Assistant director to LGBT Resource Center presents inclusive petition to Reed

By Maja Mills

Bonnie Sugiyama, assistant director of the SJSU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Resource Center, decided to give support for the same-sex marriage petition to Mayor Chuck Reed on April 27 because it excludes other members of the Queer community, so she revised an original.

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She proposed the petition, drawn up by Mayor Reed to sign for same-sex marriage rights for all sexual orientations and gender identities, not just gay and lesbian couples.

Sugiyama expanded an initial petition for Marriage Equality of Silicon Valley that was sent to her so she could possibly include the entire Queer community.

Currently, it’s a national movement to get city mayors to support same-sex marriage, Sugiyama said.

“For better or worse, same-sex marriage language is controversial in Queer circles in being friendly to all couples,’ Sugiyama said. ‘They make no mention of bisexual or transgender rights.’

As a leader of the LGBT center at SJSU, she said she doesn’t want to sup- port a movement that is polarizing.

“I don’t want to sign on to something that excludes members of our own group,” Sugiyama said. “I declared the invitation because the document is not inclusive of all sexual orientations and gender identities.”

She said the greater Queer community has been excluded from gay and lesbian politics too many times in their movements.

“If Bonnie has taught us queer student leaders anything, it would be to use, promote and stand up for everyone, not just our specific demographic,” said Total Niyogi, Queer SJSU Alumna Chair. ‘I believe that we should be as efficient as possible with any legislation, and get support for as many folks as possible not just lesbian or gay orientation.”

Mayor Reed, as San Jose’s gay and lesbian residents and leaders and their friends, families and allies, we call upon you to make a public declaration of your commitment to promote same-sex couples and their families fully and equally,” states the petition.

Andrea Chan, a junior majoring in psychology, supports same-sex marriage and said that people have different preferences.

“People shouldn’t judge based on their own lifestyles,” Chan said. “It’s an individual’s choice they have the right to make.”

Sugiyama said one of the things that’s strange about the same-sex marriage debate is that the legal aspects are what people are talking about.

She said the LGBT Center has tried hard to have people identify themselves instead of label themselves.

“I have a girl who wants to marry her partner, and legally right now her gender is male and can legally marry her partner currently,” Sugiyama said. “Once she changes her gender she won’t be able to marry the same person, and why should that matter because it’s still the same person.”

Sugiyama said they made no mention of bisexual or transgender rights.

“The Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson in a formal statement on July 1, 2013. "As we have developed the Mountain West Conference for all sports beginning on July 1, 2013," said Thompson.

"We are pleased to announce the addition of San Jose State University and Utah State University to the ranks of the Mountain West," said Mountain West Commissioner Craig Thompson in a formal statement on Friday. "As we have developed the strategy for the future of the Conference, the long-standing rivalries with our current members and the fit within our geographic footprint made those two institutions the optimal choices to strengthen our mem- bership and position ourselves for the next steps.”

Utah State was also invited to join the MWCC and also held a press conference on Friday, announc-
Leadership Gala honors student involvement

by Greg Nelson

Last Thursday was the first Leadership Gala, which honored student leaders at SJSU. Associated Students put on the event, which was in association with the Associated Student Foundation.

“Students who have a passion for making the world a better place are globally related,” said Jeffery Walsh, a management information systems senior, who was part of the planning committee for the event.

The student organization awards, which includes all the clubs, organizations, and Greek houses on campus, were given out by student involvement.

The solidarity network includes the Mosaic Cross Cultural Center and the Center for the E. Chouevers Community Action Center, which holds a recognition at the end of each year for all of their graduating student staff and the staff members that support those departments, said Williams.

Although this is the first Leadership Gala in SJSU’s history with the three groups collaborating, each group would have their own award ceremony at the end of the year as they have in the past.

“The Student Leadership Gala is a way to celebrate the Associated Students, the student involvement department and also the solidarity network,” Williams said. “So it’s a way to recognize contributions being given to each of those areas.”


to recognize students for their leadership efforts on Thursday.

“I always take the opportunity to find new projects to work on. If I’m humbled and to have won this award,” Choy said.

He said that this was not something that she could have done herself and thanked community for having faith in her and the three groups collaborating.

The Robert and Ellen Baron Leadership Award is awarded to students who have completed at least 50 units of coursework with a GPA of 3.0 or better and demonstrated excellence in leadership, academics and community service.

