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TUITION HIKES HIT STUDENTS
BY JONAS ELAM
Staff Writer

The California Board of Trustees voted in March to raise this year’s tuition for all California State University students. The vote raised $270 in tuition per year for undergraduate students and $468 per year for graduate students. The Spartan Daily previously reported that this five percent increase was made with strong protest throughout the CSU system.

“IT is really hurting me financially,” said environmental science junior Tristan White. The Cal State website states that CSU is “focused on ensuring that the State of California remains our primary funding source,” but added that “the CSU must also consider funding alternatives.”

When SQE – Students for Quality Education – found that a funding alternative was tuition, they began informing students. The group’s Facebook page states that they aim to raise educational injustices to any and all CSU students.

“I’ve talked to a couple of students and they’re like, ‘oh really, the tuition increased,’” said SQE member and political science sophomore Erica Diaz-Rodriguez. She added that the Board of Trustees could have better communicated the increase with students.

“The vote makes it harder for students to pay the tuition increase. Anyone eligible requirements will not have to pay the tuition increase. Anyone who must financial aid eligibility requirements will not have to pay the tuition increase. Anyone who needs financial aid is going to be affected by this increase.”

“I didn’t know much about the increase, only that there might be one,” White said. This is because support per student by the state has decreased, while the number of students has increased substantially. According to the California State University system, “state support per student remains thousands of dollars below 1990s levels.”

The Cal State website claims that it “is doing more with less, enrolling and graduating more students than ever before.” The revenue from the increase “will require us to add more faculty, advisors and additional classes and address other pressing needs,” according to the Cal State website. Reports from the Cal State website show that more than 60 percent of SJSU students will remain unaffected by the tuition increase.

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SPARTAN CLUBS

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Over 30 different student organizations set up tables along the Seventh Street Plaza on campus and gave out flyers and information to students about the purpose of their organization and how students can join. As freshmen start their first day of school on campus, some are eager to become more involved by taking on a club.

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Students walk toward the freshly painted Cesar Chavez Arch on the first day of class on Aug 23. The arch, which was erected in 2008 and designed completely by Richard Oronce, was recently remodeled and restored in time for the first day of the Fall semester.

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Students stage a walkout protesting the tuition hike by the Board of Trustees in March.

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Spartans groove to Super Soul Bros’ jazzy music

San Jose State University kicks off Weeks of Welcome on Wednesday at noon on Seventh Street plaza with free food, giveaways, resources and live music. The annual event is put together by SJSU’s Student Involvement during the first weeks of every fall semester. The goal is to support students and help them make connections during their first weeks at SJSU.

Students take a break from their first day back in classes trying to escape the warm weather and enjoy the festivities.

The ‘Super Soul Bros,’ a San Jose-based band perform outside of the Diaz Compean Student Union. As students stroll by, the band plays its funk-fusion and jazz tunes.

MLK EXHIBIT

Poetry’s lasting legacy

Edwin Markham’s Most Famous Poems

“In the Marrow of the Hoe”
“Outworn”
“The Song of the Sanyo”
“Lament, March of the People”
“A Workman to the Code”
“The Old Earl”
“The City of the Hills”

Information retrieved from SJSU Special Collections

BY DIANA AVILA
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In dedication to National Poetry Month, the Martin Luther King Jr. Library is holding an exhibition in special collections of local historical poets from May 23 until Sept. 29.

The exhibition was put together by former intern Anna Tiganello and former Library Liaison for Art History and Design Rebecca Kahn. The library does something special to acknowledge the month of poetry each year, according to Erin Herzog, who is a librarian and archivist for the public library of San Jose.

The exhibition includes work from San Jose State alumnus Edward Markham and former English professor Henry Meade Bland, who taught when SJSU was known as California State Normal School.

According to Leilani Marshall, librarian and archivist for SJSU Special Collections and Archives, the exhibition is not really about the poetry. Instead, it is about the people and their history and how they connect to the university’s history.

Markham was a graduate student in 1872. According to Marshall, during this time the primary focus of the school was for those who wanted to become teachers. In fact, even though Markham moved to New York after being recognized for his poem “The Man With the Hoe,” he continued to be connected to the campus by giving guest lectures from 1915 to 1933.

He was also recognized as Oregon’s poet laureate from 1923 to 1931.

Some of his original work can be seen in the exhibit along with paintings of him and a statue.

Markham had a close relationship with Henry Meade Bland, who was an English professor. He was one of the ties between Markham and California.

Bland’s main focus was creative writing. He was also a poet laureate in the state of California and is well-respected for his work.

According to Marshall, not many are familiar with the library’s special collections. The special collections staff are trying to work with faculty to bring awareness to the exhibits. They hope to have bigger crowds join them in future collections.
Kesha pops back to charts with new album

BY SALVATORE MAXWELL

Pop star sensation Kesha is back on top of the charts following her lawsuit drama.

Kesha released her highly anticipated album “Rainbow” on Aug. 11, which now claims the No. 1 title on the Billboard 200 chart, in the wake of her lawsuit scandal with former Sony producer Lukasz Sebastian Gottwald, also known as Dr. Luke.

