Qayoumi addresses campus

President speaks about plans for transformation into school of the future

By Kyle Syzmanski Contributing Writer

Before even talking Monday during his first welcome address as president of SJSU, Mohammad Qayoumi tried to convey a message.

Sitting with him on stage were communication studies lecturer Beth Von Till, Provost Garry Selker and Associated Students President Tomasz Kolodziejak.

Qayoumi's message: The success of SJSU hinges on the idea of the campus community working together coherently.

"One ability to make the right decisions and choices for San Jose State and to work through the major challenges we face depends upon an earnest commitment to faculty shared governance and collaboration," he said.

As part of an ambitious strategic planning process, Qayoumi announced that 40 town hall-style meetings will be held at different times and different places around campus during the months of September.

He said these meetings will provide members of the community, faculty, staff, administrators and students the chance to share their visions of the future of SJSU.

Every one of you will be able to share with me your dreams and aspirations for the university's future," Qayoumi said.

As president, Qayoumi said he intends to act as a catalyst for transformation during a transition period for the university.

SJSU will admit 2,700 upper division students and a record 4,000 freshmen during a time of increasing budget constraints.

The university will be operating with a budget that is $25 million less than last year, and faces the possibility of shrinking by another $7 million if present trends into a worse governor do not come as predicted.

"Despite the challenges presented by the current economic crisis, now is the time for us to dream big when we imagine our future," Qayoumi said. "In fact, if we review our nation's history, we will find that important decisions have been made during times of challenges and adversity.

Qayoumi's first official visit will begin in September when strategic planning begins for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation process that ends in 2010.

WSCAC accreditation means a school is validated as a credible institution of higher learning, provides high-quality learning opportunities and clearly demonstrates continual self-improvement, according to its website.

The WASC accreditation process will be followed by academic planning, strategic planning, facilities planning and future fundraising campaigns, Qayoumi said.

Continuing with the theme of the governor's speech, Qayoumi said all plans will be created with the ideas of SJSU faculty and staff.

"My interest is in directing our collective ambitions, transforming our community model, and

Housing boots old occupants

Upperclassmen relocated to hotel from dormitories due to unforeseen demand

By Margaret Deon

San Jose State University has relocated about 100 returning students to the Clarion Hotel, three miles north of campus on Fourth Street, because there was not enough space in the student housing assigned to them.

The students will live in rooms at the hotel and will have several amenities, including an outdoor pool, spa, restaurant, fitness room, laundry facilities, free parking and in-room wireless Internet, according to a letter sent to students notifying them of the identity of the hotel on Aug. 3.

The reason for the move was an increase in incoming freshmen.

According to Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, the university is expecting 4,000 freshmen this fall, up from 2,768 one year ago.

"For the first time this semester we are requiring all first-time freshmen that graduated from a high school more than 30 miles away to live in campus housing," she said. "We relocated the returning students to give priority to the first-time freshmen." Trenton Hughes, a junior who was supposed to live in Joe West Hall but was relocated to the Clarion, said he is very upset about the move.

"It's completely unreasonable," he said. "It's far too away and it isn't very nice. If we have to be relocated it should at least be closer. We take pride in what living on campus has to offer!"

According to Kentina Brown, community relations coordinator for Housing Services, only a couple of students have canceled their housing agreements with the university because of the relocation.

"It's about fifty-fifty," Brown said. "Some students are upset and some aren't."

The students who are staying at the hotel will be living in double beds located in the same rooms at the hotel and will have several amenities.

Freshmen flock to SJSU, unprecedented numbers

4,000 new enrollments, 2,700 incoming transfers fill campus in new time

According to Pat Lopes Harris, director of media relations for SJSU, more students want to come to campus housing than ever in the history of SFSU. "They're flocking to SJSU," she said.

Graphics design major Sanj Yeop Kim of SJSU was among the students to come to SJSU through higher tuition fees.

