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Arts center lures literary luminaries

By Nels Sigur
Staff Writer

The Center for Literary Arts brings established and non-established writers to SJSU and the surrounding community.

"Our mission is to bring literature to people," said Andrew Altschul, the director for the center.

The center puts on events featuring writers, some who have won Pulitzer prizes and some who are "just getting started," Altschul said.

He said he was hired to teach in the English depart- ment and to run the learning arts center.

The most recent writer the center brought in was Rainer Maria Rilke, who lived on hand Feb. 15 and 16 and who wrote the Pulitzer Priz- e poetry in 2010.

"At the center's events, I have been able to meet some legendary writers, including Arthur Miller, Ulena Le Guin, and E.L. Doctorow. I have gained insights into their work that are unavailable otherwise," Julie Sparks, a lecturer in the English department, said in an email.

"It feels truly surreal coming up to the dining hall, so when they leave and the writers can spread the word," she said. "I can't think of a more comprehensive campus reading series." Taylor stat- ed.

Altschul went on to say that the organizationpro- vides airfare and hotel for the visiting writers.

"I think we are doing a good job of promot- ing the SJSU study abroad program on campus and that is why more students are turning in their applications," Toro said.

SJSU offers multiple programs semester- wise, some that are friendlier, outgoing and he likes the Cali- fornia lifestyle compared to France.

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Stephanie Garcia, a senior majoring in hospi- tality management, said she spent one re- semester studying abroad in Argentina.

"What I was looking for in a program was if there was all that they offered my major." Garcia said.

Garcia noted that SJSU's bilateral pro- gram "This border is perforated like the United States are on dependent people in the United States are on the world can choose from.

"I feel like it's such an eye opener because it's nothing compared to where we live over here in the United States," Garcia said. "You need to see how other people live.

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Garcia noted that her experience in Argentina allowed her to get a perspective on how dependent people in the United States are on their phones, computer and other technol- ogy.

"In Buenos Aires, the pace of life is way faster than here in San Jose," she said. "Every- one is in a rush to go nowhere, the people are more or less semi-friendly." Garcia noted that there were a lot of people in Buenos Aires that are busy and the city can be kind of dangerous. In one experience she said she got her wallet stolen while riding the metro.

According to Garcia, studying abroad gives you time to explore and really get to know yourself and different people.

Garcia adds that it's a different world out- side the U.S. and she has met people from Colom- bia, Mexico.

Students pay regular SJSU tuition and fees with most study abroad programs, according to SJSU's study abroad website, and students can use their financial aid to apply for study abroad scholarships.

Students are eligible for most programs if they meet the funding for the center. See PAGE 2

Oh, the places you can go

Four study abroad programs over four session periods create learning opportunities

By Eddie Hernandez
Staff Writer

SJSU’s study abroad program and Interna- tional Programs and Services are opening $1 million to dig a single pathway. More than 160 tunnels since 1990 continue to build the tunnels, oft en spend- ing $1 million to dig a single pathway.

Drug smuggling is a range of high-tech devices from ventilation, water pumps, shoring on the 17th century, on the island of St. Kitts in the Eastern Caribbean islands.

Drug smuggling tunnels from Tijuana grow more elaborate

Tijuana, Mexico — When smugg- ling goes smoothly for the marijuana growers of the huge Smokem Cartel, cross-border deliveries unfold with checkbook precision.

Harvested marijuana arrives in plastic-wrapped bales to a depot hid- den among the rundown warehouses on the Mexican side of the concrete U.S. border fence.

Once enough marijuana is collect- ed, workers deep the vacuum-packed bales through shafts leading to the en- deavor-laboratories that cross underneath the border through the clay-laden soil.

U.S. agents have been waging war against the tunnels for years, using a range of high-tech devices from ground-penetrating radar to semantic sensors to find and destroy them. De- spite the efforts, drug smugglers con- tinue to build the tunnels, often spend- ing millions to dig a single pathway equipped with lighting, forced-air ventilation, water pumps, dressing on walls and hydraulic elevators.

Latest, new tunnels have multi-rail railroads. The bales move on electric moving carts with hand throttles that roll up to 15 mph.

"A tunnel represents an incursion into the U.S., and if it's a national secu- rity event," said Jose M. Garcia, who oversees the federal multi-agency San Diego Tunnel Task Force.

The location of the tunnels helps ex- plain why agents have such difficulty finding them. The area where the most advanced tunnels have been found is adjacent to the Tijuana International Airport, where none of the airplanes take off and land daily. Neatly warehouses buzz with legitimate activity.

"All that noise from the airport is a great advantage to them," said Victor Clark, an anthropologist and human rights activist in Tijuana who also lectures at San Diego State Uni- versity. "They could run an underground tunnel." U.S. officials say they have found more than 160 tunnels since 1990 along the 1,954-mile border, mostly in...
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SJSU gymnasts work together to excel, rise to national ranking

By Jane Wipfler

Cheerful chants and clapping can be heard echoing down the halls of the Spartan Complex in the early weekday afternoon.

These are the sounds that come from the No. 28 nationally ranked gymnastics team’s practice.

“We know how to motivate each other and stick together as a team,” said junior all-around gymnast Alyssa Telles-Nolan.

The child development major said she thinks the group is so successful because they know how to come together and work as a team.

Head coach Wayne Wright said he thinks it is important to motivate his team and to do so he shares an inspirational quote at the beginning of each practice.

“I always look for a quote that means something that I want to make a point of doing that day,” Wright said. “It’s something that’s thought-provoking — something that get them to think about what that (quote) means and we talk about it and we try to get our practice toward that quote.”