This is the singer’s fourth studio album and her second No. 1 album since the release of ‘Warrior’ back in 2012.

The “Tik Tok” singer filed suit against Luke back in 2014 after claiming he sexually, mentally and physically abused her over the span of 10 years. In 2016, New York Supreme Court Justice Shirley Kornreich denied Kesha a preliminary injunction which would have allowed the singer to record outside of her contract.

In 2012, Kesha released her highly anticipated album, ‘Praying,’ which is climbing the charts. According to Caulfield “The Billboard 200 chart ranks the most popular albums of the week in the U.S. based on multi-metric consumption, which includes traditional album sales, track equivalent albums (TEA) and streaming equivalent albums (SEA).”

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Christopher Columbus statue in City Hall needs new home

The Christopher Columbus statue that stands in the lobby of San Jose City Hall is in the midst of a controversy. According to the Mercury News, the statue moved into the new City Hall in 2005 after originally being donated to the city in FHA by the Civic Club and the Italian-American Society of San Jose.

Although it was donated back then, we’re hearing about its impact now due to recent incidents happening in cities like Charlottesville at contentious moments in public areas.

Activists are coming to City Hall calling for its removal by city officials. It is their right to do so. If there is an issue, people do not agree with, they should be able to exercise their right to free speech by expressing their concerns on having someone like Christopher Columbus in City Hall. If they want to replace him with indigenous artwork by a local artist or a public figure notable in the community, they have a right to make that suggestion.

A more appropriate home for this statue would be a museum, in order to keep his memory and place in history. Years ago we would’ve seen Christopher Columbus as a famous explorer to look up to.

But today, not everyone wants their city recognizing someone who has impacted a group of people negatively by enslaving the native people of the Americas upon arrival.

The Columbus statue shouldn’t find a home in a political building, especially in the city hall of San Jose. According to San Jose data and demographics from 2014, San Jose’s population is 32.8% Hispanic, instead, this statue should be moved to museums like History Park in Kelley Park to keep Columbus in history without removing the statue completely.

“I was always conflicted because in elementary school we were taught that Christopher Columbus discovered America but in reality, he didn’t,” history major Jonelle Carlos said. “They just go over Christopher Columbus for a little bit, but they won’t discuss exactly what he did.”

As stated on Biography.com, Columbus originally sailed for a new route to Asia but instead found his way to the Bahamas, Hispaniola, and the coast of Cuba. Enraged were skeptical of his claims of a new route to Asia and Columbus approached many for financial assistance for his voyage.

He was known for his bravery and establishing the triangular trade. Some adults do not know what Columbus is known for, except for the misconception that he was the first to discover America. Behavioral science major Arturo Briones, who is involved in the student organization Movimiento estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, believes the statue should be taken down. He believes that it is a “symbol of colonization and disrespectful to indigenous people.”

A public place such as City Hall that welcomes all that comes to San Jose may see Christopher Columbus in the lobby and take the statue’s presence in a negative view.

“The statue represents such a history and contrary to the Mayor’s comments that it is ‘an icon of discovery’ and that it is a ‘source of pride’, it represents such a history, in which we should not glorify, and which we must forget,” said co-president of the student organization Movimiento estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán.

It is important to know who and what has made an impact in history, either in a negative or positive light. The citizens of San Jose are making their voices heard on what monuments and statues represent where they live. Ideals and views change. The citizens of San Jose are using their voices to speak up, and people are listening.
San Jose State’s esports athletes are vastly under-recognized and underappreciated. For several years, SJSU has been a major contender in collegiate esports.

From the 2014 Collegiate StarLeague (CSL) League of Legends championship to the 2016 CounterStrike: Global Offensive NCeSA’s Grand Championship, Spartans have taken title after title in the realm of collegiate esports.

It is likely that you did not know our school even had collegiate League of Legends, Overwatch, Hearthstone, CounterStrike: Global Offensive or any of the other esports teams on campus — let alone internationally successful ones.

SJSU has also had its fair share of success stories about individuals, not just teams. Economics senior Kenneth “Executioner Kenneth” Tang plays League of Legends professionally. He has played on LCS teams such as Team Impulse and Winterfox, where he played for tens of thousands of spectators. He is currently the support player for Team Liquid Academy.

Tang has also advised the school’s League of Legends team. Tang is an extremely talented League of Legends player, ranking in the top 0.02 percent of North America’s playerbase of 11 million.

So if we have such well known players and teams on campus, why does the general population not know about them?

We live in the heart of Silicon Valley, one of the gaming and technology capitals of the world, yet the school’s support of its esports athletes is limited to their own club community of 395, according to the clubs’ officers.

Of course, it is unrealistic to want the CS:GO or League teams to be treated the same way as the football or basketball teams. Our esports teams still have impressive track records with a small fraction of the viewership and support that have traditional sports teams. They deserve better.

“We have a great community that branched from Spartan Starleague,” software engineering junior and CS:GO and Overwatch team player Kevin “Omniscient” Ma said. “They’ve supported esports since the very beginning.”

Spartan Starleague is the school’s gaming club through which most of the campus esports team members met and put their teams together.

The club members meet regularly and support their teams, but campus support ends there.

