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Qayoumi announces cut to local-area guarantee

by Alyxandra Goodwin
Staff Writer

Yesterday, SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi announced that the university would be ending the local-area guarantee when admitting students for the Fall 2013 admission cycle.

“After the significant budget cuts, since 2009 San Jose State limited its admissions from non-local areas, but still maintained the local guarantee for all CSU-eligible students (the CSU as a whole)” Qayoumi said. “The number of applicants that we have had for admissions is a historic high of over 45,000 students for Fall of 2012.”

The local guarantee for admission is that all local students that meet CSU eligibility requirements can be accepted into SJSU.

This year, the CSU system experienced a loss of more than \$750 million, coupled with a large number of applicants, means that SJSU can no longer admit all CSU-eligible students in the local area, Qayoumi said.

For a student to be considered CSU-eligible — and local — the criteria is that the student carries a minimum 2.0 grade point average and the high school they attend is located in Santa Clara County.

For transfer students, the criteria selects for community college students primarily in Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, said Bill Nance, the interim vice president of student affairs.

Qayoumi said, at this point, he does not know how many students



SJSU President Mohammad Qayoumi answers questions for local media at a press conference concerning the university's decision to change the guaranteed acceptance of qualifying local-area applicants. Photo by Brian O'Malley / Spartan Daily

will be turned away, but he does know how many students the university can admit.

“The number of students we accept is also related to the number of current students,” Qayoumi said. “This past year — last fall — we accepted a record number of first-time freshman and also we accepted a large number of transfer students.”

Nance said that in terms of local enrollment in the last fall admission

cycle, SJSU admitted 4,300 freshman while about 650 freshman were turned away. For transfer students, the number of those admitted was about 4,300 while about 800 were turned away.

Shifting to a local-area preference, rather than a guarantee, means that the GPA requirement will be higher than the CSU minimum of a 2.0, but for local applicants the threshold will be lower compared

to those outside of the local area, Nance said.

Qayoumi said he sees this as a very sad situation because so many eligible students will be turned away.

“I take it very personally,” Qayoumi said. “The only reason I’m here as president at San Jose State and not working construction in Afghanistan is because I had opportunities.”

Qayoumi said all citizens need to take this seriously because higher education is an investment in the future of California.

“I think there is a lot more that needs to be done and (legislators) need to look at the tough decisions based on the kind of future that we would like to see for all of our children,” he said.

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-Mohammad Qayoumi, president of SJSU

CORRECTION

In the April 10 issue of the Spartan Daily, two errors were made in the article titled, “Picking up the pieces.” Greg Pensinger was misquoted as saying Downtown Streets Team organized a survey in which 1,500 participants answered questions about their living conditions. DST did not organize the survey, rather it participated in the survey. Secondly, Nick Newbury’s last name was spelled incorrectly. The Spartan Daily regrets these errors.

Student tased, pepper-sprayed in CVB

by Margaret Baum
Features Editor

A resident of Campus Village B was booked early yesterday morning into Santa Clara County Main Jail on charges of being under the influence of a controlled substance, battery upon an officer and resisting, delaying and obstructing the arrest.

According to Pat Lopes Harris, media relations director, an officer was dispatched at approximately 9:02 p.m. Monday night to check on a report of a student wandering around the residence hall.

The student, Badi Hussein Gila, 23, was found on the sixth floor of the building acting erratically, Lopes Harris said.

The male, who was unresponsive to verbal commands, approached the officer in a threatening manner, according to a University Police Department news release.

The officer deployed his Taser, but it was ineffective and additional officers responded to the scene, according to the release.

It took six officers to subdue the suspect and they used pepper spray as well as a Taser, according to Lopes Harris.

Lopes Harris said using pepper spray and a Taser on a student does not happen often at SJSU.

“We had to go back into the books to find out when it last happened and we think the last time we used either against a student was maybe a few years ago and it was regarding



San Jose police officers and paramedics stand by after an individual was loaded into an ambulance outside Campus Village B Monday night. San Jose and University police were called to handle a student acting erratically on the sixth floor of CVB. Photo by Jack Barnwell / Spartan Daily

a suspected burglary in one of our parking garages,” she said.

These measures are very infrequent and not a first choice, Lopes Harris said.

“Officers don’t like pepper spray because they get pepper sprayed too,” she said.

Gila was transported to Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and was treated for non-life threatening injuries including pepper spray contamination, before being booked, according to the release.

According to Sgt. John Laws, whenever someone is tased or force is used, it is procedure to take them to emergency room to get checked out.

Both Laws and Lopes Harris said Gila was a SJSU student and not a resident of CVB.

Kevina Brown, community relations coordinator for housing, stated in an email that the housing records indicated the student was a resident of CVB.

There are two parallel processes that begin whenever a student runs into trouble like this, Lopes Harris said.

The first is the legal process and the other is a student conduct committee which will take a look at the cases, she said.

The incident is still under investigation by UPD, according to the release.

Physical Ed. requirement in jeopardy?

by Margaret Baum
Features Editor

The kinesiology department has started a campaign to save the physical education program out of fear it could be cut by potential budget cuts at SJSU.

According to Shirley Reekie, chair of the department, an online petition has been created to garner support for the classes and an outreach to the campus via social media has also begun.

