Housing renovations displace tenants

Three semesters ago, Kibor Jensen, a junior industrial design major, and his wife said they moved into Campus Village building A, for easy access to SJSU classes and raves and to be able to stay year-round until their graduation. Now they are being booted out at the end of the spring semester. "We had hoped to stay in the building for the summer," said Jensen, who is looking for another place to live. "This is a scenario many Campus Village residents will be facing when the residence buildings shut down from June 1 to Aug. 18," according to John White, assistant manager for maintenance operations at University Housing. The third phase of a long-term plumbing upgrade will require all three buildings, out of 2,247 leased spaces. Residents would be unable to live there while repairs were ongoing given the tightness of the project.

According to the February Housing resident report, Campus Village has at least 2,299 leased residents in its three buildings, out of 2,472 leased spaces. "This is a much more involved and required us to have all residents including staff relocate for the summer," Calutta said.

CARING FROM LAST SUMMER

For some who resided in Campus Village during Summer 2011, water shutoffs and repairs were handled, said senior sociology major Mark Ryan. "It was very inconvenient for us to not have water all day, especially hot water," said Ryan, who lives in CVA. They had to walk to Joe West Hall to take a shower on some days because of the lack of water.

During the Summer of 2011, however, Housing did attempt to work around residents' schedules, said community relations coordinator Kevin Brown. "There were further improvements that we needed to do, so we've been trying to work around our residents' schedules," he said.

Brown said attempts to do so last summer led to complaints. "In the previous academic year, 2010-2011, they were having problems every so often it seemed like," said economics lecturer Mark Brady, who lived in CVA until the end of last summer. "They would sort of say water would be turned off for eight hours during the week."

"It's not the fee necessarily. It's how it's being done," he said. "It's what you've asked us to do (the fee) to the students so that we can go out and try to gather student opinion with the university and have a dual relationship." Qayoumi was unavailing for an interview, according to his office staff.

Worsnup said the proposed fee would be a combination of miscellaneous course fees and instructional-related activities fees. He said the miscellaneous course fee includes the cost of resources used in a lab, such as chemicals in a chemistry lab. Currently, if you don't have a clause with a miscellaneous course fee then you don't have to pay the fee, Worsnup said.

With the president's proposed fee, students will have to pay the $45 fee regardless if they are taking the lab class or not, according to Worsnup. Worsnup said the fee would be included in Category II fees. According to the CSU Executive Order 1054, Category II fees are "campus mandatory fees that must be paid to enroll in or attend the university."
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"I could buy an iPad for myself and it would even be cheaper than the new fee," said Kenan, a junior behavioral science major, who said the fees are pointless and he would rather spend the money himself. "I could buy an iPad for something that I would even be cheaper than the new fee," said he.

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SPORTS

This summer is shaping up to be a good month for soccer fans with the European Championship on the horizon. The format of the tournament has 16 teams separated into four groups. The two teams in each group with the best record will progress to the knockout stage, with the best team in each group winning their group and the second-best team in each group advancing to a single-elimination tournament.

GROUP A

One of the co-hosts, Poland, is an up-and-coming team that will likely advance far in this tournament if its young talent comes to fruition.

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GROUP C

The Netherlands, the World Cup finalist, should make its way through the knockout rounds with sheer attacking talent.

A favorite to unseat the champions, perennial powerhouse Germany showed in the World Cup that it could bend the will of veterans with youthful talent.

Portugal is the odd man out because it has one of the best forwards in the world in Cristiano Ronaldo, but the rest of the team pales in comparison.

There's a very real chance that Denmark will end the tournament with no points and three losses to show for its efforts in qualification.

GROUP D

Spain, as the defending champions, has to be in the finals of this tournament this summer.

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Looking to avoid their presumptive route to the World Cup, Spain is a sure bet in a round of schedule matches are played.

Every team will play three matches with a win counting for three points. One point is awarded for a draw, no points awarded for a loss.

The four group winners and the four group runners-up will advance to a single-elimination tournament.