“Watching and supporting campus esports is easy and free of charge, as most of their matches are streamed online. Professional esports athletes are able to travel to the United States on athletic visas because in the eyes of the U.S. government, that is exactly what they are, athletes.

Whether esports should be considered a sport or not is a debate for another time, but the fact of the matter is that our Spartan esports athletes are incredibly hard-working, talented and dominant and they deserve our support and recognition.

So watch a match, cheer them on, or do whatever you wish to support them like you support any other Spartan.

Follow Jonas on Twitter: @TheElamite
The last time the San Jose State Spartans opened up a season against a preseason Associated Press Top 25 team was in 2012 at 21st-ranked, nearby foe, Stanford. A 20-17 nail-biting loss to the Cardinal proved that the Spartans could hang with an elite school.

That SJSU team finished with an 11-2 record and ended the season ranked No. 21 in the country, which is the program’s last winning season.

The Spartans’ opponent Saturday, University of South Florida, is the only team outside of the Power Five conferences ranked in the AP poll. At No. 19, the Bulls’ 2,800-mile trek to CEFCU Stadium will be their furthest game away from home this season.

SJSU ideally has aspirations to that of USF: A mid-major program that has endured success on the field by recruiting players within its state. The Bulls’ 54-man depth chart features 52 players from the state of Florida. The Bulls, similarly to the Spartans, are under a first-year head coach in Charlie Strong.

Here are some of the keys to victory for the Spartans come this Saturday.

Trust the Process(or): Regardless of who gets to run the machine at quarterback Saturday afternoon, whether it’s Josh Love, Montel Aaron, or even Sam Allen, this shapes the direction of the team this season after graduating two-year starter Kenny Potter.

Brennan’s first major decision of figuring out who gets the nod will be a last-minute one as they prepare for a USF defense filled with returning starters.

Control the Ground Game: Certainly, the experience for the Spartans on offense lies in the offensive line and the run-game. With five returners on the line, it also features 6-foot-7, 300-pound, Nate Velichko.

Junior Malik Robertson, and sophomore Zamore Zigler in the backfield – both of whom carried most of the load last season – will have to come up big to take off the pressure from Love’s second career start or the other candidates’ first.

On defense, the Spartans lost strength and size in the middle between Christian Tago, Isaiah Irving and Nick Orgeil. A run-defense that was exploited often last season can’t let that happen behind leading-tackler from a year ago Frank Ginda as quarterback Quinton Flowers (1,609 rushing yards and 18 rushing TDs) and 2016 All-AAC Honoree D’Ernest Johnson aim to break loose.

Strong Familiarity: Offensive coordinator Andrew Sowder has ties to USF and its head coach Charlie Strong. Sowder spent last season with Strong at Texas as a quality control coach. Additionally, he coached alongside current Bulls offensive coordinator Sterlin Gilbert at Eastern Illinois from 2012-13 and at Bowling Green in 2014. Some familiarity with the coaches and the system gives the Spartans a slight advantage.

Prevail in the spotlight: Oh, did I say on national television, too? This is a chance for the Spartans to fly around, see what they can do, and hopefully earn the respect of a fellow mid-major program under a first-year head coach.
Former Spartan QB David Fales is living the dream

BY LUKER JOHNSON
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What’s better than being a starting quarterback in the NFL? Being a backup quarterback in the NFL.
That's why I wish I was a David Fales.
San Jose State’s greatest passer of all time is living the life. He’s earning an NFL salary without taking risks from 200-pound men. He sleeps at night without worrying about the long-term ramifications of head injuries while his bank account continues to rise.

But that’s something that we can work out in training camp. When we get our whole back field to do that it will be a bit better.”

On top of that, he is working around the status of a professional athlete. Fales probably receives equal VHA treatment and has just as much of his teammates massive respect.

Fales signed a one-year, $600,000 contract this offseason without derailing the possibility of putting the Dolphins or city of Miami on his back. Earlier Ryan Tannehill’s year, and Fales gets the luxury of living without that pressure.

If Tannehill fails miserably, he may never be allowed in the beautiful city of Miami again. Ryan Leaf allowed back in San Diego or is Jamie Russell allowed back in Oakland? Can confirm that the latter is ultimately banned from the East Bay Area. That’s what happens when you sign for a guaranteed $32 million and turn into a tub of lard.

When Tannehill tore his ACL in early spring, it looked like it might be Fales’ time to get some big league action. But he dodged a bullet because the Dolphins signed Jay Cutler to fall at QB instead.

Being the all-time greatest quarterback at SJ State is like (hoping your status) because the school spirit isn’t nonexistent. That’s Fales’ biggest downfall. If he worked through camp during his highest mark (he may have seen two teammates recognize him – even through his 8,382 passing yards and 66 touchdowns are career records at the university).

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One of the greatest men to ever live in Charles Batch, who spent 11 years in the NFL as a stress-free, second-string quarterback with a fully functioning brain. The man also has two Super Bowl rings. That’s who I want to be when I grow up: Charlie Batch. There’s no hope for me, but Fales still has a chance.

Follow Luke on Twitter @Scoop_Johnson

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