"It was tuition fees increased because a lot of students are trying to go here," Lee said. "But it's probably better for the school because they're getting more students.

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by Leo Postovoit

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"I checked my e-mail frantically," said Jamie Dittrich, "I just applied and got accepted!"

James chemistry major Shani Abravanel was so excited he thought he was going into a major, and he was quickly set straight.

"It’s hard to get into a course when students are trying to get the courses they need," she said. "I love to hear him speak because he always wove it into the environment of the classroom."
Earthquake rocks Washington D.C., frazzles nerves

McClatchy Tribune

MINERAL, Va. — Buildings swayed, monuments closed, trains and planes halted, and people ran in terror into the streets after a rare earthquake measuring 5.9 jolted the eastern United States, stunning millions who consider tremors a California problem and who, in many cases, simply couldn’t believe what was happening.

“The is an ACTUAL EARTHQUAKE ALERT,” read a notice posted on New York’s emergency management website minutes after the quake struck the city’s high-rises and bridges swaying and prompted rumors that the Washington Monument was tilting.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the earthquake could be the strongest to hit central Virginia in an unusually large event for the eastern U.S. and a geophysicist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena, Calif.

It struck a geologically old area of central Virginia that is made up of faults formed of millions of years ago, said Kate Hutton, staff seismologist at the California Institute of Technology. Hutton noted a key difference between East and West Coast quakes is in the extent of the shaking. Because the Earth’s crust on the East Coast is not as fractured as in California, there are fewer faults to break up the seismic energy.

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Hostess Marie Wright was inside a tasting room at Cooper Vineyards, a winery near Mineral, when the earthquake hit.

“All of a sudden, the wine bottles started crashing down and I was screaming at the top of my lungs,” Wright said. “I grabbed the vineyard dog and ran out of there.”

Afterward, the tasting room floor was covered in piddles of wine from broken bottles.

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With the threat of terrorist attacks on the minds of New Yorkers and Washingtonians as the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks approaches, the 1:31 p.m. EDT shake was especially unnerving.

“In D.C., when you feel the building rumble, the first thing that goes through your head is you get worried that this could be an act of terrorism,” said Zach Cikanek, press secretary to Rep. Judy Biggert, R-Ill.

Cikanek and his colleagues were getting up from their desks to investigate the initial shaking, and then came an “elevated tremor that raised everyone’s alarm bells,” Cikanek said.

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For many in the nation’s capital, this was their first experience with an earthquake.

“At first we weren’t sure exactly what it was, but as we heard the Capitol Police officers and other staff shouting evacuation orders, we knew it was serious,” said congressional staffer Rachel Semmel, who fled without her keys or wallet. “For a brief moment, during evacuation it was very scary.”

Hundreds of Pentagon workers rushed for exits when the ground began shaking. An announcement respecto workers minutes later that it was a quake, not an attack. The only damage was a broken water pipe.

Capital schools were evacuated, and school officials said “a number” of campuses sustained minor damage and two students received minor injuries.

Senator Santars at Armed Forces gave there was struc- tural damage to some buildings in the Capitol complex and “a couple of minor fractured ankles” as people evacuated.

But late Tuesday night, The Associated Press reported that cracks had been found at the top of the monument and it would be closed indefinitely.

There were no immediate reports of serious injuries across the several states that felt the quake, but there was “significant damage” to the National Cathedral in Washington, said spokesman Rich- ard Weinberg. Three floors fell from corner spires, in addi- tion to other damage.

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The SJSU women’s tennis team announced new head coach.

Compiled from SJSU Athletics

Sylvan Malroux, the Nevada woman’s tennis coach for the last six seasons, is the new SJSU women’s tennis head coach. Malroux’s teams compiled a 70-44 record in five years, including any other competing quarterfinals on the roster.

“I try and go out there every day and give all I can to get better and to put our team in the best chance to win,” said Malroux.