The petition was put up on Monday night and had 250 signatures in the first 12 hours, Reekie said.

“We believe it (physical activity) helps gets students up in the morning,” she said. “It (physical activity) helps with student engagement and retention as well.”

Students don’t always have time for the gym, said Nikki Stewart, a senior kinesiology major.

“It (the classes) get people off the couch and get them doing something,” she said.

According to Reekie, the social media outreach part of the campaign is being spearheaded by Daniel Murphy, a part-time adjunct lecturer.

This includes YouTube videos showing what happens during activity classes, a Facebook page, a Twitter page and a Pinterest page, Reekie said.

“This is a great example of how students can effect change in their community,” Murphy said.

Students are interacting and what they are doing can affect future generations of students, he said.

Students signing this petition might mean their younger brothers or sisters 10 years down the line will be able to take physical education classes at SJSU, Murphy said.

According to Murphy, the petition was created by Reekie, himself and other faculty in the department.

“It’s a great outlet for kids to get out of the library or the dorms and get physical,” said Adil Charki, a freshman business major. “It’s only a one unit class and only takes 50 minutes a day. That isn’t much.”

Reekie said she believes the provost was the one to suggest that cuts to the physical education program could be a possible way of saving money.

She said she emailed the provost an executive summary she created detailing why students take these courses and is currently awaiting a response.

Pat Lopes Harris could not confirm that cutting these classes is a possibility.

“If we eliminate classes in a certain area, we have to provide those class hours somewhere else,” she said. “We are having to make some tough decisions — almost a third of the budget is being cut.”

Students take these courses for a number of reasons, Reekie said.

“These classes are convenient, affordable, they meet around a student’s schedule and students can meet people outside of their major,” she said.

According to the Surgeon General, it is recommended people get 30 minutes of moderate activity on most days of the week.

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Beginner and intermediate volleyball classes may be in danger of being spiked from the kinesiology course offerings. Two kinesiology classes are needed to complete undergraduate requirements.
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KINESIOLOGY: Dept. support growing

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“If the entire physical activity program were gone, I would be aghast,” Reekie said. Christian May, a part-time faculty member in the kinesiology department, said he is upset about the possibility of these courses being cut. May said the cuts would be a huge loss for the department and that there is overwhelming data supporting the benefits of physical activity. “Students need to be active,” said Carmen Chung, a senior business marketing

major. “It’s a good way to relieve stress.” According to Reekie, there has been enormous support from faculty, staff and students across the campus. “We aren’t just talking about kinesiology students, we are talking about all students – engineering, business, you name it,” Reekie said. Some may say students can go to a gym, but they don’t always have time for that, she said. “Everything I think a university would want to help achieve with its students, we can help achieve,” she said.

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-Shirley Reekie, kinesiology department chair

Santorum drops out of race

by McClatchy Tribune
Wire Service

GETTYSBURG, Pa. — Bowing to the math of the moment, Rick Santorum suspended his ailing presidential campaign Tuesday. “We made a decision over the weekend, that while this presidential race for us is over, for me, and we will suspend our campaign today, we are not done fighting,” the former U.S. senator from Pennsylvania announced in a speech here. Santorum’s surprise move came one day after his disabled daughter Bella was released from a hospital in Virginia, where Santorum now lives. Bella, who suffers from a rare genetic condition called Trisomy 18, had been hospitalized over Easter weekend. After much “prayer and thought” at home, Santorum said, he and his wife, Karen, and children decided it was time to end the campaign. Saying he had enabled “conservatives to have a voice” in the GOP nominating process, Santorum marveled at the long-shot nature of his campaign, in which he rose to become the strongest remaining challenger to Romney.

“Miracle after miracle, this race was as improbable as any you will ever see for president,” he said. “We are not done fighting.” Santorum did not mention Romney, the former governor of Massachusetts, in the speech and spoke instead of his gratitude for his supporters. John Brabender, Santorum’s chief strategist, confirmed Santorum talked to Romney before suspending his campaign and will be meeting with the likely nominee “in the near future” But Brabender stopped short of saying whether Santorum will officially endorse Romney. In a statement, Romney said: “Senator Santorum is an able and worthy competitor, and I congratulate him on the campaign he ran. He has proven himself to be an important voice in our party and in the nation. We both recognize that what is most important is putting the failures of the last three years behind us and setting America back on the path to prosperity.” In announcing his decision, Santorum spoke of being “fueled” by the stories and struggles of ordinary Americans he had met on the campaign

trail, particularly the parents of “special needs” children who were inspired by Bella and Santorum’s role in fighting abortion. “We were winning,” Santorum said, despite the pundits who declared he would never been the nominee. “We were winning in a very different way, because we were touching hearts and we were raising issues that frankly people didn’t want to have raised.” His wife Karen appeared to be holding back tears as he announced his decision. “People ask how this happened,” Santorum said. It happened, he said, because of the ordinary conservatives for whom he spoke. “I realized if I felt and understood at a very deep level what you all were going through across America, that your voice could be heard and miracles could happen. And miracles did happen. This race was improbable as any race you will ever see for president. I want to thank God for that and also thank all of you.” Santorum did not campaign Monday so he could be with his daughter and he canceled to the first two campaign events scheduled for Tuesday.

