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**Squirrels overrun San Jose State**

By Joe Ballard Contributing writer

On any given day, countless foot scurry across San Jose State University’s campus. Some are trying to make it to class on time, while others are scaling tree trunks. Told at SJSU, we generously share our campus with a rather prominent squirrel population. These little creatures join us on our walks to class, run out in front of our bikes like daredevils and always want to join us when we have a snack. The small rodents are cute in appearance and non-threatening. They have become so accustomed to their urbanized way of life that they approach humans as if it is in their nature. San Jose State is home to two different types of squirrels: the California Ground Squirrel and the Tree Squirrel. According to Dr. Lenore Truoli, the Department Chair of Environmental Studies at SJSU, the ground squirrel species we see around campus are California Ground Squirrels (whose scientific name is, for any wondering, *Citellus lateralis*).

Truoli conducted extensive research on the behavior of this species while in pursuit of her doctorate. These squirrels are the ones that stay on the ground, have black and white speckled coats and possess tails that are bushy in appearance. The California Ground Squirrel is native to our state and are closely related to prairie dogs. They burrow holes into the ground, which is “not appreciated by landowners,” said Truoli. For this reason, landowners are constantly telling them, the act requires a permit but is still very common, according to Truoli. Truoli is currently conducting research on Burrow Owls, which are a species that stand out just around nine inches in height. These birds live over the burrows California Ground Squirrels make. The Burrow Owls are a protected species. If Ground Squirrels are facing eradication, it will have a negative impact on the Burrow Owl population. Tree Squirrels are the ones we see practicing acrobatics daily in the trees on campus. According to Truoli, these squirrels are not “part of the ground squirrel population. Some look up at the trees and study their safety measures when it came to similar events after approximately 12 students were taken into medical care at a rave last semester.

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**Drinking of the Week**

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Romero said that he wants to represent the students who are not represented and that can be any individual, group, internally in terms of esteem, ethnicity, sexuality or any group of students.” Romero said.

He likes to make connections with all students in order to help improve their experience in college, especially those who do not get their voices heard.

“Believe it or not, I had a really low self-esteem coming into college. I had taken off a year high school to help provide financially for my family after my mom was laid off, so coming into college, I did I felt I was like the game compared to everyone around me. Romero said.

The feeling of exclusion and loss hit the soft side of Romero and the best way to find himself was through student government. During his first two years at SJSU, he was part of two committees, then became appointed director of faculty affairs and now vice president.

The mission of Associated Students is to enhance the student experience, and with that, Romero said that one cannot enhance it if they do not have a sentimental attachment to the students they are serving.

When asked why he was not running for president, Romero said, “I looked at myself in the mirror and identified my strengths and evaluated the two roles I come to the conclusion that I can be more effective in this role rather than a president. Having a year’s worth of responsibilities as vice president under his belt, Romero believes that it is a better fit for him to continue boosting SJSU for students.

“I want to bring continuity to the position, and by doing so, not only completing the projects I already started but preparing for new ones and essentially changing the outlook of what a VP can do.” Romero said. “There is a lot of adjusting, patience and adjustments from this year’s role as vice president, Romero feels that he is definitely qualified to be a S.S. Vice President again.

Romania has dealt with legislation and policy, and doing its job.

“The system we have in place today discourages students from truly discovering their true passions which are mostly worried about economics that is not the course content.” Ifeanyi said. “I want to create a joint committee of staff and students with a goal of coming up with an effective and efficient solution to how GE’s are distributed and graded in the long run.”

In the short term, Ifeanyi wants to separate major GE from CI GE, similar to the LSC system. Ifeanyi said he wanted a blended approach to GE. However, most students were facing the same issues both back home in Nigeria and abroad in SJSU, which is one of the reasons why Ifeanyi credits his upbringing for his strong personality based on mutual respect regardless of status.

“In a world that craves for its own identity,” Ifeanyi said. “I want to run for vice president with (the) goal of creating a joint committee of staff and students with a goal of coming up with an effective and efficient solution to how GE’s are distributed and graded in the long run.”

To keep this under control, the squirrel population must be kept in check. “We have not encountered any health concerns related to the squirrels on campus, so people constantly coaxing them to come around the footings to our buildings. Skyberg agreed that our campus ecosystem has been managing itself well and doing its job.