In baseball, a pitcher hitting his apposing batter with a 90-something mile per hour fastball would normally result in an elicitation of on-again, off-again relationship between the two teams. However, if the pitcher does it on purpose then admits it to the front office in post-game interviews, he’s going to get suspended.

Exactly what Philadelpha Phillies pitcher Cole Hamels did on Sunday night, which resulted in a five-game suspension from Mr. Bud Selig, commissioner of Major League Baseball, himself.

Did Hamels really think anything else would come of his actions?

And to add more fuel to the fire, the batter Hamels batted was Washington Nationals 19-year-old baseball prodigy Bryce Harper, who was playing in just his eighth game at the big league level.

What does Hamels have against Harper? What’s he doing, welcoming Harper to the league like that?

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Back some fifty years ago, Major League Baseball wouldn’t think of suspending a pitcher for planting a bat once in a game. Something much more severe would have had to happen – and I’m not sure it was.

Back to today’s suspension friendly world of Major League Baseball. Whenever a position every-day player conducts a behavioral “no-no,” he will more-than-often be suspended more than a single game.

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The effort shows, and it will absolutely leave fans of these amazing super heroes satisfied.

Robert Downey Jr. is still very much Tony Stark as he is from Iron Man and Chris Evans does well as the straight-edge Steve Rogers aka Captain America.

Chris Hemsworth continues to own the role of Thor remarkably well. Scarlett Johansson and Jeremy Renner, as Black Widow and Hawkeye respectively, also hold their own despite the star power of the leading characters.

Going into the film, I was most curious about how Mark Ruffalo would handle the huge role as being Bruce Banner aka the Incredible Hulk and whether or not he could hold his own on screen. I’m pleased to say Marvel! Ruffalo might have finally found his Bruce Banner after failed attempts with Eric Bana in 2003 and Ed Norton in 2008.

Ruffalo’s malleable characterization of the uncontrolable Bruce Banner really adds to the tension of the film.

His quiet and detached behavior helps the viewer engage in his character and, most of all, helps illustrate the fact that Banner is essentially a ticking time bomb that can turn into a raging green monster at any time if he loses control of himself. Ruffalo did an excellent job with this role, and I look forward to seeing his own spun off in the near future.

For all the great visuals and action, the film lacks a bit of character and plot development and some expository dialogue.

Sure, the previous films are essentially the jumping off points for all these characters, but I would have liked to have seen a little more development between these ensemble cast of characters before they went out to save the day.

Of course, the characters are still compelling, and those problems weren’t big enough to take me out of the film.

The movie is still one of the best action films I have seen in recent memory and by far the best action film I have seen in a long time. Even if you haven’t seen the previous films or read the comic books, as long as you enjoy action and a good time at the movie theater, this is the film for you.

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N.C. passes gay marriage and civil union ban

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina has become the 31st state to add an amendment to its constitution to ban same-sex marriage. Voters approved an amendment to the state’s constitution that will bar same-sex marriage even if the U.S. Supreme Court rules otherwise.

Supporters of the measure say it is needed to protect the religious freedom of Christians who oppose same-sex marriage, while opponents say it is discriminatory.

The amendment, which passed with 61% of the vote, amends Article 1, Section 41 of the state constitution, which currently allows a marriage license to be granted to two people of the same sex if the license application was approved by an attorney who is a member of the Supreme Court of the United States.

The amendment would add a new Section 41 to Article 1, which would state that “marriage shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman.”

It would also add a new Section 42 to Article 1, which would state that “no state shall be compelled to give recognition to any marriage or civil union ceremony that violates the provisions of this Article.”

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Summer closure poses frustrations.

The reason water softeners are installed in the building is to reduce calcium residue—what’s left in the pipe that has to come out and we’re addressing that in phase two,” White said. White said calcium residue remains in the water system—buildup in the pipes. “That stuff hardens and gets shot through the pipes and wears the inside of the pipes,” he said. White said the initial problem was the lack of water softeners in the Campus Village, which were installed in Summer 2011 as part of the second phase of the plumbing upgrades.