Campus hosts DUI sentencing

by Eddie Fernandez
Staff Writer

Just under 200 students trickled into Morris Dailey Auditorium yesterday to view Judge Shelyna Brown sentence an undisclosed male college student for his alleged role of drinking under the influence in January and made his sentencing public for a lighter sentence. The school program aims to educate teens and young adults about drinking and driving by transferring an actual DUI case from the courthouse to a local school auditorium, according to Santa Clara County Public Health Department documents. Sonya Martinez-Howard, a public speaker at high schools, spoke to the students at the event. In 2005, Martinez-Howard’s car collided with the rear wheel of a motorcycle. The cyclist died of injuries resulting from the collision. “It’s not worth it. It can happen to you. It can happen to anyone,” Martinez-Howard said. “I never thought in a million years it would happen to me — drinking and driving and hitting someone. Even if you’re going to get in the car with someone that’s been drinking is like playing a game of Russian Roulette.” Martinez-Howard said she had a blood alcohol level of .12. A level of .08 is considered by California vehicle code as being intoxicated. The outcome resulted in Martinez-Howard being sentenced to eight months in county jail and placed on probation for five years. “I started speaking in 2008,” she said. “I saw a report in the San Jose Mercury newspaper

just that they were doing the ‘Every 15 Minutes.’ I wrote to the newspaper and asked them if they needed any help even volunteers, just help with the program.” The Every 15 Minutes program offers real-life experience without the real-life risks. This emotionally charged program is an event designed to dramatically instill teenagers with the potentially dangerous consequences of drinking alcohol and texting while driving, according to the program’s website. Martinez-Howard thus began speaking to high schools at Evergreen, Saratoga and San Luis Obispo to name a few and last year she started speaking at DUI courts. Stephanie Milone, a senior justice studies major, said she knows enough laws and the dangers of drinking under the influence. “My dad is a police officer, so I have grown up with hearing stories and what not,” Milone said. “I would not drink and drive (because) my dad would kill me. I’d rather people get yelled at by their parents than end up being in jail.” Jennifer Gacutan-Galang, SJSU’s wellness and health promotion coordinator who helped organized Tuesday’s event, said the Traffic Safe Communities Network have a grant in which they showcase an actual DUI court in session, which are mainly held in high schools in the Santa Clara County and a college campus as well. Defense attorney Yali Corea-Levy, who was a speaker, said the best way to avoid a DUI is taking a taxi because you would avoid the high costs of a DUI conviction. “From a defense perspective, we hate DUIs,” Corea-Levy said. “It’s easier to get

somebody off for a murder than it is for a DUI. It’s not far from the truth.” According to Sgt. John Laws of the University Police Department, some signs and symptoms of drivers under the influence consist of drivers not being able to stay within their lane, crossing over the other side of the highway, stopping far behind the intersection, stopping too far forward into the intersection and driving without headlights on. “We make a car stop,” Laws said about an officer seeing any of these signs. “We contact the person and start talking to them. That is where we then determine do they have red and glassy eyes which might be an indicator. There’s all these different little things that we look at to add up.” Laws said when drivers are pulled over, UPD looks for multiple signs that might indicate intoxication and try to place the situation in context. According to Laws, a lot of people that are under the influence will try to do the tests before an officer is done giving instructions and so individuals do them wrong because they don’t wait to listen to the full instructions. “And that’s where most people don’t pass the exercises, is that they’re not listening to the instructions, so they do it their own way,” Laws said. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2010 more than 10,000 people died in alcohol impaired driving crashes resulting in costs of \$37 billion annually for crashes. UPD Chief Peter Decena said during the event as of 2012 there have been 84 DUI arrests of SJSU students and non-students.

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Strikeforce CEO talks business, MMA and upcoming events

Scott Coker envisions San Jose as epicenter of mixed martial arts

by Wesley Dugle
Opinion Editor

Despite not being from San Jose originally, Strikeforce CEO Scott Coker said he always had one dream when it came to his organization — to make San Jose the “Mecca” of mixed martial arts.

“This is the birthplace,” Coker said of Strikeforce’s origins. “I wanted my home to be the Mecca of martial arts fighting when I started promoting in the ’80s.”

Originally founded as a kickboxing organization in San Jose, Coker turned Strikeforce into a mixed martial arts league in 2006 at “Shamrock vs. Gracie” at the HP Pavilion in San Jose, according to Sherdog.com, a mixed martial arts news site.

“If you think about the fights that have been in San Jose — Fedor (Emelianenko) has been here when he fought Fabricio Werdum, Gina Carano fought (Christiane) ‘Cyborg’ (Santos) here, Cung Le fought Frank (Shamrock) here, Nick Diaz fought Frank too and KJ (Noons) here — we had some of the greatest fights in MMA in San Jose here, and that was the goal and I think that has been accomplished and it’s going to continue,” Coker said.

A practitioner of taekwondo himself, Coker said what he loves most about mixed martial arts is how close it is to real-life fighting.

“People say ‘What do you like about it?’ and I say ‘Well, it’s real, it’s fast, it’s explosive and it’s raw,’ he said. “You can’t blink because if you blink the

fight can be over.