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does not get their voices heard. “If you do not know how to act against a situation,” Ifeanyi said. “I want to use my experience in the General Education system, agreed talk to about the General Education system, agreed talk to about the General Education system, agreed talk to about the General Education system, agreed talk to about the General Education system, agreed talk to about the General Education system agreement, that indeed, the program needs to be reformed. “I no longer has a college identity.”

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A new trailer for “Star Fox Zero,” the highly anticipated sixth installment to the Star Fox series, was released March 30. The game is scheduled for release on the Wii U on April 22.

The trailer showcased classic-on-the-rails style gameplay alongside new bosses and tricks, like the ability to transform into a bold robot. This will be the first Star Fox game in five years since the release of “Star Fox 64” on the Nintendo 64. Bundled alongside “Star Fox Zero” is an entirely separate game “Star Fox Guard,” which will be available to all players who purchase the game, whether by physical or virtual download. The new trailer did not show gameplay footage of Guard, which had its own trailer released four days earlier.

“Star Fox Zero” is being co-developed by PlatinumGames (developers of “Bayonetta,” “The Wonderful 101” and “Metal Gear Rising: Revengeance”) and Nintendo EPD. A new first-party developer, PlatinumGames are known by both Nintendo and PlatinumGames, but the lack of gameplay footage and news would not be released around that time due to the lack of gameplay footage and news. This may be the first game co-developed by both Nintendo and PlatinumGames, but this isn’t the first collaboration. In 2013, “Wonderful 101” was released exclusively on the Wii U and so was “Bayonetta 2” in 2014. “Bayonetta 2” featured costumes of classic Nintendo characters, like Princess Peach, Samus, and Link, and even included a special level in the style of Star Fox, a shot 'em up where the player could pilot an Arwing. Nintendo was so impressed that they approached the studio to develop the next installment of Star Fox.

Famed PlatinumGames developer and Nintendo veteran Hideki Kamiya, despite his low of the series, will not be working on “Star Fox Zero” as Hideki Hashimoto stepped up to be director. “I also want to make a Star Fox game, but Hashimoto beat me to the punch,” Kamiya said in an interview with Gamespot. “I was busy making ‘Scalebound’ at the time. If there was no ‘Scalebound’, maybe I could have done Star Fox.”

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My brother died last year, well, not really. He partici- pated in high school’s Every 15 Minutes program in which he was removed from his classes, his friends, his family and everything he held dear about being a teenager. They take Every 15 Minutes quite seriously at our high school; there are usually helicopters, multiple police cars and ambulances— the whole shebang.

The California Highway Patrol puts on the Every 15 Minutes program at many high schools in California to teach students about the risks of driving under the influence. Students are chosen to be involved in a fake crash scene where they act out a drunk-driving accident. Meanwhile, other students surrounded them in a circle, acting as “the walking dead.”

Before this happens, students are pulled out of class by a “gym teacher” and paper tombstones are left around the school as if the students really died. Obitu- aries are often posted in a main building with causes of death. It’s as real as a drunk-driving incident without actually being in one.

I experienced the program at the same high school as a senior. The program left an impact, but an impact that didn’t need to be felt. Several of my family mem- bers had almost died from drunk driving at one point. However, I could see empty faces in the auditorium and find myself wondering if people were actually taking it seriously. I wondered the same thing when I was sob- bing on stage as if the students really died. Obitu- aries still have their value.

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Lam right in front of Lam’s fraternity house on Oct. 10, 2014. Lam threw his girlfriend aside and she suf- fered from no injuries, but he died from his injuries the next day.

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This is something that is too proud and to continue forward with. Caprile also confirmed U/D statistics that show the number of drunk drivers arrested on campus is overwhelmingly not students, but instead unaffi  liated with the university. Still, those incidents do occur on campus as it did for Lam.

As I sit here as a college junior, assigned for one of my classes to write my own obituary, I am prayers dearly that people will start learning and continue the task of educating others. I pray myself, everyone I care about and even those I don’t know to remember at all times that it’s not worth the risk. Take an Uber and permit someone’s obituary to say “died with loved ones in the room” instead of “hit head on by a drunk driver.”

Having fun is one thing. Taking someone else’s life is another.

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Does Every 15 Minutes make a dent in drunk driving?

