INTERFERENCE

Debate over in-class tech continues

BY CINTHIA LOERA
Staff Writer

As technology continues to develop at a fast rate, college students face possible distractions in classrooms.

Music lecturer Tatevik Amiryan said she prohibits her students from using laptops and cell phones in her classes because she wants them to focus on the curriculum and get physically involved in class.

“I want them to have a different experience completely cut from technology,” Amiryan said. “So I’m trying to make them understand that in order to learn something in this class you have to be engaged in it.”

Amiryan mentioned that music is a subject that doesn’t require students to use their electronic devices while she’s teaching.

A study published in the Journal of Media Education was conducted on in-class tech. All around campus, students showed their costume creativity by dressing up to celebrate Halloween.

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CREEPING IT REAL

Students for Quality Education gives back to community

BY WILLIAM YAP
Staff Writer

Despite being diagnosed with epilepsy at six years old, art senior Andy Nguyen used his passion for photography to help disabled children in Vietnam, Cambodia and Kenya. When an event has no funds to hire a photographer, he offers his time and skills.

“Photography is very special, a picture is a whole view into your life,” Nguyen said. “When you look back at your life, you can look at a picture and [see] a very good memory.”

Nguyen immigrated with his family to the United States from Vietnam when he was 10 years old. His mother raised both him and his sister in San Jose.

He decided to pursue photography while attending San Jose City College (SJCC) because he enjoyed taking photos as a child. Nguyen’s photography consists of capturing landscapes, nature and people’s lifestyles.

“Especially here, Silicon Valley, that’s a common struggle of students,” political science sophomore Erica Diaz-Rodriguez said. “I have seen a lot of people feeling guilty for not being able to do everything, but no one person can do everything.”

Students for Quality Education consists of three members, Erica Diaz-Rodriguez, Carlos Barahona and Ryan Eckford.

Students for Quality Education (SQE) is a small team but has big plans to change the California State University System.

SQE was formed in 2007 by students within the CSU to stand up against injustices relating to their education.

“Whether students are paying for tuition, housing or food, all of these issues are tying into students,” political science sophomore Erica Diaz-Rodriguez said.

“As a student, I think it’s a struggle of students,” sociology senior Ryan Eckford said. “I have seen a lot of people feeling guilty for not being able to do everything, but no one person can do everything.”

SQE only has three members at SJSU, but they collaborate with other student organizations that focus on social justice. The organization hosts meetings every Tuesday evening.

“We don’t have positions of president or something like that,” Eckford said. “That is something I’m proud of.”

Through the study of sociology, Eckford became more interested in how society is structured by power.

“I realized how I’ve made a privileged life that I wasn’t aware of until I started meeting other people who were not as fortunate as myself,” Eckford said. “I want my responsibility as to do my best to make sure privileges I grew up with become inalienable rights for everyone.”

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Spartans tap into their inner monsters on Halloween

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the group’s activities since she also
had trouble paying off her tuition
last semester. SQE joined the protest at CSU
Long Beach during a CSU Board of
Trustees meeting last semester. In
August, SQE held a rally on campus
advocating against tuition hikes.

“It’s not helping when the tuition
goes up,” mathematics senior Carlos
Barahona said. “If the tuition increases, students have to take more loans.”

Barahona hands out surveys to
students to increase awareness of
SQE and the organization is addressing.

He mentioned that SQE plans to
hold another conference about the
tuition increase next semester.

“As we go more toward a

technologically-driven society, [a]
bachelor’s degree is becoming more
and more essential for someone to
have to live, yet at the same time, college prices are skyrocketing,” Eckford said. “It will keep people
stuck in poverty.”

SQE is hosting the California State Assembly’s Select Committee’s
hearing on the Master Plan for Higher Education in California in the
Student Union today. SQE will take
action with an event named “R.I.P.
CA Master Plan” after the event.

“The California Master Plan was
essentially to have the CSU system
be free, and it was free until [the]
1960s where they started charging
for tuition,” Diaz-Rodriguez said.

“We don’t say the Master Plan is
dead, but it’s obviously not being
abided by.”

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“Images of Vietnam” at SJCC
and Evergreen Community College
featured photos that Nguyen said
reminded people of their families.
He asked asking the community
for donations for his later exhibits.

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donation,” Nguyen said. “I don’t
want to kill you to ask one question.”

The proceeds from the exhibit went
to Franciscan Charity, a Catholic-
based organization dedicated to
assisting disabled and orphaned
children in Vietnam.

He continues to make more
donations to charities such as
Belgian veterans and Help Korean
Children Survive and Thrive through
subsequent exhibits he participated in over the years.

Hellén Simó, Second Vice
President of San Jose and Silicon
Valley NAACP, became a mentor to Nguyen after attending his second exhibit at Evergreen.

“He is such a humble person who
continuously seeks knowledge and
opportunities to be a servent
photographer, graciously accepting
almost every request to photograph
the community in an variety of
events,” Simó said.