“I think it’s the closest thing to a real self-defense situation you will get and it’s monitored in the cage,” he said.

Coker said he also felt the dynamics of the sport are what makes the fights intriguing.

“I think MMA proved that you can’t be just a one-style guy, you can’t just be a boxer, you can’t just be a good wrestler or good at jiu jitsu,” he said. “What ends up being effective is not just one style, it’s all the styles mixed together.”

According to Coker, Strikeforce is the first mixed martial arts organization to hold a licensed women’s fight in California when it hosted a bout between Gina Carano and Elena Maxwell in 2006.

Last month saw the third

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— Scott Coker, CEO of Strikeforce

female main event headliner of Strikeforce’s history when bantamweight champion Miesha Tate fought Ronda Rousey.

Rousey defeated Tate by armbar submission in the first round to take the title.

The fight drew the highest ratings of the year for Strikeforce, according to mmajunkie.com, a mixed martial arts news site.

With its success, Coker said he sees the future of women’s MMA growing.

“Ronda is on the rise but you know there’s going to be more girls and there’s going to be more stars,” he said. “It’s going to be just a matter of time before the next girl comes out, but you know Ronda is definitely a superstar.”

Coker said he feels Ronda’s rise in stardom will only get bigger in the future.

“When (Ronda) fought Miesha, a star was born that night and she will definitely be main event sometime in the future,” he said.

Despite the recent purchase of Strikeforce by Zuffa, a parent company of the UFC (Ultimate Fighting Championship), Coker said he felt the partnership will be a good one moving forward.

“There is a lot of great things about the partnership, but I have to say one of the things that has been really helpful with Strikeforce is the tremendous amount of resources available to Zuffa,” he said. “It’s nice to have those resources available to you to help the continued growth of Strikeforce.”

Coker said Strikeforce and Zuffa plan to bring more mixed



Strikeforce CEO Scott Coker speaks at a fan event on Feb. 10, 2011, in New York City before the “Strikeforce and M-1 Global: Fedor vs. Silva” heavyweight fight. Photo courtesy of mmajunkie.com

martial arts events to San Jose in 2012 and felt that it will be great for the Bay Area fans.

“I know the company, Zuffa, plans to bring a couple Strikeforce events a year here and a couple UFC events a year here,” he said. “I think it’s going to be great for the Bay Area because the Bay Area has been such a Mecca for mixed martial arts since the ’50s, ’60s and ’70s.”

The San Jose event Coker is currently promoting these days is Strikeforce 40 on May 19 at the HP Pavilion.

According to a press release, the event features a lightweight championship bout between champion Gilbert Melendez and San Jose contender Josh Thomson as well as the Strikeforce heavyweight Grand Prix final between Josh Barnett and San Jose fighter Daniel Cormier.

“I think Josh (Barnett) and Josh (Thomson), DC (Daniel Cormier) and Gilbert (Melendez) are all working out there real hard getting the announcement

out,” he said. “We’re actually having a real good time because they are really good guys.”

When asked about the hype behind the card, Coker said he feels fans will be in for a treat on May 19.

“Yeah I think we are going to have a good turnout because when you think about the first two fights that Gilbert and Josh had, those were both candidates for fight of the year, they were just amazing fights,” he said.

According to a Strikeforce press release, Melendez and Thomson’s match will be their third fight against each other, with each fighter taking one fight against the other.

“This is the fight I think the fans are going to remember,” he said. “I think this is the fight that will have people saying ‘he was the better fighter.’”

Coker said he feels excited for the event’s headliner between Barnett and Cormier in the heavyweight Grand Prix final, especially since it will be in

the organization’s hometown of San Jose.

“That was a historical moment for us when we had Fedor, (Antonio) Silva, Allistair (Overeem) and Josh Barnett. It was an amazing tournament,” he said. “To have (the finals) here it means a lot to me personally and I think the fans will come out and support it.”

When asked if he had any message to the fans about the fights, he simply said if you have never been to a live event before, this is the one to go see.

“There is nothing like being at the HP Pavilion live,” he said. “To be in there and to have that place rocking and that place going nuts is an amazing feeling and I invite you to come down because you are going to see some of the best mixed martial artists in the world competing at the highest level and it’s going to be right here in the hometown of Strikeforce, the home of our company, and I urge you to come down and support it.”

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Veterans grant ‘VITAL’ for post-war success

by David Norman
Contributing Writer

SJSU has recently acquired funding from the Department of Defense that will assist in the creation and further development of new programs for veterans enrolled at the university.

In order to help veterans better navigate the expanse that exists between various programs at SJSU, the grant, known as the Veterans Integration to Academic Leadership Initiative, will establish a full-time Veterans Coordinator office by mid-April, according to Damian Bramlett, a criminal justice graduate student and former president of the SJSU Veterans Student Organization.

Bramlett said that this January he received word that SJSU had been 1-out-of-15 schools selected, out of 50 that applied, to receive the VITAL grant and work to establish the Veterans Coordinator office.

“The idea behind the Veterans Coordinator office is for it to be a one-stop-shop for veterans’ issues on campus,” Bramlett said. “Currently there’s a wheel, but there’s no hub of the wheel and a lot of the time veterans don’t know where to go for specific things.”

