSU.

"There was already a dragon boat team when I started college," said Shia, who is the current president

of the dragon boat team. "Me and a group of my friends decided to make our own team and last year the two teams merged to create the San Jose Dragon Boat Club."

According to California's Dragon Boat Association, the sport of dragon boating consists of 20 paddlers, a drummer and a steersperson working together to cross the finish line before the other dragon boat does.

The sport began over 2,000 years ago in southern China. Its background tells the story of Qu Yuan, who was the advisor to the emperor.

Legend has it that Yuan jumped into the Mei Lo (Mi Luo) river in an act of protest against the government. Local fishermen saw this happen

and raced out with their boats to try and save him.

The story goes on to tell that the fishermen beat their drums while they paddled out and threw lotus-wrapped rice dumplings into the river so that fish would not eat Yuan's body. Since then, the re-enactment of this story has been presented throughout Asia and other countries including Australia, Europe, Canada and the United States.

San Jose's Dragon Boat club wants to honor the cultural background of dragon boat racing while also presenting SJSU with a different sport.

"Not only is this a physical sport where people try to get fit and have a family bond, but it is also a sport that people can gain experiences

from," said Shia. "I am hoping that they can use the experiences they have made from dragon boating and use them in the outside world."

Just like any other sport team, the Dragon Boat Club's team goes through extensive training and practices to make sure it is in top shape once the season begins.

"So first thing we do is stretch out and do a couple of quick on-land workouts to get the blood flowing," said head coach and hospitality senior Austin Tom. "Then we will get into

the water and do a warm-up paddle and finish with either technique, skill or endurance work."

The team also competes in dragon boat races against different schools across the Bay Area.

In San Jose and San Francisco alone, there are multiple groups dedicated to the art of dragon-boating and an annual dragon boat festival held in San Francisco every year.

With a surge of interest from various countries around the world, dragon boating is becoming one of the fastest growing

team water sports.

With a balance of teamwork and speed, dragon boating is perfect for anyone looking to pick up a new sport.

"I hope that newer people get a feel for the sport and what it is about," said team captain and management information systems business senior Bryan Cao. "It is not a well known sport out there and I hope that people will enjoy it once they get into it."

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	2016	2015
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 442,658	\$ 683,792
Investments	260,884	7,824
Accounts Receivable	235,271	502,423
Prepaid Expenses and Other	101,151	69,731
Total Current Assets	1,039,964	1,263,770
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Restricted Cash	25,000	25,000
Investments	8,147,392	6,573,642
Fund Held in Trust	102,399	108,639
Capital Assets, Net	3,024,725	2,995,652
Total Noncurrent Assets	11,299,516	9,702,933
Total Assets	\$ 12,339,480	\$ 10,966,703
LIABILITIES & NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,308,707	\$ 1,138,815
Accrued Payroll and Related Expenses	425,410	386,876
Other Accrued Liabilities	166,074	204,121
Total Current Liabilities	1,900,191	1,729,812
Funds Held in Trust Liability	102,399	108,639
Total Liabilities	2,002,590	1,838,451
NET POSITION		
Investment in Capital Assets	3,024,725	2,995,652
Unrestricted:		
Board-Designated	2,401,383	3,054,313
Unallocated Position	4,910,782	3,078,287
Total Net Position	\$ 10,336,890	\$ 9,128,252

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