During the annual State of the
11th Senate District Address and
Awards Ceremony on Wednesday,
Sen. Wiwatكoviczko recognized
individuals and organizations as
“Local Heroes.”

Nguyen was honored as one of
the recipients for his profound
impact on his community.

“When he was recognized my
name in front of everyone, I was so
nervous,” Nguyen said. “I feel very
close and happy for what I did for
the community. [Being recognized]
by him was my biggest accomplishment.”

Nguyen said the Local Hero Award
in honor of the people who have
helped him along his journey. He
dedicated the award to his brother-in-
law, who passed away a month ago.

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Students ready to walk everywhere

BY NOE MAGANA
Staff Writer

Tighten your tennis shoe lace, fill your water bottle up and leave your books at home for this 2:30 p.m. class. This is what about 30 students do every Tuesday and Thursday to prepare for Kinesiology 3’s Fitness Walking with kinesiologist lecturer James Fonda. "I call it an explanatory but it comes with a twist. "I'm a graduating senior so I wanted something a little bit more demanding and a little bit more diverse. That's what led me to this," said Fonda.

Ghallon added that she expected a lot of walking but instead got to walk with a freedom of pace as they discovered new areas near campus. "So the class is very open ended, each class to create a route and lead the walk to a spot. They want the class to visit something new," he said. "I think they've had a good time and I've had a good time," Ghallon said.

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Tread lightly when it comes to uncomfortable topics

Frustration and concern over sensitive issues is a common occurrence in human life, whether in politics, religion, or personal relationships. It is important to approach these conversations with care, avoiding controversial topics and discussing issues in a respectful and open-minded manner. Here are some tips to help you navigate these situations:

1. **Do not try to educate anyone** (even friends) about something that is already clear to them.
2. **Listen to others with an open mind.**
3. **Stick it out, avoid changing the subject or making a joke after a fight.**

By approaching these conversations with sensitivity and empathy, we can help to create a more inclusive and understanding atmosphere. It is essential to remember that we all have different perspectives and viewpoints, and engaging in open and honest dialogue can help to broaden our understanding of the world and the people around us.
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In addition to the death gratuity, families with children whose parent was
killed in combat should be awarded the parent’s salary until the children turn 18.
This would assure they are taken care of
economically just like they were when
the soldier was alive.

Software engineer founding Brandon
Chen says besides the economic factors, the only way he knows how to
honor fallen soldiers is the funeral ceremony where a
flag is placed over a casket, accompanied by fellow soldiers.
Soldiers who retire from service have the benefits of getting money for education,
family services—which includes counseling—and access to programs that
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SJSU aims for second MW tournament win in three years

BY LOVINA PAVEL
Staff Writer

San Jose State women's soccer team is heading to Las Vegas to take on New Mexico in the Mountain West Tournament after a first-round bye.

The Spartans are going into the MW tournament with a seven-game win streak under their belt. The last loss for the Spartans came on Oct. 1 on the road against Wyoming.

SJSU's Lauren Hanson is the Mountain West Head Coach of the Year for the second time in three seasons. She guided this year's Spartans to their program-best 9-1-1 conference record.

"This year's team has great team chemistry," Hanson said. "They have a great amount of grit and courage out on the field. We have a lot of depth this year, which is what makes our team special and the reason we have been able to maintain our play throughout the entire season."

The Spartans have posted 24 Mountain West wins over the last three seasons — the most of any team in the conference.

San Jose State has made two other trips to the MW Tournament in program history since joining the league in 2013. They became tournament champions in 2015 after advancing through both the semi-final and the title matches on penalty kicks. Forward Darriell Franklin found the back of the net on two penalty kicks to clinch the championship against San Diego State.

San Diego State got its revenge last year, defeating San Jose State 2-0 in the semi-finals.

San Jose State aims for second MW tournament win in three years

"I've seen this team grow and what we've had to go through to get to this very point," forward Alyssa Jones said. "It's amazing that we've reached this point and we're ready for this weekend to go in confident, but not too cocky."

New Mexico defeated Fresno State 3-2 to advance to the semi-final against San Jose State. Tuesday, New Mexico came out strong in the first half scoring the go-ahead goal. Fresno State attempted a comeback, scoring two goals, but New Mexico clinched the semi-final match with penalty kicks after forcing the game to overtime.

New Mexico finished the regular season at 12-7. The player to watch is midfielder Claire Lynch, who has scored a goal in six of the Lobos' last eight games. She has tallied 10 goals on the season with six of them being game winners. Her 10 goals are tied for sixth on the New Mexico single-season all-time list.

San Jose State recently ended New Mexico's 4-0-1 hot streak in a 1-0 victory on Oct. 27.

"Our team really deserves this senior point," midfielder Yvette Cuellar said. "We just need to play smart and play our game. I don't think we should worry about the other team too much, we should just stick to what we know and that we will win the game. I think we're gonna bring back the championship."

The semi-final game is set for Thursday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. at Peter Johann Memorial Field in Las Vegas. The game will be streamed online on the Mountain West Network website.