Alex Kras, a marine corps veteran and computer engineering graduate student, said he has had a mixed experience with veterans’ benefits throughout the Bay Area.

“I was lucky because I started my educational career at San Francisco City College,” Kras said. “They had a really good system set up with a dedicated office to help guide you through your benefits. However, when I came

to San Jose State two years ago, I had someone to sign my paperwork, but when it came to anything else I had to look off-campus for help.”

Student veterans will soon be able to visit the Veterans Coordinator office at Clark Hall in Room 240 to find a variety of resources, according to Bramlett.

“It’s important to have something centralized, especially a place where veterans can come to and talk with a fellow vet,” Bramlett said. “Someone who has experienced the sort of things they have dealt with and are still dealing with.”

With the war in Iraq officially at an end and the war in Afghanistan winding down in 2014, more than one million active duty military personnel are scheduled to join the ranks of 22 million veterans across the U.S., according to a Department of Veterans Administration press release from Feb. 13.

According to a U.S. Census Bureau report on Veterans by Selected Period of Service and State from 2010, the largest proportion of veterans in America call California home, and colleges across the state have been making preparations to help veterans make the transition to college life.

The process can take up to six weeks to even process enrollments at the beginning of a semester, according to the Veterans Administration FAQ.

“I actually ended up making mistakes with my GI Bill at San Jose State,” Kras said. “I opted out of the Post 9/11 GI Bill, which would have provided me with a lot more money for school, due to lack of information.”

Even after successfully navigating the waters of bu-

reaucracy, veterans are faced with an abrupt societal shift from soldier, airman, sailor or marine to student, according to the American Red Cross pamphlet, “Coming Home From Deployment: The New ‘Normal.’”

Bramlett, with the help of Annabel Prins and Shana Spangler, psychologists with the Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System, worked on the extensive application process for the VITAL grant.

Along with the application that was delivered to the Department of Defense, they said they included letters of support from local veterans centers in San Jose, campus staff and the Veterans Student Organization.

According to Bramlett, about half of all veterans attending SJSU are not receiving the education or health benefits available to them. Bramlett said that as the new veterans coordinator, he will play a role in connecting the dots from veterans to veteran services.

“Once the office is set up, it will be a centralized location that vets can come to,” Bramlett said. “I’ll be able to set them up with whatever services they need on campus, or even off campus.”

In addition to Bramlett’s new full-time veterans coordinator position, he said the new funding will help create an additional position, a part-time veterans mental health counselor headed by Spangler.

Even though these services will not be fully available until mid-April, Bramlett said there are quite a few campus resources veterans can take advantage of right now.

The Veterans Student Organization is a student organization and community on

campus that holds monthly meetings and helps to connect veterans on campus.

Mark Pinto, a graduate student studying photography and the current vice-president of the Veteran Student Organization who returned to school after serving 20 years in the Marine Corps, said he found a community with the organization.

“We’re here to assist veterans in their transition and help further their education,” Pinto said. “Beyond that, providing a community is a huge piece of the VSO. It’s a place where veterans can get together and talk in a supportive environment. We also look for ways to give back to our communities through programs like the Toys for Tots campaign.”

Melodie Cameron, a career consultant at the SJSU Career Center, also helps veterans on campus by assisting them with updating their resumes.

Cameron said she works with veterans to translate their military experience into job skills applicable to the civilian world.

Jonathan Roth, an SJSU history professor, said he has worked to build the veterans community by opening the doors of his Burdick Military History Project room (Industrial Sciences Building, Room 235) to veterans as a place to study for classes and to interact with other veterans.

The library currently hosts a collection of books and in the future will be the site of lectures, local military history group meetings and an oral history project, according to the April issue of “Spartan Salute,” a monthly SJSU newsletter published by the Veterans Advisory Committee and the Veterans Student Organization.

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Universal Crossword

Edited by Timothy E. Parker April 11, 2012

- ACROSS**
1 "Pike's Peak or ___!"
5 Ewe's offspring
9 Good smell from the kitchen
14 Ancient South American
15 Taken with a spoon
16 Banister post
17 MGM mascot
18 Palindromic Preminger
19 Gossipy buttinsky
20 What a CPA does for a catered event?
23 Available from a keg
24 Bow lubricant
25 Had the blue plate special, e.g.
28 Wrestling type
30 One at the top of the board
32 "Washboard" body parts
35 Boxing ring borders
38 Delineate
39 Interrogate a Boston orchestra?
43 "Battle Cry" author Leon
44 Clear of vermin
45 One imbibing rotgut
46 Dutch beer brand
49 Aussie hatchlings
51 "Casablanca" piano player
52 Curtain fabric
55 Bands
- 59 Put a mineral on permanent display?
61 Neat ____ (slob's opposite)
64 Adult nits
65 Arthritis symptom
66 "Beauty and the Beast" beauty
67 Liveliness
68 "Am I glad that's over!"
69 Loafed around
70 Veteran seafarers
71 "...country-men, lend me your ____"
- DOWN**
1 "The Hobbit" character
2 Civil War victor
3 "Amscray!"
4 Certain Japanese poems
5 Criminal's haul
6 Centipede, e.g.
7 San ____ (Bay Area county)
8 Political groups
9 "Do I have a volunteer?"
10 Carry a stench
11 Rent-to-____
12 Was introduced to
13 ____ mode (topped with ice cream)
21 Sudden burst of growth
22 3-in-One
- 25 product "Farewell, amigo!"
26 A conductor might want you to pick it up
27 Young's partner in accounting
29 Pronoun for Miss Piggy
31 Snow-capped peak
32 Blue-green shades
33 Myanmar's former name
34 Richter scale event
36 Heading away from WSW
37 Tennessee Williams transportation
40 The Concorde was one
41 Virginia or Smithfield product
42 Chopin piano
- 47 Brought forth, as emotions
48 Yankee great Gehrig
50 Mexican blanket
53 Bit of land in the ocean
54 Soprano role in Bizet's "The Pearl Fishers"
56 Cappuccino flavor
57 An earth tone
58 Depicts with bias
59 ____ and hearty (healthy)
60 Barnyard cluckers
61 "Most Wanted" agcy.
62 "And the rockets' ____ glare..."
63 Twelfth in a series of 26