The big winner of the night was Jeffery Chan, a kinesiology senior, who was Vice President of Student Affairs’ Award for Exemplary Leadership and Service.

He also accepted the award for the Entrepreneurship Program for co-founding the Kinesiology Ambassadors club.

The Associated Student Foundation, students, staff and faculty were all present for the event.

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by Rebecca Duran

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“I am very proud to be a rag picker; we keep you healthy,” said Rupaksh Choudhary, who four years scor-
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though 75 percent of them are children.

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Choudhary is a symbol of that slow move to the middle class, the desire for more. The rag picker who, is his 32-run-
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though he lost, his candidacy is an inspiration to other rag pickers, and he’s promised to try again in a continuing offen-
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Normal people in America don’t want the fee increase to be doubled,” Lofgren said. “We need to make education more affordable for students to go to college and this is why we need to keep the fee up.”

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And she wants to see plans for the project had the Bill Walsh Legacy Center been completed in time for the 2011 football season, but Tuite was not optimistic that would be the case at the moment.

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We’re nervous for a long time because of the unknown,” she said. “We did everything we could to put ourselves in a position where the Mountain West would say ‘yes.’ We tried to mitigate some of the areas we need help in.”

One of those areas that Tuite said SJSU needed to mitigate in the athletic facilities, and she admitted that SJSU is behind the other schools in the MW in that department.

“I was concerned about that factor because unfortunately we’re behind the other Mountain West schools,” she said. “But the fact that our program is going this way really helps us carry the day, because you can change those things.”

That much-needed change is coming in the form of the North End Zone Project featuring the Dick Veerkamp Spartan Football Complex and the Women’s Athletic Center, whose final plans were revealed at Friday’s press conference.

The 60,000 square-foot state-of-the-art facility will be attached to Spartan Stadium overlooking the north end zone and will house athletic training space, a team auditorium and a room with enhanced video capabilities, among other features.

The project is expected to cost around $15 million and paid for entirely by donated funding.

“We have the scope of the project done,” Tuite said. “We have the programming that is going to be in the building, and on Wednesday we are interviewing the final four architects that we want on the project.”

The next step for Spartan athletics is funding the project, which they said “will forever impact the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics.”

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Along with the assurance a Mountain West Conference comes the added competition of the MWC, with rivals like Fresno State, Nevada and Hawaii.

“The Mountain West just past week or so brought a football coach Mike MacIntyre to bring us,” Tuite said. “We’re not going to win many games by getting just one run in 20 innings. We had two hits, five errors and those strikeouts for 19 at-bats.”

Lopez, sophomore infielder Amica Wolfe and junior out- fielder Vanessa Hines, who hit four consecutive foul balls on a full count before hitting a fly ball out to left field, finished up the fifth inning with easy out. “We are not hitting the ball really well right now — (we’re not going to win many games by getting just one run in 20 innings),” Tuite said.

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Chamber singers feel the spirit at St. Joseph's Cathedral

By Greg Nelson
SJSU Chamber Singers and Women's Chorus along with West Valley College Chamber Singers performed during South Bay First Thursday (Re)Present 2012, a celebration of Asian and Pacific Islander excellence in performance art and music at the Theater on San Pedro Square in San Jose on Thursday. Photo by Derek Irvin / Spartan Daily

The small space in the Theatre on San Pedro Square was packed and full of energy as South Bay First Thursdays organizers hosted (Re)PRESENT, an Asian and Pacific Islander talent show on Thursday.

The event attracted 375 people, some of them standing by or sitting on the stairs in the small room.

Benson said the organizers decided to come on stage every year to a crowd that’s supportive and to give Asians and Pacific Islanders a chance to come on stage every year to a crowd that’s supportive of them.

Wong said the group consists of only six organizers — allvolunteers — who do this in their free time, feeding their events all through donations.

Another organizer, Alex Liu, said he thinks the organization is a resource for South Bay Asians and Pacific Islanders.

We put on events in all cities in the South Bay — we just try to provide the space in which we can have discussions on these topics that folks may not talk about, he said.

The event included music, spoken-word and dance performances.

Performers included Pa- voco Soto, Amaya Kim-Chung, Rahim Khalil, Corey Wolff, Pekinu Crew, Christina Sot, Thao Nguyen, Alex Carbino and Swandi Otunnum.