Malroux said she will announce the opening day starter today. Monday marked his fourth day of practice, and he focused his attention on preparing the special teams while practicing in Spartan Stadium to get the team acquainted with its home field, more specifically what he called “everything inside the stadium.”

“Post returns and kick returns all caught the ball well with all the kicking game we did,” he said. “The wind works in a little bit, so that’s why we like to get in here when we can and get used to that. We try to get as much live work as we can possibly get in our stadium.”

Working the special teams is part of an intricate practice system drawn out by Malroux and his coaching staff to help maximize efficiency when it comes to special teams.

“We have it planned to run so many coverages on punts, so many kick-off coverages, so many plays on offense that were taken to try and make it work,” Malroux said. “It’s all we like when it first goes so you have to cover everything just in case you can.”

The kicking game was given much attention as all four fields goals were attempted, two by each kicking holder for the opening day starting role. Malroux said with a 49-yard attempt and junior Joe Alverno made a 49-yard attempt — the first scoring play of the scrimmage.

“All fields goals were made with great confidence in each of the candidates.”

“I thought they all played well,” said Malroux.
A header goal by Alex Sundy put Berkeley ahead of the SJSU men’s soccer team at a 1-0 loss, the Spartans’ first game this season, on Saturday.

“The one mistake we made we got countered on,” senior midfielder Nick Cashmere said of Sunday’s goal. “They made their mistakes and we didn’t score on them.”

SJSU outshot Cal 15 to 13 in the contest, including five shots-on-goal compared to three by Cal. SJSU was 7-4-3 last season, including seven games which went into overtime.

After going 1-2-4 last year, the Golden Bears were ranked No. 4 by the NCAAA and No. 7 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

“We played as well or better for much of the game,” said Spartan head coach Gary St. Clair. “No complaints from me.”

Goalie Jonathan Lester agreed.

“It’s the first time against a pretty competitive team,” the senior said. “I was really impressed with the way we came on. We kept (the defense) very tight. Granted, we had a few moments that were scary but they never got a legitimate shot.”

Sundly did, however, slip one by Lester in the 65th minute.

Cal midfielder Ryan Noel booted a corner kick, one of four by the Bears in the game, toward the far right corner of the goal. Defender Steve Brumback tangled with the pass inside, slipping past Spartans and Bears alike.

Sundly laid his head for it, knocking the ball past Lester’s right shoulder.

Cashmere attributed the goal to the SJSU defense losing focus among a flight of Cal players running the opposite way.

St. Clair noted that the final score did not matter to the team because it was an exhibition game.

Cashmere nearly scored five minutes later. The senior ripped around his defender and into the left side of the goal box, drawing Cal goalie Bobby Gogatz. Cashmere crashed a shot crossnet toward the right post — missing by a foot.

“Finishing is more of an art than a science,” St. Clair said of Cashmere’s play in the game. “Players have to get into a rhythm and they have to be able to take their chances. (N邀e) is no different than any striker in the world – you’ve got to finish your chances.”

Cashmere transferred to SJSU before last season and had 26 shots in that campaign.

“We’re going to continue to find him, and find those guys (who can score),” said St. Clair, adding that the Spartans needed more control in the middle of the field because it was “just a matter of tucking one in.”

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Stiffs Report

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Junior forward Kelsey Lord’s 89th minute goal for SJSU, ranked No. 15 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, was the first of the game.

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The SJSU season opener against Fresno Pacific and continues until Nov. 5, including a visit by cross-town rival Berkeley to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation pressure coaches poll, SJSU was picked to finish ninth of eight teams.

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Women’s soccer season begins with loss to No. 15 Santa Clara

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The San Jose Tournament continues with the Spartans meeting Tuesday night at 7 p.m. against Cleveland State.

Head coach Jonatan Lester started a strong line-up for the Spartans, who found them well in the contest.

“Somehow (the defender) beat me back at halftime and took what he should have taken,” said St. Clair, adding that the Spartans’ defense needed to adjust to the competition.

Cashmere attibuted the goal to the SJSU defense.