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Don't blame Instagram for selling out



This column appears every other Wednesday

If you haven't heard yet, Facebook has bought the free photo-sharing program Instagram for \$1 billion, according to an article in the New York Times. I have never used Instagram

and don't really take many photos, but that doesn't stop me from being bombarded with photos on my Facebook news feed from friends who constantly use the program. The reason that I care about Facebook buying Instagram is simple — I care because the people who created Instagram will never have to work again. Instagram's founders, Mike Krieger and Kevin Systrom, are

going to be set for life. Some people might have a problem with Facebook purchasing this application. I am not one of those people. If someone offered me a billion dollars for something I created, even though it meant I would be handing it over to someone else and might no longer have control over it, I would be fine with that. Did you know there are nine

zeros and three commas in one billion? A lot of people have a problem with this and would consider this selling out. They're right, but who cares? There are not many times in your life when you could be offered a ton of money for something that you just released to the world a year and a half ago. The reason that I don't have a problem with Krieger and Systrom selling out is because if I was in their situation, I would do the exact same thing. Some people might argue that you are giving up your own creation to someone who will make it their own and, even though it might have the same label, it could in all likelihood be changed into something completely different. It's all right, all that money makes up for it. In this country, I still feel it is a dream for a lot of people to reach a point where they can become financially stable enough that they can do whatever they want, whenever they want.

Becoming ridiculously rich takes care of that. “The reason I don't have a problem with Krieger and Systrom selling out is because if I was in their situation, I would do the exact same thing.” Another reason that I don't feel bad for Instagram selling out is that the people who started the company are young. Both Systrom and Krieger are not even 30 years old. If they want to have another career or want to start other

projects, they will be able to. They could create another program or application that makes them even richer. I've noticed that a lot of people in the field of technology find it hard to just sit back and do nothing. It would not surprise me at all if these people stayed active in the industry and continued creating applications or programs. If they want to do that, go ahead, but I know that is not what I would do. If I was under the age of 30 and just created and sold a program for a billion dollars, I don't think I would have a problem stepping back, taking a vacation and traveling around the world for a while before I went back to the office to work more. To get upset with these people for selling out is pointless. If Mark Zuckerberg and all his billions approached me about buying something I created, I would be ready to sell that creation just to see all those zeroes and commas.

Social media and news contribute to society's short attention spans



by Alyxandra Goodwin Staff Writer

The media has had such a large impact on people's consciousness that paying attention to the circumstances of the world is like watching TV — people focus on one issue for so long until something more interesting comes along. For example, one minute we were mad at Joseph Kony and literally within a week, George Zimmerman was under attack. To be clear, when I say media I am referring to social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter as well as the news, but these days every person becomes their own form of media. Now, there's nothing wrong with recognizing when new issues arise, however, the problem is that once a new issue arises everything else is forgotten. Of course there are special-interest groups that focus on one issue for a long time, but in my eyes the majority of the population doesn't have that kind of time and only focus on what is right in front of them.

actual shooting, and the general public heard about it, the case caught fire and America was in outrage. It's almost like when these issues come along, America goes on this sugar rush and then crashes. Think about it, when was the last time you heard about the Occupy movement? It was a battle in which 99 percent of the population was against 1 percent and nobody won because people stopped caring. And it isn't as if we just ran out of fuel for that fire, people are still mad and there's still fuel they just don't feel like going to get it. I'm not saying that things need to be one way or another — people either need to be mad for a long time or not care at all, it's just something interesting I've noticed and I think that as individuals in this tumultuous and ever-changing society, we need to think for ourselves rather than letting media outlets decide what is going to upset us. These instances that I've mentioned are things that society should be mad at, however, doesn't it seem like the issues seem to be one thing after another? It's almost as if every two weeks there is something new to be upset about and our attention is quickly diverted. But what if this is all a diversion and because our attention spans have become so short we don't realize what the bigger issues in our society are? This could easily be looked at as a conspiracy theory, but I think all conspiracy theories have some element of truth to them.

