Replacement Tower Card price rises

By Lamar Moody

The fee to replace a lost, stolen or damaged Tower Card has risen from $5 to $20 according to San José State’s website.

A Tower Card is an SJSU student’s identification card. Tower Cards not only serve as the student’s identification, but have library privileges, access to the Aquatic Center, dining commons and camera rentals, according to the SJSU website. User Experience Head Michael Condon, said SJSU requires all students to have a Tower Card, because they are essential accessing library services such as renting books, computers and printing out assignments.

“The Tower Card raise puts students in a tricky situation, especially the students who don’t have extra cash to purchase a second or third Tower Card,” Condon said. “It is really necessary to raise the price on Tower Card?”

Incoming undergraduates, freshmen and transfers, are asked to submit a photo via SJSU’s online portal, according to a post from the Bursar’s Office.

Once the photo is approved, students receive their Tower Card during orientation for free.

Political science junior Chima Nwokolo said it’s ridiculous that the price to replace a Tower Card rises every time a student loses their card.

“I don’t think that’s fair,” Nwokolo said. “Not everyone can afford that type of money to replace something so important to us students.”

Nwokolo said he thinks students should be able to replace their Tower Cards for free the first time they lose, but if it’s lost multiple times, the university should just charge a flat rate of $5.

“Twenty dollars is too much money and going up to fifteen dollars every time is inconvenient for us students,” Nwokolo said. “I just don’t think it’s fair for us to have to pay for a Tower Card if we accidentally misplace it or if it gets lost or stolen.”

Political science senior Ambrosio Banjasa said students shouldn’t have to pay for an additional Tower Card because tuition is already incredibly expensive.

“As a student here, I imagine I shouldn’t have to pay for anything here that should be free,” Banjasa said. “Even $5 is too much to pay, I would imagine shortcomings like that would be free.”

Barajas said physical Tower Cards are nice to have, especially when they’re free, but if students lose it, they should be able to access their Tower Card digitally through their phone or some type of app.

“Even $5 is too much money, that should be free,” Barajas said. “I don’t agree with this fee, but we should be charged about $5 every time we misplace it.”

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SJSU honors movement

By Melany Gutierrez

The San José State community came together on Tuesday morning to discuss and honor the alliance of the Filipino and Chicano Farmworkers movement that started in 1965 when the United Farm Workers union formed, according to a PBS webpage.

The 1965 Filipino and Chicano Farmworkers movement were a series of protests, rallies and boycotts demonstrated by both Filipino and Chicano farmworkers in an effort to demand better work conditions and raise union wages, according to an article by the Asian American Education Project.

The movement brought awareness to the unfair treatment Filipino and Chicano farmworkers were undergoing, according to the same article.

San José State’s Mosaic Cross Cultural Center hosted the event at the Student Union Ballroom.

The Mosaic Cross Cultural Center is a resource center on campus.

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By Nikita Bankar

County begins preparations for special election

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters started hosting workshops on Oct. 2 and will continue through Oct. 28 in a variety of languages aimed at educating voters about the upcoming Nov. 7 special election, according to a post from its Instagram.

The mission of the Santa Clara County Register of Voters is to protect and ensure the community’s right to participate in fair, inclusive and transparent elections, according to its website.

Paulo Chang, election division coordinator of Precinct Operations, said the special election is not a county-wide election in the English Voter Language Workshop on Oct. 2.

“Only a specific quantity of voters in a specific area will be eligible to vote, and that’s about over 70,000 voters,” Chang said.

Chang said the San José-Evergreen Community College District and Los Altos School Districts are eligible for the election, and will be voting on a parcel tax measure.

“A parcel tax is a property tax levied...”

County begins preparations for special election
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every voter, according to a website from the California Secretary of State. It also expanded in-person early voting and allowed voters to cast a ballot at any vote center within their county according to the same source.

The law also required local counties to provide secure ballot drop-off locations throughout the county. It is the same website from the California Secretary of State. Grace Sullivan, ballot specialist of both English and Spanish, said voters can choose to vote by paper, touchscreen or audio in nine languages during the Tagalog Vote Language Workshop on Oct. 10. “The languages available are English, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese,” Sullivan place.