By Melissa Hartman

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For many years, Nintendo has been synonymous with gaming. Just about anyone, gamer or not, knows what Nintendo is thanks to its presence in one of its systems. As of late, however, that name hasn’t been viewed as the gaming giant that it once was.

Instead, many will discuss Nintendo’s lack of innovation, their reliance on nostalgic game titles and stupid gimmicks to move systems and games. One needs only to look at their Wii U system to see how blind they were in their hardware decisions.

The Wii U was released around four years ago, and it’s safe to say that it far more resembled an oversized tablet with original titles on release, hardware that could only compete with the soon to be replaced Xbox One and PlayStation 4 with a large touch screen on the controller for steering.

It’s no wonder that Nintendo is already replacing the Wii U after less than four years of poor sales. While not much is known about it, it is likely that it will be designed to compete with the Xbox One and PlayStation 4, something the Wii U was incapable of doing.

As of now, the new NX may even be released as soon as fall this year. It’s not just the Wii U that’s in trouble, even the far more beloved handheld 3DS has had a couple of problems as well. Sales aren’t as great as they used to be, as the newer 3DS only sold around 54 million systems over its entire run, while the old DS sold over 100 million in roughly the same amount of time according to Statista.

Game developers apparently aren’t interested in developing for these mobile consoles. Popular series like Call of Duty and Assassin’s Creed saw several installments on the old DS, but didn’t see a release on the 3DS.

The industry is partly to blame here. Now that everyone has a smartphone in their pocket, gaming is more than ever the go-to way of entertainment. Mobile games are some of the most profitable on the market too, so developers are more than willing to put in the time and effort to develop games for smartphones instead.

Some game developers, such as the popular Bethesda, refused to develop games for Nintendo because of how NX deals with third-party developers according to IGN. In essence, Nintendo seems to be the primary reason for playing Nintendo consoles.

This isn’t necessarily a bad thing, as its games are generally well received and popular among fans. However, lower console sales seem to imply that fewer people are willing to spend their money on an entire console, instead of releasing a better console to attract more gamers and sell more games. Nintendo should instead focus on what really makes them popular, it’s games. Sure, if the new console is successful, the company may sell more of its games than they did on the Wii U, but they would sell even more if the millions of Xbox and PlayStation gamers were able to play them as well.

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Rights found that 76 percent of former inmates said find- 

work after being released was difficult or nearly im-

possible. Meanwhile ex-convicts looking to return to the workforce are willing to spend their money on an entire console only to play these specific games. However, Nintendo is looking at the problem the wrong way.

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Sophomore Makayla Webb had an awakening last season. The then-freshman hurdler was dropped into the 400-meter hurdles at practice. She labored through the one-lap race, she was exhausted.Restart. All of the above.

It’s a sum that she still remembers to this day.

“I was like, ‘This is really no joke,’” Webb said.

It was at that moment when things started clicking for Webb.

She started small, but she is currently the program record holder in the 100 and 400 hurdles.

In her first race as a freshman, she clocked in at 14:91 seconds in the 100 hurdles and 15:32 in the 400 hurdles. As the season continued, she showed flashes of improvement and shared nearly a second from her times in the 100 hurdles, while taking off three seconds in the 400 hurdles.

Everything culminated with her record-setting performance in the Mountain West Conference Championship preliminaries. She broke the school record in both events and advanced to the finals. She said she broke a mental block as a freshman and has not looked back since.

Webb shaved seconds, Spartans advancing

Makayla Webb (left) and Caitlin Wilson (right) hand off the baton during a relay at the Cox Pavilion at San Francisco State University.

By Tony Nunez

Staff writer

This season they have 28 on their roster with promising sophomore sprinter Caitlin Wilson and powerhouse senior distance runner Jennifer Beckham pacing the team along with Webb. Since the program is still in its infancy, Watson said the coaching staff scours the country for diamonds in the rough during the recruiting process. They hope to find true but talented athletes like Webb.

The fact that they were able to recruit four athletes from out of state last year and one more this year is another sign of progress. They had a solid recruiting class of seven, which included Idaho State champion long jumper Kolbi Sims, leading up to this season.

Wilson, who holds the program record in the 100, 200 and 400, was one of the first to leave home to become a part of the Spartans’ first recruiting class. A native of Tallahassee, Florida and Godby High alumna, she said she has fallen in love with the school and program.