By Christian Trujano

San Jose State will receive $2.5 million to address housing and basic needs over the next 10 months, university administrators said at a noon conference Monday.

By 2022, SJSU officials expect to see more than 3 million in grants awarded to SJSU from the California State University Chancellor’s office; more help will be offered to combat these housing issues.

With that money, SJSU Cares, a comprehensive support and referral program that assists students who are facing an unforeseen economic crisis, plans to open an office in Clark Hall.

The Student Homeless Alliance, a group advocating for more resources to house scholars in need, argued a centralized location for SJSU Cares would make it easier to access.

“25 years, sometimes you feel like your voice isn’t going to be heard. But today is an example that that’s not true,” Brenna Brown, sociology junior, said. “But today, we are facing an unforeseen economic crisis affecting many people in the Bay Area.

African American ensemble celebrates 35 years of culture

By Chris Padilla & Mauricio La Plante

The best two ways to go broke are “buying a boat and investing in theater.”

These were the words passed down to actor Pete Hamstra by Billie Holiday Theatre President, Marjorie Moon.

But, despite the inevitable financial hardship of maintaining a theater, the Tabia African American Theatre Ensemble celebrated their 35th year performing on the stage.

Members of the group celebrated their history during the opening of Tabia’s 35th Anniversary Exhibition at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library Saturday.

“Breaking the silence on the old feet, performers from Tabia sang and danced to the rhythm of West African ‘dundun’ drums. Multiple speakers explained the importance of theater and its role in the portrayal of the Black experience.”

Duane Michael Cheers, associate professor of journalism at San Jose State, helped put the exhibit together.

Cheers, who works with Tabia, lamented the fact that Black students have little to no presence in the theatrical arts in SJSU.

“We must document our history, because we don’t want to lose the inspiration of Black theater at SJSU,” Cheers said.

Cheers also emphasized the need to support Black theatre at SJSU as well as a need for more funding for students. 

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Clinton’s burn doesn’t hurt Sanders

Hillary Clinton threw shade more suitable for YouTube drama than American political discourse when her new documentary was leaked last November. In it she called Bernie Sanders “unlikable” and asserting that he “got nothing done” in Congress. While the former is a matter of opinion, the latter statement is patently false.

The title is well-earned. Between 1995-2007, 57 amendments he sponsored passed by roll call vote, more than any other member of the House, at the time, according to Politifact. Roll call votes are when Congress members vote in person for a bill or amendment, as opposed to a call by a clerk.

Politifact also noted that in a similar time period, Clinton passed into law only 3 amendments in the New York legislature from 2002-08. Now, Clinton may perhaps be correct for her statement to be taken literally and perhaps meant that Sanders has not backed any meaningful bills, but even then she would be wrong. Since the beginning of his career, Bernie Sanders has sponsored passed by roll call vote, more than any other member of the House. In just numbers alone, Clinton’s assertions of a do-nothing senator are incorrect.

Sanders has a history of prolific, and productive voting in Congress so much so that he was even called by a clerk. According to the Center for Responsive Politics and Public Integrity, this amendment established and funded a nationwide cancer database that represents 97% of the U.S. population. This database is used in potentially life-saving research.

Arguably, Sanders was also instrumental to the Affordable Care Act, since it provided $15 billion to fund community health centers, especially in rural areas. This brought together the left-leaning Democrats and the more conservative Republicans. It helped secure the 60 votes needed to pass the ACA, according to Politifact. While likability is in the eye of the beholder, Clinton has shared this stance with the left-leaning Democrats and the more conservative Republicans. It helped secure the 60 votes needed to pass the ACA, according to Politifact.

While likability is in the eye of the beholder, Clinton has pointed out that only one senator supported him in his 2016 presidential run (Sen. Jeff Merkley, OR), which is true. However, his 2020 campaign has eight Congressional supporters, including rising stars such as Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar as well as California’s very own House Representative, Ro Khanna.

His curriculum vitae is vast, and there are obvious reasons for bad blood between Clinton and Sanders. They were opponents for the 2016 Democratic Party primaries in what was an especially acrimonious race. Someone told me that in being such a popular contender, Sanders serves as a spoiler for Clinton’s presidential ambitions which paved the way for Donald Trump.

Likewise, according to the New York Times, there are those in the Sanders camp that believe that the Clinton campaign and the Democratic National Committee rigged the race in their favor.