All voters will now be open through Oct. 10, with each election, giving voters time to mark and return their ballot when it is most convenient for them, according to the same source. Chang said while the purpose of the workshops is to provide information, they also hope every voter will make a point to attend the event and to provide assistance in languages other than English.” Mendez said.

“Sometimes people are not speaking the current language, and they can help the voters as needed,” Chiang said.

Established by Senate Bill 50 in 2019, the California Voter’s Choice Act (VCA) allows voters to choose the location and time to vote, mailing one to every voter, according to a website from the Los Altos School District.

The Los Altos School District proposed in 2016 a $293 parcel tax — a renewal of the existing $225 parcel tax and an increase of $72 — for eight years, according to an Oct. 8 article from Local News Matter.

Chang said on election day voters centers will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., and will be open through lunch, dinner, break time and other times. They said the location where they voted was determined by their ballot, according to a website from the Los Altos School District.

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campus providing support, advocacy, empowerment and education space for all students on campus, according to its website.

Christopher Yang, director of the Cross Cultural Center, said, “It’s important to have a place of representation for Filipino farmworkers born out of last year’s events for the Filipino Farmworkers movement.”

These efforts last spring by hosting a rally, protesting unfair labor practices, and through “Arb Adink”, Yang said. “They work hard here, but we really appreciated this.”

Rondilla said, “Arb Adink” is an artistic structure located on Seventh Street Plaza, created in 2008 by artist and artist-and-dancer, according to an SJU campus website.

On Wednesday, Oct. 11, the annual and in celebration of the Filipino farmworkers movement and important leaders like Cesar Chavez, Delores Huerta and Margarita Sánchez, according to the website.

Matthew Mangoni, environmental graduate student and organizer, wanted to attend the event because he wanted to learn first-hand upon his knowledge of Filipino farmworkers during the 1960s.

“I had a lot of free time and I just wanted to learn more about Filipino farmworkers,” Kodenkandeth said. “I think these events give you that kind of opportunity to learn more about other cultures.”

Grace Sullivan, assistant professor of Chicano/Chicana Studies and one of the speakers at the event, said all types of ethnic studies should credit people from different marginalized communities who fought for something in the past, like Filipino, “Filipinos did not just health senior and member of Akbayan, said she is happy to see representation of historically-important Filipino leaders.

Akbayan is a cultural group that for decades has been providing a community for Filipino students and the different communities that play a role in the Filipino community.

"It’s important to see a space like this that acknowledges this history," Pineda said. "It’s important to share these conversations and acknowledge these struggles.”

Mangoni said he thinks this event is important because many students have very little knowledge of Filipino culture, according to its website.

It’s important to remember as an individual to get to people’s identities now and to know that the struggles have existed. "Oh, until very recently," Yang said. "It can be very easy to look at a third grade history textbook and not see your experience in history and think, "Oh, until my generation, the United States, but we were..."

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#1: Graphic design freshman Megan Vinoya (left) and graphic design junior Hanai Muhammad (right) begin weaving together on Tuesday.

#2: Guest speaker Rita Nazareno shows a video demonstration of weaving techniques to the student attendees.

#3: Nazareno (right) shows different-colored weaving material to Masters of Fine Arts and spatial art graduate students Larisa Usich (left) and Mary Morse (middle).

#4: Interior design seniors Aremi Montiel Torres (left) and Alyssa Toyooka (right) partner up and start weaving.

#5: Interior design professor Eleanor Pries (left) watches interior design seniors My Nguyen (middle) and Kristy Thu (right) strategize their weaving technique.

#6: Nguyen (left), Thu (middle) and interior design senior Daniela Guerrero (right) gather at Industrial Studies 233 table and practice weaving.
Autumn is not my favorite season

Melany Gutierrez

Fall is intolerable. I dislike it, it’s my own personal cause for laments leaving me sad and cold.

When the leaves turn to dark hues of orange and brown, slowly detaching from the trees and falling off like a loose tooth, leaving all the trees naked, exposed and looking sad, I can’t help but relax.

I don’t love fall, but it’s not my favorite season and it definitely makes me feel like a different, more moody person.

The dark gloomy days when I don’t see the sun too often, even if it looks aesthetically pleasing.

Those kinds of days make me feel like I have to stay inside, bored.