The ranking changes weekly based on how the teams place in their weekly meets. Wright said “I think the most exciting part is we’ve been doing really well, but we all know that really means a lot of hard work and a lot of hard training. We’ve been coming to practice Wednesday, Feb. 15. SJSU is ranked 28th in the country.

Casey McCord, a senior business management major, practices her balance beam routine during practice Wednesday, Feb. 15. SJSU is ranked 28th in the country. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

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“Our team works really hard,” he said. “They are a great bunch of young ladies. They do a good job in the gym and the classroom. They represent San Jose State well.”

Wright said the team is also proud to be involved in community service.

They try to succeed at everything they do and “they’re a great bunch of athletes that sometimes get overlooked by the bigger sports,” but still manage to do well. Wright said.

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Po'boys and the oyster loaf

by Sarahanna Dick

Loosen your belts because today is a day of unbridled gluttony. Maril Gras means Fat Tuesday, which is the day calls for enjoying fatty and rich foods before the fasting of the Catholic Lenten season, which begins tomorrow on Ash Wednesday. Maril Gras is notoriously celebrated on New Orleans, where one of America's best-kept fried food secrets is home.

The po' boy, or poor boy, in a New Orleans classic that takes many different forms, and one of the most famous is the oyster loaf. James Beard (think male Julia Child) once wrote that the originality of the gentleman who invented it is beyond popular backstage any longer in their favorite but took home to the little woman as a present.

If a trip to New Orleans isn’t on your radar, Shotgun Valley-based food truck Louisiana Territory serves up blackened chicken, po’boys and fried catfish for po’boys. According to Third generation owner, Tedesco said po’ boys...
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to have the extra money to donate.

If so, then I would have the extra money to do—

In other words, I could make a donation that

even if they do, maybe they would do it more often if

organizations on campus gave out flyers or simply told

even if I made a donation that

that I didn’t really have time

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that was very scary.

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really needed to get a job.

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that was very scary.

That particular story

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in which the tuna industry was

covering up using fish aggregating
devices and how it was endangering the environment.

According to an article on Greenpeace’s website, “fish aggregating devices (aka TEDs) are floating objects that tuna vessels cast adrift in the open ocean.”

The article also said these small floating objects are used

attired in the open ocean and can eventually develop an entire ecosystem around the object, which is then entirely wiped out when the tuna picks it up in its net.

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donate to an organization I could research on my own time, rather than

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for Greenpeace’s efforts, it was

because they thought about it for a long and

hard time.

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have the extra money to do—

nate to causes such as these.

When I was a volunteer for Greenpeace, I

walked by the Student Union, I see students

because they were followed

while walking to class or

while walking to class.

Before I decided on jour-

nalism as a major, I actually

wanted to be a scientist studying

in the rainforest in Costa Rica someday.

Preparing nature and the environment is something I’m really passionate about.

I wouldn’t say I’m opposed to the idea of actually donating to Greenpeace or any other organization, for that matter.

It’s the methods of the volunteers that really bother me.

I have heard several

experiences while walking past the Student Union during the past year, and the majority of them have been unpleasant.

I think I have only made it past one time without being stopped while rushing to class or work.

The very first time I was re-

ally anxious about the whole situa-
tion.

Maybe that’s the problem—I

am way too nice.

During this first encounter, a volunteer approached me as I was rushing to class.

“Do you want to save the

environment?” he asked.

“Oh, I said.

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**Most popular study abroad programs**

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SJSU’s Bilateral program is the most popular. ISEP is second and CSU International is in a close third, she said. The Bilateral program sends students to Japan, Ireland, the United Kingdom, France and Thailand, to name a few places according to SJSU’s study abroad website. According to the website, the International Student Exchange Program, referred to as ISEP, is nationwide and offers programs to more than 200 different destinations, such as Australia, Brazil, Estonia and China for junior or senior students. ISEP is the only program with an application fee, which is $375, but with that fee you can apply to up to 10 different schools at once, Toro said. Furthermore, the CSU international program offers 19 different locations, such as Mexico, Israel, Ghana, Sweden and many more places, according to SJSU’s study abroad website. Faculty and students from SJSU will also be heading all over the world this summer while participating in the campus’ Faculty-Led Overseas Course Program. This program allows faculty to teach SJSU course overviews and incorporate the host culture and local attractions into the curriculum. This summer classes will travel to France, Ireland, Vietnam, the West Indies and other places depending on departments. SJSU student Daniel Malik chose to study abroad for a semester in England Fall 2011. “Before I never would think about moving to a different place, but now seeing so many parts of Europe it makes me wonder maybe I do want to try it out for a year or two,” said Malik, a senior psychology major. Socialization, cultural experiences, traveling and responsibility is what Malik said he took from studying abroad.

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**Anthropology and behavioral science double major Ryan Sullivan watches the sunset at Pinney’s Beach on the island of Nevis in the Eastern Caribbean.** Sullivan was in the country of St. Kitts and Nevis on a faculty-led program by the anthropology department. Photo by Leo Postovoit / Spartan Daily

**SJSU alumna Samantha Robinson, right and international business student Carolina Abarca ride a camel during a faculty-led program trip to Dubai, United Arab Emirates in Jan. 2011.** Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily

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**Toro further added that once students learn how accessible it is to study abroad, usually through an information meeting, they start to believe that they can actually do it.**

Th ere are 255 different universities in 55 different countries that participate in SJSU study abroad programs, and 35 out of those 55 countries offer classes in English, according to Toro.

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