Education needs to make advancements One of these biases is that the acquisition of things like money, a house, a car, the newest phone or the next video game will somehow make us happy. Education on how to develop loving relationships with our families, coworkers, friends and neighbors; how to focus our energies not only towards individual gain but toward the advancement of the entire human race; how to be content and share what we have: Education in all of these is sorely lacking. Yet these are the skills that we will need most to stay afloat in the turbulent waters ahead. One thing is for certain — we are receiving an education on how to behave, much of it coming from mass media, not unlike the publication which you are currently reading. According to information on CSU Northridge's website, the average American youth spends 900 hours a year in school, but 1,500 in front of the television. These messages that we disseminate to our youth are a powerful form of social education. We have all modeled our behavior based on the influences of our rigorous daily media diet and it is many of these messages which dictate what our goals in life are, what behaviors we emulate and how we think. The problem with education in this country is not that it is getting more expensive. The problem is that we are not even aware of most of what is and what is not being taught. Perhaps it shouldn't be a surprise then when we look at our degree and wonder what it really means.

Education needs to make advancements



by Francisco Rendon Staff Writer

It should not come as a surprise that after slogging through years of study and coursework, it seems that more and more of us students are gazing up at our hard-earned degrees and wondering what it all means. After all, student tuition fees have consistently gone up every year for the past five years and, according to the CSU website, these fees are slated to go up again in the fall. Yesterday, an article ran in the Spartan Daily explaining that the CSU system may be facing a \$200 million trigger cut if a proposed tax initiative is not approved on the November ballot. The fact that we are supporting education less and less as times of financial hardship persist shows how much we value this element of our society. Is our degree's value going down as society continuously finds more ways of telling us that education is not important? Yet it is too easy to blame government institutions for our problems — to cite societal complacency, voter apathy; wash our hands, sit on our couches and throw a pity party. Beyond any reform which could be implemented within the higher education system of California, there are areas in which change cannot occur from the top down. There is no magic scheme or design that will miraculously

make the complicated issues of funding, economic growth and facilitating personal fulfillment simply go away. The fundamental way in which citizens view education needs to change. What is the purpose of an education? To bombard us with information so that we might acquire some skills and techniques to become employable in some company? To make money and plug it into an obviously ailing society? Students within the CSU are being taught that the end goal is a job, a paycheck and the hope of a stable future. But what is really being taught at these universities? Is the mere acquisition of skills and information about the world enough to make us employable? Is this employment is the key to our happiness? Our education system is not always conducive to giving students the ability to understand their environment or to foster the attitudes and consciousness necessary for change. It seems students in our current system are not taught to view themselves as trailblazers, protagonists and proponents of an ever-advancing civilization. As long as we ignore the fact that the youth are the ones that must lift this society to greater heights of intellectual, social and spiritual achievement, we, as a state, will deprive ourselves of reaching our capacity in this construction of a better world. The education we currently receive is framed by a variety of biases that ignore this journey toward collective excellence.



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■ COMMENTARY

Battle of the froyo: Classic Pinkberry vs. refreshing Yogurtland



Yogurtland's vanilla yogurt with watermelon boba, gummy worms and kiwi fruit toppings. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

by Ty Hargrove
Staff Writer

Yogurtland is a do-it-yourself tasty treat that we all can enjoy from time to time without the guilt of counting calories or worrying about the price. Yogurtland is conveniently located across from campus on the corner of 4th and San Carlos streets and is open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on weekdays and until midnight on weekends. According to Yogurtland's webpage, it has more than 170 locations in the U.S., Guam and Mexico. The price of your tasty treat is determined by weight and at just at 30 cents an ounce, the price of the yogurt is affordable for college students on a budget. I love Yogurtland because it is all about your preference and by that I mean that you get to load up on as much yogurt and toppings as you want. Personally, I like the plain tart, which is basically the plain yogurt, and I like to top it with

fruity pebbles and fresh strawberries. Yogurtland brings its customers exotic flavors that you would never think of and the yogurt actually taste exactly like the flavor.

“Yogurtland brings its customers exotic flavors that you would never think of ...”

If there is a dispenser labeled red velvet cake, believe me, it really tastes like red velvet cake. My favorite part about Yogurtland is the sample cups you can get on request — you can taste any flavor you want which works with my indecisiveness.

Yougurtland sets itself apart from other yogurt places because of the atmosphere. It is made to be kid-friendly, which I enjoy because I like to take my two little cousins out for treats they will like. According to its website, all of Yogurtland's yogurt is made in a kosher certified facility and all yogurt flavors are gluten-free with the exception of the flavors that contain cookies. Milan Holmes, a senior business major, said he likes frozen yogurt because it is healthy. “Frozen yogurt tastes way better than ice cream to me, and I like to throw gummy bears on it,” he said. Yogurtland rival, Pinkberry, always has a line outside the door because guests are waiting to be served and I personally don't want to be standing in line on a warm day waiting for yogurt that is going to hurt my pockets. I prefer determining how much yogurt I want rather than someone else, and that is what Pinkberry does with its yogurt and ration of toppings. Also, Pinkberry only has four or five flavors at a time and not as many toppings as Yogurtland. Though people say Yogurtland copied Pinkberry's idea, I must say Yogurtland executed it much better. According to Nhi Tran, a freshmen art major, she enjoys going to Yogurtland because it is so close to campus. “The only Pinkberry that I know of is on Santana Row and Yogurtland is right across the street,” Tran said. According to Tran, Yogurtland keeps it simple and clean and that is what she likes most.

by Megan Mills
Staff Writer

When it comes to frozen yogurt, Pinkberry delivers a classic, clean taste of originality. Since 2005, Pinkberry has become a global phenomenon, with stores at more than 170 locations all over the world. The menu is light and uncomplicated: original tart, pomegranate, chocolate, mango, coconut and green tea yogurt flavors. This season at Pinkberry, it's all about the juicy peach. Compared to Yogurtland, Pinkberry offers more divine desserts such as the waffle cone, fruit parfait, smoothies and fruit bowls. If you're like me, you're a huge fan of the waffle cone. Getting a little crunch with my sweet yogurt makes my day just a little brighter.