On top of that, Sanders and Clinton have deep ideological differences that are almost representative of the party itself. Clinton did no one any good by putting Sanders on blast like that, least of all herself.

Her words are a petty attempt to bring him down and widening the rift in the party that their opponent will gladly exploit.
Late rapper soothes with ‘Circles’

By John Bricker
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Mac Miller’s posthumous, and hopefully last, album, ‘Circles,’ is a gorgeous and bittersweet end to his artistic evolution, delivering subtle and poignant blends of hip-hop and singer-songwriter music.

Mac Miller, whose real name was Malcolm James McCormick, released ‘Circles’ on Jan. 17, giving the world an album that acknowledges the full scope of his life and career: beginning with carefree party rap on his 2011 debut ‘Blue Slide Park’ then diving deeper into abstract hip-hop and romantic R&B throughout the 2010s.

Before his death in September 2018 by accidental overdose, Miller released ‘Swimming,’ leaving behind an album of sober reflections about his fragile mental health, his past relationships and his addiction that led to his overdose and comforting his heartbroken fans from beyond the grave.

‘Circles’ is Mac Miller’s beautiful swan song, a bittersweet reflection on all the troubles and joys of life, unreal to let simple songs speak powerfully.

If you have followed any of Miller’s career over the past decade and haven’t heard the album yet, expect to cry a bit when you do.

Follow John on Twitter @JohnMichaelBr15

album review

‘Circles’

Artist: Mac Miller
Release Date: Jan. 17, 2020
Genre: Hip-Hop

The minimalist dining setup is accompanied by tranquil greys and earthy tones, creating a serene environment.

(continued)
Dear editor,

You’re walking around campus to get to your next destination and suddenly a figure walks up to you holding a clipboard asking how your year has been. The next thing you know, the person is asking you to sign papers, donate money, or vote to some cause. Any student that has been long enough at SJSU has definitely encountered or witnessed the scenarios mentioned above. As a freshman at SJSU, I’ve been at this school for less than a semester and I can’t even count the amount of times this has happened to me.

According to the United States census, during the 2018 midterm election only 53.8% of citizens cast votes, and only 35.6% of youth, categorized as 18-29 year olds, cast their votes. On the other hand, the elderly, classified as 65 years or older, had the highest voter turnout of 66.1%. Essentially, we, the youth, are allowing our grandparents to choose the next laws that will affect our lives for the next several years as the elderly begin their journey to the next life. This is a major problem, why would we want to vote if we aren’t interested. On the contrary, there are also rare occasions where petitioners are actually quite friendly and understanding. What I’m trying to convey is that the petitioners who are roaming around and confronting students aggressively are really making us feel uncomfortable and tend to vote. I suggest to any petitioner reading this to try and be more low-key and calm when confronting a student, that way we might be more willing to take the time and listen, because maybe, just maybe, those issues that they’re trying to get us to vote on really do affect and are of great importance to us. And to any students who willingly approach petitioners out of curiosity, I applaud your bravery and initiative to involve yourselves with the politics surrounding us today.

Sincerely,
Kelvin Lora

Computer engineering freshman

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Dear editor,

I was shocked and upset to find out about the accusations concerning the president here at SJSU.

The university, as far as I have noticed, has made no effort to inform its student body of the current standing accusations against their A.S. President. His picture and name are still present on the A.S. Board on the SJSU website. The only way I found out about this was through Twitter and The Spartan Daily. While the University and President Papazian remain quiet, our student body remains uninformed.

This institution must live up to the ideals that it represents, San Jose State, at the least, must send out an email to all faculty and students informing them of the ongoing situation with the A.S. President. The student body must remain informed of the actions and consequences of those they elected to positions of power within the school system. This must be done immediately.

Sincerely,
Adrienne Lowe
Business sophomore
Spartans end skid, down Falcons

By Andrew Glenn

Kobe leaves inspiring legacy behind

By Austin Turner

Kobe Bryant defined a generation of athletes. He became an icon larger than the sport of basketball.

I wouldn’t say he was a cold-blooded assassin. On the court, Kobe was always Koko. You couldn’t escape it. But of course, there was more to him than the rings, the stats, the “mamba mentality.” Kobe was an American soldier for the game he loved and he was THE Laker. It was always Kobe, Kobe, Kobe. You couldn’t escape it.

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