Wearing thick clothes and being tense, getting sick from my house as the fall weather changes from warm to very cold every 10 minutes, as it usually does during these short months.

I hate pumpkin spice lattes with a passion and cinnamon-scented candles disgust me. They all make me feel like I’m inhaling and swallowing the smell of scented arts and crafts stores.

Fall makes me sleepy and lethargic, even my brain gets foggy, like a sign telling me to hibernate.

I sometimes enjoy the cozy feeling of curling up in a blanket and having a lazy day, but after three months of lazy days, the novelty wears off.

Overall, fall makes me anxious and sometimes sad.

Fall starts in late September, precisely September 23rd when the Autumnal Equinox occurs. The Autumnal Equinox is the time of the year when the Earth is sun is at its orbit line up so that both the Northern and Western hemispheres get an equal amount of sunlight, marking the start of Fall, according to a 2023 AP News article.

Around this time I’m usually in school for the fall semester and am forced to balance all the stresses of school, work, my personal life and other responsibilities.

My stresses usually consume me. I struggle with my time management and I rarely have time for myself or to share with my loved ones.

The start of fall signifies that my perfect season is over.

Summer is when I get a relaxing break filled with beach days, reading for fun, late nights in N-out runs and binge, blaring summers at 8 p.m.

All my associations with fall are bad. Are we all somewhere I could probably change that, but why would I want to?

Fall means staying in, scrolling through Instagram while in bed watching other people talk about how amazing fall is while reminding “Hocus Pocus” and baking cinnamon rolls.

Unfortunately for me, taking doubles as a therapeutic time consumer and a source of heat, as my heater hardly warms my entire house.

Some good aspects of the fall season are the cooler weather and movie-goers get to watch all of the relaxing and spooky movies.

A.H. “Shidomma’ happens to be my favorite horror movie.

However, I hate that memories are my only escape from my house as the gloomy weather conditions in fall aren’t conducive to my happiness.

The best part of fall are the TikTok trends, specifically the ones including pets.

My favorite TikTok videos are of people dressing up their dogs like ghosts putting empty pumpkins over their dogs’ heads and placing them in front of a scenic setting with the spooky song “Oh Khldahs” by Jack Slaughter playing in the background.

Though I hate that scrolling through TikTok and seeing other people at pumpkin patches gives me the fear of missing out.

I also love how fall outfits get ready with my trend and the movie heads that make me want to spend all my money.

There is a reason why I seek comfort foods, entertainment and comfortable clothes during this time. I have to endure the cold harsh days of fall when I come home soaking wet from storms and what’s left to comfort me is anything warm, physically or emotionally.

In theory, fall sounds pleasant. It is supposed to make me imagine the crisp sound of crunchy leaves on the ground.

Yes, fall has some good things, but overall I think I’m the Charlie Brown of fall.

Not to mention, a lot of bad things happen to me during this time such as being tense, getting sick and suffering into seasonal depression.

Seasonal depression, which is scientifically known as seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that occurs during certain seasons of the year, usually fall or winter, according to a John Hopkins Medicine webpage.

The disorder is caused by the shift of shorter days and less sun because of day-light savings and triggers a hormonal change in the brain leading to depressive symptoms.

This disorder tends to affect women more than men and usually starts during adulthood, according to the same website.

My anxiety to fall goes far beyond the fact that I don’t get to see the sun and my skin becomes a pale pearly vanity shade, it’s also because I then realize the holidays are right around the corner.

Fall brings me one step closer to Thanksgiving and Christmas, which might excite others, but leaves me with the bland taste of indifference and bitter memories of unconventional family experiences during the holidays.

I’ve always had a relatively normal Christmas and Thanksgiving, but I did grow up in a somewhat chaotic and unstable family environment as it was not always a happy time.

I also didn’t have a stereotypically large Latino family to celebrate with, although I will forever appreciate the loving effort my mother and sister always put into making these holidays as joyful as possible, it was still far from whatever perfect time everyone else was describing.

On top of that, there is always the pressure of buying people gifts and getting Black Friday deals.

It honestly makes me feel pressured to buy into the whole Jolly Christmas vibe, and if I don’t wholeheartedly jump on the bandwagon I’m suddenly the Grinch.