The waffle cones are made with no hydrogenated oils, trans fat or high-fructose corn syrup. It is bikini season and I know we all don't want to give up our favorite desserts. Pinkberry offers a healthy alternative to the huge slab of chocolate cake, or the mentality that if you open a bag of Oreos you'll only eat one. Now let's discuss the best part, the toppings, with healthy being the operative word here. The never-frozen, always-fresh fruit includes items like strawberries, pineapples and succulent berries that enhance the flavor of any yogurt. Want something a little naughtier? Pinkberry's dry toppings include everything from mixed nuts to brownie bites and coconut to heath bar pieces.



Pinkberry's lychee yogurt with chocolate crisps, granola, cheese-cake bites and raspberries. Photo by Sierra Duren / Spartan Daily

Make a seasonal peach-cobler-inspire classic with mango yogurt, fresh peaches and cinnamon streusel — absolutely delicious. The theme of Pinkberry is simple and splendid, just like its frozen yogurt. I don't need all the extra “oohs and aahs,” odd combinations and even odder colored candies to put on my yogurt. Give me the simple goodness of tart strawberries and chocolate shavings and I'm on board. Instead of sitting at other frozen yogurt shops sampling the 55 different artificial flavors, I know exactly what I want and the goodness I experience with my first spoon full of creamy paradise that takes me to a beach on tart island. For myself, the flavors in Pinkberry's tart are one-of-a-kind. I haven't found another yogurt shop that comes close to the one-and-only original. Pinkberry's tart is so sweet and sour it makes your lips pucker, the way tart should be. It also offers kosher selections in addition to every yogurt flavor being gluten-free. What better way to jazz up the Friday office lull than with a room full of frozen yogurt and fresh fruit? Talk about promotion and a sugar high to get you through the day. That's right. Pinkberry caters to any event or special occasion and offers full service or drop-off choices listed on its website. Pinkberry, as healthy and simple as ever, set the bar for frozen yogurt all over the world and continues to be an iconic franchise for those that attempt to copy the excellence.

SJSU alumna scribes and sells guide to ‘Hunger Game’ trilogy

by Julie Myhre
Staff Writer

An SJSU alumna, Valerie Estelle Frankel, has written and self-published a guide to the film “The Hunger Games” to help readers understand the significance of the book's character names and symbols. She graduated with an MSA in creative writing in 2004 and released her book entitled “Katniss the Cattail: An Unauthorized Guide to Names and Symbols in Suzanne Collins’ The Hunger Games” in February. “It's a guide to what all the names mean in “The

Hunger Games’ because actually there's a lot of depth that people don't know about,” she said. “For instance, Suzanne Collins took 18 names out of Shakespeare.” Frankel said she was working on another book about “The Hunger Games” when she began to realize the significance of the names. “I noticed all the Roman names were linked and the flower names had deeper meanings and so forth and she was referencing a lot of other books,” she said. “So I started writing it all down, then I had this cute little guide

I thought people would like.” Junior psychology major Kevin Gomez said he just purchased Frankel's book online at Barnes and Noble and looks forward to reading it. “I haven't read any of “The Hunger Games’ books, but I've seen the movie and am interested in reading it,” Gomez said. “Some of the names were weird so it will be cool to see what they actually mean.” Frankel said she self-published her recent book because time was a factor. “Actually writing and publishing it was about a month,” she said. “This was kind of my

notes for another book about “The Hunger Games,’ which I have not yet published.” Frankel's mother, Donna Frankel, said Valerie is always writing stories, plays and poetry. “I'm very proud of her,” Donna said. “I knew she would always be an author because before she could hold a pencil she was dictating stories for me to write.” Donna said by reading Valerie's book, she realized how different generations view “The Hunger Games.” “We see that kind of Olympics type of competition, espe-

cially how they talk about honoring the winners and all the publicity and the costuming and the whole package,” she said. “To my generation, the closest thing we have to that, I think, is the Olympics.” Donna said when a person reads a book, their own experience influences their view of the book. She said she found Valerie's view of the book similar to views of people from younger generations. “That's what happens when you do all the right things, you try to do everything you're supposed to and yet you come

out with less,” Donna said of Valerie's view of “The Hunger Games.” Valerie said besides working on her writing 12 hours a day, she also tutors English. “I was teaching composition at SJSU for four years and now I tutor after-school creative writing and things like that for kids,” she said. Valerie has a series of “Harry Potter” parodies, a book on the heroine's journey as opposed to hero's journey — in reference to mythical stories — and two non-fiction books about “Harry Potter” that will be released later this year.

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