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The SJSU season opener against Fresno Pacific and continues until Nov. 5, including a visit by cross-town rival Berkeley to the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation pressure coaches poll, SJSU was picked to finish ninth of eight teams.

The Spartans and Sunbirds kick off at 7 p.m. on Friday at Spartan Stadium.
The world needs to have a little more crazy in it. When I say this I am not talking about more social free- doms or weak societies, but about the feeling of being weird. These things are needed more than we realize—exactly what I’m talking about. I am talking about true craziness, more than you think is possible. The kind that makes people fight each other, and the kind that makes people like my children who risk their lives to find it. They are believed by many but are a “myth” and a “religion.”

Here are the reasons:

1. It was similarly easy to discover climate change in the late ’80s when scientists first started warning governments of its danger. Here were people predicting doom and gloom for billions of dollars to avoid it, all because of a hypothesis where we hadn’t seen yet. Now we have seen those predictions come true. Scientists have warned that climate change will force Americans to move south to ice for over a decade, but despite that, people like James Inhofe are still calling climate a “hoax,” a “myth” and a “religion.”

2. It was too thick to allow regular shipping. It was too thick to allow ships to navigate the Arctic Ocean.

3. Similarly, there are activists who risked their lives to find it. At the moment, an anti-climate change movement with the same danger level as it is in the world, with some teeth, one that’s a little bit more political and direct tactics than we’ve ever seen. People to meet and you are going to find the truth. Let’s face it, we need to do that.

4. A recent NPR story warned that we haven’t seen yet. The people of Greenpeace are going to be there. They will be on the ground. They will be on the front lines. They will be there. We are going to find the truth. The people of Greenpeace are going there. They will be on the ground. They will be on the front lines. They will be there.

5. The world needs madness because we can look at it and remember that we are better and that, and that something so insane occurs that the whole world is taken aback, then we should take it as a sign that we are doing something right.

The social anxiety of more than a hundred different cultures begins to build up, which is how the violence and mayhem tend to come.

If it had not been for that social atmosphere, we could never grow, we would die. We would be less human than before, and better than before, when we are better and richer than others, and most importantly don’t half-ass it.

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Editorial: Housing crisis is simply unacceptable

Admitting a record 4,000 freshmen and maintaining that those living outside a 30-mile radius of SJSU all live at the university during their first year has made campus housing much less available. This policy has also made finding housing in downtown San Jose much more difficult.

Beyond this, the university overestimated the amount of available housing and is now asking 100 returning students to live at the Clarion Hotel three miles from campus, asking those students, who pay tuition to attend here every semester, to bite the bullet on this issue.

Additionally, incoming freshmen, many of whom are required to live on campus, are being placed on waiting lists for housing.

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Four thousand freshmen have been admitted, along with 2,700 new upper-division transfer students. This is an unprecedented amount of incoming students.

The decision to admit so many new freshmen is not inherently bad or even controversial, but it does raise questions as to whether this will further complicate housing, food, classes, transportation and parking.

However, change is not necessarily a bad thing. The most worrisome aspect of the direction in which the university is headed is the lack of student involvement in this process of decision making, something which is at least partially addressed with the president's plan for town hall meetings.

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Later she was told that she was on the waiting list at Campus Village Building B and would receive a call if she would be able to live on campus. Reconciling with the idea of living off campus was frustrating, but Estevez said it seemed necessary at this point.

“I was disappointed — I really wanted to have the college experience,” she said. “I still can, but (off campus) it’s going to be totally different.”

Felix Oviawe, a parent of a freshman student commuting from San Leandro, said that even housing at the International House had filled up, and his daughter was set to begin class the next day with nowhere to live.

“70 kind of difficult,” he said. “As parents, we are feeling the pain.”

This ordeal hopefully does not speak about the direction in which the university is headed.

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Crowning the Kings of Hip Hop and Rap

Jay-Z and Kanye West join forces in edgy, top-selling new album Watch the Throne

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