Seasonal depression is not a joke. It’s something I try not to even let define me.

But I might as well be the oneLinking in an empty pumpkin head fall is over.

Since my childhood, I’ve made many efforts to make my holiday seasons and fall better for myself.

Trips with my boyfriend, carving pumpkins even though I hate eating or1) watching them, jumping on cranberry leaves and buying adorable hosiery to match my fall coat.

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In the end I think my assignment towards fall will be eternal.

Others may tell themselves as their answer to long months to small cinnamon and pumpkin that fall will be come again.

What I tell myself is if I suffer through fall and winter (I don’t hate winter as much), spring will come again.

The dead trees and flowers will eventually bloom again, exhibiting bright colors and those sluggish, depressed feelings that seem never-ending will leave.

I may change with fall, but it’s my melancholy momentarily.
By Nathan Canilao

Brent Brennan is not on the hot seat, but the seatwarmers have definitely been turned on after the San José State Spartans squandered a 20-point lead to lose to Boise State on Saturday, and a mob of Spartan fans have called for Brennan’s head all over the team’s social media pages.

“Absolutely pathetic,” said SJUяснитель Jack Bowers on X Saturday. “The gimmick #ClimbTheMountain slogan from 3 years ago is really becoming a ridiculous trope as this team is only sliding downward. Our coach got his big payday after 7-6, then didn’t get back to the bad old days.”

“ Coaching change is needed. This is Fit Tail territory this team is wading into now,” said X.

While criticism of Brennan for how this reason has played out is valid, let’s pump the brakes on the idea that he should be fired. There are many factors into why firing the second-highest paid coach in the Mountain West would be a bad idea.

Money

Probably the biggest reason why firing Brennan wouldn’t be a good idea is his school buying price. Brennan has two years left on his contract that pays him just over $4 million until 2025. If SJU were to fire Brennan before the contract expires, the school would have to pay him a $4 million buyout fee upfront.

For a program that is already struggling with maintaining its own practice facility, coughing up $4 million would be a hard sell to donors who just helped pay for a new $70 million athletic facility — one Brennan has been pushing for since he arrived on campus in 2017. If the school is looking to part ways with $4 million, that money should be spent elsewhere to fund other things that would make the program better. A better practice facility, NIL opportunities and more money to fund recruiting trips would be other places SJU can spend that money rather than firing its head coach.

Well-liked figure

Aside from the financial ramifications of firing Brennan, cutting ties with him would cause ripple effects around the team.

Even with a 1-5 record this season, there is no inclination that Brennan loses the locker room. During this losing streak, players have said that Brennan has been the reason the team hasn’t lost faith in returning to the postseason. And if Brennan were to be let go, it isn’t inconceivable that he could still get a job elsewhere pretty quickly. After the way the Mountain West title in 2020, Brennan received a job offer from the University of Arizona. Last season, Brennan was also rumored to have been in the mix to become Stanford’s next head coach.

If Brennan were to be fired and get a job elsewhere, there’s good reason to believe he can take a few of the players and coaches with him, getting the program even further.

Who replaces Brennan?

One of the biggest issues in making a sweeping change at head coach is who would be the Spartans hires if there were to cut ties with Brennan? Cutting too with him would almost certainly mean that the program would have to chase someone who is cheaper. After buying up Brennan, SJU’s athletic department would need to find the money to bring in a coach at a similar or slightly lower cost than Brennan.

But what has made SJU struggle with stability in the past is going the cheap route with coaching.

In 2000, SJU hired head coach Dave Baldwin after a contract dispute despite Baldwin leading SJU to its first winning season since 1992. Baldwin’s agent told the Spartan Daily that SJU was only willing to give Baldwin a three-year extension at $161,000 per year — the lowest contract of a head football coach in the Western Athletic Conference at the time.

With the financial troubles SJU’s athletic department has historically had, putting itself in a position where the football program could be set back financially is not a good move.

Are there other highly-level coordinators or head coaches that could be available this offseason? Sure, there are always. But at what cost and is it worth starting the program over entirely? I say no.

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San José State football head coach Brent Brennan answers questions from a reporter at halftime during the Spartans’ 59-3 win against California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo on Sept. 9.