“Hopefully people will be able to find alternate accommodations this summer if they plan to return to us in the fall for a few months,” - Victor Culatta, Housing Director

Campus Village A was identified as the building that needed the most work because it was built in 1964 and that Housing was in the process of testing pipes that had been affected, according to White. “There are tests still being done to determine exactly what the cause of the problem was,” he said. “Some of the pipe was deteriorated.”

The reason water softeners were not actually installed is currently under investigation, White said.

Campus Village was constructed between 2004 and 2005 at a cost of $206 million and opened in Fall 2005. According to a 2006 report prepared by the CSI-contracted, Seattle-based auditing firm KPMG, the buildings were designed by architectural firm Niles Bolton Architecture Associates and constructed by the Clark Construction Group.

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Things don't always go as planned

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Animation students win national awards

by Emily Johnstone

Three animation/illustration SJSU students have won the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship award for their student film, “Bloom.”

The society awards 25 students every year in animation/illustration whose work is judged most outstanding by a jury of professional peers with member-sponsored scholarship awards. The award, animation/illustration major Brian Kistler and Emily Johnstone won first place for their short film “Bloom,” while animation/illustration senior Yung-Han Chang won second place in his short film “Bye, Bye, Bruce.”

The first winning movie, “Bloom,” was completed last August after six months of work with a crew of 30, according to Kistler.

“Everyone worked for free” Kistler stated in an email. “We have an incredibly passionate student body. The film has been in numerous film festivals including Cinequest!” Johnstone said that they worked on the project during winter and summer breaks, giving up vacation time to get it finished.

“It started off as an exercise to practice our art skills and to see if we can do it.” Johnstone stated in an email. “We finished, we were ready to move on. We didn’t think we would get into our festivals the way it has. We started talking about ideas for the film in the Winter.

“Brian had an alien abduction kind of idea, and it somehow evolved from there into a film about flowering and evil ladies.”

The idea for the movie started with storyboards folled by layout and then animation according to Kistler.

“After the animation was completed, we scanned it into the computer and composed each scene in Photoshop, composed in After Effects and did our final edit in Premiere,” Kistler stated.

Kistler said he was informed by Johnstone over the phone about winning the award.

“Society of Illustrators of New York is kind of a big deal,” Johnstone stated. “We are really honored to be recognized by them. They give out a lot of student scholarships to help them with their art careers. It’s really helpful since funding for art programs is usually pretty minimal.”

After graduating this year, Kistler said he is going to work as a game studio in Redwood City as a junior animation concept artist.

Johnstone said she is going to Creata to represent “Bloom” at Animafest Zagreb, the second-largest animation festival in the world.

Along with Johnstone and Kistler, animation/illustration senior Yung-Han Chang’s film “Bye, Bye, Bruce” won second place in the New York Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship awards.

Chang submitted (my film) just because my professor wanted me to do it,” Chang said. “I’m very fortunate to win it. I didn’t expect to win it.”

Chang said he hopes to be a professional filmmaker eventually.

“I believe everybody has to start from somewhere,” Chang said.

Chang said his concentration in BFA is in storyboards and when he gets out of school he wants to get a storyboarding job in an animation studio.

The student scholarship exhibition will be on display at the Museum of American Illustration in New York from May 9 through June 2.

The opening reception and awards ceremony will be held on May 18.

“Bye, Bye, Bruce.”

Second place for his short film “Bloom” at Animafest Zagreb, senior Yung-Han Chang won the prestigious New York Society of Illustrators Student Scholarship award.

Brian Kistler and Emily Johnstone pose for a portrait during the animation/illustration BFA senior show at SJSU Gallery 3 in the Art building on Tuesday. Photo by Raphael Kluzniok / Spartan Daily

WASHINGTON — The battle over President Barack Obama’s plan to keep student interest rates low on federal student loans escalated Tuesday as Senate Republicans blocked a Democratic proposal to tax millionaires to pay for it.

Republicans also want to avoid raising the rate on college loans, but would pay for it by eliminating a public health fund in Obama’s new health care law.

The stalemate comes at both parties turn routine legislative votes into campaign debates. They can join over the issue until May 9 through June 2.

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