The concert included musical and vocal performance major, conducted by the SJU Women’s Chorus performing three pieces with SJSU’s Women’s Chorus performing four songs and conducted by the SJU’s Women’s Chorus performing three pieces with SJSU’s Women’s Chorus performing four songs and conducted by the SJU’s Women’s Chorus performing three pieces with SJSU’s Women’s Chorus performing four songs and conducted by the SJU’s Women’s Chorus performing three pieces with SJSU’s Women’s Chorus performing four songs and conducted by the SJU’s Women’s Chorus performing three pieces with SJSU’s Women’s Chorus performing four songs and conducted by the SJU’s Women’s Chorus performing three pieces.

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SJSU junior Andrew Ford sings “Ev’ry Time I Feel the Spirit.” San Jose resident Justin Nguyen, a San Jose resident Justin Nguyen, a San Jose resident Justin Nguyen, a San Jose resident Justin Nguyen, a San Jose resident Justin Nguyen, a SJSU resident, was invited to perform at the event after one of the organizers saw her perform at UC Berkeley.

“I’ve been doing solo performance slash comedic storytelling since 2007,” she said.

Her performance included recitals of racist stereotyping from non-Asian friends and an encounter on the street with an elderly white man who told her and her friends “to just go home.”

Post Christmas Sot, an Oakland resident, said he was invited by Wong to do a spoken-word performance at the event.

“I didn’t know what to expect,” he said. “I didn’t know much about South Bay First Thursday. By the first performance, I was blown away by the level of creativity and level of talent of the people on stage.”

Wolff, a Filipino-born violinist adopted by a German and Irish couple, was asked to perform after playing an open mic in San Francisco.

Wolff, a classically trained violinist who has been playing for 20 years, said he decided to get back into playing with music from our generation. “I decided to look into pop music not because it’s popular, but because it is the musical language of my generation,” he said. “I like to think about it.”

Wolff played several pop songs, including Ne-Yo’s “Closer,” Norah B.I.G.’s “Big Poppa” and The Wanted’s “Glad You Came,” all to an ecstatic reception. “It was great for them to have this space to come together,” San Jose resident Wendy Nguyen said. “It was really good.”

San Jose resident Justin Nguyen also said he enjoyed the performance. “It was bigger and better and than last year,” he said. “It’s really expanding and I appre- ciate all the new talent coming in.”

San Jose resident Cam Bun said a couple of her friends were organizers for the event and she is really proud of her community. “It made me cry.”
The funds are badly needed as California continues to suffer from budget deficits and could not have come at a better time for the state,” said Sam Hamadah, PricewaterhouseCoopers’s chief economist. And that’s just the payoff for Zuckerberg. The windfall for California from all of the insiders cashing in on the IPO could net the state hundreds of millions more, Hamadah said.

“More taxes will come due as more shares are sold beginning in December and well into 2015 under the traditional 30-day post-IPO ‘lock-up’ period expired,” he said. That’s when employees can sell even more shares, resulting in new capital gains taxes to California—some of which the IRS—with each new stock sale.

Facebook executives touted by camera crews met with the company’s underwriters in New York on Friday to prepare for its investor road show, which begins Monday. Facebook, which plans to list its stock on the Nasdaq stock Market under the symbol FB, will hold a series of meetings around the country with institutional investors such as mutual funds, hedge funds and pension funds.

On Thursday, the company posted a glossy video on the Web outlining its presentations to investors. If all goes as planned during the road show bankers and analysts will sit down May 17 to price the stock, which by that time will have traded on the exchange for a day. Facebook got a “buy” recommendation Friday from Wedbush Securities Inc. and a target price of $44. Michael Pachter, an analyst at Wedbush in Los Angeles, gave Facebook its first rating since it announced plans Thursday to sell shares in a range of $28 to $35.

“At these prices, demand for Facebook shares will likely outweigh supply, and we expect the shares to trade up,” Pachter said in a note to investors.

“We think that given the huge upside potential for revenue and earnings growth, a $44 target price is warranted.”

Pachter said he expected the growth in the already huge number of Facebook users would drive higher advertising revenues, and that mobile advertising would play an important role in capturing more ad dollars. He’s also bullish on the revenue Facebook gets from taking a cut of deal-of-the-day goods sold on its site through Zynga and other companies.

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Vesak commemorates Buddha’s birthday with celebration of life

By Angelisa Ross

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